

# THE FREE VENICE

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FREE TO VENICE RESIDENTS

## the course of HUMAN EVENTS

As a result of Councilman Braude heeding the voice of the people, (see Beachhead Jan. 1) and opening the new Beach head at Brooks and OFW only one year behind schedule, several organizations have taken under advisement a resolution to inscribe a petition on a roll of fine tissue paper commending Braude. It will read in part, "From the Bowels and the Hearts of a grateful populace, giving comfort and relief to Venice residents by unclogging the channels of a bound-up bureaucracy, unlocking floods of good feelings upon that community."

This coalition known as Community Relief Agency Program (CRAP) is planning a festival on the OFW to surprise good ol' Marve on one of his weekend bike rides.

Some Venice residents, consc-  
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## Health Council Election!!!

by Marge Buckley

On February 16, 1970, Venice rallied to repel a threatened invasion from the Marina. Word had arrived that the Fearless Stan Roberts had exhorted the Marina Chamber of Commerce to wrest the Venice Health Council from the clutches of the 'commies'. Plans had been made to overwhelm the 'undesirables' with a show of strength at the Council's annual meeting to elect a new Board. Many were prepared to brave the perils of attending a meeting at Broadway High School in the heart of Venice. Meanwhile the community had other ideas and proposed a meeting place more convenient for its own people. Bob Castile rose to the occasion and offered the use of the Wesley House facilities in Oakwood. The new meeting place was well chosen.

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## VENICE CANAL SUIT

by ARSAP

The Venice Canals, neglected by the City for forty years, are an eyesore and a health hazard. The buildings in that area are aged or dying. Yet, land prices are soaring. How come? Property owners and government officials have gotten together and devised a scheme to turn swamps into seaway and blight into bread. It is known as the Venice Canal Improvement Project. It costs more than three million tax dollars (1 1/2 million advanced without any assurance the project would be done) plus \$20 million from property owners. When complete, yachts would leave their slips in front of \$100,000 homes and cruise under the proposed Washington St. bridge (an otherwise useless product of the taxpayers donations) and then out to sea.

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## PFP CONVENTION

by Sandy Blixton

The "spirit" of Free Venice prevailed at the second Statewide Convention of the Peace and Freedom Party held Feb. 19, 20 and 21 at Cal. State Long Beach, proving once and for all that Peace and Freedom is alive and well in California.

People from over forty areas in California as well as Washington, DC and New York comprised the usual spectrum: from revolutionary socialists to reform capitalists, Marxists, anarchists, pacifists, independent radicals of all kinds and liberals who were with us because they share our position on the war. There were some new elements, reflecting change in the movement; Libertarians who have broken from Young Americans for Freedom, members of the Gay Liberation Front, ecology activists, and others relatively new to radical politics.

Several people announced their candidacies for Statewide Offices at the convention, including Robert Scheer, past editor of RAMPARTS magazine, for U.S. Senate, and Marge Buckley, Director of Venice N.L.S. for State Attorney General. Announced candidates for Governor included Ricardo Romo, Chicano organizer for Union City, and C.T. Weber, PFP organizer from Long Beach. Other Venice candidates for Statewide & Local offices include

John Haag, co-chairman of the PFP for Lt. Governor, Jack Hampton for Treasurer, Lew McCammon, 26th Congressional District, Jane Gordon, 28th Congressional District, Jill Lewis, 26th Senatorial District (State Senate), Rick Davidson running for the 61st Assembly District. The candidates were among the 35 Venice PFPers who attended the convention.

While registration since 1968 showed an increase of 5.8% in LA County, it showed an increase of 41% in Venice, clearly defining the role Free Venice has played in the past and ascertaining its role for the future. Venice people have been the most active within the community. We have demonstrated at 'Sam's Place' (City Hall), rattling the City Planning Commission; we have been and still are fighting the Master Plan. We have been successful in removing Capt. Sillings, Lt. Archbold, and officers Manlove and Edwards from the Venice Police Dept., and OUT OF OUR COMMUNITY! We are on the Venice Health Council and into lots of other things. So, if you're sitting on the beach doing nothing and want to do something, come over to the PFP office, 1727 W. Washington Blvd.; We'll put you to work. Meetings Wed's - 8:00pm. FREE VENICE!





The vision of the perennial bulldozer which urban renewal conjures up for most people is less frequently correct. The government has finally found it more expedient to play to demands for 'citizen participation' & to attempts at rehabilitation in place of bulldozer perpetrated removal-relocation tactics.

The people with the bulldozer complex in the city of the angels band together under the name of the Community Redevelopment Agency (of the City of Los Angeles). They too have begun playing the rehab. game. The Neighborhood Development Program (NDP) is the vehicle by which rehab. is attempted. Included in the provisions of the NDP is citizen participation on a relatively in-extensive scale. Another basic difference between NDP & conventional projects is the method of funding. Under a conventional program, a long time is allotted for planning & the execution of the plans also takes a long time. The entire project is funded at its inception. With NDP, funding is on a yearly basis & subject to evaluation of accomplishments of the preceding year. Initial planning time is substantially reduced & continues throughout the life of the project - which is also considerably shorter-allowing much more flexibility.

What does all this mean for Venice? First of all, when the Master Plan is approved & begins its march to the sea, there will be extensive dislocation of residents-as we are all acutely aware. Under these circumstances, the CRA is supposed to be involved, dispensing assistance in finding a new residence as well as monetary compensation. However, after-the-fact help is not what the Venice community is all about: it seems to me we are quite interested in remaining here, although I'm sure no one would object to better facilities & better 'environmental conditions', e.g., clean canals, properly maintained; better trash collection; better schools...it has been hinted that under an expanded NDP project this could occur. I would like to leave you with some very direct comments from a fairly important department head within the agency, made specifically in connection with Venice. He pointed out that CRA did not wish to take a 'leadership role' in the Venice community. In other words, CRA would not try to initiate a project in Venice on the pretext of removing blight & organize the community along lines it felt to be acceptable; rather, recognizing that there is existing organization in Venice, CRA would be willing to, on the request of the community, provide assistance that would presumably be directed, controlled, and at least partially executed by community people. Another comment made at the same time backed up the previous one by stating that property owners were not the most important consideration; rather, residents are of primary importance. These are concepts with which we can all agree. It might be worthwhile to consider action in the direction which would oblige CRA to produce according to these standards.

A meeting is a meeting is a meeting and by any other name when concerning the Venice community plan is a game City Hall plays with the lives of Venice residents. Since we're not allowed to play their game here's what it looks like from the side lines.

Feb. 3-2pm Planning Committee Hearing - LA City Hall: Old Marv (Braude) opened with a nonsensical statement about people who were frightening the elderly...some people, according to Marv, were telling the elderly that rents were going up, the old buildings would be torn down, new and more expensive ones would be built to replace them and that they, the elderly on fixed incomes, would be forced to move...Marv said that to scare them old people was a terrible thing. In the same breath he said that they, the elderly on fixed incomes, would just have to face reality: rents would be going up, old buildings would have to make way for new and more expensive ones and that they, the elderly on fixed incomes, would have to move. (He's a very confused man).

Bernardi, Chairman of the Committee, said that he had visited Venice and especially Oakwood and couldn't understand all this talk about that area. "It's a nice ghetto!" he said.

Then the political double talk began. Talk about freeway locations, private development, street widening, industrial zoning, etc, etc, etc. Their final act was to postpone the hearing.

Feb. 18-2pm Planning Committee Hearing - City Hall: At this hearing the Venice Planning Document was read. It was obvious by questions from different councilmen that it was the first time they learned what was in it. (Including Ol' Marv).

Nowell questioned the City Attorney about city charter requirements regarding the Plan. Nothing could be found.

Braude, after taking credit for removing the oil wells, repeated his nonsensical statement made Feb. 3.

The committee felt that there should not be an industrial zone in Venice...in fact, existing industrial areas should be phased out. All this is based on the concept that it's a residential community. I am sure that PRESENT RESIDENTS of Venice would not like to see our local industrial friends kicked out of Venice.

Venice's half-councilwoman, Pat Russell, sent her house lacke to the hearing to explain that she was only concerned with the commercial interests along Washington Street west of Lincoln. THAT'S ALL. Thanks alot Mrs. Russell. (You, too, Curtis).

Once again the hearing was postponed until March 4.

Meanwhile back on the beachhead the community fights on. There is a move to get renters together to fight being forced out of their community. If you are a renter or home owner and feel that you have a right to a place in the sun and that you have a right to say how your community is run then write the BEACHHEAD. We need your help. POWER IS WITH THE PEOPLE IF THEY BUT REALIZE IT.

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## human events

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ious of the dangers of auto pollution, did their bit to keep the OFW an Ocean Front Walk by setting up impromptu barricades across the Walk to discourage the incursions of autos on one of the USA's last pedestrian refuges. Unfortunately our police noted for their sensitivity took this as an act of wild-eyed Anarchists to prevent them from going about their lawful business. Why, nothing could have been further from their thoughts!

The Venice Free Clinic is a groove for old and young alike. Though the County has a youth oriented program, it's a gas for the over 25 set. You are asked a minimum of questions, you don't have to give your right name as long as you give the same one each time you visit-no embarrassing 'means' questions are asked. Everything is confidential. It's located one block away from the police station, but the staff is

sane and seem to want to understand the community. It's a long wait, bring a book, or talk to the friends you're likely to see and make there. They handle other problems besides VD and drugs. Unfortunately the youth clinic image keeps away older people and minority groups. It gets crowded but more room is being added. Free Clinic hours are from 6-10. Location 905 Venice Blvd. near Lincoln.

Pretty Patty Russell stated at a meeting held at the Venice Service Center that she "really likes being in City Hall."

Other quotes- "I really enjoy being a woman..." and "Venice is an exotic district."

She was thrilled that people come to the realization that, "...women are human beings, too...this is an exciting development."

Gee, Patty, that's great, thank you for your thoughtful answers on the burning issues in Venice. Your intelligence is matched only by Braude's courage.

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TO DR. BRESLOW, UCLA  
FROM PEGGY SIMON, VHC

I would like to communicate my ideas regarding health for the Venice community.

1. Venice has no emergency facility. The Health Council has always considered that any proposal should include plans for such a clinic. I intend to suggest that the present county facility in Venice be expanded and given additional personnel so that it might be utilized entirely for an emergency facility.

2. We need an ambulance which will serve the community at no cost.

3. Could the university begin to train para-medical people from the community to take care of the sick at home, to dispense nutritional information, to aid expectant mothers, Can babies, in many cases, be delivered at home? England, Sweden and Denmark, as you know, use this system. Isn't this more feasible than trying to accommodate more people than we can ever hope to hospitalize?

4. Can we emphasize preventive medicine rather than using money to keep the diseased and dying alive in tragic states of pain and misery-using one dangerous drug after another to accomplish this?

5. We need a collective farm which would supply a store operated by the poor, with as little a profit margin as possible. We need to train some of the unemployed youth in the area in farming methods, so that they may return to the city and help their neighbors plant their own 'kitchen' gardens. Vacant lots could be leased and utilized for growing foods.

Such a farm will have these advantages:

1. People's health will improve when they are supplied with fresh fruits and vegetables.

2. Young adults will be employed on the farm, trucking, learning agricultural methods, running and operating the store.

3. Young people will begin to think of alternative styles of living. Existing in a crowded city area may not be appealing to the people who have grown their own foods.

4. Such a farm could become a model for all our urban areas. Any way that we can alleviate the tension and frustration of people in these crowded centers will most certainly add to the improved health and welfare of everyone.

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### CANAL SUIT

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The gross inequities of this procedure, which demonstrated the Council's preference for economics over humanity, led to a lawsuit on behalf of those who opposed the project but had no land to buy a voice. The suit, filed by the Western Center on Law and Poverty, charged that the City illegally limited the right of people to participate in the decision-making which affects their lives. It also accused the City of using the disguise of a 1911 Improvement Act job to mask a full-scale "Redevelopment Project" (without complying with the stringent state law requirements that go with such a project.)

The suit is called Appell v. City of Los Angeles.

The Boxscore so far reads - People - 3; City of Los Angeles - Zero.

The City demurred (argued) that no invasion of the Plaintiff's rights had occurred) - OVERRULED.

The City appealed the lower Court ruling to the State Court of Appeals - PETITION DENIED.

The City asked the California Supreme Court for a hearing - PETITION DENIED.

The effect of all this legal jousting is this -- if the Plaintiffs can prove their charges (that they asked to speak before the Council and were denied) the Court will hold the project's approval invalid and kill it.

What does it all mean? If the Canal Project is prevented, the current residents get a new lease on life (and on their apartments.) But the Canals are still dirty, the houses still substandard, rents are still rising and land speculation continues. How retain character and people and upgrade? Avoid becoming a Huntington Harbor, but make the area a better place to live? Readers' comments anxiously solicited.

No one now renting in the canals has a chance of being around to see that cruise.

It took the City Council four hearings to complete its deliberations and okay the people removal-slum clearance. Not one word of advice was sought from the tenants, who would be uprooted. Although the CEAC organized 100's of protestors, many of whom attended the hearings and requested or demanded the speaker's lectern, NOT ONE PERSON WHO WAS NOT A LANDOWNER WAS ALLOWED TO ADDRESS THE CITY COUNCIL.

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en and provided much togetherness for the 60 or more people from the black, brown, and white communities who met. In the absence of Stan and his guard, bravery must have forsaken the valiant Marina. Another victory for the People!

The Board is composed of 21 persons who are selected: 7 representing the business, professional, and propertied interests 7 representing Community Organizations (including schools, agencies), and 7 from the community itself. In the first category members elected were: Marie Branch, PHD, UCLA School of Nursing, Vivan Brown, PHD, psychologist, Benjamin Rush Clinic; Rick Davidson, Architect; Jim Freed, DDS UCLA Dental School; Carl Strauss, M.D., UCLA; Stanley Whitman, MD, private practitioner, and Don Wright educator.

In the second category: Carol Berman, Free Venice Organizing Committee; Marge Buckley, LA Neighborhood Legal Services (Venice); Bob Farlice, Boys Club; Bill Kennedy, Venice Skill Center; Mark Mayeda, VCIU; Morrie Rosen, Israel Levin Center; and Dave Scheffler, Venice Defense Committee (VDC), representing the community were Lyn Busch; Bob Castile; Chino Melgosa; Sari Neelands; Jeannie Parker; Peggy Simon and Bea Starbird.

The meeting was brief. Dr. Strauss gave a short report on the current activities. Marge Buckley spoke on a recent meeting between various organizations which are interested in funding for possible medical programs for the 'West Area'. Included were representatives of the LA County Public Health Department, UCLA, etc. The meeting reinforced the growing feeling that the Council should stop fooling itself about joint projects with any of these organizations. It is only being used to provide the 'community support' so necessary to any federally funded proposal's acceptance. Now is the time to get on with business & dust off the Council's proposal for submission. Then, Rick Davidson gave a brief report on the newest project he & Peggy Simon are suggesting for Council Action ;.... See Peggy's article this issue.

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## basic car SHUCK

Police Chief Edward M. Davis has come up with a new conspiracy to smash the people's attempts to save and build their own communities. This conspiracy, the Basic Car Plan (BCA), is being applied to all parts of LA, and was begun in Venice last January 25th, coinciding with the arrival of our new Chief Lembke and Community Relations Director Jesse Brewer (a Tom 'on loan' to the Venice Police Dept, who last year helped squash the Valley State uprising and participated in the Black Panther raids last December).

Rather than change their policy to meet the needs of the people, the police have reacted by trying to impose a more efficient law enforcement agency. Under the BCP, the Venice Div. is divided into five Basic Car Area two of which fall into Venice. The first of these areas covers the Ocean Front (from west of West Washington Blvd to the ocean, and Washington to Walgrove Ave, and from Venice Blvd, to Santa Monica). Each area has one Basic 'A' car assigned to it on a 24

hour a day basis, with 'X' cars added if needed. 9 policemen are permanently assigned to each Basic Car; that is, 3 officers on each 8 hour shift, each shift working in pairs, with a third officer acting as captain of the team. The captain of the Beachfront team is John Keyte, and Theodore Bach heads the Oakwood team.

The BCP also provides for police-community meetings to take place in each area between the 9 basic car officers and the citizens of each area. For the Beachfront area, these meetings will be held on the 1st Tuesday of each month at the Anchorage School, 104 Anchorage St., and for Oakwood area, on the 1st Wed. of each month at the Broadway Elementary School, 1015 Lincoln.

There has been no change in police policy. The recent shakeup in personnel and the introduction of the BCP are conscious attempts by the LAPD to strengthen the hierarchy and improve its administrative efficiency. Significantly, former Capt. Sillings was not criminally held responsible for his crimes against the people, nor was he even requested to resign, but rather he was transferred to the Central Div.

Lt. Archbold, responsible for carrying out the Dec. 2nd and 3rd raids in Oakwood, was consequently PROMOTED to the rank of Capt.

Our new Capt. Lembke has emphasized the fact that the shakeup and the BCP are not related to policy changes, but rather an attempt to strengthen and better coordinate police policy. He has stated that he was transferred to Venice because of 'a failure to carry out procedures of the department'. He is referring to Sillings' failure to report an incident he witnessed until several weeks later: (i.e.) several officers jumped a black man named Franklin as he was brought into the station for drunkenness. Fortunately, they only managed to tear ONE eye out. Furthermore, our new Capt. has said, "departmental policy will not change IN ANY DEGREE...the division will continue to carry out the orders of the hierarchy". And, "I would hope the day would never come when the citizens in the community could tell the police dept. how to hire and fire personnel or how to discipline personnel." (are you listening you community relations buffs? Community relations groups are BULLSHIT, merely dupes for the POLICE POWER STRUCTURE).

There is a direct relationship between the Basic Police Patrol and the monthly community meetings. The function of these meetings is not to provide criticism of police behavior, but to inform the police of suspicious behavior of the people in the area. Davis and Lembke have stated that the major function of the BCP is to prevent crime. By that they mean that they hope to catch criminals before the law is broken. Hence, you are a criminal before you have committed a crime. If they don't like you then you are suspicious. If you are suspicious you are a criminal. Since none of them like us (and by THEM I mean the fat cat realtors as well as the politicians and police), we are all criminal. Can you dig it? We on the Oceanfront must go so they can have their resort on their property, BUT IT'S OUR LAND.

If you are one of us, why not top by the Venice Defense Committee office 1711 Pacific Ave., phone 392-4177. Open every eve. 7pm-Midnight. FREE VENICE!!! ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!!!

## POLICE CHIEF BALL

by Carol Fondiller

Councilman Marvin Braude hosted a glittering affair at the Venice Pavilion on Feb. 11 which honoured our new Police Chief, Cap. Lembke, formerly at Devonshire Downs, and our new temporary Community Relations Offices, Lt. Brewer.

However, through some oversight, the Free Venice Organizing Committee, Beachhead, Venice Peace and Freedom Party, Venice Defense Committee, and Venice Survival Committee, all known affectionately as 'Bums and Renters' were overlooked in the invitations sent to other community organizations.

Claire Rogger, Councilman Marvin's administrative aide was reported to have stated that she ran out of stamps.

The Beachfront organizations anxious to cover any gaff by our elected officials, formed a Para-Agency Hospitality Committee to welcome the visitors from Outremere who Toil to Succour the Poor and Huddled MASSES in Venice.

A theatrical performance was staged by the VDC. The theme was that the land speculators and realtors are the real outside agitators in Venice.

Other people from Venice, while not formally affiliated with any group, felt that they, through direct Intra-Personal Encounters with the Police, were meant to be invited, but what with the confusion that always accompanied a change of command, were overlooked.

"Why, we know some of our policemen by their first numbers!", exclaimed one.

They were charmed by the gracious manner of Capt. Lembke, who shook hands with everyone, even if he didn't want to. He also displayed some real live policemen. They behaved very nicely. They

didn't say much and offered Venetians a rare glimpse of what an officer looks like full length instead of crouched in his car. Residents averred they could see



BARRICADE OF THE PORT ST. DENIS DURING THE COMMUNE.

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them better without flashlights shining in their eyes.

The Bearded, Blanketed, Barefoot and Beaded Crew, heartened meeting their officials for the first time went right to work to scotch the rumour that Lembke was Sillings in disguise with eyeglasses, plastic surgery and elevator shoes. "Impossible", snorted a member of the FVOC, as he brushed cookie crumbs from his beard and chest, "why while Sillings was harrasing the Black and longhairs in Venice, Lembke was busy teaching Black Student Union members at Valley State that 'Folks around here don't take to this agitator stuff', and making sure that hippie freaks did not seduce the short-haired young at Devonshire Downs. Just because Lembke/Sillings tend to overreact to the same groups of people doesn't mean they're one and the same...does it?"

The reception ended at 9:30 and the Beachfront people left with a grim resolve to enliven future meetings with the police and elected officials.

