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Cheer Up!

Summer is
almost here!

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Proposition 9**Does Bad Money Mean Bad Politics?**

Standard Oil, Union Oil, Southern California Edison, and a host of California's industrial polluters have raised a multi-million dollar campaign to defeat Proposition Nine, the Clean Environment Act on the ballot June 6th. Oil and utility companies were listed as major contributors to the campaign against Proposition Nine in a report filed with the Secretary of State. Gulf, Standard Oil, and Mobil Oil companies disclosed that they were anonymous donors to the committee opposing Proposition 18 in 1970, only after the Secretary of State filed suit.

The polluters have set up a "front" organization, "Californians against the Pollution Initiative," with headquarters in the offices of Whitaker and Baxter, Standard Oil's public relations firm. This organization is making terrifying predictions of lost jobs, skyrocketing prices, power blackouts, rampant disease and other horrors that will come to pass if the Clean Environment Act is approved.

Proponents of Proposition Nine contend that numerous government surveys have shown that cleaning up the environment will actually strengthen our economy and improve our health. They say the corporations are using the technique of the Big Lie and screaming horror stories in an effort to fool the voters.

Proposition Nine: 1) Phases out lead in gasoline 2) Authorizes shutting down of flagrant industrial polluters 3) Bans offshore oil drilling 4) Prohibits construction of new nuclear power plants for five years 5) Restricts manufacture, sale and use of DDT 6) Forbids conflict of interest by enforcement officials.

The Beachhead writes: YES

UCLA Demonstrations Meet Resistance

A few weeks ago there were massive demonstrations at U.C.L.A. and at other colleges and universities around the country in protest of the mining of Haiphong harbor and the bombing of the rail routes from China to northern Vietnam. These protests arise from the fact that the U.S. government has shown that for the most part it is not responsive to attempts at change "through the system". Many students feel that they can only get the government to follow the wishes of the people if they can get a position of power from which to speak. Thus the student strike was an attempt to take control of the University, to get power over the institution that controls their lives and of which they are the main part.

The administration building, the heart of the running of the University, was occupied Wednesday, May 10, and remained occupied until Thursday morning. That morning the remaining students were forced out by university police, but by that morning the building had been made unusable, not by vandalism, but by measures such as shutting off the electricity and by gluing the locks on office doors. Thus the normal business of the University, in which students play the major part but over which they have little control, was stopped for the day. A massive rally was held at noon Thursday, after which over a thousand people returned to the Administration Building, now occupied by police. At this point the L.A.P.D. were called, and about 120 cops in riot gear came to the campus. They made a number of sweeps across the school, making arrests not of demonstration leaders but of people who happened to be trapped in doorways and similar situations from which they could not escape. Consistently the cops, usually three or four at a time, would gang up on

**Community Physician Beaten**

by Don Lubin

On Thursday, May 11, at about 10 AM, Dr. Robert Buker was attacked by police, severely beaten, strangled unconscious, and arrested. This attack was entirely unprovoked, according to a large number of witnesses. Dr. Buker was released on bail from LA County-USC Medical Center the next day, having apparently escaped serious permanent physical injury.

Dr. Buker, at the time he was attacked, was acting as part of a Medical Committee for Human Rights medical presence team at the anti-war demonstrations at Nixon campaign headquarters on Wilshire Blvd. in Los Angeles.

Previous incidents involving the Los

Angeles Police Dept. had demonstrated the need for such medical presence. Dr. Buker and other members of the team were wearing white medical coats with red cross identification on the shoulders.

According to Dr. Buker (and substantiated by other witnesses), he was attacked from behind, one policeman cutting off his breathing with an illegal stranglehold using a nightstick. He had just picked up a bag from the sidewalk. (The bag, thought to contain a camera, had been dropped by a photographer as he was attacked by plainclothes policemen.) Dr. Buker was eventually charged with felonious assault, a charge commonly used to intimidate victims of police attack.

Dr. Buker has been serving our community as a physician at the Venice Drug Clinic at 1806 Lincoln Blvd., as a volunteer physician at the Venice Community Family Health Center at 316 Lincoln Blvd., and as a member of the Venice Health Council.

Police attacks on demonstrators are common, and such attacks on news reporters are all too frequent. This is the first time in Los Angeles that police violence has been directed toward medical personnel, and marks an ominous escalation in the police effort to silence the voice of protest.

Free Grass**Marijuana Petition**

With a little more work, California voters will get the chance to decide whether the personal use of marijuana will be made legal this November. The California Marijuana Initiative has filed over 300,000 signatures statewide (more than 100,000 in L.A. County) of which about 2/3 are valid (registered to vote, correct address, live in the county of circulation, dates correct). We have until June 12 to finish the job: get another 200,000 signatures to be sure of making the ballot (and as many more as possible to insure an election victory), then precinct and file them all.

We are planning a major effort for June 6, Primary Election Day. By cooperating with initiative drives to stop the war, preserve the coastline, and plug tax loop-holes, we intend to have tables near every polling place in Venice/Santa Monica (many others too), so that every June voter will have a chance to help write the November ballot. This is a big job; we can win: please help.

(If you are paranoid, relax. CMI has been endorsed by the California Bar Association, directors of schools of police science, the California Democratic Party, and locally by the Venice Health Council and the Venice Drug Coalition. Half a million people will have signed it!)

Marge Buckley, candidate for District Attorney, has been setting a hectic pace speaking throughout the County on her campaign and platform for change. Marge is the first woman to run for the office of D.A. and feels that women are responding to her campaign with strong endorsements and support.

Marge is also registered Peace and Freedom, and the Venice P & F Office has been precincting the Venice community with Marge's literature for the past few weeks. So have the Peace and Freedom clubs in Long Beach, Hollywood-Echo Park and Monterey Park.

Her new-found support has been coming largely from the liberal Democratic clubs and from the independent voters who have been turned off from the whole political process.

They are among the many County residents who have heard Marge hammer home again and again the fact that our elected and appointed officials are the real criminals in our society. Their crimes range from graft, corruption and bribery to their lack of enacting and enforcing laws to clean up the environment, protect the consumer and allow the community to organize without being hassled.

Marge's other key platform regards the immunity from prosecution that has become the unwritten law for the police. According to Marge, "The police have nullified the Constitution on the streets. Almost daily, we hear of shootings and killings by the police of 'suspects' particularly in the ghettos and the barrios and the poor white communities." She would investigate and prosecute the violence of the police and sheriffs—and redirect their efforts by refusing to prosecute anyone arrested by them for victimless crimes, where society's morality is enforced on the individual.

That Marge's campaign has caught fire is evident by the endorsements she has received. Women For, a group of liberal, political and involved women recommended Marge to their 5000 members "because of her work in behalf of election reform, her stand against capital punishment, and her strong belief that law enforcement can be effective only when the law is applied equally to the dispossessed and the affluent."

Marge also emerged from the Mexican American Political Association with

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HAS MARIJUANA EVER SET YOU FREE? Now is the time to return the favor. Phone 821-6101 or 821-5281, or stop by PFP at 1727 W. Washington. Not much time left!

-Don Lubin

Peace & Freedom Recommended Vote

Superior Court	
Office No. 6	Gerald Malkan
Office No. 29	Ernest Sanchez
Municipal Court	
Office No. 2	Eugene Salute
Office No. 18	Ira Goldenring
District Attorney	Marge Buckley
Supervisor, 4th	Virginia Waters
Proposition One	no recommendation
Proposition Two	For
Proposition Three	No
Proposition Four	Yes
Proposition Five	Yes
Proposition Six	Yes
Proposition Seven	No
Proposition Eight	no recommendation
Proposition Nine	Yes
Proposition Ten	No

Venice in the Snow

A well-known and much-beloved Venice landmark, the outdoor painting of "Venice in the Snow" is being threatened with destruction. An apartment building is being built directly in front of the painting, located at the corner of 19th and Ocean Front. If construction is completed, the painting will be completely screened from view, and people will have no access to it.

"Venice in the Snow" was painted by the L.A. Fine Arts Squad from June to December, 1970. The painting is about Venice and the people who live here—the men in the painting are old Venice residents. Two of the painting's characters are reading a newspaper headlined "Nixon-Rubin Negotiations."

The Fine Arts Squad has painted four other "street paintings" including the Brooks Ave. painting and the "Isle of California" near the West L.A. City Hall. Articles about the work of the Fine Arts Squad have appeared in several national magazines.

The plight of the painting symbolizes the attack on Venice as a whole. The painting is being ripped-off from the people of Venice by developers, and our very homes are targets for the future. If we can stop them from destroying the painting, maybe we can stop



them from blowing away the rest of Venice.

The community has reacted angrily to the threat to the painting; a petition collected 1800 signatures in one day. There was a demonstration of 200 people on Sunday, April 30th.

The Fine Arts Squad has been unsuccessful in raising the \$40 thousand asked by K&E Development Company, and the \$30 thousand asked by Marina Cons-

truction Company to cover construction expenses. The only remaining chance is for someone to buy the property, or for the city to trade the property for a city-owned lot elsewhere. Interested citizens should call or write Councilman Marvin Braude.

For further information, contact Victor Henderson, c/o Environmental Communications, 62 Windward Ave., Phone 392-5071.

EYOA Area Council

Venice, Mar Vista, and South Santa Monica are included in Poverty Area 8 of Los Angeles County. An interracial group of concerned members of this poverty community have formed an area council. In achieving certification by the Los Angeles EYOA Executive Board, the Area Council has won considerable influence over federally funded programs in our area, including final approval of funding. Many other Area Councils have recently been certified.

Apparently the threat that community control will be effective is too great. Continued operation of EYOA has been authorized for only 4 months, with plans to split the spoils between LA City and County. This transfer of responsibility would mean drastic reduction of the community input, and more direct political control over what should be community programs.

The Area 8 Council meets on the second Thursday of each month at 7:30 PM. The June 8 meeting will be held in the auditorium of the Broadway School (Broadway just West of Lincoln in Venice). Information will be presented concerning the June 19 deadline for letters of intent for new programs. We will discuss what share of the money our area can expect. A suggestion box will be provided.

Some of the funding people don't believe our community will ever be able to unite to fight for each other instead of with each other. We haven't done very well in the past. Come by June 8. Help us get it together.

-Don Lubin

Peace & Freedom News

There's a Peace and Freedom mayor in Cotati! A coalition of two P&F candidates and a Democrat won all three openings on the 5 member city council, gaining a majority. As goes Cotati, so goes the nation.

The People's Party is a national coalition of radical third parties, of which California Peace and Freedom is the largest (though not the only one to have won elections). We are supporting Dr. Benjamin Spock for President, and have made the ballot in 11 states so far. Venice (national home of Peace and Freedom?) has sent people to Texas, Hawaii, and Idaho to help the ballot drives there.



Locally, we've got a pretty full primary: 22 candidates in LA county (plus two in non-partisan races).

The Venice PFP office is initiative petition center for Venice/Santa Monica. (See CMI article this issue).

If you've given up on the Democratic Party, or if you want to scare them into doing something, come by and help. 1727 W. Washington Blvd., 821-6101, 821-5281. Meetings Sunday 8 PM.

Unite to use whatever power you've got. Register, vote, sign petitions, run for office, demand equal time.

The Beachhead will print your letters. We will not change them. If you ask us to correct it we will. Mail letters to PO box 664, Venice



by Don Lubin

The Free Venice/Santa Monica Food Co-op is now a year and a half old. We are 150 households (more or less) who buy food together. We buy wholesale when we can, and mostly in bulk, so we get better choice, fresher food, and 10%-90% savings (about 40% on the average). We all share the work involved. We get most fruits and vegetables (both regular and organic), cheese, bread, and Alta Dena Dairy products every Thursday. First Tuesday of every month we order flours, nuts, dried fruits, beans, oils—stuff that keeps.

If you want to join or learn more about us, come to a cell meeting any Tuesday at 8:00 PM at any of these places:

INORGANIC PRODUCE
Ocean Park Community Center
245 Hill St.
399-1248

ORGANIC PRODUCE
Ask Nancy at 821-5421

DAIRY, BREAD, FISH?
821-8192

STAPLES
620 Lincoln (above the Fox Theater)
or phone 821-6101 (PFP) and ask for Don or Milton.

Many co-op members have been feel-

ing for some time that work is not being shared equally. Several weeks ago both produce cells failed to function. For the May 26th distribution, staples and inorganic cells experimented with enlarging the job list to include weighing and dividing of produce, rather than each household dividing out its own. Tuesday we'll decide which way to go.

Our co-op is part of Westside Co-operatives, who buy staples together, and the Los Angeles Interco-op Council, who meet every month to arrange joint activities. Next council meeting is Sunday June 4th at noon, 3502 S. Normandie.

About 15 people from our co-op met May 12-14 with about 40 from other co-ops around the state (mostly Bay Area) at the People's Union Co-op Farm in Fresno. We helped plant and irrigate. We put together a statewide co-op directory and established a rudimentary communications network. We may meet again in July. It was fun.

Marge Buckley, long time member of our co-op, has been crucial to our survival by defending us from illegal harassment by the city of Los Angeles. She is now running for L.A. District Attorney. Please vote for her.

Two other co-op members are in the Peace and Freedom Party primary: Anita Stephens for State Assembly from the 46th District, and Don Lubin as write-in for CCC, 60th AD.

The Venice Food Conspiracy is an alternative to buying food in the supermarkets, where people come together once a week to apportion the necessary jobs for food ordering, buying and distributing. The advantages: better food at better prices through community co-operation.



The Free Venice Switchboard (Phone 821-6101) is open again at the Peace and Freedom Party office. The Switchboard refers people to groups who can provide abortion counselling, draft counselling, legal help, medical help, etc. The switchboard could use volunteers to help man the phone. Call 821-6101.

Greenbacks For Wetbacks

Teamsters Continue Strike Despite Intimidation

Teamsters striking United States Treasurer Ramona Banuelo's Food Corporation are determined to get economic justice despite threats, intimidation, harassment and working conditions that would make a feudal lord look benevolent. Their Spanish picket signs translate into "Don't work at the expense of your brothers and sisters."

THREATS

And for good reason. Ramona's has been caught six times hiring illegal aliens. Workers charge they have been threatened with the loss of jobs of their families in Mexico if they protest.

Most of the strikebreakers drive quickly through the gates of the plant in Gardena, avoiding the eyes of the picketing strikers.

GENERALES

Ramona's sons, Carlos and Martin, like slave labor brokers, carefully watch the action. Both reserve police officers, they wore guns to enhance their Simon Legree posture until the company decided their action was a little too rough.

The strike began last March 6 when company representatives offered an additional 5 cents per hour per year for three years over and above the \$1.65 to \$1.95 per hour welfare wages. A few specialized workers get the munificent wages of \$2.15 to \$2.25 per hour. But all are on call six days weekly for a guarantee of 32 hours of work.

FEUDALISM

But if the wages aren't enough to keep body and soul together, working conditions inside the plant are even worse.

Women workers complain of being denied benefits from male bosses or accidents are not tolerated and those hurt are told to keep working. The medicine cabinet is locked at night barring medical supplies from night shift workers.

MUY SIMPATICO

Employees charge management gets mad if they get hurt on the job. And collecting Workmen's Compensation becomes a court case.

Bathroom privileges are limited to three per shift and workers claim they must all drink out of the same paper cup. (Customer's at Ramona's delicatessen pay 15 cents for a glass of water.)

LEGAL ACTION

Teamsters Local 630 officials representing the members said it took seven months to get a contract and Ramona's had to be taken to court three times to enforce it.

A big issue holding up a settlement is management's insistence that they will choose which strikers they will take back. This despite the fact that some of the employees have 10 years tenure.

**BIG ISSUE**

The original 15 cents for three years has been upped to 45 cents and a guaranteed work week of 40 hours with five days on call. But management says that it will only take back 45 of the approximately 180 strikers.

An injunction limiting the Teamster local and CASA, a Chicano organization supporting the strike, to four pickets at a gate has opened the flood for some 100 strikebreakers, many reputed to be illegal Mexican Nationals recruited in Tijuana to break the strike.

BOYCOTT ACTION

Meanwhile an intensive boycott by Local 630 with the aid of TEAM, CASA, and the Silverlake Food Conspiracy has been highly effective with many major chains dropping the Ramona label. However, catering trucks and the Taco Bell chain continue to sell the struck products.

The workers are bitter that President Nixon chose Ms. Banuelos as U.S. Treasurer because they feel she has risen to positions of wealth and power off the sweat of her own people. (She is also a director of the Pan American Bank in East Los Angeles.)

(The preceding article was reprinted from the So. Calif. Teamster Newspaper.)

The Beachhead has checked most of the local Mexican restaurants and Taco stands to find if any use Ramona's products. We found that the "Taco Quickie" was the only one. We spoke to the manager, who told us that he was aware of the strike and had stopped using Ramona's food last month, until a Ramona's official called, telling him the strike was over. The manager has now promised to stop using Ramona's food until the strike ends. The Beachhead suggests that before you buy any prepared Mexican food, you ask to see that they don't use Ramona's foods. (mainly burritos and tortillas.)

HELP APPRECIATED

The workers are confident of victory. But they need support both on their picket line at 136th and Western and their boycott of Ramona's Food Products.

Ed. Note: Picketing begins at 5:30 AM.

Los Teamster en Huelga

Los Teamsters en huelga contra la Food Corp. de Ramona Banuelos (Tesorera de los Estados Unidos) esta resuelto a conseguir justicia economica a despeso de Amenazas intimidaciones, y las condiciones de Trabajo que tienen ahí que hacen que un patron feudal parezca Benevelo.

AMENAZAS

Sus Letrados estan en espanol y dicen "No Trabajo a costa de sus Hermanos y Hermanas" y por buena razon. Han Encontrado seis veces a Ramona's Empleando personas que estan ilegales en el Pais. Trabajadores acusan de que Los Amenazan con la perdida del Trabajo de sus familias en Mexico si protestan.

La mayoria de los Rompehuelgas pasan con prisa por las puertas de la fabrica en Gardena tratando de no dar les la cara a Los Huelgistas que vigilan.

GENERALES

Los hijos de Ramona, Carlos y Martin como vendedores de esclavos vigilan con mucho cuidado los acotamientos. Los dos son policias de reserva. Les Gustaba presumir sus pistolas para parecer mas (como un Simon Legree) hasta que ni la propia compania si pudo aguantar.

La huelga comenzo el seis de marzo cuando representantes de la compania ofrecieron un aumento de \$0.05 por hora cada ano por tres años sobre los \$1.65 a \$1.95 sueldos de limosna que pagan. A unos trabajadores especiales les toca los salarios mas generosos de \$2.15 a \$2.25 por hora. Pero todos tienen que estan listos para trabajos anavelo: los llamen durante seis dias de la semana con una garantia de no mas 32 horas de trabajo.

FEUDALISMO

Y como si esos sueldos mendigo que no sirve a mantena el cuerpo y la alma unida no fuera gastante malo, las condiciones de trabajo a dentro.

Las trabajadores se quejan de que son sujetos a obscenidades de los jefes. No admiten heridas o accidentes a los que se lastiman les dicen que sigan trabajando. Se encierra el gabinete de medica en la noche sin consideracion de las necesidales del turno de la noche.

MUY SIMPATICO

Los empleados acusan que los patrones se enojan cuando uno se lastimar en el trabajo. Asi que si Tratan de cobrar seguro de enfermedad se hace un caso de corte.

Ir al bano lo hacen un privilegio limitado a no mas tres por turno, y trabajadores dicen que todos tienen que tomar agua de la misma tasa de papel. (Los clientes de la tienda de Ramona tienen que pagar \$0.15 por un vaso de agua.)

ACCION LEGAL

Oficiales de "Teamster Local 630" representando los miembros dijeron que les gastaron siete meses a conseguir un contrato y luego tuvieron que llevar Ramona's a corte tres veces para imponer obediencia.

Uno de las problemas mas grandes para no hacer a un acuerdo es que los patrones insisten en que ellos van a escoger cuales Huelgistas se admiten a regresar a trabajo. Esto aunque hay empleados que tienen diez años de senioria.

PROBLEMA GRANDE

Lo oferta original de \$0.15 con una garantia de 40 horas de trabajo semanales y 5 dias de que tienen que estar listos a trabajar. Pero los patrones quieren readmitir no mas 45 de los aproximamente 180 huelgistas.

Un amparo limitando a los union y CASA, un organacion chicano que apoya la huelga, a cuatro piquetes por entrada, ha abierto las puertas a una avalandre de como 100 rompehuelgas, de quienes se dice son nacionales mexicanas ilegales recrutados de Tijuana para romper la huelga.

ACCION DE BOICOT

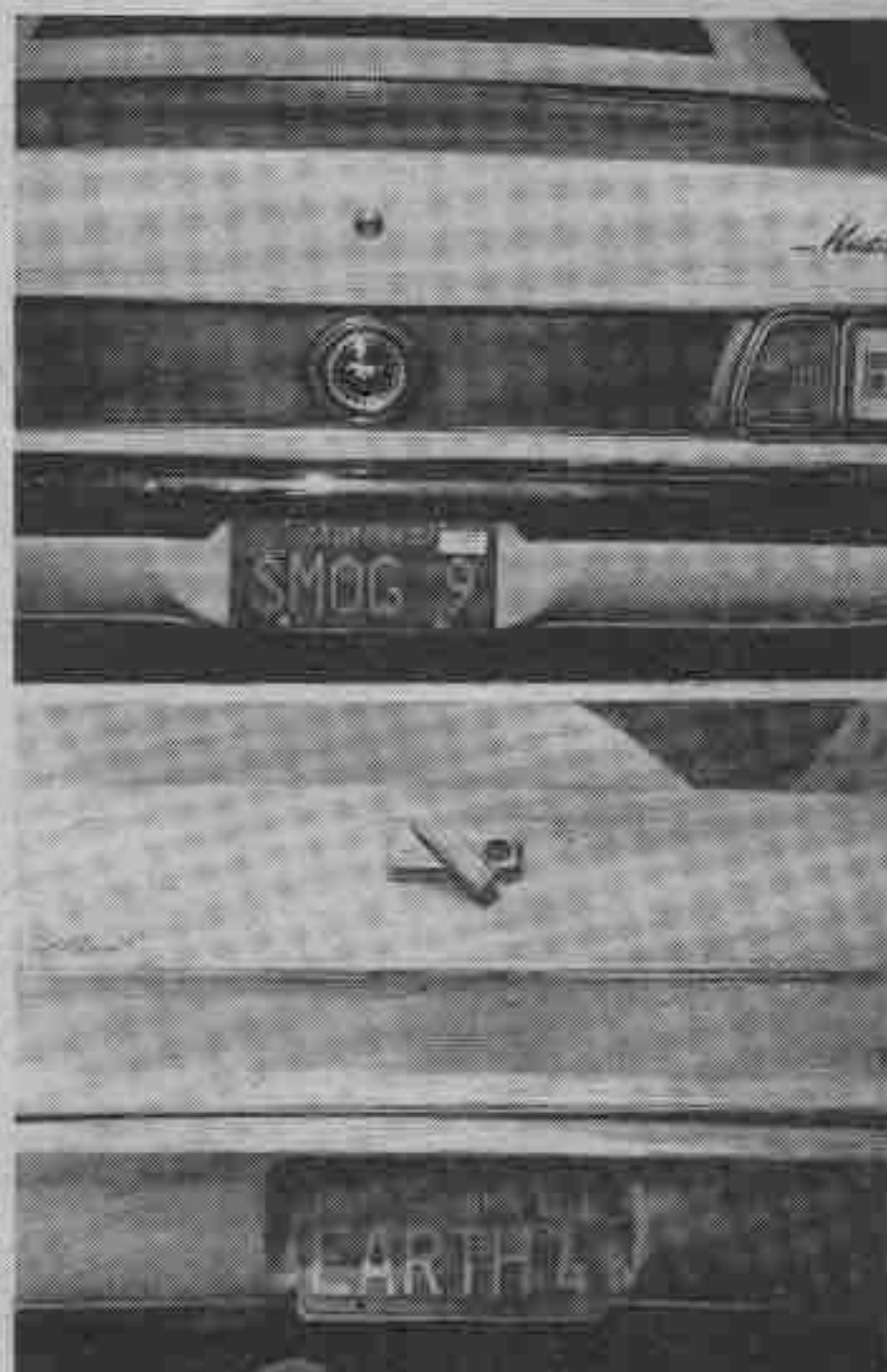
Mientras un boicot intensivo se ha hecho por "Local 630" con la ayuda de TEAM, CASA y Conspiracion de a ha sido muy efectivo pues las cadenas principales venta han dejado los productos Ramona. De todas maneras los camiones condroneros siguen vendiendo los productos boicoteados. Los trabajadores estan muy disgustados que el President Nixon haya escogida a la Sra. Banuelos como Tesorera de los E.U. porque ellos saben que ella se ha alcanzado sus posiciones de riqueza y poder por medio del sudor de su propia Raza. (Ademas ella es gerente del Pan American Bank en el Este Los Angeles.)

AYUDA SERA AGRADECIDA

Los trabajadores tienen confianza en el exito de su causa pero se necesita ayuda en la linea de piquetes y tambien en el boicot de los productos de Ramona Foods.

Hace tiempo que la comunidad de Venice ha tenido la suerte de tener El Centro de Salubridad Para familias Que da sus servicios medicales completamente gratis a la comunidad de Venice. Lunes a viernes entre los 6 y 10 de la noche en 316 Lincoln Blvd.

Les prestaba sus oficinas en la noche pe la acaba su contrato con el Estado. Pero nos dicen que de un modo o otro van encontrar el modo de seguir sirviendo la comunidad. Aprovechese de estos servicios.



**For Those
Who Keep Score**



"CERTAINLY NOT EAST L.A.," one of the pickets at the home of Romana Banuelos was heard to comment last Saturday as employees of Ramona's Mexican Food Products, Inc., and sympathizers totaling 125 walked the sidewalks fronting the Treasurer of the United States' mansion

at 5079 Los Feliz Blvd. Teamsters Local 630 is embroiled in a contract dispute with Mrs. Banuelos, and took their pleas and picket signs to her palatial estate skirting the Greek Theatre in an effort to win a fair contract.



Buckley . . .

the largest percentage of support. She received 58% of the voting delegates' support (60% is needed for official endorsement) and also got several of the Chicano community leaders to endorse her. Among them are: Burt Corona, Joel Flores, Frank Munoz, George Solis, Abe Tapia, Mauricio Terrazas, Esteban Torres, and Delfino Varela.

The effect of Marge's grass roots campaign on her opponents is clearly evident. Joseph Busch has responded by not publicly debating any of the candidates in the race. He prefers to hide behind ¾ million dollars with a media campaign of innumerable billboards and five minute prime time television commercials. Mr. Bibliosi's reaction has been to call Marge's lawyer supporters to get them to change their support of Marge to him. So far, he has been unsuccessful, even though he has begun to pick up some of Marge's platform.

The bandwagon for Marge Buckley has been steam rolling across the county with grass root efforts going on in the Harbor area, Long Beach, Pomona, Monterey Park, Pacoima, the Beach communities and throughout the entire County. The June 4th "coming home" party in the Venice community was one of the last big efforts of the campaign to bring out a huge vote for Marge, especially in her own community. Whatever the outcome on June 6th, the coalition that has come together in this campaign is a vital force for an end to repression and for effective change in our community.

The Capitalist's

*Is in his pocketbook
And he uses the*

Over you so he can wear

*By organizing right we
can give him a*

*With which to earn an
honest living.*



Free Movies!

Wednesdays at 8:30 PM
at this store on Ocean Front
Walk near Paloma.



Pavillion Playground

The Venice Playground next to the Pavillion is such a nice place. It is unique because the children appreciate the different kinds of people who surround the Venice Boardwalk whether inside the play area or outside looking in. The Playground people have managed to develop a comfortable and satisfying environment for all.

There is a common understanding here between the adults and their little friends. The kids seem to absorb and then radiate these good vibrations by being very natural and free to use whatever outlet they may choose to express themselves. Their feelings might be dealt with through dancing to some funky music or punching a piece of clay. It's not unusual to see a child painting a friend with multicolored tempera paint. There are no pressures put on these kids to either keep their clothes on or stay clean. The only insinuations of restrictions are that the use of toy guns and playing violently is discouraged.

The only real problems seem to be external ones. Food, of course, is the number one necessity. Adults bring what they can afford to share, but most are either welfare recipients and those with small incomes. A few nice

people who own private restaurants make donations. It's amazing what a gallon of lemonade can do when thirty-odd children are thirsty. We'd like to appeal to anyone with any excess food to feed some hungry Venice kids.

The Venice Parks and Recreation Department has a small fund that provides some materials for creativities, but these don't last very long when shared among so many children. We need anything in the line of old toys, magazines, crayons, paper, records, etc. Old clothes too, could be put to good use.

If you have any of these things you would like to contribute, you can leave it with someone at the playground daytime during the weekdays. Maybe you would like to donate yourself for an hour or so to maybe read a story, sing a song, or just talk to some of these beautiful kids. They could really dig some aunts, uncles, grammas and grandpas. People can learn a lot from each other.

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Gays Criticize Spock No-Show

The Venice Peace and Freedom Party and the Lavender People, a Gay freedoms organization, arranged to have Dr. Benjamin Spock speak before the Gay group at their May 2 general meeting. Dr. Spock has touted a rather progressive position on Gay rights and his proposed appearance generated much enthusiasm within the group. At the start of the meeting an announcement was made: Dr. Spock had just called to state that he would not attend. He was tired and had another engagement, a cocktail party given by the Venice Peace and Freedom Party. The fifty Gay people who had gathered to hear his position on Gay rights were insulted by his lack of concern.

Gay people have traditionally been ignored and slighted, and issues dealing with Gay rights and Gay oppression are rarely included in political platforms. It was with this in mind that the group decided to relocate the meeting to the cocktail party and confront Dr. Spock and the people planning his appearance.

Upon arriving, Marge Buckley, Peace and Freedom Party member and candidate for Los Angeles County District Attorney, was first to speak in our behalf. She called attention to the blatant disregard and sexism of people in the Party—the overcrowding of the candidate's schedule and consequent last minute cancellations, and the postponements of the day before, which had slighted Women and Gay men. Dr. Spock had been dragged around the city making appearances at places of little consequence to his campaign (such as a bookstore and a print shop), and to

dine with a person whom one P & F Party member described as "the biggest pig capitalist in town."

Spock's talk skirted all the issues, and left no time for questions. We felt we had been ignored again. It appeared that the candidate we embraced as Gay people was not at all informed on our issues. He is a great humanitarian and civil rights proponent, but this aspect didn't materialize during our encounter. He needs to do his homework and learn what Gay people in this country are demanding: What about Gay people raising children? Or discrimination in employment? Or anti-Gay legislation? Or Gay oppression in general? He is the People's candidate and as such, it is his responsibility to know the issues.

We learned that being "polite" to a politician can result in an assumed acceptance of his/her statements. We now know that issues can best be dealt with by confrontation. Our future actions are now clear: Gay people will demand to be heard and if a candidate wants our vote, (s)he must be informed and must be responsive to our needs.

We also learned that the awareness of the political candidates about Gay issues is insufficient and their general appeal to the Gay minority is nil. Gay people will be the ones to free themselves and achieve liberation from sexist attitudes in this society. We recognized the need for people—all people—to get involved in activities which will bring about real change in this country. The Lavender People have taken another step towards achieving the goal of freedom and liberation of all people.



Musical director Virginia Rubino accompanies rehearsals of "Misa del Mar", the Venice Free Theater II rock musical which opens June 30 at the Pavilion, Ocean Front Walk at Windward.

Venice Free Theater

"Misa del Mar" Opens July

The Venice Free Theatre II is in pre-production on "Misa del Mar" for a fourth of July week-end opening and a four week-end run at the Venice Pavilion.

"Misa" is a love-story/rock musical set in Venice and taking off on the formula of the Mass. The show will incorporate original music, acting, choreography, mime and mixed media, all from the members of the Venice Free Theatre II.

The show is being directed by Marsha Mae Jones, a well-known artist from theater and film. Musical Direction is by Virginia Rubino. The show was written by Christian Lyon with the script under the supervision of William Yetto. Ray Jacobs is the Producer. All are local Venice people.

The production will be with full sets and costumes. To pay for the cost of production and to keep the theater "free," fund-raising projects are under way. Anyone wishing to become a patron of the theater may send a contribution to the Venice Free Theater II, c/o Ray Jacobs, Venice Pavilion, 1531 Ocean Front Walk, Venice 90291. Please support your live community theater.

The Venice Free Theater II brought "Zorba the Freek" last summer to the Pavilion with an attendance of 7,000 and another Rock Musical, "Lightflow," in the fall with an attendance of 4,000. All of the productions are reviewed by the trade papers and the Los Angeles Times.

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Calendar

Monthly

JUNE

- 2 Benefit dance for Red Tide, UCLA Grand Ballroom, 8:00 PM phone Molly Barker at 474-6429 for explanation.
- 3 Daile Folklorico at Centinela Park phone CSO at 823-9254
- 4 NOON: party for Marge Buckley at 468 Howland Ave. Venice
NOON: LA interco-op council meets at 3502 so. Normandie
3:00PM, Westside Womans Center staff meeting-open.
- 5 10AM-1PM Childrens play group, 2432 Cloy St., 391-7939
3PM, Drug Coalition meeting (see article), 1140 W. Washington Bl.
7:30PM, Co-op Action Council meets at 2021 Barrington, WLA
8PM, People for Peace and Justice Unitarian Church 18th and Arizona
- 6 PRIMARY ELECTION 7AM-8PM; look for the initiative table near your polling place.
2 PM Woman's Center child care group
planning meeting
7:30 PM Woman's Center pregnancy counselling
8:00 PM FOOD CO-OP Staples orders due.
- 7 7:30PM, at Woman's Center mother's rap
- 8 7:30PM, at Broadway School: EYOA Area 8 Council (see article)
- 10 11AM, 5PM, at Santa Monica H.S. Pentagon Papers Peace Project Teach-In.
1PM, at Woman's Center, Consciousness Raising Intergroup Council
Daile Folklorico at Century City phone CSO, 823-9254.
8:30PM, at Long March, Angela Davis film.
- 12 Turn in All Initiative Petition Signatures.
Children's Play Group; 396-4828
- 13 7:30PM, at Woman's Center: Self-Help clinic; staff meeting & anti-rape group.
- 14 8PM, at Women's center; Helen Greever of SCEF to speak.
- 17 8:00 WOMEN'S CENTER films- \$1 donation (men invited)
- 17-18 VENICE PLANNING CONFERENCE & ALTERNATIVES FESTIVAL (see announcement)
Westside Women's Center Open House & Self-Help clinic demonstration. Women only
- 18 Food-Co-op -staples distribution 1PM at women's Center; Gay/Straight dialogue.
- 19 7:30PM, Co-op Action Council, 2021 Barrington Ave., WLA.
3PM, Drug Coalition, 1140 W. Washington Bl.

- 20 3PM, Women's Center staff meeting open.
8PM, People for Peace and Justice Unitarian Church, 18th & Arizona
7:30PM, Woman's Center self-help clinic.
- 21 Summer Started at Midnight.
- 22 5:30PM, EYOA Area 8 Council Executive Board meeting.
- 24 11AM, Woman's Center General Meeting.
- 26 12:30AM: Full Moon
- 27 7:30PM, at Woman's Center: self-help clinic; open staff meeting.
7:30PM, at Venice Library; lecture on Chicano Literature.
- 28 3:30PM, at Venice Library: puppet show for children.
7:30PM, Venice Health Council meeting at 1101 W. Washington Bl. (see article)

Weekly

MONDAY: 7:30 PM BEACH-HEAD meeting (phone 821-2889 for location)

TUESDAY: 6:15 PM Yoga at Venice Library
6:30 PM Yoga at 1725 W. Washington Blvd. (donation)
7:30 PM Lavendar People meet, 1260 18th St., S.M. (near Arizona)

8:00 PM FOOD CO-OP (see article)

TUESDAY EVENINGS monthly L.A. West Fiction Writer's Assn. call HO4-5161

WEDNESDAY: 1:00-3:00 PM Community legal classes at NAPP, 1101 W. Washington Blvd., 399-7737
6:30 PM Yoga/Meditation by Ananda Marga at Ocean Park Methodist Church, 245 Hill St., 392-1307 FREE

THURSDAY: 9:30 -11:30 AM Citizenship and English (as a second language) classes at Venice library. Phone Marylou at CSO: 823-9254 for information.

4:00-6:00 PM or so FOOD CO-OP distribution (see article)

FRIDAY: 8:00 PM Good Times social hour, Westside Women's center, 218 S. Venice Bl., 823-4774

8:30 PM Marxist Lecture Series at the Long March, 715 S. Park-view, 384-3865

SATURDAY: 9:30 AM Free yoga classes by Anada Marga at Venice Pavillion, Ocean Front at Windward
8:30 PM Film or lecture at Long March (see above)

SUNDAY: 2:00 PM Pot luck rap with Lavender People (phone 396-2246 for location)

8:00 PM Venice/SM Peace and Freedom Club meeting, 1727 W. Washington Blvd. 821-6101



The Venice Woman's Center, 218 Venice Blvd. East. To get there, take Pacific Ave. to Venice Blvd. East. See Woman's Center Article, PAGE 8.

Note To The Reader

The *Beachhead* has set up a steering committee to share responsibility for a given issue. This steering committee must of necessity make essentially undemocratic decisions in the course of administering the paper. However, the *Beachhead* will have a monthly general meeting open to anyone who does work on the paper, or who wants to work on the paper. *Beachhead* distributors are certainly invited. At this meeting, (also the deadline for submitting articles) priorities will be set for articles that will go into the paper, and a steering committee will be chosen for the following issue. Anyone interested in helping with the paper can either come to the general meeting or call one of the steering committee members.

The next general meeting will be:
June 26, 7:30 pm
2801 Dell Ave
One block north of Washington St
To reach the steering committee, call 821-2889 or 821-6101. Also, our staff photographer is Gerry Goldstein, 82-FRESH.

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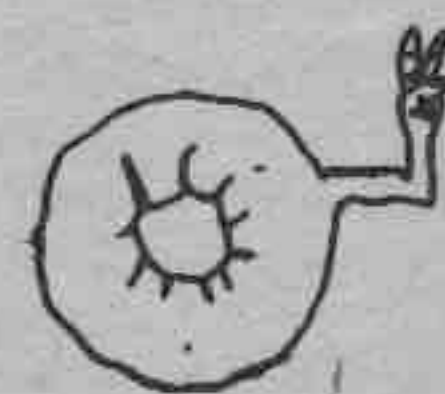
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For Venice

New Women's Center

Sisters, we now have a Women's Center in Venice! Drop by and get acquainted. We have been open since mid-March at 218 S. Venice Blvd. (823-4774). Volunteers staff the center from 9 am to 9 pm every day. Anyone interested in staffing can sign up at the center—we need extra help. Every meeting and activity is open to all interested women.

Consciousness-raising groups meet Mondays and Thursdays at 7:30 pm. One of the groups on Monday nights is devoted to older women and we are hoping to start a gay group soon. In these groups women discuss women's issues but with gut level feeling. They relate their personal experiences with the particular issue and how it has affected their lives.

We should have a program set up in the near future for abortion referral

and counselling. Women from this Center are now being trained for this at the Women's Center at 1027 S. Crenshaw.

Every Wednesday at 7:30 pm, we have a self-help clinic where women can become aware of their bodies. Each woman is given a plastic speculum and shown how to insert it in her vagina so she can see her own cervix. She learns what she normally looks like so she can recognize infections and other abnormalities early and thereby require less treatment or avoid going to the doctor altogether. The Clinic also covers breast exams, pelvis, and means of birth control. The course goes from three to six weeks and costs \$3.00 per person. This fee covers the cost of the speculum and literature.

Other events include:

1. Marxist Study Group, Mon 8 pm
2. Spanish class, Tues 8 pm
3. Friday nights—coffee house (a social evening for women to get acquainted and rap)
4. Aikido classes (self-defense) Classes will start June 21 at 7:30 pm and continue every Wednesday thereafter.

On the planning board are the following activities: welfare counselling, employment referral, child care services, an auto mechanics class, and a library.

Staff meeting alternate between Mondays at 3 pm and Tuesdays at 7:30 pm so that working women and mothers can both participate. The last Saturday of the month at 11 am is our big general meeting where we discuss center business.

The Women's Center is a non-profit organization supported by donations, subscribing members, and occasional garage sales.

COMMUNITY SERVICES

FREE VENICE SWITCHBOARD
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DRAFT COUNSELLING
Valley Peace Center, 7105 Hayvenhurst, Van Nuys—787-6925. (73 Market closed down)

LEGAL AID
1. NAPP, 1101 W. Washington Bl., M T W 6:30—9 pm, 399-7737
2. 1607 Pacific Ave (upstairs)—392-4177. M—F 9:30 am to 3:30 pm

DRUG HELP
1. PRC (crisis) 6th & Sunset—392-5744
2. Drug Clinic, 1806 Lincoln, 8 am—9 pm, 392-4114.
3. Ex-Abuse (24 hours)—392-2873
4. Venice Drug Coalition—825-0486, 392-4151.

YOUTH CLINIC
905 Venice Bl, 4:30—10 pm, 821-3484
draft counselling, group therapy.

VIETNAM VETS AGAINST THE WAR
1508 2nd St, Santa Monica, 451-9281

WELFARE & FOOD STAMPS
1. 11390 W. Olympic Bl, 478-5511
2. Welfare Rights, RE2-8122, 731-5095

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JOB INFO CENTER
316 Lincoln—392-4811

VENICE LIBRARY
610 California Ave, 821-1769
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residential center; and Prevention, Referral, and Counselling center at 601 6th st.

Proposed new and expanded programs include a crisis mobile unit, employment center, methadone maintenance satellite clinic, alcoholism component, information clearinghouse, and police relations.

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SAT. 17 - 9am WORKSHOPS	3pm STRATEGY GAMES
SUN. 18 - 9am STRATEGY GAMES	2pm SPECIAL PRESENTATION

FOR INFORMATION CALL: 396-6876 or 392-4525

Venice Health Council

by Don Lubin

The Venice Health Council is a non-profit corporation whose purpose is to bring a comprehensive health service center to Venice to provide adequate health care for our poverty communities. The Board of Directors is an inter-racial group elected by community residents. Board meetings are the fourth Wednesday of every month, 7:30 PM at the NAPP office, Westminster and West Washington. The community is invited to attend.

VHC has been promised a \$50,000 planning grant to staff an office that will obtain somehow enough funding for the Venice comprehensive health center. The actual receipt of money has been repeatedly delayed, and is now expected June 1. Two positions will then need to be filled:

1. Co-ordinator salary: \$15,000
Must write successful proposals for grants. Needs experience in public health, proposal writing, poverty community (preferably Venice)
2. Secretary salary: \$7,000
Must run office. Must be bilingual English/Spanish.

Applicants should send resume to:
Dorothy Johnson
1101 W. Washington Blvd.
Venice

Call her for information at 399-7737

The Venice Community Family Health Center, a semiautonomous subdivision of VHC, offers general medical health

services without charge 6:00-10:00 PM weekdays at 316 Lincoln Blvd. A full-time co-ordinator/administrator, Karen Morgan, has just been hired in an effort to improve services, as recommended by Dr. Davida Taylor after a recent survey. State funding for the clinic has been inadequate, and will probably be terminated July 1. A special VHC Board meeting May 31 will explore the alternate sources of support.

In a sense, the Health Center is a medical care co-op: the doctors, nurses, pharmacists, translators, receptionists, and others volunteer their time to make free health care available to all of us. Help is almost always needed, whether filing or just being on call to drive someone to a Santa Monica hospital. Phone Karen at 392-4125 after 6 PM to find out how you can help.

VOTE JUNE 6

Venice Drug Coalition

by Linda Mandel
Don Lubin

Several public and private agencies concerned with drug problems and their treatment in the Venice area work together under the name: "Venice Drug Coalition." Their purpose is to unite the community effort to solve the epidemic drug abuse problem. The Venice Drug Coalition is in the process of being incorporated.

The Coalition has opened its new office at 1140 W. Washington Bl., near Westminster. Open meetings are held at 3:00 PM on the first and third Mondays of each month (except holidays, when the meeting is usually shifted to Tuesday.) The Chairman of the Coalition is Vermont McKinney, and his administrative assistant is Sandra Nystrom. They can be reached at 392-4151 between 9AM and 5 PM on weekdays.

Current activities of the Drug Coalition include the Venice Drug Clinic at 1806 Lincoln Blvd; the Tuam Est

