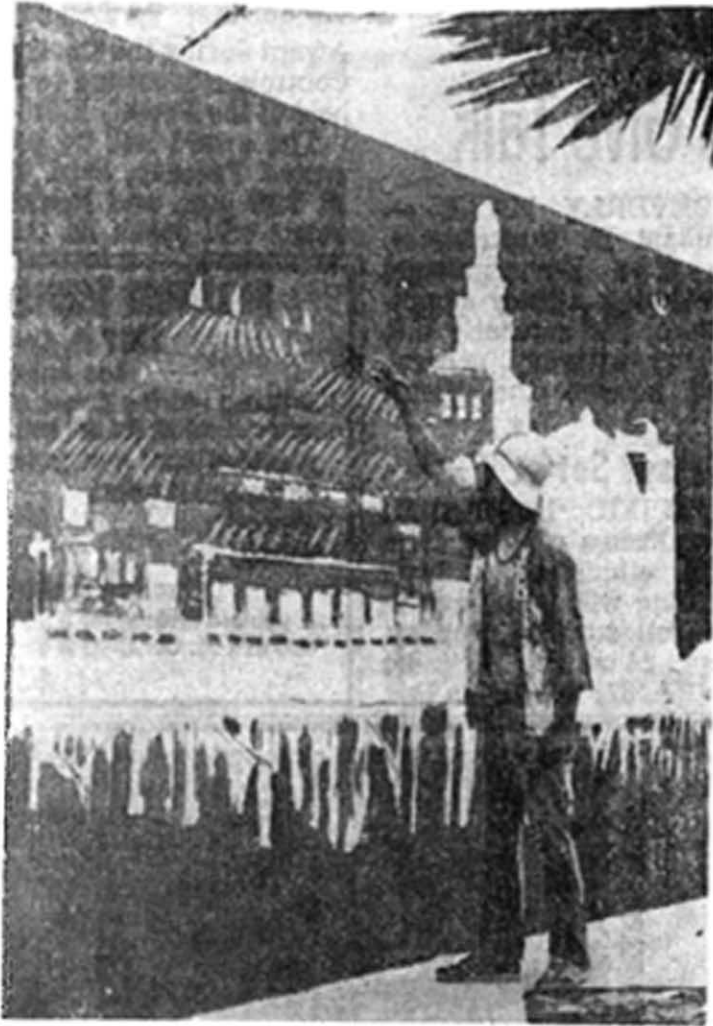


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**FINISHING TOUCHES** — Ulysses Jenkins, one of the 14 artists who worked on murals, puts final touches on his "Venice Pier" mural at the Pavilion.

## Pavilion Walls Graffiti Gives Way to Murals

VENICE—In strokes of bright color, handsome new wall murals now adorn the walls of the 12-year-old Venice Pavilion where graffiti once held scrawling dominance.

A one-year campaign of eradicating the ugly and sometimes obscene scrawls has been completed, and the murals, which portray the colorful history of the community from the 1900s to the present, will be officially dedicated Saturday, Sept. 15, at 1 p.m. at the pavilion, 1531 Ocean Front Walk.

Expected to attend are area Councilwoman Pat Russell and Seymour Greben, executive officer, Department of Recreation and Parks.

Under the direction of Judy Grupp, a fine arts instructor with the cultural affairs section of Recreation and Parks, community artists working as many

as eight hours a day on a volunteer basis provided the labor and much of the material for the project.

The work was completed in three phases. First the walls were cleaned, then sketches were submitted and a design chosen from a coordinating committee comprised of community residents and, finally, the painting was completed.

Artists working on the project include Theresa Musselli, Frank Gonzalez David Russell, Chris Lopes, Ulysses Jenkins, Gayle Vaughn, Kathryn Brehm, Jim Keshen, Art Mortimer, Joy Franklin, William Hart, Larry Press, Christina Schlesinger and Ms. Grupp.



**A NEW LOOK**—Judy Grupp, fine arts instructor with cultural affairs section of Recreation and Parks Department, inspects murals on walls of

Venice Pavilion which once were covered with graffiti. Murals portray history of Venice. They will be dedicated Saturday, Sept. 15 at 1 p.m.

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