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CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

IMAGINE THAT-- AMBUSHED BY
A GROUP OF POLITICAL NOVICES

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YEAH, AND WE OUTSPENT THEM
BY THOUSANDS AND THOUSANDS

PAT RUSSELL
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

NOW IT'S TIME TO
LEVEL THESE GUYS

WE'LL BRING IN THE REALLY BIG
BUCKS AND THE REALLY HIGH-
POWERED CORPORATION AND
GOVERNMENT P.R. PEOPLE

PAT RUSSELL
CAMPAIGN HEADQUARTERS

WE'LL CRUSH THEM
WITH IMAGE

WE'LL CALL THEM HIPPIES,
WEIRDOS, AND RADICALS

WE'LL RED BAIT THEM TO DEATH
-AND THAT WILL CONFUSE THE
AVERAGE JOE- HE WON'T WORK
FOR GALANTER AND HE WON'T
VOTE, EITHER

AND WE'LL TELL VOTERS IN
CRENSHAW THAT THE PEOPLE
IN VENICE, WEST CHESTER, AND
MAR VISTA ARE MIDDLE CLASS
WHITES WHO ARE OUT TO
TAKE AWAY THEIR JOBS

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HA HA, THEY ALWAYS RESPOND
TO THAT

YEAH, THAT'LL GET THE PEOPLE
TO VOTE AGAINST GALANTER

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RIGHT-- AND WE'LL WIN AGAIN
-- VOTERS ARE MOSTLY SILLY
PEOPLE AND ARE EASILY
MANIPULATED

GREAT! SO AFTER WE DO OUR
DIRTY TRICKS, WE CAN GET
ON WITH DEVELOPMENT, POL-
LUTION, AND MAKING MORE
BIG BUCKS--HOW SWEET IT IS!

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2 Letters

BOO BOOS

1. In the article "CENSORSHIP BY THE SEA" I wrote that Venice reporter Henry Schipper wrote for the Hollywood Reporter. In fact, Henry wrote (and presently writes) for the Hollywood-based Daily Variety.

2. In a previous piece "EDUCATION INTERFERES WITH LEARNING" it was noted that Howard Watts was a candidate for the Board of Trustees at the LACCD. Actually Howard ran this time around for a seat on the LAUSD school board. Several times previously, Howard has run as a candidate for election to the board of trustees.

3. Finally, regarding the last issue's proposal/(wish) that an inside report be made of a LAUSD classroom, this must be delayed. One teacher wrote back with theoretical observations regarding the "educational system"...yet no words period from her own students. The Beach-Head collective rejected it as "second priority". This writer will make one more attempt to discover exactly what goes on IN an LA classroom.

NOT the PROCRASTINATING reporter:

Victor Wightman
VICTOR WIGHTMAN

Dear Beachhead:

The recent federal Kennedy-Hawkins proposal for raising the minimum wage half the raise accorded other non-supervisory personnel would typically speak for itself. At Chappaquiddick, Kennedy called his friends for advice, rather than rescuers for aid, when the girl had possibly drowned. Medical doctors suffer court penalties for their malpractice, a privilege the Kennedys don't have: the arithmetic intentionality of the minimum wage proposal plain to most nene year olds.

Societies organized around death tend to be the norm. That would not be difficult to show since math plays a central role in economic matters. In the Holy Bible, Genesis gives humans political dominion over grass, trees, and non-human life forms on this planet. Therein is a death organized society justified. 2 Corinthians 13:5 instructs Christian believers, "Examine yourselves whether you are in the faith; prove yourselves. Know ye not yourselves how Jesus Christ is in you except ye be reprobate." (wholly consumed with sin). Therein is death oriented society reduced to the personal level.

In neither situation is organized political violence, economic violence, war or a death penalty justified; though personal violence--the concept of insanity pleas, (righteous rage applied in law)--is justified.

It may indeed have been read, "An eye for an eye," or "beast for beast:" yet on a planet confronting the need for reliance on nuclear energy resources, (the French seem to be successful at it), judicious and quiet readings of the centuries of writings clearly grow slowly more imperative, even as applies to personal self-interests, including wealth: possibly as my own ads are demonstrating.

Sincerely Yours,

Phillip W. Gregg

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Dear 'Head readers,

In my article, "Renderig of Venice," March issue, I said that the barricade/wall of the Bathhouse was 5 ft high. It is 4 ft. high if that. The stairways used to be narrower and that did make the building less accessible. The stairways have been widened.

While I am on the subject of goofs, I also want to correct any impression that I thought Moe Stavnezer's act in saving an elderly tenant from conviction was wrong. I thought Moe did an honorable and loving action. What made me pissed was that any credit should go to any of the people who are responsible for displacing so many people because of their gold lust and their "vision" of what's beauty.

THERE OUTTA BE A LAW!!!

- Carol Fondiller

Dear Beachhead,

At its formation picnic, the Marina-Mar Vista-Venice Democratic Club turned out 60 persons. Its board adopted a rotating meeting site strategy such that area meetings now turn out 15 to 40 persons; about 100 persons combined. The mailing list exceeds 200 persons within neighborhoods of differing access to different sites wherein special concerns can be expressed; the Social Security cost-of-living adjustment pays more money to upper income recipients than to lower income beneficiaries, as though some people are not worth the extra money. Yet recently the federal tax code raises the equal dollar amount standard deduction and personal exemptions equally, and LA County raised lower income welfare benefits equally, and in excess, of a percentage raise and therefore helpful to the economies therein.

Led by progressive liberals, important changes are occurring. Voting and membership participation, PFP, CDC, and the Venice Town Council, are ways these get done.

Sincerely yours,

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HEY I DIG YOUR PAPER ----

Met Pat and Diane at St. Pat's Day, at Brennan's M.D.R....spoke of an essay, but no time. Here is an original poem, plus a friend's; if you print, send a copy to this address (in case we miss a hand out?).

Via Con Dios,
Michael Craig Huwe

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Kelly Ball, memphis slim, Kathy Sullivan, Carol Fondiller, Jim Prickett, Kate Keeling, Diane Nickerson, Patrick McCartney, Victor Wightman and Malcolm Tent.

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Yet Another Grendel

Doing the Company For Lunch

Crunch!!

Pat Russell is an attractive person not without her earthy qualities. During the course of this election I have had the chance to both see her and speak to her if only for a few moments. She competed in the Los Angeles marathon and completed the course of 26.2 miles in 4 hours and some seconds. Not bad for a 63 year old woman. It is not hard to see her as a young mother in one of our all-American/post World War II neighborhood backyards, hanging laundry out on a line, chatting over a picket fence with a friend about local concerns. It is not hard to imagine her attending local meetings twenty or so years ago when Westchester was working to protect neighborhood integrity with the rapidly expanding international airport at their southern door. Nor is it difficult to imagine the time when she realized that she was as intelligent and as capable as anyone she met to deal directly with the issues in the district. In a special election she ran and won. The diminutive frame of this citizen politician belies a person who has succeeded not only in retaining her council seat for 18 years, but also

becoming council president. Why then are so many unhappy with her?

Pat Russell has claimed many things; she adamantly denies being in the developers' pocket; our experience in Venice indicates otherwise. At one meeting I attended, the plan for the Marina Bypass was discussed. The neighborhood immediately bordering this proposed thoroughfare are concerned that a freeway-like road would permanently destroy the quiet of their neighborhood. They pointed out that the "Marina Lessees" developers in the Marine who would benefit by such a pass were dumping their traffic problems on them. Mrs. Russell discussed a planted buffer zone but like the rest of her presentation she was weak on hard fact. No mention was made of how wide that zone would or could be. For that matter there was no discussion of how wide the road would be: four lanes? six lanes? One left with the impression that the road was going through anyway. It has been the same with the other issues in this campaign. Flim flam figures like 80% of the proposed buildings in the Howard Hughes/Playa Vista project will be no higher than the cliffs. What does that tell me about the other 20%? What does that tell me about Howard Hughes? I decided to look for myself.

Brother Howard, as you remember passed to his Heavenly reward some 11 years ago after lying naked for a number of years at the top of the Desert Inn Hotel in Las Vegas and later in the Bahamas. Hooked on codeine, hair and nails uncut, surrounded by years of accumulated filth, he communicated with the outside world largely through television and former CIA operative Robert Maneu. When he finally died the attending mortician was quoted in a local newspaper "... this body seems to have been dead for a long time, as if kept on ice." Later it was explained that Howard Hughes, the world's richest man, had died of starvation. A rather nightmarish tale in the greater American dreamscape wouldn't you say? Unfortunately it is not only some unrelated side story out of a distant twilight; but his story, Howard Hughes and his many companies' strange journey have been both central and in major collusion to hidden crimes and some sort of unspoken American "Weltanschauung" that has spiraled

towards evil since the years of the Eisenhower Administration, when in his farewell speech he warned us of the threat of the military-industrial complex. From Richard Nixon, the overthrow of legitimate governments in Iran, Guatemala, Chile and Zaire, the war in Viet Nam, the running with planetary low life, Batista, Marcos, Somoza, the subversion of both Republican and Democratic Parties, from Watergate to Contragate, the drug running to the gun slinging, these fine examples of American cultural and spiritual heritage have been involved. Westchester- Guess who's coming to dinner? It appears to be a Grendel.

This direction has been continued to the present. We have another Republican Administration lying to a believing public as it pursues its feudal imperative. With this dawning public awareness as to how the use of power has been corrupted in this country it is necessary to examine the application of Summa/Playa Vista and Summa/Hughes to develop the last remaining marshlands in the city. And to consider as well, the implications of both past activities of this company and future attitudes that will be both formulated and strengthened by this project. This debate and coming runoff election in the sixth district is deeper than the debate over density guidelines, traffic congestion, sewage disposal and housing which naturally are important. It is also the question of who we let through the door, apparently one of the most notorious and ruthless corporate entities in our history and the meaning of freedom and responsibility in an ostensibly democratic society that is held up as a beacon to the rest of the world. I believe that if we do not examine this collusion and direct involvement of this



company and its founder to the decay of our society, the support for the unnecessary, immoral and illegal wars which have torn smaller nations from limb to limb we are looking dead in the face to the continued crumbling of our civilization and the continued failure of America and its peoples' struggles to create a just society and help form a civilized world.

The Grendel by the way was the monster in "Beowulf" the first epic poem of our semi-holy, more or less English forefathers. It would sneak into the hall of the chieftans and devour the slumbering warriors and retainers; who having imbibed a bit too much were unprepared to meet the beast. Honey meade as I'm sure many area residents will be interested to know was the intoxicant of choice in those days - though it was still a drag to wake up the next morning even if you hadn't beer eaten.

The obvious signs of imbalance and thus decay are presently clear, the homeless and the drugs in the street. When municipal problems are engendered by national attitudes and policies it's time then for municipal authorities to investigate and speak up. When asked about the homeless Mrs. Russell just shook her head and said that it was appalling. This election is seminal in indi-

cating what future direction this city and country will be in the post-Reagan, post Nicaraguan war years. When I first moved to Venice I regretted that our town had opted to join Los Angeles. Now I am hopeful that a concerned voting Venice has an opportunity to turn the wheels of power in our humble little mega-city, and that the rest of the world will benefit by it.

It is therefore important to examine what this recent history has been, and how as charged clandestine activities have amounted to be a secret government beyond the reach of the Congress and the people. And furthermore how it has destabilized the world, casually crushing peoples and countries as if we couldn't think of something else besides propping up tyrants in our concerns over communism. It has been the unholy wierdness of the remains of the Nixon Administration, the CIA secret team, the Howard Hughes enterprises etc. organized crime and assorted other uncaring giants not of course to forget the apathy and too trusting and uncritical attitudes of the people themselves that must be rejected and then transformed and redirected. Big order; what else. It seems we have a touch of the evil empire ourselves. Does that really come as a surprise to anyone at this point.

For the purpose of this election we must therefore examine the history of Summa Corporation and Mr. Hughes and the relationship of Mrs. Russell and her cooperation as it turns out with them. Unfortunately the first leads rather quickly to the aforementioned complex web. As for the latter Mrs. Russell's semi-professional response to these issues, the amateurish betrayal of confidence with Curtis Rossiter, her unqualified support for the V.A.C. and Summa, her unresponsive record to Venice issues, from parking to pagodas, shows poor form at best. Early retirement can be fun!

Howard Hughes' fortune was launched by his father's patented drill bit. His involvement with the CIA began in the 40's when he contracted to build for the government the 711 reconnaissance plane. The project ran into trouble when it was attacked by Sen. Owen Brewster of Maine, who apparently was angry at Hughes over some unrelated business dispute. Hughes decided he needed some sort of counterweight if future problems should arise and he chose the CIA as a likely ally. This according to sworn testimony by then ousted Robert Maheu in 1974; "Hughes Corporation literally became a CIA front."¹ This absolute alliance may be open to question, however during the fifties Hughes began hiring ex-CIA officials as top administrators and eventually became the countries leading CIA contractor. At the time of his death Hughes was earning 1.7 million dollars each day from U.S. government contracts. Eighty per cent (why there's that little figure again) had been awarded without competitive bidding, thirty two were from the CIA, the most held by any contractor.² This figure is also corroborated in "Crime and Coverup" a rather succinct and to the point booklet by Professor Peter Dell Scott of Berkeley. (Buzz word) Professor Scott quotes the "Philadelphia Inquirer" 12/18-23/75 and "Time" 4/19/76 p.23. According to these sources, the Hughes organization took in over 12.6 billion dollars in government contracts between 1965 and 1976. Secret non-competitive CIA contracts accounted for 6 billion dollars, while 80% (once again) of the remaining CIA contracts were let out without competition.³ So you see, Mrs. Russell's much ballyhooed ten million dollars for street improvement if it even comes is really hardly a drop in the bucket for a company of such resources.

Of course, perhaps things have changed at Summa Hughes. When I expressed my concerns to Mrs. Russell she brushed it off "we can't blame someone for how their grandfather made money." Well the grandfather has been gone just past a decade now give or take a few years. That's pretty rapid generation Mrs. Russell. Then again, so is cancer. Noah Dietrich quoted Hughes in his book "Howard, the Amazing Mr. Hughes" as saying "Everyone has a price," and as he further reported, the billionaire contributed up to 400,000 dollars each year to city councilmen and county supervisors, tax assessors, sheriffs, state senators, judges, yes and vice presidents too.⁴

Well I remember some weeks ago that the "Los Angeles Times" reported that Mrs. Russell had a campaign chest of 250,000 dollars and that the Summa/Playa Vista Project was giving her a fund raiser. Apparently a quarter million dollars doesn't get you very far these days. Some days after the event it was reported, also in the "Times" that Mrs. Russell's war chest was now 300,000 dollars, though no mention was made as to the whys and the wherefores for the 50,000 dollar increase. It certainly leaves us wondering, but not for too long. As reported in the "L.A. Weekly" article "The Councilwoman from Summa Corporation" by David Steinman dated April 10-24, 1986, Mrs. Russell received days before the April 1983 primary \$36,550 from Summa/Hughes and their allies and \$9,000 more the following year. Furthermore much to my angered surprise it was reported in this article that "... the councilwoman moved to change the designation of the 69 acres where the Huches Center is to be built from a low rise and residential zone" to a "high intensity special office and

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For City Council

Ruth Galanter's campaign to unseat 18-year incumbent City Councilwoman Pat Russell is first and foremost a crusade to enable the people of the 6th District feel welcome in their own City Hall for the first time in more than a decade.

From the beginning, Ruth could see it was a crusade worth pursuing, even if it was unsuccessful. But she was also aware of the overwhelming desire of people in the community to regain control of their neighborhoods and their lives. Even though the experts and political pundits believed it impossible for a newcomer such to defeat one of the city's most powerful officeholders the first time around, Ruth knew that what burns in the hearts of individuals doesn't always show up in the hard-boiled calculations of the old pros.

In October 1986, after considerable soul-searching and consultation, Ruth committed to running against Pat Russell. She would teach the old pros a lesson about the power of the people.

The ensuing six months have provided ample proof that Ruth Galanter was right. Ruth's message of empowerment carried to the streets where it struck a responsive chord. Ruth found that many shared her feeling that Pat Russell simply has not been there for us for many years.

Voters in the April 14th primary voiced that agreement by giving Ruth and other challengers Patrick McCartney, Virginia Taylor-Hughes, Rim Fay and Sal Grammatico a total of 58% of the vote, forcing Russell into her first runoff as an incumbent with Ruth, the challenger with the most credible background for holding public office.

Which brings us to the historic June 2nd runoff. The old pros are making more dire predictions, saying Ruth and her rag-tag crew of amateurs and community rabble-rousers will be unable to withstand the heat from Russell's crack crew of political storm-troopers. Russell will falsely attack Ruth's alleged "left-liberal" background and connections (such as the Beachhead and the Town Council), shift the focus off the real issues of development and the bad job she's been doing. The old pros are probably right about the strategy.

But why should they be right about the outcome? While they don't often turn out in large numbers, Venice voters have long since proven they're too smart to be taken in by red-baiting negativism. Voters district-wide have legitimate complaints with Pat Russell and her policies, which won't go away just because Pat wishes they would and her campaign staff says they're not important.

The old pros are also spending a lot of time trying to predict which voters might shift if campaign mailers deliver the right "hit," knowing Russell can't successfully run on the issues or her record.

So it's down to those of us who have watched Pat Russell ignore her promises, who have toiled fruitlessly providing valid input to the city on community issues only to have Russell cavalierly dismiss it, and who have stood in the vast shadow of the first Howard Hughes Center monolith in Westchester, to add their votes to those cast against Pat Russell on April 14th and see a new face on the City Council come June 3rd.

It is a crusade. Tell your neighbors, your friends, your grocer, your mail carrier... June 2nd is the day Venice, Mar Vista, Crenshaw, Baldwin Hills, Playa del Rey and Westchester can change the face of City Hall by putting Ruth Galanter on the Council, where she belongs.

But it will only happen if we all vote!



RUTH GALANTER has been endorsed by all the former primary challengers. Pictured above are Ruth, Sal Grammatico, Virginia Taylor-Hughes, and Patrick McCartney. Rim Fay was unavailable for the photo.

GALANTER on the Issues

DEVELOPMENT:

Ruth Galanter believes growth should take place where it's needed and where it can be accommodated in terms of traffic, sewage, auto emissions, crowding, etc. She believes the westside is getting more than its fair share of commercial building while Crenshaw and Baldwin Hills go begging. She supported Proposition U while Russell opposed it and tried to undermine it before it was even approved.

RESPONSIVENESS

Ruth Galanter will run a fair, open and competently-staffed office. She will hold regular Town Hall gatherings, spend more time in the community and work year-round with local organizations. Upon taking office she'll propose that the full Council hold important hearings in neighborhoods where agenda items are most relevant.

THE ENVIRONMENT

Ruth Galanter's long environmental service record of service includes former board membership of the League of Conservation Voters, and Membership in the Friends of Ballona Wetlands, Heal the Bay, the Coalition for Clean Air, the League for Coastal Protection, and the Wilderness Society, her credentials as an advocate for conservation concerns are impeccable. As South Coast Regional Coastal Commission chairwoman, Ruth established a reputation for fairness and firmness in enforcing the California Coastal Act. She advocates an accelerated, intensified improvement of the city's sewage treatment capacity, which will still be inadequate, even if current improvements are completed in 1998.

CRIME

Ruth Galanter will make fighting crime a daily priority, not just a campaign promise. She's an active Neighborhood Watch member. She has worked with other Neighborhood Watches and community groups to develop more effective strategies against crime, drugs and gangs. She supports more and better police deployment in high-crime neighborhoods. She has opposed the Farrell Police Tax since before declaring her candidacy, unlike Russell, who switched positions on April 30th after new campaign managers changed her strategy. Cont. on pg 12

RUTH GALANTER ENDORSEMENTS

(as of May 4, 1987)

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Los Angeles County Democratic Central Committee
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Not Yet New York
Los Angeles Women For:
Baldwin Hills Democratic Club
Americans For Democratic Action-
Bay Cities Branch
Baldwin Hills/Crenshaw Apartment Improvement Program, Inc.
Baldwin Hills Neighborhood Watch

publications:

Los Angeles Herald Examiner
LA Weekly
The Argonaut

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Thank You, Venice



GALANTER
on
JUNE 2nd

VOTER TURNOUT
is the
KEY IN VENICE

April 14, 1987

Galanter	56%
Russell	15%

BUT THE BATTLE IS NOT OVER

On June 2nd, the voters of the 6th District, including Venice, will make an historic choice for City Council. It's a choice between leadership which represents the people and their communities and leadership which does the backroom bidding of special interests and giant corporations.

RUTH GALANTER—professional planner with a Master's degree from Yale; poverty, senior and worker's rights advocate; conservationist; former Coastal Commissioner—has the experience, the know-how, the ability to do the job for the *whole 6th District*. From the neglected neighborhoods of Crenshaw and Oakwood to the polluted waters of Santa Monica Bay, Ruth will be there for us. She's completely independent and she'll listen to what we have to say.

Ruth lives and works here in our community so she knows the issues that concern us, issues that the the current councilperson ignores except at election time. Ruth Galanter will get things done when they're needed, not when election time comes around.

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Commissioner Plays the Racist Card

by PATRICK MCCARTNEY

The stage is now cleared and set in L.A.'s Sixth District. On one side is urban planner Ruth Galanter, an environmental and community activist, and in the other corner is the 18-year-incumbent, Pat Russell, friend of Summa Corp., the big boys downtown, Mayor Tom Bradley and Planning Commissioner Dan Garcia. At stake is the City Council seat for Venice-Westchester-Crenshaw. On the face of it, it seems like a fair contest.

Never mind that Russell spent more than a quarter-million dollars during the primary and will no doubt match that in the next month for the runoff. Spending money freely didn't help Russell avoid a humiliating 42 percent defeat in April.

Never mind either that Russell finally dumped her number one crony, Curtis Rossiter, as campaign consultant, replacing him with a well-oiled team of go-go image makers whose talents were refined in various anti-tenant and pro-growth campaigns.

To borrow a shot from Russell's early salvo against the five challengers, (one of which was me), there is a "real" reality and then there is the reality perceived by propaganda artists engaged in the "big lie." The test for voters June 2 will be to decide whose propaganda artists are lying.

It's not hard to see how Russell will be glossing over an 18-year record of increasing neglect coupled with an endless number of favors to select developers. Here is Dan Garcia, "one of Bradley's most trusted advisors" as the Times described the rubber-stamp Commissioner: "I'm telling you, if you ask the average citizen of East Los Angeles what he thinks about the typical Westside attitude about limiting growth, he'll tell you it stinks."

Garcia wants to create the image of a privileged Westside stifling the aspirations of minority areas. He uses the specter of racial divisiveness to drive home his point: if the Westsiders "controlled our destiny," Garcia warns, "we would have racial tension and joblessness like nothing we have seen since the Watts riots." Big words. Ugly words. But a lie.

How dare Garcia insinuate a "Watts riot" will spill out if Sixth District residents vote against the special-interest policies of 18-year-incumbent Pat Russell. Besides being overtly racist in his interpretation of Mrs. Russell's poor 42-percent showing, Garcia is flat-out wrong in his support for Mrs. Russell's go-go plan for the Westside.

The truth is that the continued build-up of the Westside comes at the expense of the rest of Los Angeles--including the minority areas Mr. Garcia professes to care about.

Some facts. In the past four years, the Westside accounted for three-fourths of the net job growth in Los Angeles County. Not only was the Westside's 31,000 new jobs five times more than were created in downtown, the burgeoning Manhattanization of the Westside robbed other areas of available investment money. During the same four years, for example, the East Central portion of Los Angeles lost 25,000 jobs. (These figures come from the Southern California Assoc. of Governments's Modified Growth Forecast. SCAG, in City Hall slang.)

If growth on the Westside is good for the ethnic Eastside and Southside areas, then you have to ask how come the Eastside lost 25,000 jobs while the



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ABBOT KINNEY CONTEMPLATES THE MUG OF PAT RUSSELL, THE 18-YEAR INCUMBENT.

Westside gained 31,000. Does Dan Garcia think that another 68 thousand jobs on the Westside, as SCAG predicts for the next 15 years, will stimulate job production in other areas of the city? If so, Garcia is ignorant of the facts. If greater commercial densities are necessary to stimulate growth in minority areas of Los Angeles, there should have been a building boom before last year's Prop U on the Eastside and the Southside--but that's the opposite of what happened.

What happened instead is that Pat Russell, Tom Bradley and Dan Garcia bent over backwards to give the Summa Corporation and other giant interests what they've wanted on the Westside--and screw the rest of the city. The truth is that most of the growth in Los Angeles outside of downtown is taking place in the white suburbs on the Westside and in the Valley.

When the big money favors an area, other areas suffer from economic neglect.

No wonder Crenshaw residents complain about the lack of good jobs for their

youth, who face better prospects selling crack on the corner than in finding jobs in their neighborhoods.

It becomes clear, then, that Mrs. Russell's support for an additional 25-million square feet of office space in and around Westchester has not just created stiff opposition by residents concerned with the traffic, housing inflation, and other impacts of another downtown being created. No. What becomes apparent when you look closely is that the "feeding frenzy" on the Westside hurts parts of our community that want economic development and not just the few crumbs tossed their way by Dan Garcia and his friends.

As a candidate in the Sixth District primary who lost to the more experienced and organized campaign of Ruth Galanter, I know that the District needs the reform that Galanter represents. I resent the unfair characterization of Westside activists as favoring "limited growth." We want growth appropriate to each neighborhood, and not the back-room deals of Russell's Summa-cum-lobby politics. ■

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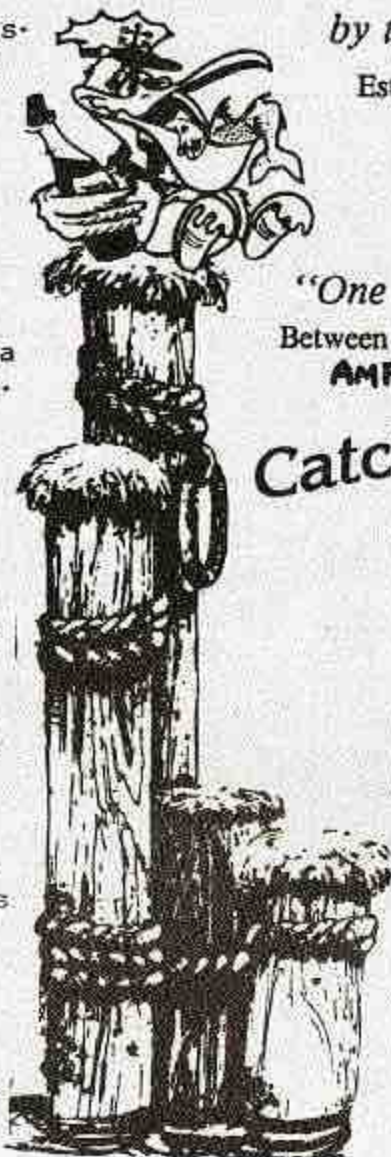
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An open letter to Pat Russell

"Battle-Axe of Venice"

Dear Pat,

As your time for re-election or defeat draws near, I, as a 17 year resident of Venice canals, would like to take this opportunity to thank you personally for the following things and perhaps, ask you a few questions about some things that have puzzled me over the years.

1. What is that smell emanating from under the bridges at Canal Street and Venice Blvd.? In the summer it smells like something died! It looks like the City Dump!

2. What are all those slimy curly slippery worm-like things all over the edge and bottom of the canal?? It looks like maggots on the move. Will they come indoors?

3. How much money do you make when all these big fancy filmmakers come to town? You'd think you'd put some of that "big movie money" back into Venice every-so-often. At least clean the streets. But nooo-oo-oo- do you give it to Playa del Rey to keep their streets clean? Thanks.

4. I heard that there was a good paying job for "city mayor" down in Louisiana. And they wanted to hire a woman. Yeah-- and they want her to look just like you. Yeah--And they'll even send you plane fare, yeah--That's it!

5. How come your idea-when they say to you- Let's clean up Venice- is not the Real Street Sweeper who misses half of Venice but is LAPD and the local ABC busting bars, street people, liquor stores, teenagers and anyone who happens to get in the way??

6. How much does the Special Task Force cost to patrol the canals?

7. Are you not really just going through your every 4-year "get elected" routine in order to gain support and make people think that you Really Do Know that Venice Exists?

8. Is Sweeping Legal?

9. Whatever did happen to the vendor sweep? What does the word business license mean?

10. If you win this election, can we expect more of the same?

11. Oh thanks -- I can't afford to live here anymore and all the old people that got forced out of Venice thank you too.

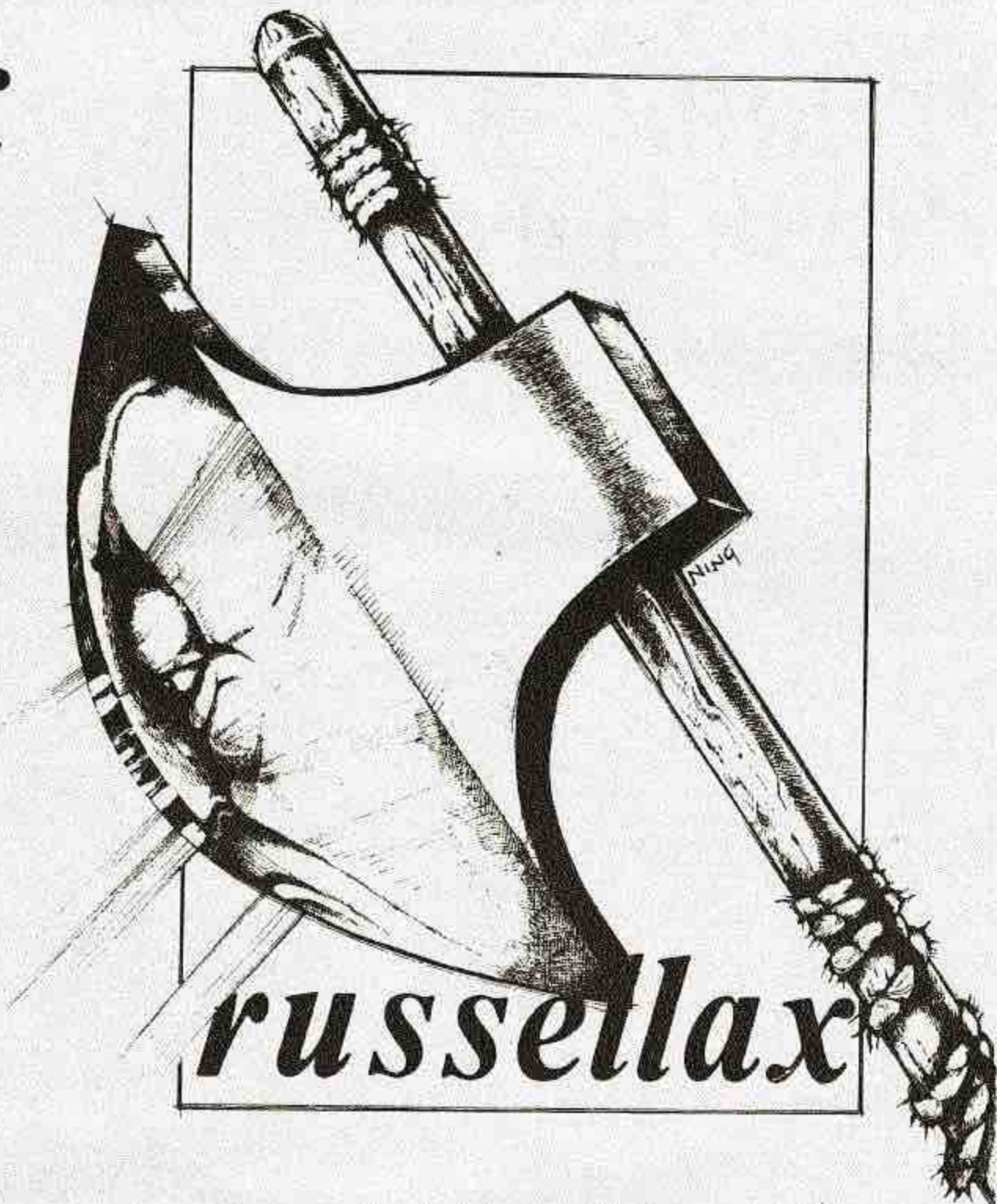
12. And what about the air puk, dog shit, trash, dirt, tourists, congestion, sky scrappers marina, dirty diapers, homelessness, high prices and most of all Marina del Rey.

13. Take a hike - Pat!

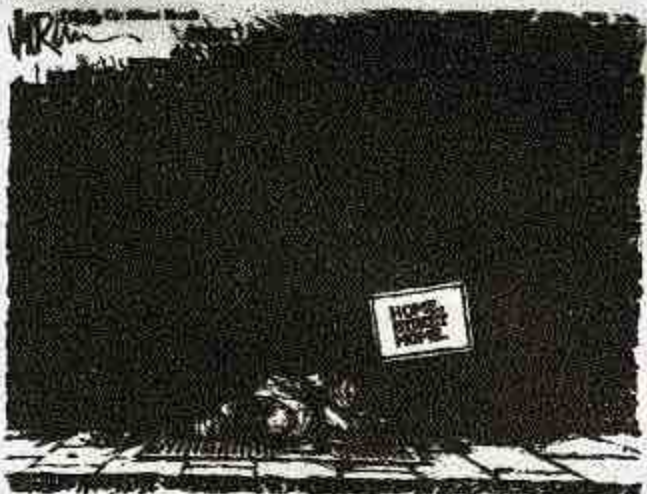
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Traffic Nightmare

By Anthea Collier

Prudential Insurance Company's latest proposal for "Marina Place", located in Culver City near Lincoln and Washington, shows an utter disregard, and indeed contempt, for the clearly expressed wishes of the surrounding community. After being told by the Culver City planners and nearby residents to scale back the original high-rise office proposal, Prudential has now come back with a "mixed-use" project that would generate twice the number of daily vehicle trips and an equal number of peak hour trips. This proposal has not been approved by Culver City.

Marina Place as currently proposed would include 216,000 sq.ft. of office space in one 12-story building, 685,000 sq.ft. of retail space in a shopping mall configuration a la Westside Pavilion, and 500,000 sq.ft. of residential space in 500 condo's. A three-level mostly subterranean parking structure would cover the remaining 18.3 acre site. This site, formerly used by Hughes Helicopters and the Olympic Organizing Committee, is now the home of the Marina del Rey Indoor Swap Meet.

The traffic that would be generated by this project is mind-boggling. According to a recently completed Environmental Impact Report, there would be 33,000 daily vehicle trips, including an afternoon peak hour total of 3,080 (5 to 6 p.m.) from Monday to Friday. On Saturdays, the daily total increases to 38,700. No amount of street "improvements" will protect our local streets and neighborhoods from the devastating impact of such a traffic increase.

In addition to the traffic impacts, the proposed project would generate 15 times the amount of air pollution currently produced at the site. Most of this 15-fold increase would come from automobiles. Sewage generation would increase dramatically.

These are some of the consequences of Prudential's plans for our community: 30,000 to 40,000 additional vehicle trips on already congested streets. Thousands of motorists seeking alternate routes through residential neighborhoods to avoid the intersection of Lincoln and Washington. A 15-fold increase in air pollution in an area already unable to meet state and federal clean air standards. More sewage poured into our polluted Santa Monica Bay.

PLEASE GET INVOLVED! The Zanje Neighborhood Residents' Association has been working for almost three years to achieve a sensible development of Prudential's property -- one that will complement and enhance the existing community, rather than destroy it. Call 306-8255 for more information about how you can help. You can also call Culver City Planning Dept. at 202-5777 and ask to be put on the mailing list for Marina Place.

The Culver City Planning Commission and City Council have stated publicly that they want the project reduced in scale. The question is "How much and in what way?" We must have extensive community involvement at every step in the decision-making process. ●



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More Russelling

by Geriatric Jack

Politicians are not notorious for leading. They have to be pushed- or removed. Ms. Russell is not behindhanded when it comes to political rhetoric; she says " we need leaders for the future." Let's see what Ms. Russell's leadership has wrought.

Ms. Russell supported the Hughes Center of 5 high rise office buildings which will make the San Diego freeway, already among the most congested in Southern California, bumper to bumper cars.

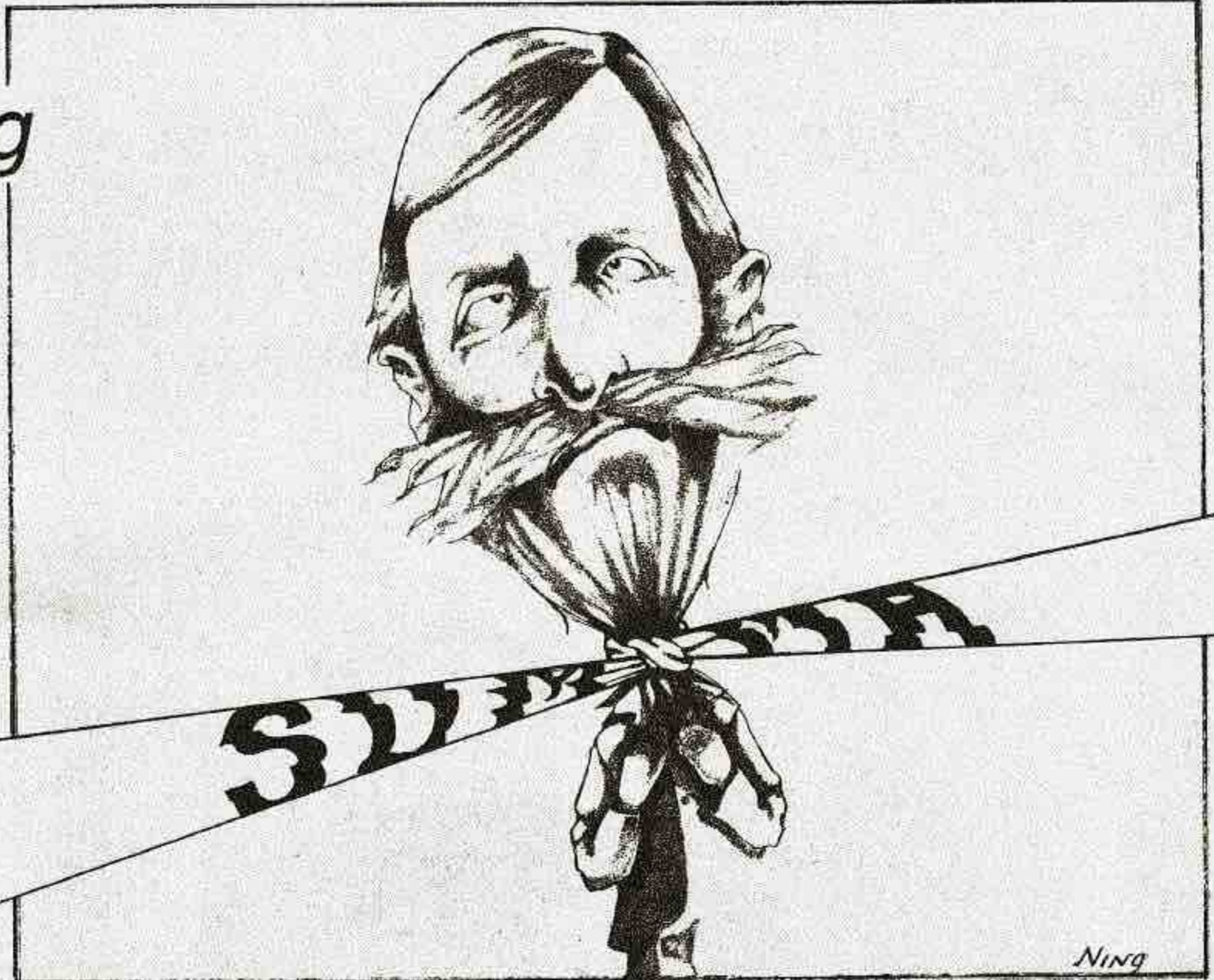
According to Robert Cervero, a University of California, Berkeley, expert on urban traffic woes "Someone also needs to be thinking about the fact that the Howard Hughes Center will be jamming up the San Diego freeway for ten miles downstream." " They want to put 5,000 more cars on there in peak hours, and it just can't handle it. That kind of thing just drives us crazy." said C. Gary Bork, chief of the traffic operations branch of Caltrans.

Ms. Russell I think you've already turned the city over to "a narrow special interest" and YOUR future is here and it is a mess.

I'm a Venice resident and I do NOT think that the beach is my exclusive property. The population of L.A. will continue to grow, and the beach must remain an oasis for all L.A. residents. It must be kept available, easily accessible and unpolluted. Let's see what Ms. Russell's "future" has accomplished in the last 17 years.

In the last two years, I have attended too many zoning hearings where members of Ms. Russell's staff have spoken on behalf of any project regardless of the impact on the neighborhood and the environment, and in spite of vigorous opposition from both residents and business people in the area. If you haven't been to the beach lately, you won't recognize it for all the tacky and schlocky T-shirt and sunglass booths Ms. Russell has had rammed through on so-called "variances" and "exemptions" from the MUNICIPAL CODE.

The situation is so bad that the California Coastal Commission voted 10-0 to withhold approval of projects on Ocean Front Walk. Just another group of wild-eyed "naysayers"?



ABBOT KINNEY AND THE BEAST....

A proposal for community planning boards is before City Council. Ms. Russell opposes these boards which would give us, the people, a voice in controlling development in our neighborhood. I guess Ms. Russell considers the people a "narrow special interest".

In the recent primary, Ms. Russell spent approximately \$250,000. About 80% of this money came from outside her district. I suppose the 80% is just from benefactors with no ulterior motive. We cannot let the developer/speculators buy our quality of life for \$35 per vote. Ms. Russell has just gone out and hired some high powered and high priced people to manage her campaign. I wonder who will pay the bill?

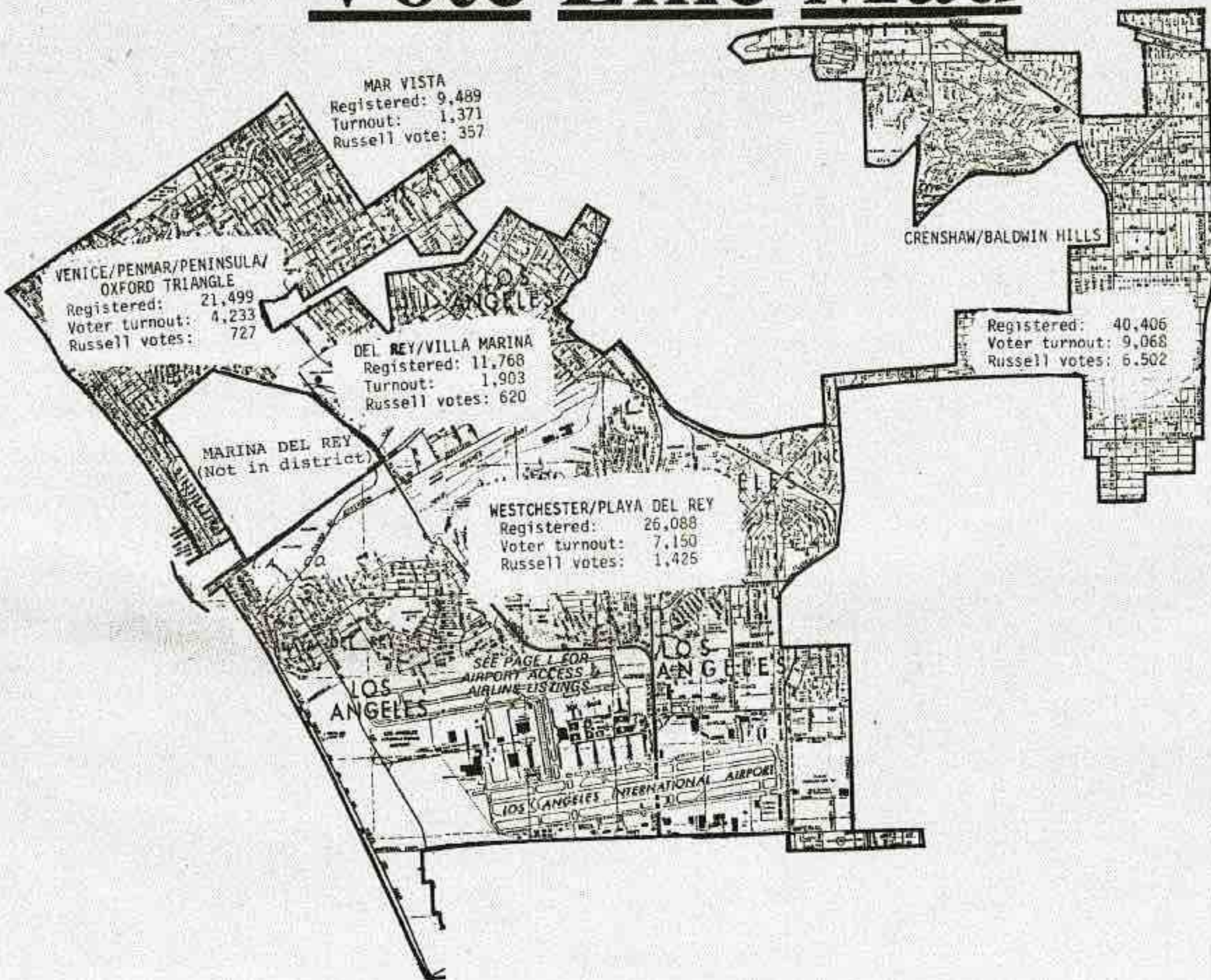
Despite all this money, Russell got only 42% of the vote; 58% of the 6th district voted against her. I'd like to throw a little scare into you. In politics, they usually say: Don't get mad

get even! If Ms. Russell gets reelected, she'll have FOUR YEARS to get even. We must let the City Council know that we are serious about controlling growth and that the vote for Prop U was not a fluke. What's wrong with a small delay while we take a good look at gridlock, air and water pollution, the housing shortage and some of the other problems in L.A.

Ruth Galanter's record as an involved private citizen and as a public official gives us a good choice. As a private citizen she has been working effectively in the areas of health care, housing, recreation, environment, crime, etc. Her expertise in the area of planning is what we need. Her public service as a Coastal Commissioner gives her experience in government.

Urge your neighbors to vote on June 2. Let's vote to improve the quality of life for all of Los Angeles!

Vote Like Mad

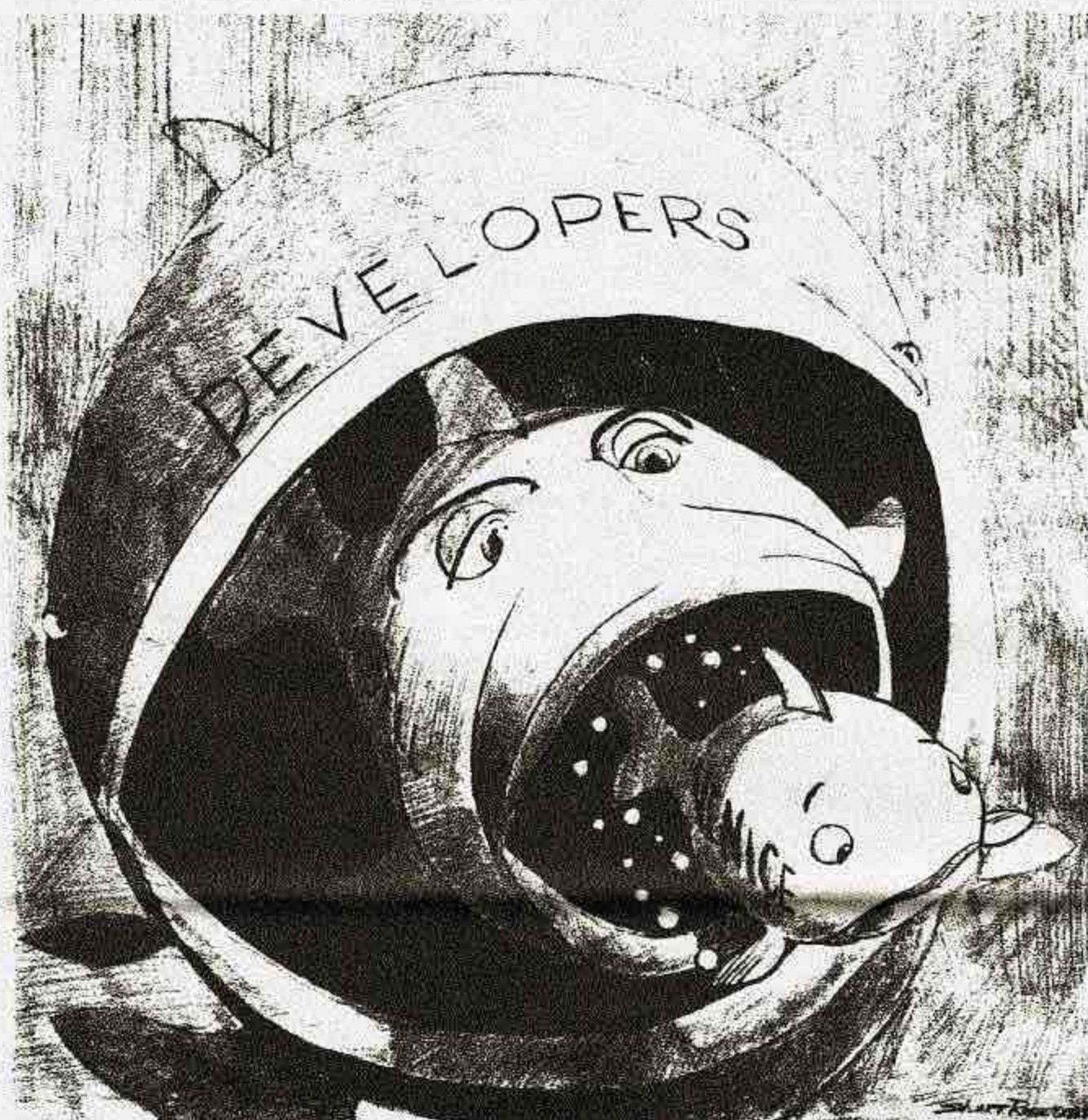
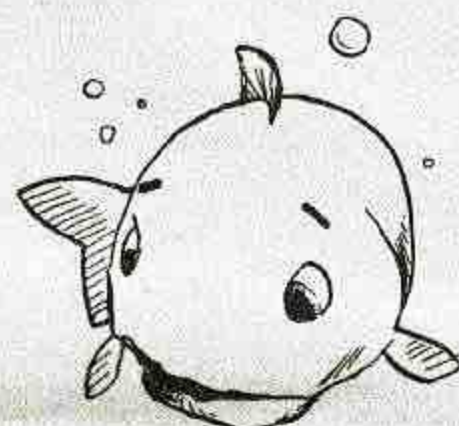


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We Are A Community!

Defend Venice



their adobe dwellings, their cathedral church and their Indian culture. They retained their quiet serenity and grace and today that town is a historical site and a tribute to the people who live there and who had the courage and perseverance to say "no" to the developers.

And what happened to my town?

Well, sure enough Las Cruces did grow by leaps and bounds just like they said it would. Development brought jobs and more people and more jobs and more people...jobs to the new missile range just outside of town where they tested missiles and made bombs. More people, more jobs, more missiles, more bombs. And it wasn't long before our town completely lost its culture, its character, its dignity and its spirit and became just another stop-over on Route 70 with Holiday Inns and gasoline stations on your way to somewhere else.

Today I live in Venice, a town not so different from where I was born, a town with a history, a culture, and a charm all uniquely its own and also a town struggling against forces outside itself, forces which threaten to change and destroy the Venice we all know and love.

We are a community, a community of many varied peoples. We are black, white, asian, latino, writer, artist, skater, surfer, drunkard, doper, 9-5er, we are the great melting pot by the sea. Where else can so many varied people all live near the ocean and in such relative harmony? Maybe its the living on the water's edge, the soothing rhythmic lull of the tides...who knows...

Walking through the canals; along the beach; on the boardwalk or just going to the neighborhood store, we can usually be assured of seeing someone we know. We are family. We know our neighbors. They are not always like us and sometimes we have many differences with them but we also have much tolerance maybe too much tolerance.

There are those who moved into our community but did not see themselves as part of our community; they moved in with dollar signs in their eyes and saw a potential for a different kind of Venice, a different kind of community... a superior community. They formed associations with elite memberships which you and I could not afford; they built multi-million dollar homes and decreed that now their vision of Venice would be fulfilled...the Renaissance of Venice.

Now in any rebirth or renaissance, the process usually involves getting rid of the scaly stuff, or to be more precise "getting rid of the undesirables." Guess who the undesirables are? You and me, of course.

By Alice Cramden

Being rather apathetic as of late and being less than thrilled with all the election coverage and wanting our precious little rag of a paper, the Beachhead, to get on with more important issues, I must confess that I, yes even I have been stung by election mania.

While embracing George Orwell's *Animal Farm* with my mind, accepting his premise that pigs will be pigs and that eventually all those in power will ultimately become corrupt...my heart urges me to trust one more time...drag myself to the polls and one more time, just one more time, see if my vote will make a difference. Maybe we can save Venice afterall.

The specter of Pat Russell's menacing presence looming through monolithic skyscrapers and crushing all that we love and value in Venice is reminiscent to me of another time and another place...a time when I was too young to stop the bulldozers...and a place which has been forever changed and lives only in the memory of those who remember how it was then. The place was where I was born, a small town in New Mexico called Las Cruces. Named for the three crosses erected on the nearby Oregon Mountains by the Indians eons ago, the town conjures up for me the horrors of out-of-control over-development and its heinous aftermath.

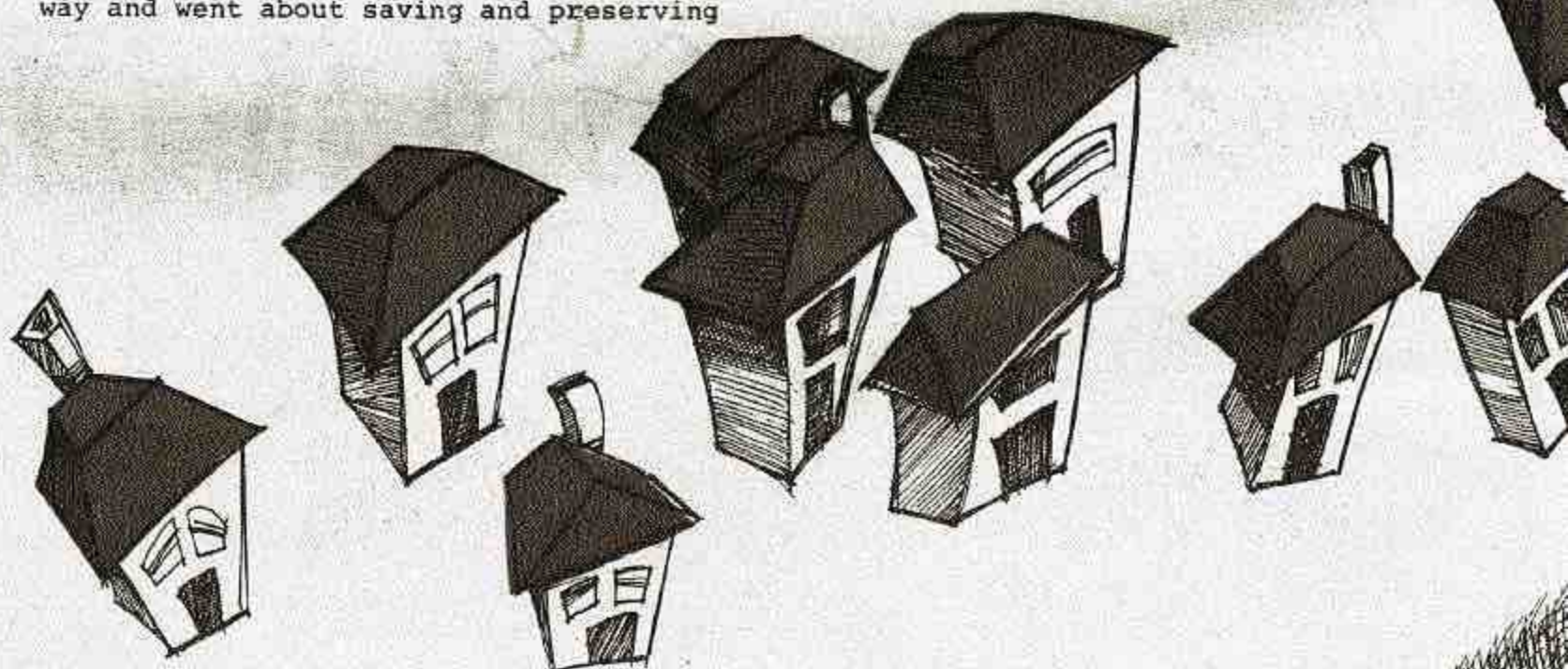
And then nothing but the memories.

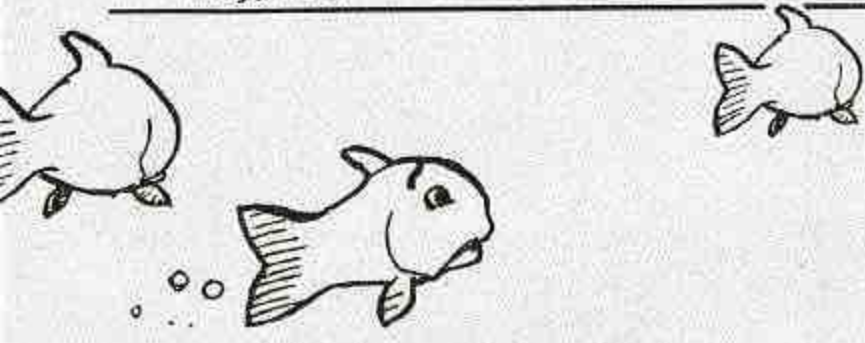
The Las Cruces I remember is the old adobe school my mother went to and the old church adjacent to it were we went to mass. I remember Main Street and my grandfather's tailor shop. I remember the ancient Indian burial grounds where I would play after an especially hot summer afternoon and I remember the Cat Lady's rambling old

house where hundreds of cats called home.

I remember the town before the outsiders came with their talk of development and their highfalutin plans. They talked about getting rid of all the mud shacks and building modern buildings. Never mind that the mud shacks kept us warm in the winter and cool in the summer and that we never needed buildings with more than one or two stories because the infinite hot desert stretched out before us for miles and miles in all directions. Never mind, never mind...they brought their charts and surveyors anyway; they talked a good story to the local residents and business people and greased a few select palms. They got involved in the local elections and contributed mightily to the candidates who saw things their way.

But there was a neighboring town, La Mesa which did not see things their way and went about saving and preserving





I met Ruth at a Heal the Bay meeting, the one of many meetings she regularly attends concerning the environment and conservancy. She has shown me to be the type of person who isn't afraid to speak her mind, she has opposed Mayor Bradley on his pro-development stance and has opposed him on other issues such as his proposed taxation of South Central Los Angeles. She has helped to get low income housing for seniors and has consistently been on the side of the oppressed and needy. She is a first time candidate but I think this works in her favor. Unlike Pat Russell, who has had 18 years to sell parcel by parcel of the Westside to big developers, and whose quarter of a million dollar campaign contributions came from these outsiders, Ruth has no obligation to these developers and has run her campaign on a shoe string.

If you are tired of bumper-to-bumper traffic, tired of driving around the block looking for a parking place, tired of getting parking tickets and sick of seeing the worst pollution on the Westside in years, then I think you should vote for Ruth.

Ruth has the credentials Venice needs. She has a Masters from Yale in Urban Planning; was appointed to the South Coast Regional Coastal Commission; was a consultant for the Santa Monica Pier restoration; is a private consultant to the California Coastal Conservancy, the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy etc. etc. Her credentials show her concern for the environment and controlled urban planning and this is something Venice can greatly benefit from. I think she will be a councilwoman who will be pragmatic in solving Venice's problems and if she wins, this would give us four more years -- a reprieve to rethink and work together in preserving and saving Venice and in solving some of her most pressing needs...and God knows, Venice does have needs. But most of all Venice needs to preserve her culture and peoples because they are her spirit; she needs to preserve her historical sites because these are her history and she needs to maintain and beautify herself for this is her pride. And in so doing, then I think, it truly can be said that in saving Venice, we have saved ourselves. ●

Now from my own perspective, I always considered the scaly stuff to be the money obsessed developers; the egocentric entrepreneurs; the avaricious slum lords and of course our own city councilwoman, Pat Russell. But money does talk and there are those who believe that the ocean should only be enjoyed by those who can pay for it and they are doing everything and I mean everything in their power to force you and me out.

Pat Russell and her think alike cronies have been waging an ambitious and aggressive war on the Westside for years. They have raised development and its accompanying problems to new heights: the Howard Hughes Center; Marina Place; Summa's Playa Vista Plan; the mini-marina plan for the Canals; the over-crowding; congestion and parking problems the pollution of the bay etc. etc. The most frightening aspect of the whole thing is the pro-development winner-takes all attitude that has come to dominate Venice. Theirs is an attitude geared to squeeze us out by raising the property values and rents so high that none of us will be able to afford to live here anymore.

If left to her own devices, Pat Russell's Venice would become an extension of Marina del Rey to the South and Main Street to the North. The Boardwalk would become a string of oh so trendy over-priced boutiques catering to the swollen appetities of the born-again superior Venetians. Imagine living in a highrise; shopping to your little greedy heart's content and then dining at the most exclusive, expensive restaurants on the Westside.

Now is this the Venice you want? Well, it's not for me. I'm afraid of heights; I easily tire of restaurants and continual shopping bores me.

I don't want to be negative but if we don't wake-up, sober-up, get straight and fight to defend Venice, then there's a chance we're going to lose her. And we owe it to Venice to fight for her and to defend her honor from the ravages of those who are out to use and exploit her.

I know Venice needs repairs and some alterations. The canals need to be cleaned up; the sidewalks repaired; Venice Blvd. needs to be landscaped and the roads fixed; the Bay needs to stop being dumped on; the parking problem solved; we need low-income housing and strict regulations on developers; artists should be allowed to display their wares on the Boardwalk at an affordable rent; our historical sites need to be preserved. etc. etc.

The list goes on and on and there's not much that is getting done right now. But there is something we can do now and that is go to the polls June 2 and vote against Pat Russell by voting for Ruth Galanter. I will go and vote for Ruth and try to overcome my basic paranoia that pigs will be pigs. I am going to give Ruth a chance and I hope she wins.



Grendel

Grendel Again.

Still Grendel.

And Finally Grendel.



It is fortunate for the citizen reader that due to space considerations the "Beachhead" can receive only so much reports of evil at a given time. There was a lot more. Still to complete this circle we must examine, if briefly the recent history of the CIA to present. It was founded in July 1947 when Congress passed the National Security Act. President Truman signed it, Allan Dulles, brother of Secretary of State John Foster Dulles was its first director and as such the CIA became an organ of State Department policy. It was given a secret budget and a charter written so loosely as to grant it nearly unlimited power. It has colluded from the beginning with organized crime from Union busting to drug trafficking to massive political contributions starting with Dewey in his run against Truman and even Nixon's first Congressional run. In Viet Nam it traded guns for drugs to Laotian opium growers. It set Santo Trafficante up as the largest importer of China white heroin into this country according to the Christic Institute. Trafficante had been part of the "Secret Team" set up inside the CIA when it

was formed by Nixon and soon to be Hughes' right hand man, Robert Maheu. This team started with the moves against Castro, were named in circumstantial evidence over the Kennedy assassination, and directly implicated in other world wide politically motivated murders of elected officials of legitimate governments. Perhaps you saw recently scenes from Chile and that marvously proto-fascist government that these people help set up with the killing of Salvadore Allende. Every so called responsible news media failed to mention this involvement. It did the same in Guatemala when the democratically elected government began to appropriate some United Fruit Company land for reform. Guatemala has an oppressive rulership to this day. In Viet Nam and Southeast Asia it is accused of unbelievable actions against non-combatant civilians. Amy Carter wasn't kidding. It is arguable that much of the secret war in Viet Nam was pushed by those who wished to control the Golden Triangle, the richest drug source in the world, along with those of more imperial mind, supported unknowingly by those who fought for democracy as they saw it. It probably still is the reason for what I've heard the continuing tyranny in Viet Nam. Howard Hughes himself sent a memo to President Nixon urging the continuation of the war. It seems his helicopter business needed some help and the war was keeping his factories busy. What a guy.

The Christic Institute is investigating what they have good evidence to believe the attempted assassination of Eden Pastora and the American ambassador to Costa Rica and then blame it on the Sandinistas a la Gulf of Tonkin, a la Maine, in order that they might have an excuse to attack them. Furthermore what they found out as also reported in the Long Beach "Press Telegram" reported through the Pacific news services 4/22/87 that a deal had been struck, with drug smugglers. The smugglers flew weapons for the CIA to John Hull's ranch in Costa Rica from the U.S. and in return provided them with intelligence information to avoid surveillance on their return trip with as reported up to 500 kilos of Cocaine at a time. Apparently thousands of pounds reached these United States over the two year period. Not only were federal laws broken but we slipped from a government of Constitutional law to the order such as it is of brutes and bullies. Sooner or later the people of this country will realize that this is not some exercise in leftist breast beating, it is a question of decency.

So I sit here in my little pink house in Oakland, too friendly for my own good at times, and when I hear that Summa/Hughes is coming knocking I'm saying to myself "Oh Won!" which I guess is a combination of woe and oh. These people are crazed.

 'GALANTER' continued from Page 4.

LANCER
 Ruth Galanter has opposed the smog and toxic fume-spewing LANCER solid waste-burning incinerator since before she declared her candidacy. Russell, by contrast, voted several times to advance LANCER before announcing her withdrawal of support in an April 29th flip-flop at the behest of her new campaign managers.

TRAFFIC
 Ruth Galanter will work to scale down massive developments which promise to further clog already crowded streets. She'll further reduce traffic increases by limiting new development in congested locations, by working with business to spread the traffic load away from peak hours, by aggressively pursuing transit alternatives, and by re-working Russell's proposed "traffic reduction" plans which currently guarantee gridlock throughout the district and the city.

I'm so thrilled they're moving down the block. You'd think that the excess accumulation of money and power was somehow other than mad or boring and I don't want these people to have a permit to build a sandcastle (Buddhist humor) let alone another fort. After all the Summa Corporation, owner of the south canals, the Venice slough and its friends stand to benefit by the conversion of the natural scape to a marina. After all, every one needs a landing strip. Haven't you seen Miami Vice lately? And if you don't realize by now that the ghosts you create in this life are the ones you deal with in the next, well good luck. Wake up Venice, instead of hearing songs like "Searching for a Higher Love" Hollywood will be giving us movies called "Night of the Sleepwalking Jerks", course that'll work too. Vote June 2 for Ruth. In the great spirit of American politics I know very little about her. She seems like a good and decent person. So here's writing from Venice of California, Home to the Crazed and the Amazed and all points in between.

Sincerely Yours,
 Kelly Ball

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And finally...

hotel center. I checked this rather amazing bit of information with some old time Venice activists which by the way is not a dirty word, and they confirmed it. So when Mrs. Russell blithely explains that it is she who is keeping the size of this project down it is with all due respect to what I'm sure is your profound sense of personal integrity Mrs. Russell, you appear to be ... lying. The article goes on to say that "...without this special designation.... the Hughes Center would have been limited to half the square footage that Hughes/Rossiter wanted." Of course the electoral process will allow you to explain yourself in the coming month.

During the 50's the Hughes/CIA link became increasingly powerful. By 1953 Hughes Aircraft were employing 17,000 and had almost a monopoly on Air Force electronic systems with a backlog of 600 million dollars in federal contracts. It was supposedly because of Pentagon pressures that Hughes "divested" himself of personal control over the aircraft division in 1954, transferring it to the Howard Hughes Medical Institute. It was at least on paper controlled by his former personal secretary and chauffeur. What a dose of medicine that is to an otherwise self-healing world. Of course poor Howard didn't have to cry for too long. "In early 1956 he gave our checkered Vice

President Nixon \$100,000 to help him fight a "dump Nixon" move by fellow Republican Harold Stassen and a \$205,000 loan, never repaid, to his brother Don to open up a burger stand. In the following months Hughes received a Justice Department anti-trust settlement by consent decree and the Hughes Medical Center which technically owned the aircraft company was granted a tax exempt status that had been denied twice before. It was a tax dodge that saved Hughes 36 million dollars a year. The Ballona Wetlands were purchased so I was told for \$400,000. By the late 1950's CIA contracts had grown to surpass those of the Air Force: "The huge contracts made Hughes Aircraft a captive company of the CIA asserted one former Pentagon official. Their interests are completely merged." And since all these non-competitive bids averaged out to over 1 billion dollars a year it seems reasonable to state that the government and above all the CIA were ultimately financing Hughes buy in to Las Vegas casinos (your tax dollars) which was the biggest money laundry in the nation. Summa is still headquartered in that desert city. When the Cay Sal Islands in the southern Bahamas were used as a base of offensive operations against Cuba from 1960 to 1963 it is not difficult to see the hand of the CIA at work. If caught Howard was going to tell everyone that he was only filming a movie. Where do these jerks come from? When the tyrant Somoza fled from Nicaragua, his first destination North Cay Island in the Bahamas. Mrs. Russell are you listening? The other monster in the Beowulf epic was the mother of the Grendel. She was as in all good epics defeated too.

 *PARKING

Ruth Galanter proposed a comprehensive parking plan for the Venice Peninsula which Pat Russell ignored. She will work to provide more residential and visitor parking in beach neighborhoods and major shopping areas, and to require adequate parking in all new developments.

 *CONFLICT - OF - INTEREST

Ruth Galanter has proposed to amend the city's conflict-of-interest law to prohibit lobbyists from also working for city officeholders. She is not taking campaign contributions from developers with controversial projects pending before the city. Russell necessitated the Galanter proposal by allowing former aide Curtis Rossiter to work for her while working for Summa and other developers with 6th District projects pending. Rossiter made more than \$300,000 this way in just the last two years.)



HIGH ENERGY HOROSCOPE BY BRANDY

ASTROLOGICAL ADVENTURING

by Brandy 280-3304

ARIES - 12 Yr. cycle of growth beginning. New projects. Expand your activities. Return to school. Experience life from a broader view. Restless! Get out and do something different! Ability to assert self. To be personally effective. To project ideas with more power & energy. Work and accomplish good health and self-confidence.

TAURUS - New Beginnings. Receiving new impulses from the energy center within you. Any new venture will ride these new energies. Recharge self for the year to come. Concerned with personal matters. "Self"-centered in a positive way. Project yourself. Make an impression. Discover inner needs for personal success and further progress.

GEMINI - Good to begin new projects, they must involve a lot of physical energies. Ego energies high & you demand to be recognized as a person. Work hard to further your interests & assert yourself. Chance to show Universe what you can do. Bend to the needs of others in all relationships.

CANCER - Testing your self-discipline & restraint. May feel like indulging self than accomplishing something. May go overboard & overextend. Socialize, study those you associate with, they are a reflection of you. Decide what you have succeeded in doing and what has failed and get ready for a new cycle on birthday.

LEO - Challenge. Watch for events that test your validity. Challenges in efforts to complete projects and reap their rewards or consequences. Physical vitality & chance to accomplish. Ability to assert yourself. Demonstrate you can work alone or with groups: work together for separate needs. Power & energy protect your ideas.

VIRGO - Equilibrium, balance, harmony. you can be yourself. Energies high. Stop & survey recent achievements. Decide how you can use them to prepare for the future and take what you can out of them that will have usefull, lasting value. Time to firm up your affairs and make sure they are strong.

LIBRA - Be careful of new relationships, you may lack discrimination. May be tempted to expand beyond a reasonable limit. Look within yourself for answers to difficulties that make you less than your potential. Energies High. Good to initiate activities - specially physical. Your intentions are clear. Your enthusiasm makes a favorable impression.

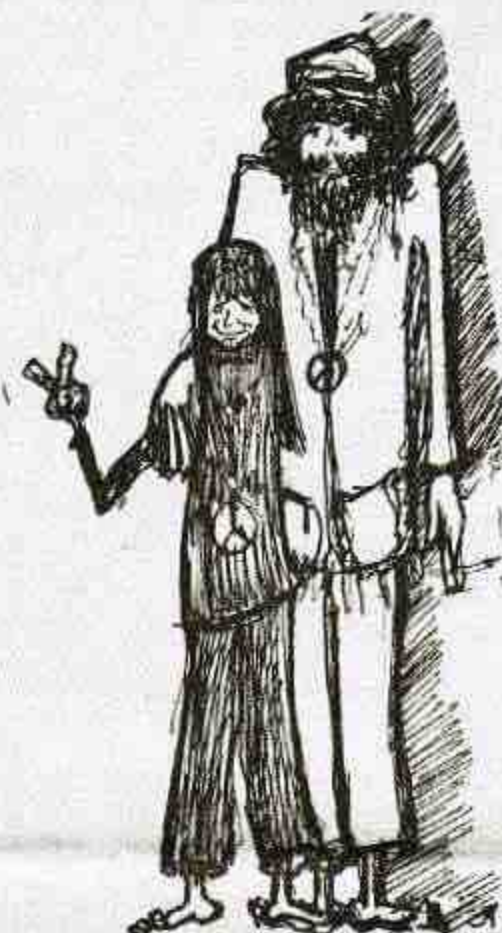
SCORPIO - High energy. Communication clear, not necessarily harmonious. Your life will stand out in contrast against your surroundings & other people. Can give you a consciousness & awareness. Things may not work as planned & you must begin again. Incorporate achievements into your life and make them part of your personal growth.

SAGITTARIUS - Hi energies. Ego conflicts. Compromise necessary. Careful with authority & superiors. You may provoke opposition. May fail at certain efforts & have to start over. Use the information gained to launch new enterprises. Present actions create consequences for the future. Must now achieve a working relationship with others.

CAPRICORN - Good time to study new subject. Remember your spiritual & inner needs. Look to inner self for solutions. A time of balance & harmony when you can be yourself. Energies high. Can do whatever you want with enthusiasm & energy. Watch irritable sub-conscious energies that may surface in intimate relationships.

AQUARIUS - Great mental energies. Won't back away from challenge. Enjoy exorcise! Time of challenge & crises. Validity of actions tested. Universe challenges efforts to build something up, create material structures, get a project going. Some aspect of self or life is struggling to get out into the light but the Universe demands you prove yourself before entering.

PISCES - Strive to integrate energies. Can work effectively with others & harmonize with no loss of identity. Will be tested & forced to demonstrate validity of what you are doing. You may be challenged by circumstance or others. Success depends on how you express yourself. Give way on small matters and non-essential points.●

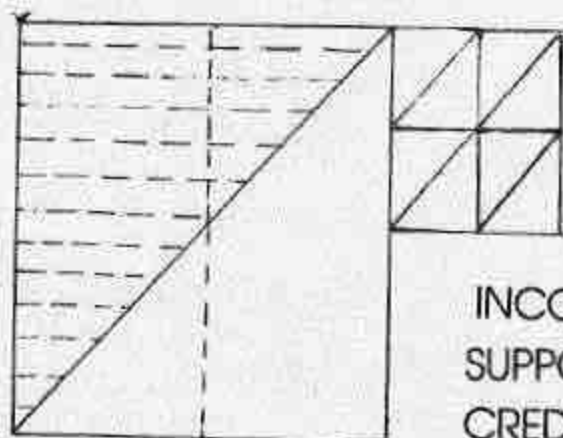


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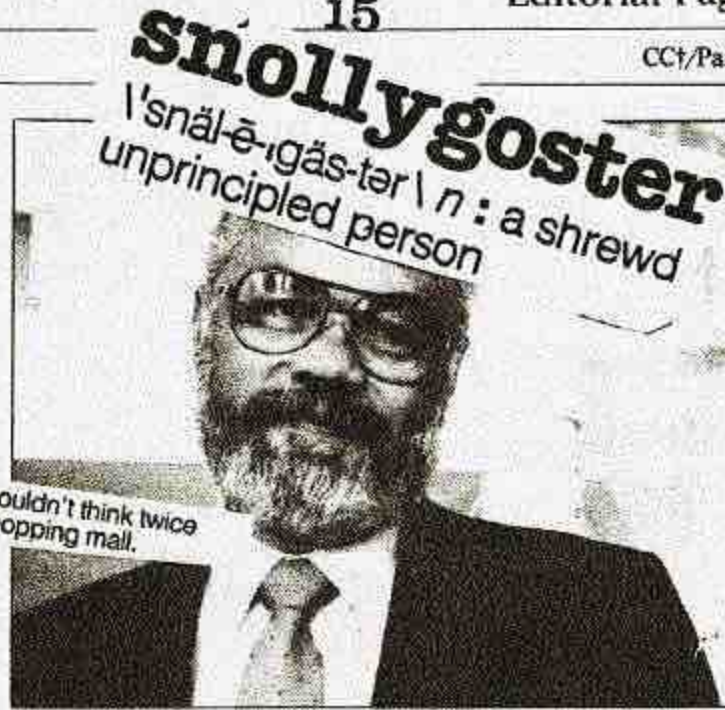
Political Consultants on Double Duty Lobbyists Hired to Run Campaigns for City Council Members

By RICHARD SIMON and VICTOR MERINA, Times Staff Writers

The front door of Curtis Rossiter's private consulting firm in Venice is just a few feet from the entrance to the campaign headquarters of Los Angeles City Council President Pat Russell. And the proximity is no accident. For the last 18 years, Rossiter has been Russell's closest and most trusted political adviser, hired to run his campaigns.

del Rey. With her backing, the full City Council annexed the development project into Russell's 6th Council District, a needed step for the

seek to influence council members to obtain approval of their projects. These developers are snollygosters who wouldn't think twice about tearing down Monticello to build a shopping mall. It may be a conflict of interest. Lobbyists for city business can get an edge over others, the critics say, simply by hiring right consultants and lobbyists, who also serve as campaign consultants.



Curtis Rossiter, lobbyist and consultant

Russell's Empty Chair at Forum Called Symbol of 'Insensitivity'

By ALAN CITRON, Times Staff Writer

Russell Raises 3 Times as Much Money as Her 5 Opponents in 6th District Contest

By FRANK CLIFFORD and BILL BOYARSKY, Times Staff Writers

With contributions coming from a variety of influential businesses and individuals, Russell raised more than \$50,000 by her five opponents. Candidate Ruth Galanter, an urban planner with backing



Russell hit by backlash near home

By Donna Prekop, Copley News Service

Los Angeles City Council President Pat Russell was trounced by opponents in her hometown of Westchester in Tuesday's city election, possibly due to a homeowner backlash against the massive development the councilwoman has supported near the bedroom community.



Pat Russell

ELECTION: June Runoff in Two Races

Part I/Thursday, April 16

THE VOTE

LOS ANGELES CITY

District	100% Precincts Reporting	Votes	%
District 2			
	Joel Wachs (inc.)	9,327	64.9
	Jerry Allan Hays	4,214	29.3
	Georgetta Wilmett	431	2.8
	Jack E. Davis	399	2.7
District 4			
	100% Precincts Reporting		
	John Ferraro (inc.)	10,775	81.8
	Sal Genovese	2,391	18.1
District 6			
	99% Precincts Reporting		
	*Pat Russell (inc.)	10,697	42.2
	*Ruth Galanter	7,435	28.3
	Patrick McCartney	4,245	16.7
	Virginia Taylor Hughes	1,238	4.8
	Rimmon C. Fay	1,207	4.7
	St. Athanasius Grammar School	521	2.0

Russell's Troubles

Mayor Bradley as he discussed election results. At top left, Nate Holden, top vote-getter in 10th City Council District and, below, runoff opponent Homer Broome Jr. At top right, Council President Pat Russell and, below, her opponent in the runoff, Ruth Galanter.

Pat Russell has spent 18 years representing the extremely diverse 6th District, which shows no signs of becoming unworthy incumbent.

2 Council Races Deal Another Blow to Mayor

His Favored Candidates, Russell and Broome, Face June Runoffs; Development Issue Emerges

By FRANK CLIFFORD, Times Staff Writer

Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley, the loser in last year's gubernatorial race, was dealt another setback as the two candidates he worked hardest for in Tuesday's City Council elections fell short of victory, with one of the two tripped up by a political newcomer.

mayor, was ambassador to the Council District 6 race. Many people had never seen him as a referendum on development, m. Russell and Broome. In the nearby where Bradley fit office 24 years ago among 14 candid. Broome Jr., came in former State Sen. Ni. running for his had tied his popular.

snollygoster

These developers are snollygosters who wouldn't think twice about tearing down Monticello to build a shopping mall.

RUSSELL: Given Thumbs Down

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Councilwoman's position on the pipeline stands in marked contrast to her vote three years ago in favor of one of the city's most bitterly disputed oil-related projects—Occidental Petroleum Corp.'s drilling in Pacific Palisades. That project, which also would require the construction of pipelines, is being fought for the same reasons Russell gave for

The issue is still overdevelopment, and on that issue Russell's record is very clear.

Venice act. resigns

By Rick Cziment, Staff Writer

Venice Action Committee founder Michael Dieden has stepped down as the group's president after helping to make it a power in Venice politics and development.



Michael Dieden

that counts. There will always be people who question our

Pat Russell's Troubles

City Council President Pat Russell is in political trouble. Russell faces the toughest re-

Mayor Denies Harm
Bradley insisted Wednesday that the outcome of the two races did not hurt him politically. "I have had a lot of candidates who I have supported who lost, and it hasn't affected my prestige," the mayor said during a City Hall press conference. Nor did he see his future as to Russell's because of the simplicity of their views on growth development.

Please see ELECTION

'Red Tide'; A Red Herring

by Carol Fondiller

"Congratulations - you did it!" exulted the voice over the phone. "Did what?" I hacked and coughed. "We won! Russell's in a runoff with Galanter! Russell got only 42% of the vote!" "You're kidding! What's the date today?"

On Tuesday, April 14 I staggered to the polls, holding my aching ribs that ached from the deep resounding cough that had been living with me for several days, voted for Galanter, and wheezing and sneezing my way home, chug-a-lugged a bottle of Nyquil. I knew nothing until the phone roused me from the asterisks that writers used to use to signify void - no memory. Like the sullen drip of mucous from my sinuses, the realization that We Did It made its way to my congested brain. We'd gotten more than we'd hoped for. Fifty per cent was all that was needed to force an incumbent Councilperson into a runoff. What had happened was a mandate for change.

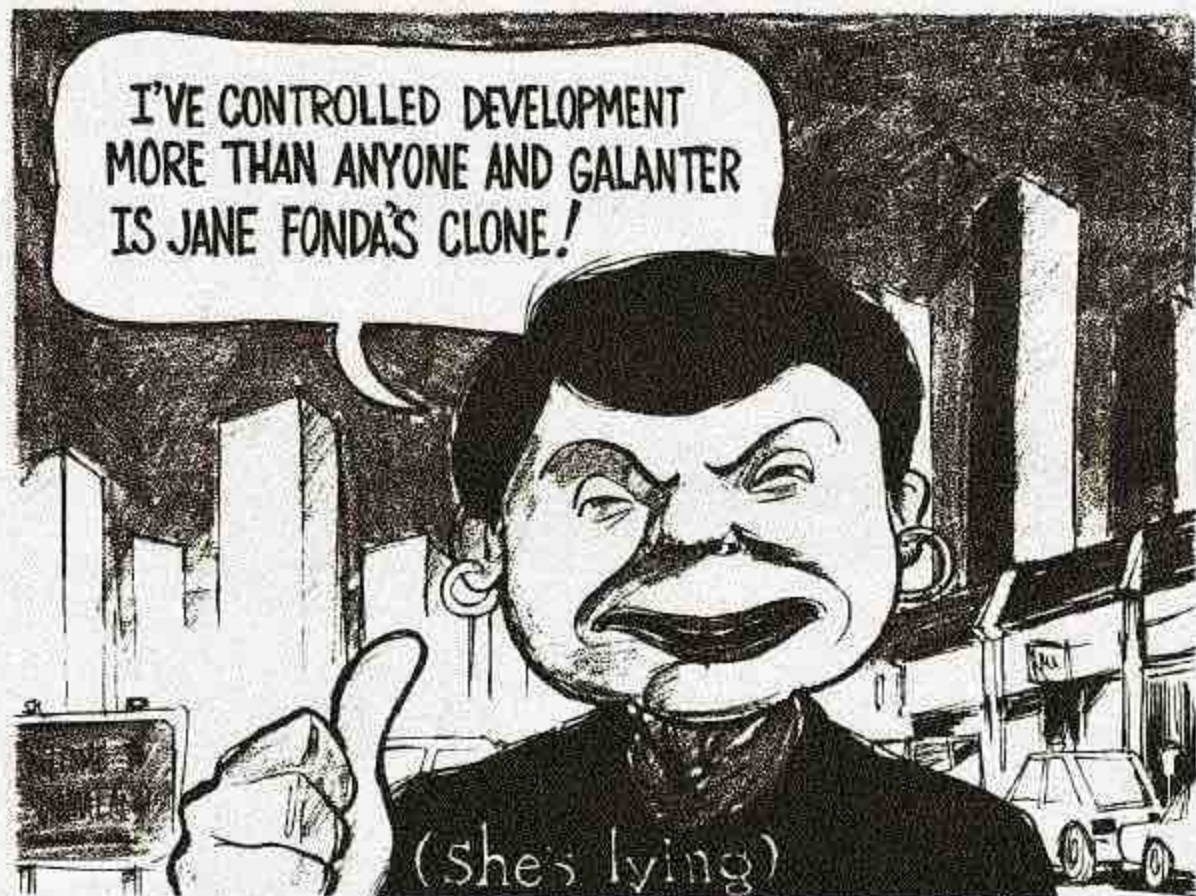
On April 11 there was a march and rally sponsored by the Venice Civic Union, made up of community groups ranging from homeowner groups to environmental groups. The march was more of an amble down the Ocean Front Walk to the Pavillion. People waved at their friends, whether or not they supported the same candidate, and some people stopped to examine the merchandise displayed by the vendors on the Ocean Front Walk. At the picnic area outside the Pavillion, the five contenders for the Council seat of the Sixth District spoke of an incumbent Councilperson who acquiesced to the desires of development interests over the needs of neighborhoods. The five candidates had all been brushed by the Big Lie campaign of the Councilwoman from Summa Corp. The gathering was enthusiastic in their support of all five candidates. The balloons and banners seemed to bob on the currents of cooperation and camaraderie that swelled from the crowd. The incumbent was not present and banners and posters proclaiming support of her were absent. That was nothing new; Russell has always ignored her constituents.

Against all the wisdom and prognostications of the experienced City Hall politicians, and very little money, lots of dedicated workers and not incidentally the incumbent's own record, We Did It.

The euphoria was so heavy I could taste it. But one must come down from any high, whether drug- or emotionally-induced, and reality put her heavy hand on my shoulder. Yeah, I know. Now the work really begins. The office building complex is still putting a Mar Vista neighborhood in the shade. Illegal conversions of living space to retail shops go on, despite complaints from the residents. And the various city agencies ignore those complaints because they are not given any direction by the Councilwoman. As Ruth Galanter says, "To not act is to act." New homeless are created every day because no replacement of low-income housing is enforced or encouraged. No matter who you voted for, the issues of why we voted for someone rather than the incumbent are still here, despite some sudden last-minute solutions miraculously found by the incumbent, i.e. prohibiting housing on the bluffs in the Westchester area, and the surprising news that she is for slow-growth development.

But I do see danger ahead. I say in all sincerity that I would have voted for any one of the other candidates if they had won. That even goes for Sal Grammatico who blamed the nice weather for the homeless in the West Side. And despite the fact he is a (gasp!) Realtor, because he along with the other candidates stressed accessibility and responsiveness to all the people of the Sixth District, I would have stuffed envelopes for him. But Galanter won. The direction of the incumbent's campaign began to become apparent when I read of a man called Kolvin calling Galanter part of the Hayden-Fonda circle.

Michael Dieden is the founder and past President of the Venice Action Committee, and organization consisting of owners of trendy restaurants, establishment artists, entrepreneurs, and real estate developers. Dieden learned his organizing skills while working for Hayden's election. He's now using those skills to organize the overdogs to get their bone,



RUSSELL IZUZU

Venice. I've not heard anyone calling Dieden a tool of Tom Hayden. To associate Tom Hayden and Jane Fonda with the Left is plain stupid. Hayden used the form of Leftist techniques, getting groups with common goals to act in concert. As for being on the left, Tom Hayden recently stated he is for the death penalty.

Does that make Deukmejian a pawn of Hayden, or vice-versa? It seems now that Tom has gotten where he wants to be, he can discard all those same rules, ethics and ideals and relax and enjoy his baseball fantasy camp just like any affluent establishment power maven.

When I took part in demonstrations against the war in Viet Nam, I did so because I felt and still feel we have no business interfering with the internal politics of Viet Nam, not because I hated the USA. I was not pro- Ho Chi Minh, though some of my compadres were.

The picture of Jane Fonda straddling that cannon in North Viet Nam infuriated me, because the impression was given that all war protestors were anti-USA and pro-Ho. The media appointed Jane Fonda as a spokesperson for all the Viet Nam war protestors. Fonda did nothing to disabuse the media of this notion. To the media she was the movement sun to all the Hoffmans, Ellsbergs, Newton & Spocks who glittered obscurely in her bright orbit. She became The Movement. Got a question about Women's Lib? -Ask Jane - and she'd act as if she were the inventor of the women's movement. Jane and Tom espoused all the correct lines and all the correct causes: the Black Panthers the really important rallies, etc. They never responded to communities or causes whose needs were just as real but not as "sexy" or exciting as, say, the Black Panthers. Ah, but when Tommie-boy, who'd spent some time in Venice, recuperating after the Chicago Eight trial, married Fonda, Venice was forgotten until Tommie decided to run for office. Then were the resources of Venice used, and the Movement hero-worshippers were exploited to the ultimate glitz success story which Jane and Tom seemed to typify - the Glamour Couple of the Left. Tom and Jane were never leftist. They didn't invent the Renter's Rights Organization; they just took it over and used the resources to put Tom in power. But the L.A. Times has implied that because Galanter knew Hayden in college, she might be perceived as being a tool of the Hard Left. I hope we're not going to be treated to the sad and silly spectacle of a candidate being kept busy defending herself on the irrelevant issue of whether or not she is a tool of the Hard Left. Hard Left as opposed to the Flaccid Left?? I don't care if Galanter and Hayden cribbed college notes from one another: I want Galanter to win because she, to some degree, represents my interests.

But what I fear even more than the Red-baiting from Russell's desperation campaign and the Industrial Revolution mentality of the L.A. Times is the all-too-eager desire by the

candidates to appear "reasonable." When a candidate suddenly becomes a serious player in the Big Boy's Game, they backtrack and soften their views, drop groups and people who helped them - just as Hayden now claims to regard his anti-war stance as youthful folly when he was running for office. "Why won't they forget the past?" his campaign ads whined. I'm afraid that in their eagerness to win, some advisors to the candidate might advise her to back off from the issues, and I fear that in their eagerness to win, they might forget what all the fuss was about and try to make her a clone of Pat Russell. To lift another quote from the mysterious Mr. Kolvin, being a "selfish elitist from Venice" some of us know better than the Councilwoman from Summa Corp. that this beach must be accessible to all the people of Los Angeles because all you people out there pay taxes for it. Us selfish elitists think one thousand parking spaces for five million beach visitors a year is a little scanty.

I've found when people start to compromise, to be more realistic, the first things that go are things that benefit the powerless and the voteless, i.e. the poor and the inhabitants of the sea and the air - I mean, the fish, the birds, and their habitats, and they don't vote. I don't want us to roll over and play dead before the opening shot has been fired. Besides, anyone who equates low-income housing, clean air, beach use for all of Los Angeles, developments that enhance rather than obliterate neighborhoods, with being a pawn of the Left, and who think that Hayden's doorbell plays the Internationale and that Galanter caught a case of the galloping Red rads by sitting next to him in class, are probably not that unhappy with Russell and they're not going to vote for Galanter anyway. I clutch the memory of April 11 close to my heart. The friendliness and the determination to vote out the representative of the wide pocket crowd, and the common desires for a safe, pleasant city for everyone live on.

I know that when Galanter wins, she'll do things I won't like, and I intend to tell her about them. She will disagree with me on issues, and sometimes we will be adversaries - but I believe her promise to be accessible and to be responsive even to a small-change person like myself. All of us who voted for the candidates and against the Councilwoman from Summa Corp must remember not to be diverted by the smear tactics being used by the incumbent in her desperate move to hold onto her office.

She won't win by drumming up fear of the Red Tide from the elitist West Side. We must remember that these are the diversionary desperation moves of a Councilperson who has aligned herself with the killers of neighborhoods for fun and profit. Now she is aware she might lose, and will do anything to retain her power. If Russell retains her seat, there go the neighborhoods. So all of you McCartneyites, Hughesers, Grammaticats and Fayites who have voted in the primary, get out and do it again. You people who didn't vote in the primary, especially if you're renters and homeowners, vote this time for Ruth Galanter. To get involved to help get out the vote, call Galanter headquarters at 645-9305. VOTE JUNE 2nd!!!! •

VOTE

JUNE 2

Galanter's Got...

Russell on the Run

by MOE STAVNEZER



"Russell Girds for Runoff as Underdog" was the L.A. Times headline after the April primary election. That headline spoke volumes about where we've been and where we're going, about frustrations of the past and victory in the future.

By the time you read this there will be only 4 short weeks until the June 2nd runoff. Virtually every minute of that time is precious if we are to knock off one of the most powerful politicians in L.A. and replace her with one of our own, Ruth Galanter.

Ruth's victory over Russell here in Venice was remarkable and pervasive:

	Ruth	Russell
Peninsula	43%	32%
Beach to Wash. Bl.	50%	16%
Triangle	33%	27%
Oakwood/Milwood	55%	18%
Betw. Ven & Wash.	51%	11%
East of Lincoln	48%	21%

In fact, Ruth outpolled Russell everywhere in the western part of the 6th District except a small enclave off South Centinela Ave. In Playa del Rey it was 48%-27%, in Mar Vista 42%-26%, in Villa Marina (where Russell got 68% four years ago) Ruth won 40-31%. Westchester was quite remarkable. In her own home town Russell was swamped by McCartney and Galanter by a combined 76%-19% margin (McCartney got 39%, Ruth 37%).

The eastern part of the District was quite a different story. In Baldwin Hills and Crenshaw, with intense help from Mayor Bradley, Russell got 64% and 74% of the vote, respectively.

But district-wide the story is that we got 58% of the vote while Russell was held to 42%. That's almost a complete turnaround from 4 years ago.

The 4 other challengers, Pat McCartney, Rim Fay, Virginia Taylor-Hughes, and Sal Grammatico, have now all endorsed Ruth and will work for her election. They've got a good base to work from, especially in Venice where the combined votes of the challengers was staggering:

	US	Her
Peninsula	68%	32%
Beach to Wash Bl	84%	16%
Triangle	73%	27%
Oakwood/Milwood	82%	18%
betw Ven & Wash	89%	11%
East of Lincoln	79%	21%

But, Venice still had a relatively low voter turnout. At 19% the turnout was only 2% higher than 4 years ago and we've got to work very hard to bring more people to the polls in June. On the bright side, for the first time in many years Venice did not have the lowest turnout in the District.

So, this is no time to sit around and crow. This is the time to work and work hard and not to be fooled by the divisive campaign we can expect Russell and her cronies to run.

The first thing that came from the Russell camp after the election was to begin a "Hayden/Fonda" baiting smear campaign, including the Venice Town Council and the Coastal Commission among the forces of evil along with Tom and Jane. A strange line from a person who endorsed Tom Hayden the last 2 times he ran for office. I have no intention of being drawn into such a sleazy discussion only to keep the dirty little ball rolling. It's ridiculous, but they'll resort to smearing Ruth any way possible and we've got to be able to tell our friends, neighbors and allies what the issues really are for us.

Ruth Galanter is, and has been, supported by people like you and me. People who grew tired of being ignored and steamrolled by Russell's anything-goes development policies and her tight connections to people who's pocketbooks were fattened by her votes. Ruth Has signed an agreement to conduct a fair and open campaign, avoiding personal attacks and conflicts-of-interest, and has challenged Russell to do the same. So far Russell has arrogantly ignored the agreement--much as she's ignored us for years.

The real issues are clear, just as they've been from the beginning. Massive development, staunchly supported by Russell, will have tremendous impacts on Venice by creating intolerable traffic jams on our streets, pouring more

pollution into the air, and making a fiasco of any real attempts to clean up Santa Monica Bay. Her unstinting opposition to Prop U (the controlled-growth initiative) is a good indication of how out-of-touch with the people she really is. In spite of that opposition, and her attempts to exempt Summa's Playa Vista project, we passed Prop U with an overwhelming 71% of the vote! Ruth supported Prop U, she will be a leader in the clean up of the Bay and our air instead of doing nothing as Pat Russell has done lo these many years.

Under Russell, Venice has experienced a loss of parking. Ruth will immediately work to provide new spaces for residents and visitors by using Prop A funds for park and ride facilities, using more of the Venice Bl median for parking, utilizing head-in parking on wider streets, eliminating unnecessary red-stripping, especially in North Beach, and creating and enforcing realistic parking requirements for commercial developments.

Ruth will immediately set in motion citizen based efforts to adopt the local coastal plans required for Venice which Russell has actively blocked and by imposing a moratorium on large commercial developments until the plans are completed. She'll work to scale back Playa Vista and Marina place which will make the need for the Marina bypass moot, support the construction of badly needed housing for all income levels, support a more historically sensitive restoration program for the canals that does not envision a mini-marina, and oppose the proliferation of mini-malls until better standards for location and parking are adopted.

Realizing that heavy handed threats haven't accomplished anything, Ruth will

begin honest negotiations with Santa Monica to deal with airport noise and development. Ruth supports the prompt repair and improvement of Venice Bl. She advocates a major effort to solve the problems of the homeless in the community and the society by providing not only temporary shelter and food but also with permanent housing and job training/finding services. Ruth supports the construction of a new Venice library in a safe, accessible location, not in the middle of a busy street. Other, more logical, locations include the RTD lot and the vacant site of the old Westminster auditorium.

Speaking of the RTD, Ruth would act quickly to move the bus yard to another location that did not have the same impact on other neighbors that has made the current site such a problem. She would establish a special citizens committee (with members from Venice and the potential new site) to deal with the new location and the use of the current RTD land.

Ruth would move quickly to establish a mechanism to preserve the many historical locations that make Venice such a unique community. The Ballona lagoon would not be dredged, deepened and lined with cement as Harlan Lee and his cronies now plan. At the same time, Ruth would institute public hearings on a realistic plan to provide badly needed parking for the Peninsula which would hopefully serve both visitors and residents.

All of this requires active and meaningful participation by the community in planning its own future. Using the resources of the L.A. Planning Dept., Ruth would establish a citizens planning board that would meet regularly, at times convenient to residents to develop plans for Venice which would be the result of agreements and accommodations rather than being adversarial. Gone would be the constant applications for conditional uses and zone variations that have become so popular under Russell. Ruth will create solutions, not problems.

But it will remain business as usual if we don't vote. Our goal must be to at least **DOUBLE** the 19% turnout of April. That would mean more than 10,000 votes and we'll need every one of them if we are to make Russell history. Tell your friends and neighbors, if necessary, drag them to the polls on June 2nd. Vote for Venice, VOTE FOR RUTH GALANTER!

SAY NO TO DEVELOPMENT HALL!



SAY YES TO NEIGHBORHOOD VOTE GALANTER JUNE 2

Community Events



HEALTH & SPORTS VENICE

The Beachhead welcomes notices of public meetings and entertainment for publication on the Community Events page. To have your event publicized, please mail your press release to us at P.O. Box 504, Venice 90294 by the third Sunday of the month. Late additions can be called in at 823-5092 no later than the following Wednesday.

To participate in the Venice-June 21 Summer Festival, contact Venice Merchants Association 392-7554

Venice Town Council Update

VENICE TOWN COUNCIL-GENERAL MEETING
May 14-Thursday 7:30 Old City Hall
"How Sick Is Santa Monica Bay?"
Guest Speaker: Dorothy Green, Pres. of 'Heal the Bay'.

ODDS & ENDS

VENICE SKILLS CENTER offering: JOB TRAINING PROGRAMS in air conditioning-refrigeration, auto mechanics, auto mechanics, auto emissions, electronic assembly, office careers, computer occupations, child care occupations and medical office procedures. Apply M-F, 8-3 PM, 611 5th Av in Venice. Call 392-4153

Women's Services

ONE DAY WORKSHOPS AT THE ALCOHOLISM CENTER FOR WOMEN AT 1147 S. ALVARADO ST.
Preregistration and cost 15\$, 381-7805
May 9 'Overcoming Barriers to Intimacy'
May 17 'Loving From the Inside Out'
May 10 'The Mother/Daughter Dilemma; Finding our way out'

PERFORMANCE

2 one act plays adapted from EDGAR ALLAN POE'S The Pit and the Pendulum & A Predicament/ runs
May 2, 9, 10, 16, 17, 23 @ 8:30 pm
at Beyond Baroque, 681 Venice Bl.
Reservations 822-3006 \$6, \$3/membr

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May 10 *Gerald Locklin (teacher at CSU/LE)
17 *Kate Braverman (author)
24 *Open reading (first 6 sign up @ 2:30)
31 *Wanda Coleman and Michelle T. Clinton

VENICE ART WALK MAY 31, 1987

MAY 31st--Venice Family Clinic's ART WALK will begin with 75\$ Docent Tours at 11am, followed by the self-guided ART WALK itself from 12 noon to 5pm, which requires a \$35 donation.
The ART WALK is in its eighth year; last year the Venice Family Clinic raised a third of its budget by the very successful event, which takes advantage of the willingness of the Venice art community. This year's ART WALK will visit the studios of more than 40 painters and sculptures, as well as galleries. Dress sensibly, Eddie O'Goy says.
Last year the Family Clinic served 20,000 patients, and is a primary health care provider for the homeless in Venice.
Also at the ART WALK at the Westminster School (1010 W. Washington) is a Food Faire & Shopping Place, and Silent Auction of artsy-crafty goods. Following will be a Cocktail Party & Dinner, for \$200, with entertainment. For information, call 392-8630.

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Harriett Wood's Poetry Writing Workshop-Four Saturday's 10am-1pm
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SOCIAL

"SANTA MONICA DISCOVERY"-SINGLES EVENTS
Friday May 8- "In Spring Your Fancy Turns To?"
Friday May 22 "Creative Vacations"
\$4 donation/Informal singles get together, age 25+, stimulation discussion, dancing, refreshments, 7:30 PM, Unitarian Community Church, Forbes Hall, 1721 Arizona Ave., Santa Monica/ 397-0028

FAMILY

CENTER FOR INTERRACIAL COUNSELING AND PSYCHOTHERAPY-DISCUSSION SERIES-202-0341
May 13 'Trans-racial Adoption' 6:30-7:45 St. John's Church 11000 National
May 27 'The Racially and Culturally Mixed Child' 6:30-7:45 PM, 12217 W. Pico
June 10 'The Racially and Culturally Mixed Marriage' 6:30-7:45 PM at the Westside Pavillion Community Room on Pico between Overland and Westwood Boulevard.

OFFART TO GO:
DOWN UNDER IN DISNEYLAND
Street-art works from Australia's Geraldine Parker, Jan Renkin and Nicky Neon at SPARC, the Old City Jail, Saturday April 25 & then outside for 2 weeks, inside 1 1/2 wks

ART

CLASSIC DESIGNER CRAFTS FEATURED AT CONTEMPORARY CRAFTS MARKET.. The third Los Angeles based Contemporary Crafts Market, an invitational exhibition featuring 200 of the nation's finest designers of crafts, will open to the public 11am to 4pm Saturday, May 30 and Sunday, May 31 at the Santa Monica Civic Auditorium. 936-1447, 829-2724

ART

A TRIBUTE TO WOMEN OF COLOR IN THE ARTS is a 12 hour cultural event on Sat. May 16 from 10 am-10 pm at LA City College Student Center. Call Veronica at 381-7805 from noon to 5 pm. Sponsored by LAPIS, a program of the Alcoholism Center for Women of 1147 S. Alvarado St., L.A.



ANTI-NUKE

For information on how to participate with the AD HOC Committee L.A. for Mother's Day at the (Nevada) Test Site, contact Lisa Alvarez at 394-1594 or Elena Popp at 392-3703 ((Weekend of May 8-10)

THE BAY

LOS ANGELES OCEANIC SOCIETY
General Meeting-Marine Science
Professor Ruth Lebow discusses her studies of invertebrates and fishes of the Southern California shore-7:30 PM, Chace Park Community Building at the end of Mindanao Way in Marina del Rey.



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V O O T E

Editor
Los Angeles Times
Times Mirror Square
Los Angeles, Calif.

Your article of May 3, Westside Section (Galanter Attempts a Liberal Balancing Act) misrepresents our newspaper, the Free Venice Beachhead, and we thought we'd respond.

First. We have not endorsed anyone for the 6th Council District election. We are certain that Pat Russell must be defeated if our community is to survive.

Second. We are a group of non paid volunteers. We have no editors nor do we have any editorial positions. We print editorial cartoons and articles submitted to us. The heavily anti Pat Russell issues of March, April, and May reflect the materials we received from our community. We would have printed a pro Russell piece if we had received one.

Individually most of us will vote for Galanter. Pat McCartney, a member of the Beachhead staff, is the only one of us connected with the Galanter staff.

Third. Your reporter referred to us as "hard-core liberal" and "stridently liberal" and cites several positions which serve as signifiers of such a position to him. 1) We are for slowing commercial growth; 2) we advocate more affordable housing in our community; 3) we are for nuclear disarmament by ALL countries; 4) we are appalled at the activities of the CIA since the end of WWII; 5) we have characterized Ronald Reagan as "President Rambo"; we are anti-Establishment (?).

We don't see any difference between the LA Times and our newspaper on these issues. Would the Times then consider itself "hard core or stridently liberal"? The Venice Beachhead has radical politics; The Los Angeles Times has moderate

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politics. So what? On local issues what do the terms 'liberal' and 'conservative' mean? Is the Times "radical" because it endorses Mrs. Russell when 85% of the electorate in Venice and 82% in Westchester oppose her? We support the same position that 85% of the voters in Venice support. The incumbent councilperson Mrs. Russell is the radical, for she follows policies which most of us feel will destroy our community.

The issue in this election has nothing to do with radicalism, liberalism, or conservatism. It has to do with sanity and insanity. The overdevelopment that Mrs. Russell has supported and continues to support is not in the interests of our communities. It would be insane to allow her four more years in office because our communities would be destroyed.

It is natural that Mrs. Russell's big time, big bucks campaign guns want the voters to focus on another subject. It is the Russell strategy to red bait this popular grass roots citizens campaign against Mrs. Russell. They will attempt to use the fear of radicalism which has been programed into U.S. popular culture to manipulate the voters. This is a strategy that is regularly used by office seekers and holders. In this case it is obviously demagogic and manipulative. The Times is allowing itself to be used in this way and your article is a factor in this process of manipulation. We can only hope that the voters of the 6th District will see how the Russell campaign, funded by the big bucks of developers and fronted by the L.A. Times, is laboring against their self interests and encouraging them to vote their own extinction. Shame on You.

The Beachhead