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## A Primary Issue:

### Vote your Trouble Away

by Carol Fondiller

For seventeen years we have had one Councilwoman. She has had time to consolidate her power and has risen to be President of the Los Angeles City Council. In past elections I've watched Pat Russell run over any candidate who opposed her. For the most part it was easy. Most of the candidates who have run against Russell have usually represented only one or two areas in the sprawling gerrymander that represents the Sixth District. Most of the challengers didn't have the money to send out direct mailings to all the voters in the Sixth. Other parts of the district were usually content or quiescent - not enough was wrong to make it worth their while to risk the ire of the Councilwoman. Or she could "band-aid" it. Those potholes-repaired-the-week-before-election jokes are more true than funny in the Sixth. Those who ran against Pat Russell were thought of as malcontents and wierdos. But this campaign is only a microcosm of what's happening in the United States. We can't blame the incumbent for everything. True, some of us told her what we felt was going on as long as ten years ago, and she didn't listen, and most of the voters just let it be. In the last election, Russell didn't win; we lost. A lot of us stayed home.

I've voted in practically every election, whether municipal, school bonds, local, state or Presidential, since I've been eligible to vote. There's a term for people like me that researchers use that does not make me feel as if what I'm doing is particularly admirable. The phrase is "pathological voter." If that doesn't make you feel as if you're doing something unhealthy or obsessive, I don't know what would.

I've watched election by election as the people in Venice have been staying home. In the last councilmanic election, about fourteen per cent of the registered voters in Venice went to the polls. Councilwoman Russell retained her seat on the L.A. City Council. Put in this election, one can feel the times a-changin'.

First of all, there are five very credible, serious people who are opposing the incumbent. Rim Fay, Venice resident and marine biologist. He was talking about the pollutants in the Santa Monica Bay for years before anyone in L.A. took him seriously. When he was on the Coastal Commission, he was slandered by developers' stooges and slandered by then City Councilman Snyder. Fay he was called a crackpot and an Eco-freak, but he still kept calling 'em as he saw 'em.

Ruth Galanter, city planner, public health care advocate, consultant and Venice resident, has tried when she was Chair of the South Coast Region Coastal Commission, to mitigate traffic and displacement of people, and destruction of the wetlands. She was on a traffic advisory board set up by Councilwoman Russell. The findings of her committee never saw the light of day.



## Our Chance to Choose Russell's Record Revealed

### THE CHOICE IS OURS

We can reelect Pat Russell and completely surrender our communities to the special interests and developers, or we can elect a representative for the Sixth District who is responsive to the residents.

Over the past 2½ years as the Coalition of Concerned Communities and its member organizations have testified at hearings and before boards and commissions to preserve and protect our community, we have increasingly found the incumbent City Councilperson, Pat Russell, opposing our positions.

On April 14 the residents of the District's communities (Venice, Mar Vista, Del Rey, Playa del Rey, Westchester, Baldwin Hills, and Crenshaw) can reelect Russell or elect one of the five challengers: Patrick McCartney, Virginia Taylor Hughes, Ruth Galanter, Salvatore Grammatico, or Rimmon Fay.

During Russell's 17 years in office, the following problems have escalated: traffic, overdevelopment, crime, lack of coastal parking, poor street maintenance, smog, shortage of housing, loss of open space, degradation of the wetlands (home to several endangered species), and raw sewage polluting the Bay.

**OVERDEVELOPMENT.** The Los Angeles Airport and its environs are fast becoming a new commerce center on the Pacific Rim. The community is in imminent danger of becoming a "Manhattan West."

The lack of comprehensive and equitable land use planning is a major problem.

The residents and local business people in the Sixth District took part in formulating District Plans. In Westchester, the Plan calls for intensive commercial development only along Century Boulevard. The Venice



Community Plan, revised in 1980, favors rehabilitation, restoration, and conservation of single-family dwellings and discourages large-scale land acquisition and clearance.

Instead of adhering to the Community Plans and preserving residential areas on the western side of the district, the incumbent has supported and promoted the following mega-developments:

-- HOWARD HUGHES CENTER. Of the 10 buildings planned for this 69-acre office and commercial complex, 8 buildings will tower over the nearby bluff, and 2 will be over 340 feet tall (21 stories). To obtain permission for these high-rise towers, a zoning variance was granted over the strong objections of nearby residents. (The Coalition is suing to overturn the variance.) No housing would be provided in this complex, although the original zoning included areas set aside for single-family dwellings.

-- PLAYA VISTA. A compliant City Council granted permission to the developers (over the protests of people in the community) to build enough office space to employ 18,000 people but only enough housing for 42% of the proposed workers. Office buildings in this 803-acre project could be 450 feet tall (30 stories).

-- LAX NORTHSIDE. This complex is planned where more than 2,000 Westchester homes were destroyed to provide a buffer zone and sound barriers to control airport noise. The proposed 358-acre center of six-story

# Letters

Dear Beachhead Staff,

I have written the staff, which always changes & is always in flux, over the years since I helped "found" the Beachhead, an initial supporter and contributor. As we stated a few times over the paper's history, I appreciate the Beachhead's community concerns and the publication of articles that would have never made it into "major" publications in our culture; I appreciate the Beachhead's collective freedom of press, whether or not I "like" or "disagree" with any one or several articles or viewpoints.

Now, since its inception in 1968, I voice, it seems, my first form of complaint.

The 1987 March issue--do I like the issue? No--do I like some articles? Yes--but that's not my point, having been told by Arnold (Springer) that you all put together a special, two-color ink election issue and asked if I would deliver it (300). I said, "Yes" (as times in the past), but I felt the cover and the issue as a whole was/is negative, and an easy shot. I guess what I hoped for was an issue promoting the candidates running against our non-representative" Councilwoman Ms. Pat Russell. In our obvious age of media and money inundation, she has both, but for the vote, it seems we need to spread the word of alternatives.

So, Now, I hope your April issue will dwell on positive voting for the other candidates, at least our three Venice candidates.

Thanks again for your work.

MARYJANE

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Politicians do not control growth. Developers do not control growth. People control growth. People control growth by what they do. People control growth by what they do unconsciously.

For 12 years I have been reading the Beachhead. For 12 years, the Beachhead has been broadcasting the same theme. For 12 years you have placed the blame for growth on Pat Russell. To credit Pat Russell for Venice's growth is the highest compliment you could pay her--any government official.

Read my predictions as published in the Santa Monica Evening Outlook of September 18, 1975. Traffic and population growth has been less than 20% for the past 12 years, but property values and income levels have grown by over 1000%. Now read my recommendations that you published in the April or May, 1978 issue of the Beachhead. Those recommendations were designed to keep Venice from becoming a high priced bedroom community.

But, it's too late now. The Venice Town Council and the Venice Action Committee and the Venice Civic Union and the Venice Chamber of Commerce and the other Venice factions will talk and clean and restore and make Venice the nicest area on the beach to live. And, the people who can afford to live by the sea will replace those who can not, and they'll do it without Pat Russell's help and without malice aforethought.

Sincerely, Kenneth R. Jewett  
Past Manager  
Venice Chamber of  
Commerce

Dear Beachhead:

I agree that we need a new council person in the 6th District, but I am appalled at the mentality which so literally and violently illustrates "Give her the boot." We don't need Nazi shoes to the head to make our democratic point.

Yours in Satyagraha,  
Aging Lora

AH --  
ANOTHER  
NOSTALGIA NUT

Dear Beachhead:

Recently I visited the Venice Beach area for the third time in the last couple of years. The express reason was to open up a bank account which I did to hopefully open up a business in the area more specifically on Venice Beach.

On January 11, 1987 at about 5:45 I was walking down the beach strip and police officers converged from all points and three out of five officers drew their revolvers on an individual who was about 140 pounds while my companion was in the grocery store where this incident fronted. The beach was swarming with people as it was turning dusk and I would say that there were at least 100 persons within 75 feet of this police action.

The individual being arrested never saw any police coming and was talking to a woman and one other person standing still with his back to the beach. He could have easily been apprehended from the back by a burly black officer.

I cannot imagine the nature of the crime which would make this arrest so important as to have three revolvers pulled ready to fire in the circumstances viewed. If the individual would've run, any shot whatsoever would have had a higher probability to kill someone else that was innocently walking by than the suspect. I have never seen such an incidence of reckless policemanhip in my life. For the remaining day and lingering thereafter I was stunned with such an obvious overplay of authority and bravado.

What I would like to know is what were the constituents of this case and what are the grounds of taking action that would cause fatalities to the public when a suspect is not even fleeing? I would also like to know if this is just the general manner in which the officers of the beach display their authority?

Sincerely, Richard A. Pauletti

March 8, 1987

Dear Beachhead,

I am writing to correct an error I made in my "Queen of Lies" article in last month's Beachhead.

In describing some of our councilwoman's negative works, I stated, "...she opposed proposition 65 when voters in her district, led by Venice, voted overwhelmingly for it..." What I meant to say is, "she opposed Proposition U when voters in her district, led by Venice, voted overwhelmingly for it."

Prop. 65 was the state Toxics initiative while Prop. U was the L.A. City slow growth initiative. I have no idea of Russell's position on Prop. 65 but am certain that she strongly opposed Prop U.

I definitely want to defeat Pat Russell, but I don't think misstating the truth is the way to do it. I apologize and hope that this sets the record straight.

Sincerely,  
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# Give Venice a Voice!

## GIVE VENICE A VOICE MARCH & RALLY

by Dell Chumley

"Give Venice A Voice" is the theme of an April 11th march and rally on Ocean Front Walk. The Saturday morning event is planned to call attention to the Tuesday, April 14th election of the Sixth District City Council representative.

The Venice Civic Union will sponsor and coordinate the event along with co-sponsors: Heal the Bay, Oakwood Owners Association, Oakwood Neighborhood Watch, Oxford Owners Association, Phoenix House/Tuum Est, Sunset Avenue and Neighborhood Association, West LA Community Service Organization, Venice Committee on Santa Monica Airport, and the Venice Town Council.

The march will begin at the Rose Ave. Parking Lot at 10:30 AM with all candidates expected to speak briefly at the Windward Pavilion finale. Venice groups and individuals are invited to march, to make signs and banners which promote local civic interests. Signs bearing candidates names will not be permitted.

Three of the six candidates for the Sixth Council District, Rimmon Fay, Ruth Galanter and Patrick McCartney are Venice residents. The others represent different areas--Pat Russell, Westchester; Salvatore Grammatico, Mar Vista; and Virginia Taylor-Hughes, Crenshaw.

This large contingent of candidates reflects a pervasive opinion that Venice has traditionally lacked responsiveness in representation since becoming part of Los Angeles in 1925.

A closer look at the facts reveals that public officials do not take Venice seriously because Venice does not take the electoral process seriously. There are 200,000 residents in the Sixth District, 55,109 in Venice. (All data is from the 1980 U S Census and the 1983 election--the most recent available statistics.) A little over half of the population is registered to vote--102,013. In Venice, only 18,493 are registered voters. That's about one-third.

Lower voter registration in Venice isn't the whole story, however. Where some precincts in the district last time had a voter turnout of between 50-60%, 17.4% of Venice' registered voters voted. So only about 3,200 of us made the decision for 55,000--less than 6%. When it comes time to be counted, 52,000 of us are invisible!

Many Venice residents say the status quo will continue, there is nothing we can do. This is a self-fulfilling prophecy. If enough of us believe that, it will certainly prove to be true on April 14.

The Venice Civic Union and their nine co-sponsoring groups believe this can change. That is why we want to call attention to this election.

If we get out and vote, when office holders choose which constituents to listen to, whose alley to pave, (and choices do have to be made) Venice will get our share of attention because the incumbent will know that Venice can help them, or can hurt them. We won't be invisible.

If you care about Venice and want to give it a voice, be sure to vote April 14, and join the April 11th march and rally to encourage other people to vote, too. Please call 392-0265 to volunteer or just make a sign and get in step.

## Bits and Pieces

Reports of child abuse and neglect jumped nearly 55 percent from 1981 to 1985 while resources to help such children increased only a fraction of that amount.

The shortfall in resources was due largely to cuts in federal assistance. Federal program cuts since 1981 have resulted in a loss of \$131.5 million in child welfare funds in the 31 states that provided complete information, the House committee said.

I guess the contras need the money more than our abused children. Thank you President Rambo.

### ALERT!

#### Minors' rights to abortion threatened

Wyman and Montoya have introduced bills (AB 77 and SB 11) which would require written parental consent or a court order to enable a minor to obtain a legal abortion. Assembly Democratic leader Isenberg has also announced his intention to submit a bill to limit minors' access to abortion. **WRITE** to State Capitol, Sacramento CA 95814.

#### Support full MediCal funding for abortions

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**VISION** — Pat McCartney has the energy and commitment to vigorously defend the area's quality of life, working to prevent the traffic gridlock, smog, sewage overload and housing shortage brought on by Pat Russell's support on the westside for half of Downtown's high-rise office buildings.

**COMPASSION**—Pat McCartney has a deep interest in the need for housing, jobs, police protection and other basic services for Sixth District residents.

**PATRICK McCARTNEY** will open the Venice District Office closed by Pat Russell more than ten years ago. He will personally oversee a program of Venice improvements. He will spend the necessary time at the Venice office to respond to complaints. He will be accessible and ensure that phone calls are returned and letters answered. As a resident of Venice for 13 years, he knows what has to be done.

### STOP THE NEGLECT OF VENICE

• **VENICE BOULEVARD** — A monument to the neglect of Venice, the namesake street of Venice is an eyesore and dangerous. The non-irrigated

median landscaping near Lincoln is an embarrassment to a community where many landscape architects live.

• **SANTA MONICA AIRPORT NOISE** — Russell failed to send staff to the meetings which led to the current noise abatement program, which directs planes over Venice and away from Santa Monica.

• **THE PAVILION** — Built during Russell's tenure, Russell has allowed the multi-purpose facility to fall into disrepair. Renovation is needed and damage from 1983 storms repaired.

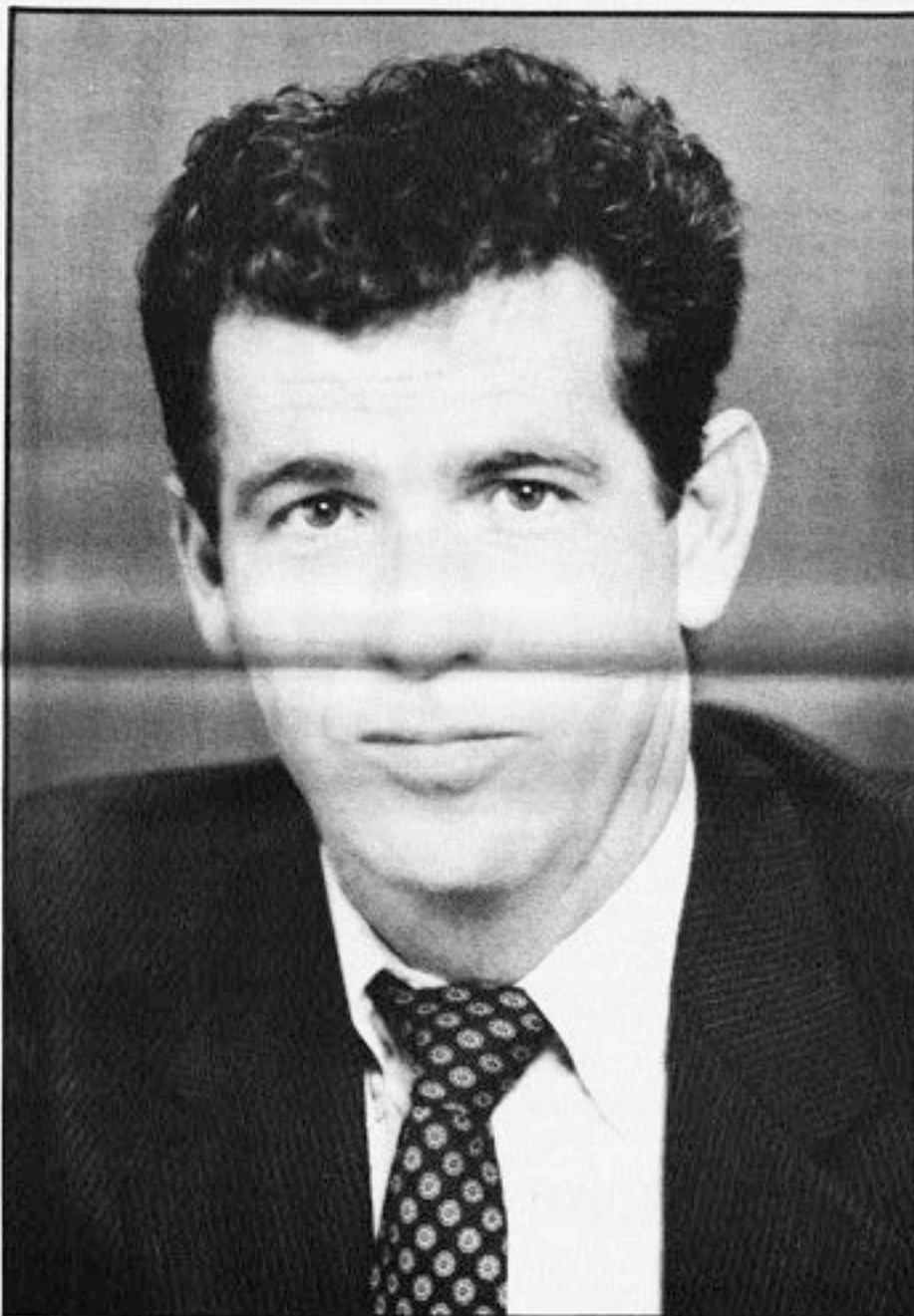
• **PARKING** — Neglected despite repeated requests from the community, residential and public access parking urgently needs to be increased, along with proper signs.

• **VENICE OIL WELL REVENUES** — More money from the oil site on Venice Beach has been spent in San Pedro in the past 15 years than in Venice. Venice should benefit from its oil site.

• **OAKWOOD NEEDS** — The residents of Oakwood need improved alley lighting, anti-graffiti funds and for the City to clean up its empty lots. The present anti-drug Task Force should be made permanent. A Housing Programs Office would make funds available to protect the economic diversity of the community.

• **SENIOR TRANSPORTATION** — Venice seniors deserve a home pick-up service to help them attend the programs at the Westminster, Penmar and Levin Senior Centers.

• **UNPAVED ALLEYS** — After 18 years of Russell, there should not remain a dozen unpaved alleys in Venice.



**McCARTNEY, THE BEACHHEAD'S NATIVE SON**

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# Parking Plan Previewed

by Dell Chumley

"...A balanced parking program, which addresses the needs of residents, beachgoers, and other members of the public, is needed to solve the complex parking problems in the Venice community," proclaimed the introductory portion of a 25 page, 11"x17" illustrated booklet presenting the menu of measures and strategies to the community for review and comment on March 21 at a six-hour session in the Westminster School cafeteria.

The room was surrounded with maps and graphs, one of which revealed that in five newly approved building permits a total of 1726 beach access parking spaces would be created with only 160 resident spaces. So it was obvious to the 100 plus participants that balance in parking was not present Los Angeles City policy.

The Venice Civic Union, whose north beach membership started Councilwoman Russell's creation of a task force study last October, came to the community meeting with their own report including a survey and specific recommendations. The survey was conducted by VCU volunteers, of resident parking needs in the area of Ocean Front Walk to Pacific Avenue from the Santa Monica line to Sunset Avenue.

The survey revealed that, in the eleven block area of 1,154 housing units, a shortage of private, on-premises parking spaces for residents was 743. Using the Coastal Commission guidelines of one guest space per four units, there is an added guest deficit of 287, for a total shortage of 1,030.

If all street parking were protected resident parking by creation of a Preferential Parking District there would be a total of 94 street spaces to meet this need. If all red curbs not protecting fire hydrants were eliminated, this number could be increased by 27 spaces. Without consideration of commercial needs or beach access, that brings the net deficit of residential parking spaces to 909 in the area studied.

Since the surrounding territory--at least to Main Street and south toward Venice Blvd. is similar in characteristics (walk streets and narrow alleys) this kind of impacted parking condition can be projected by about five times for the entire north beach.

The City study mentioned ten beach access measures, four residential measures and four public policy considerations. Two of the public policy areas were traffic control and signage, and parking enforcement. Little innovative or enlightened change in policy was mentioned.

The two public policies with substantive content were creation of a Venice Preferential Parking District to allow residential only parking on all street west of Lincoln Blvd. and Parking Assessment Districts.

Parking Assessment Districts require that a percentage of property owners in an area agree to additional property taxes to pay for the improvements. In a community like Venice, where only 27% of housing units are owner occupied, it is difficult to achieve this agreement.

As previously mentioned, due to a combination of walk streets and narrow alleys, a Preferential Parking District is a good idea, but will meet only about 10% of the deficit. Where a Parking Assessment District requires approval of property owners, Preferential Parking requires permission of residents.

Of the 6,500 potential spaces offered as options at the public meeting, 26.5% were for residential use and 73.5% were for beach access. All residential measures require replacement for beach access

Cost-per-car is a good way to judge the various proposals, and that can range from nearly free all the way up to over \$20,000. for a single lot (30'x100') improved to park eight cars on one level.

The most expensive proposal by the City was to create a 300 space strip lot along Electric Avenue which would serve the Washington Blvd. commercial and, with shuttle, beach access. The \$14,137. per space price was much lower a few years ago when the City could have bought that land direct from the railroad.

Other expensive measures include 150 spaces at Ballona Lagoon (\$13,006.) and expansion of 260 spaces at the Via Larina county lot (\$9,615.).

At the low end of the cost-per-car spectrum are cost-effective restriping of the county beach lots (\$900. per space) for 600 spaces; off-peak use of those same lots at minimal cost to residents which could provide 1,345 (present) or up to 1,953 (restriped) spaces for overnight use. And use of existing Public School and Marina Business Center and Marina Expressway Median could, for the price of shuttle service, provide 2,000 peak-time beach access spaces.

Expansion of the Rose Avenue lot for residents with a separate entrance from Navy St. would cost a modest \$3,000. per space for 124 cars, and another VCU recommendation, to make multi-level structures out of flat lots could provide more parking on less land with the advantage of lower cost and less valuable beach covered by automobiles.

How do we address the paving of the Venice Blvd. median? Cost-per-car of \$3,457. is reasonable, and the City adds 700 beach access spaces to their total. Do we ignore the fact that the median has been used for beach access parking? Do we cheer the "pilot program" to demonstrate the shuttle in this area where beachgoers have previously walked the five blocks to Ocean Front Walk? It will be more attractive, paved and landscaped. It just won't solve any parking problems!

A summary of public policy changes that the Venice Civic Union recommends:

1. That the limited nature of resident parking deficits, compared to beach access be recognized and resolved.
2. That parking tickets as a revenue source where there is an official shortage of resident parking be replaced by revenue sources less punitive to the poorest citizens, like a regressive tax system.
3. That incentives of a low interest revolving fund and tax abatement be used to encourage owners of pre-existing buildings to create parking and to balance the income from parking with other types of development, just as public policy encouraged seismic reinforcing and fire sprinkling in these same buildings.
4. That mass transportation be encouraged for beach access.
5. AND that a moratorium on all building permits west of Main Street should be initiated immediately until all resident parking deficit is relieved.



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# Gold on the Silverstrand

by IYLENE WEISS & MOE STAUZEER

For more than a quarter century various plans to connect the Venice Canals with the Marina del Rey channel have popped up here and there. The latest has been proposed by the Silver Strand Marina Association (SSMA) to the Army Corps of Engineers and to the City of L.A.

But didn't this project get dumped on the trash heap of history almost 20 years ago I hear you asking yourself? Obviously not.

SSMA is a very well financed and politically connected group of investors and homeowners on the multi-million dollar Silver Strand development which runs parallel to Pacific Ave from Washington St to the marina channel. (SSMA contributed the max to Pat Russell's election campaign). Names such as Harlan Lee, Don Tronstein, Mary Legge, Cliff Rome are associated with this latest effort to destroy the Ballona Lagoon by converting it to a private mini-marina. What they want to do is a bit difficult to imagine, especially if you consider the value of the place they want so much to destroy.

Ballona Lagoon, like many invaluable ecologic jewels, appears to be nothing more than another expendable picturesque piece of developable property, to some people. I mean, for god's sake, it's just sitting there when it could be accommodating pretty power boats. The Lagoon is, in fact, part of a living ecosystem that is extremely productive and a valuable feeding place for the endangered Least Tern and many wintering birds on the California fly way. Its mudflats and wetlands are the habitat for a goodly number of clams and fish such as bent nose, halibut, turbot and sand bass. All of these will be wiped out if SSMA gets its way. And they're closer to reaching the pot of gold at the end of their rainbow than they've been in many a year.

Not surprisingly, this comes at a time when the Canals, which are directly connected to Ballona Lagoon by the Grand Canal, are themselves slated for great

change. The proposal here, well on its way toward final city approval, would dredge the canals and then line them with some kind of cement forming straight vertical banks with boat docking in front of the homes. Now if this is done, followed by the SSMA plan for the Lagoon, how long will it be before they're connected?



photo by memphis slim

The SSMA plan is to dredge, deepen, widen and bulkhead the lagoon in order for power and sail boats to pass upstream to a turning basin (right where the mud flats are) at the north end of the lagoon. In the process, they would also eliminate the Lighthouse bridge which provides the only pedestrian access point between the Marina/Silver Strand area and the beach. It and the canals would then eventually be as devoid of life just like the boat channels of the Marina. And keep in mind that the Army Corps of Engineers built the marina! The project requires that the lagoon be opened to the marina channel so both Pacific Ave and Via Marina would become deadends and the parking along the channel would disappear. They've also come with cockamamie idea of building a movable bridge across the lagoon. Traffic on Pacific and Via Marina would of course become outlandish.

The Corps is very susceptible to public pressure and public hearings are scheduled for the future though none are actually scheduled now. But let them know you're interested. Write or call for information and to get your name added to the notification list. The application number is 86-016, the phone is (213) 894-5606, address letters to Chuck Holt, Chief of Regulatory Branch, Dept. of the Army, Los Angeles District, Corps of Engineers, P.O. Box 2711, Los Angeles CA 90053. Do it now!

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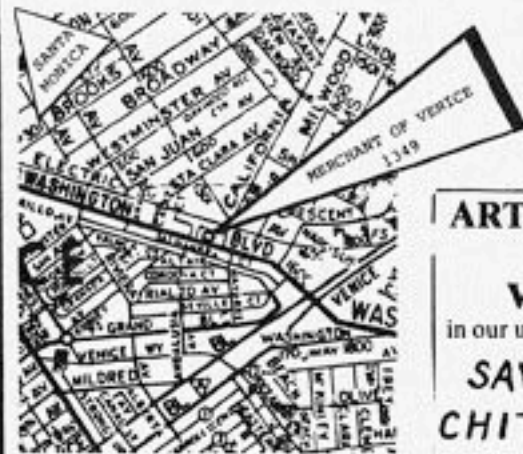
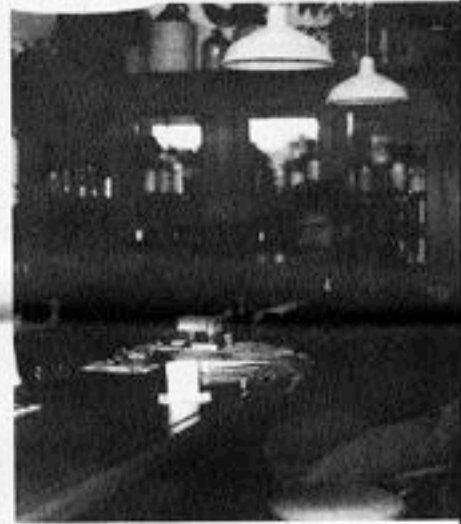
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## Five Who

## "Rim" Fay



To The Voters of Venice from  
Rimmon C. "Rim" Fay, Ph.D.

As a candidate for City Council from the Sixth District, I would like to tell you why I believe I am your best possible representative.

If elected, I pledge to protect the residents of this area from the ravages of a development-oriented city government. One way to bring this about would be to break the link that presently exists between developers and elected city officials by implementing strong campaign financing reforms.

No other candidate knows this district's problems as well as I do nor is anyone else as prepared to address them as I am. My public service, business experience and technical expertise go beyond that of any other candidate running for the City Council from the sixth district.

I was a member of the Los Angeles-Ventura Coastal Mountains Study Commission (1971-1972), which has since become the Santa Monica Mountains Coastal Conservancy. While serving as a member of the Regional Coastal Commission for Los Angeles and Orange Counties (1973-79), and as a representative of the regional commission to the State Coastal Commission (1974-1977), I helped to create the California Coastal Plan.

This service to the region and the State gave me experience in working with every level of local, state and federal government.

For the past seven years, I have been a member of the Marine Review Committee which conducts studies on the biological effects of the San Onofre Nuclear Generating Station. This experience has given me detailed knowledge of the environmental impact of energy production and the adverse effects of radioactive pollution.

I love this area. It's my hometown. I have lived and worked in the 6th District all 57 years of my life.

I was a student at the Machado and Westminster grammar schools when truck farmers raised vegetables in Ballona Valley.

I went to Venice High School and later I attended Los Angeles City College, and after that UCLA. It was there I obtained a bachelor's degree in bacteriology and a Ph.D. in biochemistry.

During my student years, I worked as a lifeguard on local beaches and have continued to do so for 38 years.

I was around when low rents in Venice provided refuge for the displaced dust bowl farmers and European immigrants.

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## Ruth Galanter



Ruth Galanter Campaign: 645-9305

by MOE STAUENEZER

On April 14th, we've got an opportunity, a golden opportunity, to defeat Pat Russell and to elect Ruth Galanter as OUR councilperson. If we don't take advantage of this chance, it'll be four years and a couple of Century Cities later until we get the chance again. He won't even Venice by then!

As our councilperson for 17 years, Pat Russell has been a remarkable under-achiever. For instance, did you know that Russell has not added even 1 parking space in Venice in all the time she's been on the City Council? Ruth Galanter prepared a parking plan for the Venice Peninsula, commissioned, and then ignored, by the self-same Russell, sound familiar? Russell's new Parking Task Force is actually a bunch of city bureaucrats in cahoots with major developers in the area.

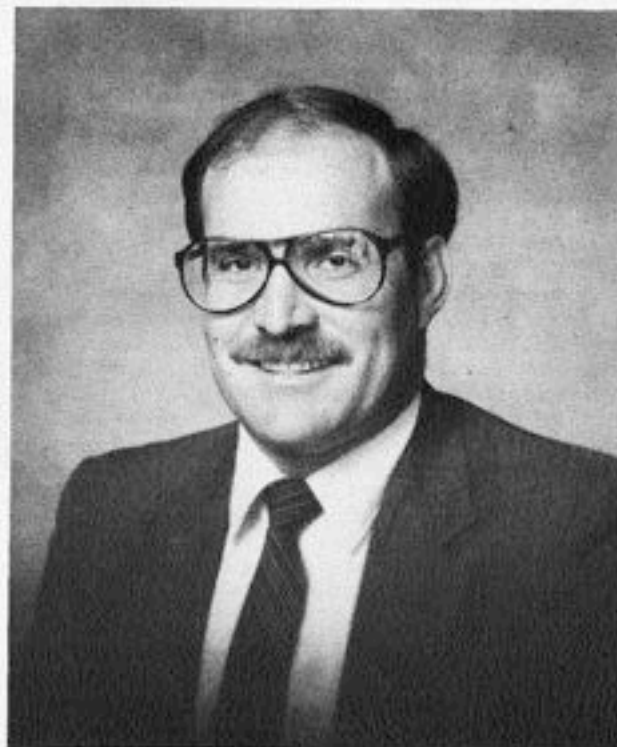
Ruth calls Russell, "a wholly owned subsidiary of the Summa Corporation." She's got good grounds for that charge. The Summa Corp. and Russell have a much more intimate relationship than meets the eye. Curtis Rossiter is not only Russell's closest and most trusted advisor, he is also a Summa Corporation lobbyist in support of Playa Vista, a representative for Hughes Real Estate which owns many bluff-top lots that will be worth a fortune if Playa Vista gets built, and Russell's campaign manager while he was doing this work. According to the L.A. Weekly, "Russell had, in fact, transferred as much as \$250,000 to Rossiter between 1983 and 1986 with an additional \$14,000...on the first two months of 1987." She also paid another ex-employee-now-employed-by-Summa-person, David Grannis, some \$25,000 for campaign work. (Sounds like pretty good fringe benefits to me.) Another of her ex-employees, John Hartmire, is now the press person for, and cooker-up of, I guess, her "Big Lie" campaign. Another of her ex-employees, Sharon Shapiro, worked for a PR firm that worked for, da-da-da-da-da-da, Summa Corp.

I am not making this up!

Ruth Galanter has spent her time, lately, as a private consultant to the California Coastal Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the City of Santa Monica. She served on the Coastal Commission for 4 years. She was helping create parks and protect wetlands, not destroy them. She's also been working on health issues, serving on the Task Force on Health and the Economy, as well as other committees, of the American Public Health Association.

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## Salvatore Grammatico



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## GRAMMATICO FOR CITY COUNCIL

Salvatore Grammatico, a resident of the Sixth District for twenty-two years, is running for City Council in the election to be held on April 14, 1987. Salvatore moved to the district from Italy at the age of thirteen. He graduated from Venice High School in 1971, and has studied at West Los Angeles Junior College, Santa Monica Junior College and UCLA in furtherance of his career as a realtor. In the twenty-two years since coming from Italy, he has become a successful realtor on the Westside.

He has also been active in community affairs, most recently as president of The Mar Vista Del Rey Homeowners and Neighbors Association. As president of that organization he helped defeat an ill-conceived, poorly planned residential apartment complex intended for the middle of Culver Boulevard in the Del Rey Community. As an active participant in the Coalition of Concerned Communities, Salvatore has helped to stem the tide of mega developments which have been threatening to overwhelm Venice and surrounding communities.

Salvatore has been a certified scuba diver for fifteen years. As such, he has had even more direct contact than most people with the sewage being dumped by the City of Los Angeles into Santa Monica Bay. He feels that the City made a mistake a decade ago when it decided to fight federal requirements that it clean up its act rather than to make the investments that would eliminate the pollution. The City's error looked even more serious when it appeared that the City had lost its battle to resist the controls and accordingly would be forced to make major investments after the ninety percent federal funding which was initially available had run out. Over President Reagan's

veto the US Congress has recently authorized \$9 billion in new federal funding. Salvatore will be a strong voice on the City Council pushing for the City to take full advantage of this federal money now. Otherwise, the money will be spent on water pollution problems in other places, and Santa Monica Bay will remain as filthy as ever.

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# Will!!!

## Patrick "Pat" McCartney

# EXTRA!

### Virginia

### Taylor Hughes



VENICE, WE DESERVE THE BEST

By: Virginia Taylor Hughes



RUN, DON'T WALK, TO THE POLLS

by Patrick McCartney

With just days remaining in the race for Los Angeles City Council in the Sixth District, campaign activities have increased to a fevered pitch. In the midst of the whirl, it's not always easy to see what the net effect is of so much effort by so many candidates. But let me give you the "big picture" as I see it.

Our Councilwoman of the last 18 years, Pat Russell, lost interest in Venice years ago. This year, after giving away half of Westchester to commercial interests and angering the usually unflappable Westchester community, she's in danger of losing her job.

There are times, when the five of us challengers are hammering away at Mrs. Russell on an endless list of District troubles, it almost seems unfair. Here are five good representatives from the community ganging up on a beleaguered incumbent who's been good on minority and women's issues, and supportive of the gay movement.

But the five of us challengers know better than most people in the community (since we have been among those most involved), how sad the decline is in attention and services received by the community. I remember the first instances when I served on the Venice and Westside Coalitions for the Homeless, and had heard that Russell had turned down requests by three different private agencies to use a city facility for aid to the homeless. I asked a Russell aide what the Councilwoman was doing for the homeless in Venice and was told "We're studying the Los Familias program downtown." That "studying" has done zip for the homeless in Venice in the two years since.

I believe we urgently need a service center for transients near Ocean Front Walk, and a replacement site for the Rose Avenue feeding program. The homeless can't reenter the mainstream unless they have a place where they can wash their clothes, bathe, use an address, receive job referrals and medical screening, and store their belongings.

But maybe the homeless is not your interest.

How about historic preservation then? Do you know that of the 300 historic sites in Los Angeles, only two are in Venice, one being the canals and the other the bed-and-breakfast inn on the beach? None of the significant buildings from the colorful Venice past are recognized or protected, an important fact with an impending deadline for seismic safety hanging over their roofs.

When I asked for help from the Councilwoman's office for seeking Los Angeles historic status for some buildings, I received a chilly, "The Councilwoman believes historic status restricts what an owner can do with his property." That's the principal reason I helped found the Venice Historical Society, and another of the reasons why I decided to oppose Mrs. Russell.

But the public rarely sees the City that close up. The headlines seldom spell out the little actions and inactions behind the scenes. Several years ago I was elected the executive officer for the Venice Town Council, a group formed by Mrs. Russell to receive feedback from the community, but pretty much abandoned when it grew too independent.

In its revitalized form, the Town Council has continued to serve as a sounding board for the community and a watchdog over the City planning process. As I served the group, I learned that letters to Mr. Russell were not answered. The only responses we received were an occasional phone call, and an offer to appear when the City had something to sell us like the Coastal Transportation Plan.



# EXTRA!

By MOE STALNEZER

We have a law breaker for a council person! Call it pink collar crime, if you will, but its crime nonetheless. Let me explain.

Maybe you also got a buff-colored invitation from the Venice Action Committee(VAC) to take part in a "Parking Workshop" on March 21st. It opened with a cute letter from Pat Russell extolling the virtues of her Venice Area Parking Task Force and the Venice Action Committee. On the bottom of the middle panel we are informed that this invite was "Not printed at public expense"

The workshop, held at Westminster Elementary School, was by all accounts very successful--75 to 100 people attended, including Russell and a large part of her council staff. A rather spiffy document, "Venice Parking," containing various parking alternatives was distributed to all participants and there were plenty left over.

Sounds OK, huh. Oh, no, no, no, not OK at all!

The scoop is that the invitation was sent, not by the Venice Action Committee, the event's sponsor, but by Russell's campaign committee! The spiffy document was written and printed by city staff at city expense. (Pretty neat that the VAC got the City to produce this document for them). Wait, there's more. The consultant who put the whole presentation together was paid for by the Venice Action Committee. And, still more. The invitation's return address turns out to be a rental P.O. Box which also happens to be the address on Russell's campaign stationery, while the phone number on the invitation belongs to VAC. Finally, this supposedly non-political event was held at a public school.

State law requires that both the name and address of a campaign committee be on the mail it sends to the public. The reason for this law is so the public will know exactly who has sent, and is responsible for, political mail. And mail sent by a campaign committee is, by definition, political mail. Curtis Rositer told me, Russell basically put the whole show together and got VAC simply to sponsor it because city law does not allow mass mail from a council office after the official start of a campaign. So how could Russell still get credit for the event and notify the public? Why, of course, get the campaign to do it! And make it look like a known community organization was doing it.

Yeacccchhhh. It's so sleazy my finger keeps slipping off the keyboard even as I write.

I checked. This scenario is, amazingly, legal, except the part about leaving the name off the invitation. It doesn't sound like it should be to me, it certainly ain't ethical the way I define that word.

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The time has come and the opportunity is in your hands to send a strong message to the Los Angeles City Council. On Tuesday, April 14, 1987, the residents of Venice can speak out, by exercising your right to vote. Your failure to vote will result in four more years of mediocre representation in the Super 6th Council District.

While traveling through the Venice community, I am constantly reminded of how Venice has been neglected; how requests for municipal services go unanswered and how insensitive our representative is to issues of crime, affordable housing, traffic congestion and adequate parking, just to name a few.

**WHY IS VENICE NEGLECTED?** Why are our community organizations and our leaders unable to form responsive and effective coalitions with City Hall and our Councilwoman? **WHY ARE THE RESIDENTS OF VENICE SO FRUSTRATED?** The answer is simple, **VENICE DOESN'T HAVE EFFECTIVE LEADERSHIP ON THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL.**

**THREE OUT OF EVERY FIVE RESIDENTS I HAVE TALKED WITH WANT NEW COUNCIL REPRESENTATION NOW!**

If you want to improve the quality of life in Venice, you can start by doing two things. First, you must get out and vote on April 14, 1987, and encourage your friends and neighbors to vote. Venice voter turnout is one of the lowest in the 6th District. Voter apathy and political neglect go hand and hand. If you are tired of being neglected, you can send a strong message that the Venice community demands and deserves strong effective leadership.

The second thing you can do is to vote for me, **VIRGINIA TAYLOR HUGHES**, for the City Council, 6th District. **WHY SHOULD YOU VOTE FOR ME ON APRIL 14, 1987, as your City Council Representative?**

As your Councilwoman, I will do two things immediately. First, I will locate a field office in Venice and staff that office with individuals who understand the needs of Venice and who can work with the people of Venice. Secondly, I will form a Venice Oversight Committee, composed of community leaders and experts on various key issues such as transportation, housing, jobs, urban planning, public safety and the environment. The **VENICE OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE's** primary function will be to return local community control for decision making to the residents. The Committee will be empowered to develop a Venice Community Plan and a strategy for its implementation. This plan will be presented to the citizens of Venice for their approval and support. The Venice Oversight Committee will become the community vehicle for developing board based coalitions with existing community organizations such as the Venice Town Council, the Venice Committee on the Santa Monica Airport and the Orlowood Homeowners.

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I watched as construction of the world's largest small craft harbor on the Marina Peninsula brought a big change to Venice, while few people thought about the negative effects this giant marina would have on the nearby ocean.

I bought a home in Venice and raised my four sons here. I established a unique business in this area, collecting specimens of marine organisms for educational and research programs.

It was through my marine specimen business that I began noticing a degradation of the local environment, especially in the offshore waters. In 1965, I began an active effort to clean up these waters by focusing on Santa Monica Bay. Today, I am still working to clean up the bay and will continue to do so until the problem is resolved.

It is common knowledge that the bay is polluted, principally by sewage from Los Angeles and several other adjacent communities. There are various ways to curtail this. One is to immediately stop dumping sewage sludge into the bay. Sewage sludge is the collection of solids removed during primary and secondary treatment of sewage. This mixture, with its very high concentration of toxic substances and large amounts of disease-causing organisms, significantly alters the biological life on the seafloor wherever it is released.

Another part of the solution is to subject all sewage discharged into coastal waters to secondary treatment. This form of treatment--largely biological in nature--must, in turn, be protected from contamination by toxic wastes. These toxic wastes must be prevented from entering the system by stringent source control.

But even if the discharge into the ocean is cleaned up, the waste load continues to increase faster than facilities can be developed to treat it. As long as those treatment facilities are inadequate, I will work to implement a moratorium on any new sewer line hookups.

Meanwhile, I plan to continue working on the other problems besetting Venice, such as the neglected canals, insufficient parking and other aspects of overdevelopment. Overdevelopment is also the problem that threatens destruction of the Ballona Lagoon. The giant Playa Vista project must be substantially modified.

Besides the bay, the canals and the wetlands, many other unresolved issues such as transportation, air quality, the homeless problem, crime and unemployment are out of control.

The reason for Venice's escalating problems is the failure of Pat Russell, the present City Council representative, to provide leadership to protect her district. Instead, she has acted to make matters worse by intensifying development and making government both less accessible and more unresponsive.

I entered this campaign because Mrs. Russell is neither serving the best interests of the district nor the City of Los Angeles. She has continuously failed to act on behalf of the district in an effective and responsible manner.

If elected, I will be there when you need me.

Compare my record with those of the other candidates and I believe you will agree I am the best qualified

person to replace Mrs. Russell in the 6th District.

If you have any questions, please call 822-5757 and I will be glad to answer them. If not, I hope I can count on your vote on April 14.

# # #



When I first met Ruth, about 13 or 14 years ago, she was among the statewide leaders before the, then brand spanking new, Coastal Commission. Ruth was involved in appealing the Santa Monica redevelopment project, now known as Sea Colony. That project was 3 times the density we see today and did not contain even one affordable housing unit. Because of Ruth, the project was cut by 2/3 and included 100 affordable units for seniors. Galanter created, at around the same time, the National Health Law Newsletter and served as the editor of this nationally distributed publication for eight-and-a-half years. In 1976 she was appointed to the South Coast Regional Coastal Commission and served there more than 4 years, as its chairwoman for nearly 2.

Ruth played a central roll in writing the LCP, local coastal plan, for Santa Monica while Pat Russell was condemning the LCP's for Venice to a hole in the planning bureaucracy. Ruth was a consultant for the Santa Monica Pier restoration project while Russell was allowing the Venice Pier to deteriorate and, finally, to close. Ruth was formulating plans to save the Huntington Beach Wetlands while Russell was setting out to destroy the Ballona Wetlands. The difference is obvious; Ruth Galanter solves problems, Pat Russell creates them!

By now, I hope, you're convinced that Ruth will be a far better councilperson than Russell. But what about the other candidates? McCartney, Fay, Grammatico and Taylor-Hughes.

None of these candidates has the breadth of experience that Ruth has. Only Fay has any government experience at all, having served on the Coastal

Commission as Ruth did. Rim, like Ruth, also has a long and admirable record in environmental causes. Rim has been an outspoken critic of the way the Santa Monica Bay has been mishandled and polluted by every government agency within earshot. But his ardent advocacy does not necessarily translate into being a good council member. Fay tends to be a political loner. For the 12 or so years I've known Rim Fay, he has mainly kept his own council, shunning work with other people or organizations precisely the opposite of what we need as a replacement for Russell.

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Is VIRGINIA TAYLOR HUGHES THE ANSWER? Yes. I am a leader who has a track record of success. A leader is measured by what they have accomplished, not where they live or what groups they belong to. Community involvement is good, but a leader must be able to transfer involvement into positive changes for the benefit of the community.

In 1982, my business and other businesses in the District were experiencing crimes against our businesses. We were frustrated because the police seemed indifferent. I organized the Merchants For Community Improvement and we succeeded in getting better police service. We also challenged the way police are deployed, and had additional officers assigned to high crime areas. Since crime is the result of many factors, including lack of jobs, we established a jobs program to hire the youth of our community. I was appointed to the Police Department's Deployment Committee by Mayor Tom Bradley and I am in a position to change resource allocations within the Police Department for the betterment of our community.

I am a results oriented leader and I will apply these same techniques to make city government responsive to you and the needs of Venice.

Together we can make a difference, lets start now. VOTE FOR ME, VIRGINIA TAYLOR HUGHES, ON APRIL 14, CITY COUNCIL, 6th DISTRICT. For additional informational, contact my office, 4708 Crenshaw Blvd., Suite 205, Los Angeles, 90043, 213-291-VIH6.



McCartney is much the opposite of Fay. He has no experience in government and, generally, works within the context of an organization, such as the Coalition of Concerned Communities. McCartney is a relative newcomer to community involvement compared to either Galanter or Fay and, in my opinion, lacks the depth and understanding of the issues compared to either of them. When we were still at the stage of just discussing a race against Russell, McCartney stated that he would make a better candidate than a councilperson. I agreed with him then, I still do.

The other two candidates, Virginia Taylor-Hughes and Sal Grammatico, are sincere people who simply seem unprepared as candidates. They are not generally considered to be viable candidates. Taylor-Hughes is the only candidate from the eastern part of the district, Crenshaw specifically, and I hope that she'll take away votes from Russell.

Ruth, by the way, is endorsed by the: California League of Conservation Voters; Peace & Freedom Party; Baldwin Hills Democratic Club; L.A. County Democratic Party Central Committee; DSA; and Americans for Democratic Action, as well as a broad cross-section of the Venice Community.

People in Venice really need to get their tails out to vote this year. In the last 2 elections, Venice had the LOWEST voter turnout of any area in the 6th district. Only 17% of us bothered to vote in the last council election 4 years ago. Yes, I said 17%! Yet, Venice has more registered voters than any

place in the district except Westchester and Crenshaw. Our goal must be to keep Russell at well under 50% of the vote and, I feel, to have a clear leader come in a strong second. I urge you to make Ruth Galanter that strong leader and vote getter. On April 14th, VOTE FOR RUTH GALANTER!



# EXTRA!

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The trend continues. Russell continues to put campaign signs on public property which is a misdemeanor according a city official. Maybe you've noticed the comings and goings of Russell signs while driving Lincoln Bl. to the airport. Well, she keeps putting them up and CalTrans keeps taking them down, at our expense. And CalTrans officials have been quoted in the press chastising this action by a city councilwoman, who should know better.

Developers have given Russell nearly 45% of the campaign money she gets. We know that because candidates must reveal the source of their campaign funds to the public. In her last financial disclosure we found that a significant number of names were listed without their occupation. Now, do you suppose that she's trying to hide something?

Is Russell so out of it that she just doesn't care about little infractions like this, or is this merely business as usual? Why don't we all ask Russell about all of this. Her office number is 485-3357, she's supposed to listen. Find out if she does.

# EXTRA!

Salvatore Continued from 8

Gangs and drugs are another kind of pollution facing the district. Drugs are ruining the hope of our future, namely our young people. In the meantime, many people are being intimidated from going about their daily lives. Leadership is needed to break the cycle of dispare and greed that breeds gangs and drugs. The residents of the affected communities need to be galvanized into fighting back against those who are destroying their communities. At the same time, public resources need to be focused against the problem. More police resources, better coordination of social services, schools that really educate, and permanent jobs are the keys to a long range solution.

Venice and the surrrounding areas have a large community of senior citizens. Given the growth, conqestion and crime problems facing the Venice area, many senior citizens are financially hard pressed to continue to live in the area and even uncomfortable about simply going out. Modest income apartment units in the beach area and priority parking areas for seniors are things that Salvatore would work for. Alleviating the crime and drug problems is especially important to senior citizens. On a more mundane but no less important level many senior citizens would appreciate the simple courtesy of being able to walk on the promenade in a lane from which bicyclers, skaters, and skate boarders really are excluded.

Los Angeles is growing, and so is LAX, its major airport. Before traffic at LAX is allowed to grow further, the City and the neighborhoods surrounding LAX must have a traffic plan. The City Council representative from the sixth district must be someone who will press this issue, because if the representative of the district does not do it, no one else will. On a related point, the flight patterns of Santa Monica airport should be modified so that Santa Monica carries its fair share of the burden of aircraft noise rather than dumping substantially all of that burden on Venice as now occurs.

Salvatore feels that the incumbent city council person's failures in representation have contributed to many

of the district's present problems. The incumbent, supported by developers and other special interests, has supported the mega developments which will degrade the quality of life in many areas of the district. Rather than encouraging the construction of concrete palaces in already congested parts of the district, permanent jobs need to be created in the Crenshaw area.

The incumbent's long term in office has brought her substantial financial backing, but it is not clear that she still has the support of her electorate. Seventy percent of the district voted for the controls on growth imposed by Proposition U, a proposition which the incumbent opposed. Even the incumbent's financial backing is largely from outside the district. Of the \$46,775 she has reported raising for her reelection campaign as of 1/1/87 to 2/28/87, fully \$41,575 is from outside the district. The incumbent seems to value the views of the Southern California Association of Governments and of other prodevelopment special interest groups more than those of the residents of the district.

Salvatore Grammatico is a candidate for common sense and equal representation. He is intimately familiar with the district and its needs. He is and will be accessible to all of the members of the district. Just as he has stood up for the Culver City American Little League against the Summa Corporation's efforts to shove them out of the way of a development, he will continue to be sensitive to the needs and desires of all the neighborhoods in our district and of each of their residents throughout his term.



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When I became involved in other groups, I learned of more issues in the Sixth District that spoke of an incumbent grown distant from the community at the same time she has grown chummy with a small handful of major contributors. The selling off of Westchester to the Summa Corporation was much like Russell's solution to Washington Boulevard parking. Two years ago the Southern Pacific Railroad asked the City if it was interested in buying the right-of-way between Electric and Washington. The City could have bought the land for about \$9 a square foot. Mrs. Russell didn't bite, but some of her contributor friends snatched up the long, narrow strip.

Now Mrs. Russell has decided the City really can afford to buy the right-of-way for parking, and has patched together funding sources including general revenues. The only difference is that now the \$9-a-square-foot property has become \$30-a-foot, and Mrs. Russell's developer friends stand to make a windfall at Venice's expense.

In Westchester, a spontaneous coalescing of community interests occurred and the Coalition of Concerned Communities was formed in opposition to the favors Russell gave Howard Hughes Center and the other downtown-like projects. But the incumbent was distant, and served only the interests of the big contributors. Maybe that's why in the last campaign report period more than 85% of Russell's contributions came from outside the District.

After the Venice Town Council joined the Coalition, I was elected President of the Coalition and led its opposition to the Coastal Transportation Plan and then to the Howard Hughes Center, Continental City and Northside LAX. When we began to make noise about the Transportation Plan, Mrs. Russell lashed out in what has become her characteristic strategy, labelling the community opposition as "misleading and misinformed."

When the Howard Hughes Center and Continental City wanted to go ahead with high-rise office centers on industrially-zoned land the Planning Department balked. Russell introduced a special "clarification" to the local District Plan specifically allowing the added intensity. To those who called her office to ask about the "clarification," a Russell aide (who now works for Summa) told them they were

being misinformed--that no change to the District Plan was imminent. No wonder Russell chose as a campaign theme to attack her critics as "propaganda artists engaged in the big lie." It's a charge she finds easy to make, even if she fits the description better.

The facts and figures are slowly becoming public knowledge. We five challengers are driving home the point that Russell's attention has turned elsewhere. Her eleventh-hour "Task Force Fever" is an attempt to make her chronic neglect less visible.

Since leading Westside groups, I have been innovative and articulate. I have advocated fresh ideas like an elevated, magnetically-levitated Metro Rail to reduce costs and widen passenger service. I have led the community efforts against Playa Vista, the Coastal Corridor Plan, and the overdevelopment of the Westchester area. I worked for years as a Statistical Analyst for the County government, and have learned the corridors of City Hall well in the past three years.

Among the top three fundraisers in the campaign, I am the only one with a majority of contributions from within the Sixth District. I am the only challenger who has been active in the issues that affect our District, like Prop U, jobs-housing imbalance, and the Coastal Plan.

The campaign is a good fight. We have a responsibility to replace someone who has taken more from Venice than given to Venice, and I want to reverse that. Vote for a proven leader and vote for me. My campaign office is located at 8921 Sepulveda Blvd, Suite 120. Drop by and help if you have the time. Or call us at 645-0921 or 645-1408.



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Sal Grammatico is a resident and realtor from the Mar Vista area of the Sixth District. He and his homeowner group stopped a development on Culver Boulevard that would have destroyed a residential district. The incumbent is trying to take credit for Sal's fight.

Virginia Taylor Hughes is from the Crenshaw area. Her area needs development but not to the extinction of small businesses that make a neighborhood. Russell's plan is to Mall the area which would turn the surrounding residential areas into parking places for mallgoers.

Patrick McCartney is a resident of Venice and has been concerned about parking or lack of it and the impact of new development on parking. He's also Foreign Correspondent for the Free Venice Beachhead.

These are people who have pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor (would you believe I woke up in the middle of the night and wrote that phrase down thinking I had originated it?). They don't have the quarter million dollars that Russell has for campaigning. They are people who are so disturbed about what's happening to their neighborhoods for the benefit of big speculators and developers that each of them are losing money by putting themselves on the line.

People said that the past issue of the Beachhead was negative.

When the founders of this country decided they'd had enough of King George and his ministers exploiting them without representation, and taxing them for the privilege, they wrote a list of grievances and offences. It came to be known as the Declaration of Independence. I would like to see a Sixth District Councilperson who regards neighborhoods and community as being just as important as big profits for developers. I would like someone who is responsible and responsive to renters. The incumbent has consistently voted against rent control. I would like someone who is accessible to people whether they live in a condo or in their car. I would like to see someone in the Sixth who is aware of the ecological fragility of one of the last remaining wetlands in our area. Wetlands are the first link to the protein food chain. I would like a Councilperson who would pressure Building & Safety, Zoning and other agencies to pay attention to resident complaints of illegal conversions of low-income units to retail shops.

I realize that these problems can't be solved by one Councilperson, and these problems are part of the attitude of the Great Communicator Ronnie Raygun, and not just confined to the Sixth District. Raygun's attitude of laissez faire to the poor and welfare for the rich has certainly trickled down to the 01' Sixth. I do not want to see shelters for the homeless. I want to see homes for the homeless. Our Councilperson and others should work toward this goal rather than sweeping them and their belongings off the streets, and at Christmas time letting them sleep on the marble floors of City Hall.

I watched a cable program of the five Council candidates plus the incumbent. It was clear to me that the five candidates were a chorus - a very articulate chorus of statements about neglect and destruction of communities to the benefit of developers who build office space with not enough nearby houses. I heard not "big lies" as Russell claims, but hard truths and a willingness to work towards pleasant, livable communities. The drug problems, i.e. peddling the stuff in the streets and terrorizing the neighborhood, can't be solved just by law enforcement alone. A long-term commitment towards education and job training should be undertaken.

Even if the minimum wage is raised to five dollars an hour, a person can make a couple of hundred dollars in a few hours selling crack, heroin and designer drugs on the street, and a five-dollar minimum wage won't get you a pad even in the 'hood.

The problems were set forth by the moderator and it seemed to me that all Pat Russell said was: 'We're taking care of it, or it doesn't exist.'

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A friend of mine talked to me after the show. "I thought McCartney did the best," he said. He supports McCartney. "I thought Galanter did the best," I said. I support Galanter. I was miffed that everyone didn't think Galanter was way ahead of the other contenders, but obviously there's a lot of talent in the Fabulous Five. The Beachhead has presented a list of preventable and solvable problems. This doesn't make the Beachhead negative unless all you readers stay home on April 14 and whine.

The consequences of development that ignore the needs and purposes of neighborhoods has been written about in this paper for longer than the present incumbent has been in office. Our worst prophecies are here. A panoply of pollutions and a covey of congestions brought on by arrogance and anomie has infected the city as a whole and my Venice in particular. The incumbent has been selling off pieces of city-owned land - not trading them so they can be consolidated, but selling them. To paraphrase Ruth Galanter, you can only sell the land once.

Excuse me. The incumbent did authorize the city to buy new land. Several years ago the city had the opportunity to buy the railroad right-of-way land that runs between West Washington Blvd. and Electric Avenue for seven dollars a square foot. Merchants and residents proposed and requested that the property be purchased by the City so it could be used for parking. Instead, Mr. Zaca who owns a large amount of property on W. Washington Blvd., bought it and re-sold part of it to the city for thirty dollars a square foot. Zaca has contributed to the incumbent's quarter of a million dollar campaign chest. If I'd made as much money as Zaca has off Russell's fiscal irresponsibility and short-sightedness, I'd donate to her war chest also.

Some of that money could have been used to renovate the big decaying empty flying-saucer that dominates three acres of public land, the Venice Pavillion. Community groups and individuals representing the arts, social services, etc., have proposed uses for the now unusable eyesore. They range from theatre groups, dance, day care for the children of parents who are working or completing their education, programs for the homeless including a place to shower, a hot meal, and maybe some

drop-in counseling, and/or recreation for senior citizens, youth programs - the list is as diverse as the population in Venice. The Councilwoman has ignored the suggestions or claimed lack of money. Meanwhile revenues from the oil-holding facilities on Venice Beach go to other areas. The Pavillion continues to decay and the homeless break in and use the pavillion for shelter. There are rumors that the Councilwoman is letting the building slide on purpose, so that it can be leased cheaply to investors or developers who will use the area to develop the property and target enterprises that will favor the YUPscale to the further exclusion of low-income taxpayers who also use the beach.

The Councilwoman with the connivance of absentee property owners and under the guise of "historical restoration" has approved plans to widen and deepen the canals in such a way as to destroy the marsh life that presently exists in the canals. The straight cement banks, high-rise so-called "single family dwellings" which a canal resident tells me are being built to be easily bootlegged into separate apartments to accommodate at least two families. This means more cars in an already parking-poor neighborhood. As soon as the inspector leaves, my source tells me, up go the plaster-board partitions and the three bathroom, single-family home with studio is transformed into a mini-tenement. Don't equate tenement with low rents. Squalid, fleabag rooms with a bathroom down the hall rent for five hundred dollars a month in the Skid Row section of L.A.

I'm not being negative; I'm telling the truth, give or take some errors. I certainly don't agree with all five contenders politically, and I would probably question some of their priorities. The contenders are angry at being set up, and I do mean set up, on committees or advisory boards that are dummy operations. They want to do something about the inaccessibility that surrounds the president Councilperson who only responds to money. The contenders want the people to take back our power and use it for our wellbeing, not necessarily profits.

Some people look upon anger as a negative emotion. I feel it can be used to get things done when you're mad as hell and not going to take it any more. It rattles my chains to hear the incumbent call all five of her challengers victims of the "Big Lie."

office buildings would employ up to 15,000 people and provide no housing.

-- CONTINENTAL CITY. Although the local plan called for low-intensity industrial and residential uses for this 28.8-acre site, the current development plans are for office buildings and more hotels.

It is extremely ironic that the incumbent has expressed dismay over a proposed Culver City development, Marina Place. She has stated that it would adversely impact the area, reduce air quality, and provide loss of privacy due to the height of the proposed project--all legitimate complaints she should have made about the mega-developments in the Sixth District instead of enthusiastically supporting and promoting them.

TRAFFIC. The traffic generated by these projects will be monumental. The main artery through this area, the 405 Freeway, already resembles a parking lot. Its daily hostages refer to it as the "4 or 5" (miles per hour) Freeway.

The Coastal Transportation Corridor Plan (devised by the developers of the Howard Hughes Center and promoted by Russell) attempts to alleviate the impending traffic snarls by widening many roads throughout the area--bisecting the Ballona Wetlands and residential areas and eliminating the street parking on main arteries, such as Lincoln Boulevard, that is essential for local small businesses.

According to the Transportation Plan, after the developments have been constructed and after all the traffic mitigation plans have been put into effect, over 50% of the intersections in the area will be at level F, which means complete congestion.

Recent studies have revealed that the statistics in the Plan were flawed: an extremely unrealistic low estimate for traffic generated by the developments was used, so the gridlock will be even more extensive than 50% of the intersections.

The Transportation Plan will also impose undue economic hardship on local small businesses by assessing exorbitant fees for redevelopment or expansion (including parking facilities).

Residential neighborhoods could be protected by allowing street closures, instead of using residential streets as access roads.

OUR LIABILITY. The Playa Vista project and the Howard Hughes Center lie in an area of liquefaction danger during an earthquake. The proposed projects are within two miles of the Inglewood fault which had a 3.3 earthquake on March 28, 1987. The destruction in Mexico City during and after the earthquake there was due, in large part, to the city being in a liquefaction area.

If a devastating earthquake occurs and there is extensive damage and injury in these city-approved developments, the city (and, ultimately, the taxpayers) are open to considerable financial risk.

PROPOSITION U. Proposition U, the Reasonable Growth measure, was passed by 69% of the voters to limit overdevelopment throughout the city. Efforts were made by Russell to circumvent Proposition U in the Sixth District. She also pushed through the Continental City and Howard Hughes Center Contract Development Agreements before the proposition was passed.

CONTRACT DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENTS. The developers (and Russell) persuaded the city to sign Contract Development Agreements for the Howard Hughes Center and Continental City. These agreements bind the city to support the developments for a full 20 years with no provision for a future City Council to change the terms of the agreements.

It is obvious that the city can not be a watchdog for the community when it is shackled by 20-year indentures to the developers.

Development should be approved one phase at a time.

JOBS-HOUSING BALANCE. The jobs-housing balance is ignored by the currently proposed plans. The western portion of the Sixth District is job rich and housing poor. Many industries and businesses (ironically, the local Hughes Aircraft is among them) are losing employees due to the lack of housing within a reasonable distance.

The western portion of Los Angeles gained 31,000 jobs in the last few years while the eastern and south-central portions of the city lost 25,000 jobs. The developments currently

I woke up in the middle of the night again and I don't know if I plagiarized this from someone or if it came out of my own brain, but here it is: The "Big Lie" is a big joke, but the joke's on us if we don't get our friends and ourselves to vote on April 14.

proposed along the coast will add over 68,000 jobs, but provide housing for only 10,000 people.

POLLUTION. The city's infrastructure is strained to the limit. Our sewage system is already overflowing. In one spill alone (on September 24, 1986) over 12 million gallons of sewage spilled into the Santa Monica Bay from the Hyperion Treatment Plant. For years sewage has been dumped through Hyperion and Ballona Creek poisoning our beaches and polluting the nearby coastal waters.

The Bay is so polluted that it qualifies for federal superfund cleanup. Adding more sewer hookups without adding new treatment plants and completely renovating the existing system reeks of mismanagement, but that is exactly what is being planned.

The increased traffic will, of course, exacerbate the already unhealthy air quality. Los Angeles can not meet the requirements for clean air now; adding another 55,000 car trips per day in and out of this area is obviously going to produce unacceptable levels of carbon monoxide and other noxious pollutants.

PARKING. Especially in Venice, the parking problems are outrageous. There are not enough spaces for residents, tourists, or patrons of the local businesses. Instead of increasing parking over the past 17 years, dozens of spaces have been lost. Everyone must pay to park at the public beaches.

STREET REPAIR. Street repair, especially in Venice and Playa del Rey, has been dismally insufficient and, in areas, even nonexistent. This district is one of the few areas to have unpaved alleys. Instead of repairing the potentially dangerous areas, the city has been waiting for state or federal funds.

TRANSIT. The Metro Rail system will cost billions of dollars and provide mass transit for only four miles near downtown. A system of transit, preferably quiet and nonpolluting light rail, should be a priority for this district.

OPEN SPACES. The Playa Vista, Howard Hughes, and blufftop developments will destroy the only open space in the area--open space that is currently used as jogging trails, for flying sail planes, and as wildlife refuges.

CHANGE THE CHOPPERS. Helicopter noise continues to be a problem. After considerable resident pressure, a recommendation was made by the city to the FAA to raise the helicopter flying limit from 1500 feet to 2000 feet. The FAA must be compelled to enforce the 2000-foot limit--the helicopters are still flying low over residential areas. Alternate routes could be used (such as over the ocean). Noise abatement measures (More efficient and quieter engines) should be instituted.

PUBLIC HEARINGS. Hearings on the plans for the Sixth District have often been craftily held during weekdays in Van Nuys or downtown. ALL public hearings should be in the district and should be held during the evenings or on weekends with direct public notice to all residents.

TAX REVENUES. One of the arguments for allowing the extensive development planned in the western portion of the Sixth District is the tax revenues it would generate.

Development would generate tax revenues just as readily in the low- and under-employment districts of the city which are housing rich and job poor.

CRIME. There is a growing drug and violent crime problem throughout the district. Emphasis should be on preventing and solving the drug and violent crime problems rather than enforcing jaywalking and parking ordinances.

FAIR EXCHANGE? In exchange for the creation of the "killer corner" Howard Hughes Parkway off-ramp from the 4 or 5 Freeway and revamping the Centinela-Sepulveda intersection (making it also a life-threatening traffic experience), the developers of the Howard Hughes Center were allowed to build the 16-story mirrored monstrosity--the first of 10 buildings at the center--without a public approval process.

CAMPAIGN FINANCES. During the past two months, the incumbent raised \$46,000. Over 86% of this money came from individuals and organizations outside the district.

THE CHOICE IS OURS. We can elect a representative who will be responsive to the residents, or we can reelect the incumbent who responds only to the special interests. We can have equitable land use planning or problems; economic and environmentally safe transit or strangling traffic.

Our choice is crucial and obvious: elect one of the five challengers (Patrick McCartney, Virginia Taylor Hughes, Ruth Galanter, Salvatore Grammatico, or Rimmon Fay) and regain control of the Sixth District on April 14.

By Danna Cope, Vice President-Communications Coalition of Concerned Communities, Inc.

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Law Angeles City Council... dent Pat Russell said yesterday... critics and the media were... commercial development... issue in her upcoming... had that is warranted... Russell, who has represented... Sixth Council District since... winning election in 1989... all... constituents in Westchester... Vista, Venice and the... areas are in favor of develop... because of the jobs it creates... She is now gearing up to d... her council seat against five... onists in the April 14 election... City Hall observers... toughest re-election... Russell's opponents have... stand on commercial develop... use of the top election issue... "It's not that much of an... with my constituents," Russell... "It's the press that's making it... She added that her opponent... "trying awfully hard to find... thing" to attack and have... after her pro-development... stance...



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## Security Guards Attack

By no means will this article claim to be objective reporting. It's biased, hateful and slanted heavily toward the view of (this) one ex-schoolbus driver during the years '78-'83. This individual did not attend classes as a child in the system nor did he "teach" in it so far as the meaning of the word suggests. In fact, this "employee" was fired 4 times during one three year period...was often attacked by security guards at school district headquarters... and was actually beaten and choked by the LAPD at Parker Center downtown for activities connected with this same relationship to the Los Angeles Unified School District.

And although such sensation language here colors the story...the day-to-day underpinnings and politics behind these remarks overshadow any of the visible and/or physical abuses suffered. More simply put, what follows is one "insiders'" view of our school system as a DISSIDENT. Or more feelingly put...as a DISSONANT! Or that is as someone who wants to participate in the swing of things...but doesn't hear the music right...pitching in with an OFF COLOR SOUND. So off color as to contradict prevailing ideologies. So in any case (you mother fuckers out there), here goes the sour note:

Do you believe in free speech? Do you believe in the "Constitution"? or the "right for each citizen" to participate and exercise for the "peaceful assembly to redress grievances"? In short, do you believe that we as children, parents, workers, taxpayers and above all 'residents' of planet earth (L.A.?) should be "entitled" to extend our vocal chords during public school-board sessions?

Think again! Have you ever tried?? Howard Watts (who is a candidate running for Trustee in the Community College District) has. And for his efforts he reports he has been brutally attacked at least 3 times over a span of several years. This Beachhead writer can personally vouch a further attempt (by security personnel) in 1986 to squanch Howard's right to address the board, as I was probably the closest witness to the scene at the time.

Following these three attacks against Howard in the early seventies, the public's "right" to address it's elected schoolboard officials was apparently reduced! from 5 minutes (per speech) to 3 minutes/speech in October of 1977. Furthermore, posted ruleboards were arranged on the auditorium walls forbidding food, drink, placards, posters or picketsigns!



Unlike city council or schoolboard meetings in Burbank where resident "gadfly" Jules Kinnett (and his organization of 'Concerned Citizens of Burbank') led succesful fights to remove such similar prohibitive bulletins...the LA School district continues today denying persons the right to even express silent written material!

In May of 1985, this reporter was attempting to remain seated during a public meeting of the district's personnel commission. Immediately following remarks by the commission's director Mr. Campbell, a beefy security guard began physically assaulting my body...twisting an arm and grabbing the throat. The guard had 'mistakenly' assumed I carried a 'placard' (?). After an investigation by the LAUSD's chief of police Green, an apology was written. Meanwhile, commission members, administration representatives as well as director Campbell remained totally silent before, after and during the incident...as did the bulk of the remainder of the district's (mostly paid) "audience".

In 1973 however, Howard Watts claims he actually won a lawsuit against the LAUSD (Watts v. Nava) for their gangster tactics to the tune of \$3,500. But not until after 4-5 years of litigation, of having been handcuffed, dragged to jail, and choked. He stated that district attorneys rushed to settle during the preliminary phases of a trial---and pressed to seal all the documentation afterwards (before awarding the cash).

Howard says he had already been beaten up in 1971 and was attacked again after '73 by a security guard named Luther. The most amazing wrinkle to these episodes is discovering that Howard has been, and still is presently a "disabled veteran"!

And yet again in '86, a security guard rushed Watts following an outburst by schoolboard member Rita Walters. (She had just cut off the microphone to Victor Wightman...and it was ironically Wightman who directed the 'officer' to "take his hands off" the peaceful Howard).

Not one week earlier, Walters terminated the testimony of two extremely disturbed LA homeowners who were addressing the district concerning it's plans to bulldoze them out of home. She cut them off despite california law allowing for unlimited testimony from affected parties to such condemnation proceedings.

Yet even these infringements on free speech have proven insufficient to LAUSD bureaucrats. The rule "Board Rule #133" was created to prevent the public from even mentioning NAMES! It states simply that the public may not mention district employee's by name (!) during public meetings. Criticizing a teacher, principal or custodian therefore is (according to district 'czars') strictly VERBOTEN!

Under the guise and rationale of this rule therefore, this writer was oftentimes cut off at the microphone in mid-speech. I recieved correspondence from then-secretary of the board Dunevant admonishing me from 'violating' this (unconstitutional!) rule...even though my own employment with the district had not yet been terminated. I was thus told that I did not have the right to address those same principals (in public meeting) that were responsible for, and were conspiring then, to have me fired. And when I resisted by attempting to speak out anyway...I was not only physically stopped in my tracks by district officials...but attorneys were being paid on the spot to deny that their schooldistrict, administrative "bosses" were ever able to hear what was being said. Such has been the first taste of this writer upon poking inside the hierarchies of this LA school district.

In the Beachhead's next issue, I hope to take a look directly inside the "classroom" in order to better approach the monster we know today as "public school education".

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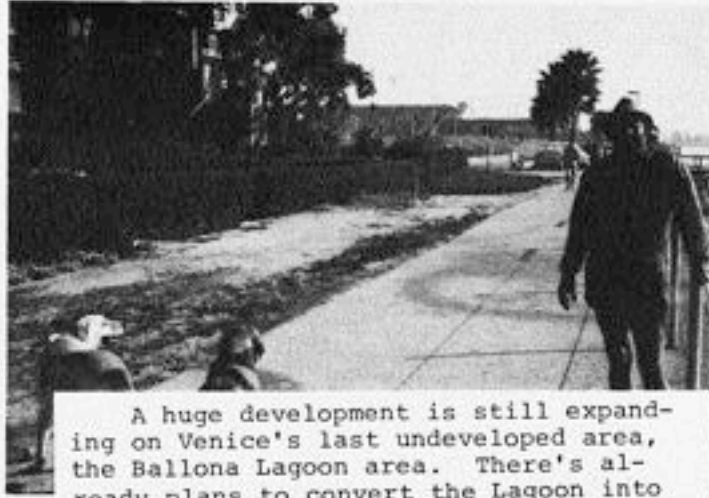
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When the sun first comes up, our beach is deserted. The early light belongs to the joggers and the dog people and their canines. Even the surfers just use the beach to get to their waves. The peacefulness of our early mornings belies the turmoil and struggle right now. Our Venice is Threatened.



A huge development is still expanding on Venice's last undeveloped area, the Ballona Lagoon area. There's already plans to convert the Lagoon into a deep water marina. (See other article in this issue). All the wildlife in this unspoiled wetland will be destroyed forever. But the Wetlands are not the only Venice institutions threatened.



The people and lifestyles that have made Venice a Mecca for generations are threatened with extinction. The unique culture that produces these works of art (from what I call the South Venice Billboard Correction Committee) is at stake this election day April 14.



Crass big money movers and shakers have used the car and van dwellers, the homeless and the too hip as the excuse for turning a low coast community (relatively!) into a VISION of the future. This diseased vision of chrome and glass sterility cannot survive without the reelection of Councilwoman Pat Russell.



She has her name on the site for the "New" Venice library.



She and the people that keep her in power are building a New Venice. This Venice will not include you and me. It won't include the ducks on the "New" canals. What it



will include are a lot of very upscale people taking away our community and posting signs about Pat Russell's experience. Yes she has experience. A political whore that's been in bed on every slimy deal in the past 10 years certainly has experience. But we have the Vote! If all of us vote for one of the others--Virginia Taylor Hughes from the community struggles in Crenshaw, Rim Fay from from pollution battles the Beachhead's own Patrick McCartney, long-time Coastal Commissioner Ruth Galanter, or even our Mar Vista Realtor, Sal Grammatico. WE can win! And winning means being able to stay. Pat Russell's victory will be an eviction notice for you and everyone you know in Venice. VOTE FOR VENICE-APRIL 14TH ●●● photos and text by memphis slim

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