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Hearing Scheduled

Things that Go Bump in the Night

After rejecting all other possible solutions to the problem with speeding cars on Elk street, the Department of Traffic Engineering finally, reluctantly, agreed to try small rumble strips there. A hearing has now been scheduled to receive public input on the use of similar strips on Chenery. You are urged to evaluate the effectiveness of the bumps on the two streets.

ELK STREET: The new speed bumps on Elk seem to have worked. Most cars slow dramatically, and the Department of Traffic Engineering staff feel these bumps are among the most successful they've placed.

Some problems still exist

in that heavy trucks, empty buses and speeding pick-up trucks cause noise and vibration disturbances in two of the houses directly opposite the bumps. Responding to complaints, Traffic Engineering has agreed to move some of the bumps away from the houses in question, and has posted a needed sign at the top of Elk (at Diamond Heights Blvd.) limiting the size of trucks on the street. The department has contacted MUNI and the Police Department, alerting both to the tonnage restrictions and asking compliance from the former and enforcement from the latter. To further

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Library Benefit -- A Sneak Review

June 21st was the first night of the Sneak-a-Peek festivities at the new library (653 Chenery between Diamond and Natick streets). Designed to raise money for the library and give people a chance to see the library space before the books were moved in, a series of three events was planned based on a survey taken of residents' desires for entertainment.

The first night, 45 people enjoyed an evening of music, poetry, and munchies courtesy of Glen Park residents and library friends. The entire west wall was covered with art by local artists, and a large display of books graced the window and the back of the room.

But you should have seen the crowd on Friday night (June 23rd)! A variety of

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Photo by Brian McCarthy

SUCCESS DESERVES A CELEBRATION! Enjoying the double success of completion of the new library building and a much enjoyed "Sneak-a-Peek" party are (L to R): librarian Betty Seidhoff, Bill Tietz, Laura Goderez, Ruth Gravanis, Val Tietz.

Bookocracy

by Laura Goderez

When the landlords raised the rent at the Glen Park Branch Library last year to more than the City was willing to pay, the library staff and Glen Park residents began a search for a new site. When word of the search reached Val and Bill Tietz, they began to think about Bill's family home sitting in disuse at 653 Chenery. They offered to remodel it as a library, and the City Real Estate Department accepted their offer.

What were to be simple renovations began in September 1977, but soon escalated into major reconstruction. After delays, frustrations and considerable expense, the building was completed last month: six months later than planned. Why was it so hard to house the library?

Bill, who works as an architect for HEW, designed the building to reflect the village-like quality of the neighborhood. He submitted plans to the Permit Bureau and took off with Val for a six-day vacation, fully expecting the permit to be ready when they returned. Trouble. Not

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GPA Meeting: Trees, LEAF, Green

The next meeting of the Glen Park Association will be held on Monday, July 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium at the Glen Park Recreation Center, Elk Street near Chenery. (Take the footpath that runs along the tennis courts.)

--Ken Hoegger, a member of the Sunnyside Neighborhood Association, will explain plans for tree-planting on the first block of Monterey Blvd. Forum Realty will match funds donated for trees.

--Terry Newland of Land Equality and Freedom (LEAF) will show a 29-minute film about the land value tax, and will answer questions about LEAF's ideas on saving our cities.

--Claude Everhart, aide to State Assemblyman Art Agnos, will explain AB 2986, legislation proposed to require landlords to pass on to renters their share of Prop. 13 savings. An endorsement vote may be taken.

2 Letters

Up A Tree

Dear "Newspaper persons"-

I recently moved to Laidley St. in Glen Park and am interested in planting a tree in front of my house (as well as anyone else's house in the block). Not only does foliage make a house more attractive to the eye, it also adds a finishing touch to one's property.

Is the Glen Park Association aware of any city or neighborhood service that would provide information and assist in tree planting?

I am enclosing a check to aid your work (in a small way) and enjoy reading your paper. Your answer to my questions will provide me the satisfaction of knowing what to do about trees on the block - please answer at your earliest convenience.

Thanks,
Mark Holtzman

Yes, the City does have a tree-planting program. And the GPA has been promised funds (NIIP and Bicentennial) to accomplish a large scale planting. To learn how to be included, call the GPA tree-planting coordinator, Gail, at 334-9603. --Ed.



Glickstein Yum Yum

A very tasteful article. Enjoyed this.

Mr. Link

SELF Support

Dear People,

I'm enclosing \$2 to cover a membership for the SELF Center in your association, in support of your neighborhood communications process. Many of our members live in the area your paper serves and have brought it to our attention.

Cordially,
Sherene Zolno



Craig Arkush, age 18 of Chenery Street, died suddenly of a ruptured cerebral aneurysm Thursday, June 29.

The community shares the loss and sorrow of his mother Geri, brother Brooke and sister Kristen.

It was a pleasure to know Craig. We'll miss the opportunity to watch him grow.

EYE ON THE SUPE

Commentary by Ruth Gravanis

In April's "Eye on the Supe," I criticized Lee Dolson's negative attitude toward the District Nine Community Council. Now I have to report a complete "attitudinal flip-flop" by our District Nine Supervisor. Dolson has attended each of the last three Council meetings, has shared information, sought input, and given helpful advice. In early April, he refused to acknowledge the Council because of "the people who were behind it," and in June it was, "Thank God for this kind of a group. I'm going to listen to what you say...because you are who you are."

At the May Council meeting, Dolson declined to reveal his stand on Proposition 13, but offered his prediction that a lengthy court test would follow if it passed. After the election, he ventured to say that Jarvis-Gann is "a rotten law--I voted against it--but it's going to have some good fallout." Dolson didn't completely spell out what he meant, but he did allude to a need for evaluations in Civil Service and he hinted that City Hall had too many workers. In fact, at the June meeting of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, he got into quite an argument with Richard Sklar of the Mayor's Office over the amount of "fat" in the executive branch--Sklar claiming that the Office employs 26 workers and Dolson calling it 365.

Dolson and Sklar also had a hot disagreement over Mayor Moscone's Emergency Proclamation--Was it a misuse of power? And what, exactly, does it mean? Dolson couldn't keep his silence nor his seat while Sklar addressed the Coalition regarding the proclamation, new tax increases, and the size of the Mayor's staff.

But don't assume that Dolson and Moscone lack a good working relationship--Dolson wants to know when one of his constituents desires a mayoral commission appointment because "the Mayor occasionally needs a favor from me."

I've heard it said that Dolson and District Ten Supervisor Quentin Kopp are of one mind, but they differed on Proposition L, the measure passed in June that sets up a commission to oversee a major revision of the City Charter. Kopp opposed L, saying it would increase governmental bureaucracy, but Dolson called it "one of the best chances to improve City Government (I was one of the sponsors) and I hope some of you [meaning delegates to the District Nine Community Council] will run for the Charter Commission."

I would like to see Dolson separate himself from Kopp on the open space issue. The Park Renovation/Open Space Acquisition Fund, created by the voters in 1974, has greatly benefitted Glen Park through the purchase of Martha Hill and the renovation of the Glen Park Recreation Center. Residents have been counting on further improvements and the preservation of a few more precious sites.

Conveniently, the Mayor's Emergency Proclamation takes the fate of the Fund out of the hands of the supervisors, but I don't recall the "pre Jarvis-Gann" Dolson being much of a champion for open space. In case there may be a chance for supervisorial influence, I want to point out that Dolson has said he does not take a position ahead of time--"I can be swayed by the last argument I hear." I hope he has not heard the last argument for open space. Dolson's number is 558-2943.

Paper Works

Dear GPA,

I like the new paper very much. Thank you.

Hilary Lang

P.S. As everyone else says - keep up the good work.

The GLEN PARK PERSPECTIVE is an open community paper published monthly by the Glen Park Association, P.O. Box 31337, San Francisco, CA 94131. Its purpose is to provide Glen Park residents and friends with neighborhood news, useful information, and a forum for the exchange of opinions and ideas. Articles with by-lines express the view of the individual and not necessarily that of the GPA.

Unsolicited materials--

Open House

Glen Park's handsome new library, 653 Chenery St., will have its official "Open House" on Friday, July 28th, 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. Everyone Welcome.

photographs, news items, poetry, fiction, and other articles-- are welcome. All staff positions are voluntary. If you would like to work on the paper, please call Jim at 585-5304.

Staff for the July issue: Peter Bellak, Greg Borrelli, Pat Diridoni, Laura Goderez, Alan Goldfarb, Susan Goodrick, Jim Gravanis, Ruth Gravanis, Mary Grobin, Mike Hitchcock, Heather Johnston, Brian McCarthy, Jane Mutony, Rosemary Pierce, Gary Rees.

At the June GPA meeting, Glen Park residents had the opportunity to see a special collection of slides and hear a provocative commentary by Raymond Clary, guardian and unofficial historian of Golden Gate Park. Ray was asked to use the Glen Park Perspective to keep people informed on current problems in Golden Gate Park, and this month he explains one aspect of the monumental traffic problem that mars the beauty and tranquility of the park. --Ed.

Park Traffic: Life in the Slow lanes

by Raymond Clary

Like the weather, everybody talks about the traffic problem in Golden Gate Park, but nobody does anything about it.

Here's one reason why the problem is so great. When the Central Freeway was built, it was planned that a connecting freeway between the Central Freeway and Golden Gate Bridge would be built through or under the Panhandle of the park. With this in mind, an off-ramp was built for Fell Street and an on-ramp built for Oak Street, and those two streets were changed into one-way streets.

Then neighborhood groups rose up in righteous indignation and killed the idea, but no one thought to demand that the off- and on-ramps be changed. As a result, Golden Gate Park now has six lanes of traffic at Stanyan Street, 95 percent of which has nothing whatever to do with park use.

What to do? A simple solution, if you, the people want it. Just reduce that six-lane entrance to the park to one lane each way. The resulting bottleneck would soon teach motorists to divert at Masonic to Parnassus on the south and to Fulton or Balboa on the north.

To make it even more effective, change both Fell and Oak back to two-way streets. There is no law that requires Golden Gate Park to furnish access to the Central Freeway from Pacifica and San Mateo County! Public parks were never intended to solve urban traffic problems. Those problems rightfully belong to the Planning Commission--not to the Recreation and Parks Commission. And since both those august bodies have been procrastinating for twenty years, more or less, it is time for the people to take over the task. This problem is not insolvable. Concerned citizens can solve it, if enough of us care. And if you have another or better solution, let's discuss it. But let's do SOMETHING!

Address your views to the Planning Commission, 100 Larkin Street, 94102; and to The Plan for Golden Gate Park, McLaren Lodge, 94117. To receive a summary of the public input received during the initial Public Input phase of The Plan (GPA General Membership Meeting, April '78) call Deborah, 558-3182.

Start Saving Those Tax Deductions

by Kevin Colgate

Taxes? I finished my taxes months ago, and I don't intend to concern myself with them again until April, 1979!

Sound familiar? It should. Most of us pay far too little attention to our tax avoidance (not evasion, that's illegal) opportunities throughout the year and then wonder why we are scurrying, digging, sorting, and tabulating until the eleventh hour on April 15th. It is my hope that this column will stimulate your interest now in organizing your tax records to reduce the pain associated with tax time.

Sylvia Porter, author of The Money Book, discussed several "personal strategies," which are summarized here:

* Charitable deductions are deductible in the year paid. Nothing new here. However, should you utilize any method of charging the deduction, then the date of the charge is the effective date for tax purposes. Remember, this is not a pledge.

* Medical expense payments are interpreted the same way.

* State and local tax deductions are under fire from President Carter and changes or outright eliminations may be forthcoming in 1979; however, these deductions are safe throughout 1978; thus any purchase including a substantial sales tax should be consummated during 1978 to take advantage of the deductible sales tax expense.

* Taxes on your real estate, co-op, condominium, vacation home, and other real estate you own are deductible.

* Taxes on earnings are deductible.

* Taxes on personal and business travel--personal travel deductions vary from state to state (check with your local I.R.S. office). Business expenses are fully deductible.

* Taxes on all purchases may be determined by maintaining receipts of all transactions or by utilizing the "Tax Tables" provided by the I.R.S. These tables describe explicitly the amount of money deductible.

Most importantly, however, we must all consider closing the sale on any large purchase we anticipate consummating during 1979. It is very possible that Congress will support the President and eliminate the sales tax deduction during 1979.

If you plan to buy, '78 looks like the year to do it.

Neighborhoods: People in control

The National Commission on Neighborhoods, created by Public Law 95-24, began functioning in January, 1978. The 20 members of the Commission have been given one year to recommend "modifications in federal, state, and local laws, policies and programs necessary to facilitate neighborhood preservation and revitalization."

The Commission will visit at least 15 cities across the country, holding weekend sessions to talk with neighborhood residents about what can be done to enhance the quality of their lives. This quote from the National Commission on Neighborhoods' newsletter indicates a serious interest in our input:

The neighborhood movement takes much strength from a growing understanding that neighborhood revitalization-- and so the rebuilding of our cities--proceeds most effectively when citizens themselves assume decisive roles. There is a strong case to be made for decentralize neighborhood-based programs that do not rely on bureaucratic systems.

Comments and suggestions directed to:
National Commission on
Neighborhoods
2000 K Street, N.W.
Suite 350
Washington, D.C. 20006
or phone (202) 632-5200.

quote of the month

"The key to revitalized cities is not in the downtown skylines or in expensive, subsidized bricks and mortar, but in the spirit of the neighborhoods."

--Joseph F. Timilty,
Chairman, National
Commission on Neighborhoods

Mental health services on Monterey Blvd.

Many local residents may not know that at 298 Monterey Blvd (northeast corner of Congo and Monterey) is located a neighborhood center of the Mission Mental Health Services of the San Francisco Department of Health. A small sign on the door says "Come In," and the facility, principally devoted to counseling, is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday through Friday.

Charges for services of the Mission Mental Health Services and its Monterey Center are on a sliding scale based on ability to pay. There is no charge for referral service.

The Monterey Center telephone number is 558-2551.

Whose land is this anyway?

While studying psychosynthesis in Montreal, there was always a question in the back of my mind--"What kind of social system would promote the fullest expression of the human potential for all people?" This question has led me to an exploration of socio-economic systems that are based on an understanding of the evolutionary process.

This is how I discovered the works of Henry George, a profound political economist who was writing his masterpiece Progress and Poverty a century ago on First St. in San Francisco. As the title indicates, George's question was "Why with increasing wealth and abundance for some, is there increasing poverty for others?" This is a question I have pondered many times, being shocked at the statistics for the distribution of wealth in this country.

With similar such perplexing questions in mind, Henry George went horseback riding one day in the Oakland area. He asked an old man what the selling price of land was in the area and was told that it was ten times more than it had been merely three years ago. The full meaning of this simple factness. He had found the "demon"-land speculation. Since land is a gift of nature and cannot be created by human labor, earthlords who hold land out of use for the purpose of speculation deprive others of their natural inheritance. Since land values increase due to the labors of an entire community, not that of any one individual, the taking of this unearned income is true robbery.

Throughout his ensuing studies of history, George saw that this gradual monopolization of land and natural re-

sources by the few, with the consequent deprivation of the many, was the key reason for the downfall of great civilizations of the past. When we look around us today, we see that every major city suffers in the hands of a few speculative interests. Such a state of affairs indicates an unnatural and distorted relationship of humankind with Mother Earth.

It is here again that George's brilliance shined forth. He realized that the proper adjustment could be made through a simple and easy method of correct taxation. Taxes placed upon the products of human labor--income tax, sales tax, and taxes upon buildings and improvements--inhibit true free enterprise and therefore could gradually be removed. The tax must instead be placed on the land value alone. The tax becomes then, in fact, a form of rent paid by the owner to the community for the use of valuable land. The benefits resulting from such an arrangement are numerous--vacant or poorly used land would no longer be held out of the market for speculative purposes, a building construction boom would result and thus bring more affordable housing onto the market, inflation would be lessened, employment would increase along with higher wages, urbansprawl would be curtailed, and the homeowner's tax burden would be decreased.

Backstage to the present Jarvis-Gann-Behr muddle stands quietly this most workable and beneficial taxation reform. California state senator Albert Rodda, who has served as chairperson of the finance and education committees, is one of its staunchest advocates. Senator James Mills, president pro-tem of the California senate, has written land value tax legislation. Senator Wil-

lie Brown has also testified to the importance of this reform. Yet why is it not better now? One can only suspect that it is due to the combination of a conspiracy of silence maintained by land monopolists and speculative interests and a pervading public ignorance about basic economic principles.

If you are interested in learning more about Henry George and land value taxation, be sure to attend the next Glen Park Association meeting on Monday, July 17, during which time the 30 minute movie "This Land is Mine" will be shown. Terry Newland of Land, Equality, and Freedom will be there to answer questions.

Books **Small Is Beautiful**

by Phil Fanning

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL, Economics as if People Mattered, by E.F. Schumacher, 1973, Harper and Row, 305 pages, paperback, \$2.95.

Why is it that with all our labor-saving devices, we find the pressure and strain of everyday life to be greater than, say, that of the typical Burmese, who enjoys far fewer of these devices? Why is it that with one of the world's highest "standards of living," so many of us find little satisfaction in our working lives, and, in fact, count the minutes to five, the days to Friday, and the years to retirement?

Part of the reason, according to the late British economist E.F. Schumacher, is that we in the West have somehow forgotten the true meaning of work. "Work and leisure are complementary parts of the same living process and cannot be separated without destroying the joy of work and the bliss of leisure....The Buddhist point of view takes the function of work to be at least threefold: To give a man a chance to utilize and develop his faculties; to enable him to overcome his ego-centredness by joining with

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other people in a common task; and to bring forth the goods and services needed for a becoming existence."

What a far cry from our Western formula of more productivity=more wages=more consumption=more satisfaction! If we will only act selfishly and with the goal of personal enrichment, the result will be economic progress leading to the greatest good for the greatest number.

On the contrary, says Schumacher, "The cultivation and expansion of needs is the antithesis of wisdom...Every increase of needs tends to increase one's dependence on outside forces over which one cannot have control, and therefore increases existential fear. Only by a reduction of needs can one promote a genuine reduction in those tensions which are the ultimate causes of strife and war."

A reduction of needs! What a revolutionary idea! And yet, as you look around, you begin to see it happening everywhere. Instead of a new car every two years, maybe we can make this one last for ten or more. Instead of having a night on the town, why not invite some friends over for dinner and conversation? Nor is it stretching the point too far, I think, to say that district elections and the Jarvis-Gann initiative were both straws in the wind of change, both bringing the economic decisionmaking of our society closer to those who will, after all, have to live with the results most ultimately--us!

SMALL IS BEAUTIFUL is not a new book. First published in 1973, it has now firmly established itself as a milestone book, one whose influence continues to spread. If you haven't read it, you should. It could literally change your life.

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PATH TO PERFECTION: BEST BEST IN WEST

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by Thai Dass Gregory

In the future you will know me as Adolph von Goebbelstein (NB: name change to Menahem Ben-Hitler was rejected by me as too pushy. After all, since I walked out on my wife and small kids, it seemed the part of wisdom not to attract too much spotlight too soon).

You may be as pleased as I was to learn that the I.C.L.S. of P.U., that is, the renowned International Consciousness-Lowering Society of ParaPsy University has persuaded me to accept guru-hood or, if you prefer, guru-ship, for my self-created Path to Perfection, as revealed in my No-Bell Prize Winning monograph titled, "Perfection, Erection, Selection, Trajection, the True Way," to be known colloquially and/or popularly as pEST.

Thus, with simple dignity, may I direct your attention to the genesis of our Curriculum. Mail order courses--known to us as L.U., or Learning Units --in a few basic areas are already in progress, if that's the word I want. L.U. kits for our Introductory Year are being sent to thousands who wish to qualify for H.W.C.'s (Higher Wisdom Cells) next year. An Elective Catalog will be available to all who pass--or Transcend, as we prefer to call it--our basic required courses, Sanctimony I and Sanctimony II.

Also required, in advance, will be Cash or a Certified Check for Three Grand, Three Big Ones, Seekers of the Light. We're talking about \$3,000. Cheap at the price.

Those among you who already possess a B.S. in Touching from Esalen or some equivalent intellectual swamp, will then be eligible to sign up for the S.M. Encounter Orgy Series, with a door prize of Complimentary Experience in P.S., or Primal Shreiking.

Now the Seeker approaches preparation of PHASE II of pEST, which will set him/her back an additional pretty penny. This may prove to be

invaluable in later life. Much later. Those who successfully dominate PHASE II will be re-registered for a nominal re-registration fee, "ca va sans dire" (French for "What else") as Triple P's (Powerful Potential People). Each of them may then qualify, during a Super Weekend Love-Out for PHASE III.

Next month, Thai Dass Gregory will tell us all about PHASE III and all those blissful flavors which will soon be available at his franchised Ye Yoga Yogurt Yurts.

(TO BE CONTINUED NEXT MONTH)



I see you in the coffeehouses,
Playing chess and puzzling crosses,
Drinking mocha tall with foam,
Writing the Great American Poem.

I try real hard to catch your eye,
As I grab a refill and pass you by,
But you seem so distant and hard to approach
That I can't think of a subject to broach.

You see, I'm your coffeehouse lover,
Admiring you from my stool,
Wanting so much to accost you,
But fearing I'll look like a fool.

I try to look like I'm involved,
With my songs half-written and my puzzles half-solved,
But I'm dreaming of what the future holds for us
As I busily consult my thesaurus.

Yes, I'm your coffeehouse lover,
Worshipping you from afar,
Hoping you're my kind of person,
And not some kind of vain superstar.

I think of what it would be like
To leave together on my bike,
And fade into the afterglow
With a couple of cappuccinos...to go.

But I'm only your coffeehouse lover,
Living the coffeehouse life,
Drowning my sorrows in coffee,
As I dream of a coffeehouse wife.

P.S. I gaze and wonder what you feel,
As you sit and sip your camomile.
You can come over and join me, whenever,
Better latté than never.

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Dist. 9 Council Elects Officers

The Glen Park Association is an official charter member of the District Nine Community Council. GPA delegates are Lu Blazej, Dolores Tighe, and Ruth Gravanis. Laura Goderez is an alternate. Each member organization takes a turn hosting and providing the presiding officer. The Steering Committee consists of the three incoming and outgoing presiding officers.

At the June meeting, officers were elected: corresponding secretary Bob Dutra (Mullen-Holladay Group), recording secretary Ruth Gravanis (GPA), and treasurer Manny Piriano (Miraloma Park Improvement Club). Catharine Wiles, administrative aide to Supervisor Dolson, gave a presentation on appointive positions on City Boards and Commissions. Ms. Wiles urged interested people to check the list of vacancies posted outside of Room 235 at City Hall and to fill out an application. Supervisor Lee Dolson, a regular guest at Council meetings, asked for names that he could recommend for appointments. He also encouraged members of the group to run for the Charter Revision Commission in November.

Presently, the Council has two committees--one to study the permit process, and one to deal with the airplane noise problem. It is not necessary to be a delegate to serve on a committee, and all District Nine residents and merchants are urged to participate. Write to the Council, P.O., Box 31178, SF 94131.

The next meeting will be hosted by the Diamond Heights Community Association on Thursday, July 27th at 8:00 p.m. at the Miraloma Clubhouse. The highlight of the evening will be a panel discussion called "How to live with Jarvis-Gann." All District Nine residents and merchants are invited to attend.

JOIN GPA

Our treasury is very low - your renewals and new memberships are urgently needed! Minimum dues are \$2 but contributions of \$5 (Patron), \$10 (Benefactor) and \$25 (Super-member) are urged. If you don't join now we'll get pushy. Please mail your check to P.O. Box 31337, S.F. 94131.

NAME: _____

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Board Supports Elsie Street Plan

Here is a summary of the GPA Board of Directors meeting of June 30th:

- Heard a request from Glenridge Nursery School for our support in their efforts to increase security at the Silvertree building.
- Reaffirmed support for the Open Space/Park Renovation Program.
- Voted to support the Elsie Street Plan, which is a comprehensive and concrete proposal for the development of the 100 block of Elsie Street in Bernal Heights. The Northwest Bernal Block Club is seeking Planning Commission approval for the plan, prepared by and for the neighborhood with the help of a \$5,000 grant from the Vanguard Foundation. (Call 282-9153 if you wish to obtain a copy of the plan.)
- Decided to step up the search for a membership secretary and a program planner.
- Discussed fund-raising ideas and decided to hold a door-to-door membership drive.
- Heard reports from several committees.

The next meeting of the Board of Directors of the GPA is scheduled for August 7th. The meetings are open. Call 585-5304 for time and place.

Mayor's office, Supes, Clash over Prop. 13

The Glen Park Association hosted the June meeting of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods--a city-wide organization of neighborhood groups.

The topic of the evening was the Jarvis-Gann Initiative, and Quentin Kopp had been invited to respond to the concerns of various neighborhood groups. Richard Sklar represented the Mayor's Office, and the District Nine Supervisor held down the other fort until Kopp arrived.

Intense animosity between the Mayor's office and one faction of the Board of Supervisors revealed itself when Moscone's Emergency Proclamation was mentioned. Co-chairs Pamela Hitchcock and Ruth Gravanis kept the meeting under control but might have much preferred refereeing a Spinks-Ali match.

More than 60 people were present, and after everyone was given a chance to have a short say and to ask questions of Sklar, Kopp, and Dolson, the group decided to form a task force for the purpose of forming a resolution regarding where cuts should and shouldn't be made and whether additional taxation is warranted.


The next meeting of the Coalition will be hosted by the Inner Sunset Action Committee on July 18.

Foran Announces Senior Tax Breaks

Senator John Foran has announced that many senior citizens are eligible for partial reimbursement of their 1977-78 property taxes. Owner-occupants who were 62 or older last December 31, and who had \$12,000 or less in total household income for 1977 should apply.

Also, rent assistance is available to seniors 62 or older who paid \$50 or more monthly in rent last year, and who had \$5,000 or less in total household income.

The filing period ends Oct. 2, 1978. For information, call Foran's District Office, 755-1766.



YMCA SUMMER CARAVANS

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 July 17-21 Yosemite National Park
 July 31 - August 4 Mother Lode and Lake Tahoe
 Aug 21-25 Moro Bay and Santa Cruz Redwoods

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CHENERY STREET: Since the death of 6-year-old Linette Gomez on Chenery Street last month, the Department of Traffic Engineering has agreed to consider installation of speed bumps on Chenery between Elk and Diamond. To give the public a chance to respond, a hearing will be on Friday, July 14, at 10:00 a.m. at 460 McAllister Street.

GPA members have urged the department to locate the bumps in front of houses set back from the street, or in front of empty lots, so as to minimize noise problems. The locations for four sets of bumps are: 1) West of Brompton in front of numbers 751, 757, 763, 732, 732A, 742; 2) West of Lippard in front of numbers 815, 821, 825; 3) West of Chilton in front of numbers 900, 906; 4) East of Surrey in front of numbers 998, 969, 963.

If you like the bumps on Elk Street and feel that bumps would help Chenery, or if you feel the locations should be changed, or if you dislike the idea entirely, come to the hearing to say so. If you can't attend, send your ideas to Jeffrey Lee, Deputy Director of Public Works, Rm. 260 City Hall, San Francisco, 94102.

-Laura Goderez

Scouting for a Scoutmaster

Glen Park won't lose its scout troop if a scout master can be found. One person has already volunteered to take on part of this privilege and responsibility. With one or two others to share the task, it will be more fun than work. Interested or know someone who might be? Call Bob Lando at 586-7184.



McAteer High School art students are painting this mural on the north wall of the Glen Park Rec. Center under the auspices of CETA/MOET and the Alvarado Art Workshop, helped along by the GPA and the Roy Anderson Paint Co., directed and designed by Gary Rees, artist-in-residence at McAteer. (Photo by Sarah Alexander)

Glen Park monitors Airplane noise

A temporary airplane noise monitor has been installed in Glen Park, and the GPA has been told that it will receive summaries of the readings. This may be a step toward getting air traffic rerouted over less-populated areas. Some people, however, are uncomfortable with the fact that the monitor will only be functioning for seven days out of each month.

San Francisco and San Mateo Counties are cooperating in a joint venture to study airport related problems. Chaired by Supervisor Quentin Kopp, the Joint Powers Board has begun to compile the Joint Land Use Study. For some reason, the Board has not seen fit to include San Francisco as an affected area. The GPA's request for the inclusion of San Francisco in the study area is on the agenda for the next meeting of the Joint Powers Board. Is San Francisco affected by airplane noise? Come and testify, July 24th, 9:00 a.m., Millbrae City Hall, Council Chambers, 621 Magnolia Ave., Millbrae.



Park needs people

The Glen Park Recreation Center Advisory Committee is still seeking interested participants. The purpose of this group is to promote recreational activities for all Glen Park residents and to encourage people to participate.

At the last meeting the by-laws were approved, and the following nominations were made: for president, Charlie Creighton; for vice-president/treasurer, Michelle Lundy and Bob Lando; and for secretary, Thelma Williams. Nominations are still open!

All Glen Park residents who are able to donate a little time to the park are urged to leave their names with the director at the Recreation Center.

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An Epicene Frame of Mind -- The Challenge of the '80s

by Lee Glickstein

After 34 years it finally happened. God gave me the word, personally. For the nonbelievers among us, let's just say I got a phone call from Madalyn Murray O'Hair. In any event she said: The word is epicene."

You see, I was at a dinner gathering of four in April and found myself in conversations involving "holistic" health and "modular" activities--very California language that originates here and two years later finds its way onto TV and into general usage.

I was pacing back and forth holding up a dictionary, ranting: "The catchwords of the 1980s are in this book; we just haven't applied them to specific concerns yet." (The concerns develop, we give them words in California and ship them to New York for media processing and country-wide disbursement.)

I raved on: "Let's find an untapped word that clari-

fies a pressing human concern. Hey! Let's even pick a word randomly and see if we can imbue it with special significance."

And in this room with three witnesses (references upon request) we absolutely randomly put a finger on epicene, which turns out to mean:

Adjective--"Partaking of the characteristics of both sexes."

Noun--"One who partakes of the characteristics of both sexes."

Kind of like androgenous we thought, but androgeny applies specifically to sexuality while epicene applies to social role characteristics.

So "epicene consciousness" suggest undifferentiated social roles among male and female, "epicene behavior" would be sex blind, and the "epicene ideal" would be achievement of a perfect balance between passivity and aggressiveness; between gentleness and assertiveness.

Many of us are finding a

need for such an ideal; women are increasingly uncomfortable with passive behavior patterns while men are coming to fight the compulsion to assert ourselves. With the popularity of assertiveness training for women we may be ready for passivity training for men.

We were brought up to be charming men and women and were supported in that differentiation until relatively recently. The reeducation of ourselves to be equally charming with either sex (no matter who we choose to share sex with) is our challenge for the 1980s.

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So the word epicene cropped up to give clear language to a current concern in my world. That it arose "randomly" at a time in my life when I was needing a handle for talking and writing about just such concerns gives rise to my sense of direct contact with God, or Harpo Marx.



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What are your creative passions? I'd love to know.

HIGH RISE SHORT COURSE

The San Francisco Ecology Center in cooperation with San Francisco Tomorrow will be presenting a month and a half long class called a High Rise Short Course. This close-up look at highrise development will be given by well-known experts such as Planning Commissioner Charlie Starbuck, Supervisor Quentin Kopp, Yerba Buena "watchdog" Chester Hartman, Planning Director Rai Okamoto, Permit Board member Doug Engmann, and others.

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by Nova Blazej, age 9



Hi, this June I went on a trip to Yellowstone National Park. On our trip we saw a lot of geysers, which are hot springs which shoot boiling water high into the air. We even saw the biggest geyser in the park, the Grand Geyser, shoot water up over 100 feet! While in the park I made a friend whose name was Ingrid. She lives in Denver, Colorado. While my mother was making dinner, my father fixed the tent and my brothers played. Ingrid and I took a hike along a river and on the way back to the tent I slipped in the side of the river where it was gooey and it smelled and got wet up to my knees. On the way home we stopped at several National Monuments: Fossil, Dinosaurs, Lehman Caves and Timpanagos Caves. These places were very interesting and beautiful.

Here's a recipe to keep you cool when it's hot - THICK SHAKE -

Things you need: Milk, vanilla ice cream, chocolate syrup, a cup, a table-spoon, two glasses, a big jar with a lid.

What to do: Pour 2 cups of milk into the jar. Put in 4 tablespoons of chocolate syrup. Put in 4 tablespoons of ice cream into the jar. Put the lid on the jar. Make it tight. Shake it well. Look. Has the ice cream melted? If it has, then it's ready to drink. For different flavors use other kinds of ice creams and syrups.

Please write me about a trip you took or send me pictures and poems. Send them to: Nova J. Blazej, 127 Mateo St., San Francisco, CA 94131.

Trips, Flicks, and Family Fun

SF Recreation Department outings are on Wednesdays during the summer. Information on cost, what to bring, what to wear, and time of departure and return will be announced by the directors at Glen Park, Miraloma, and Sunnyside Playgrounds.

- *7/19--SF Zoo
- *7/26--Frontier Village
- *8/2 --Cook Out/Family Fun
- *8/9 --Baseball Day

Movies are shown in the Glen Park Rec Center on Thursdays at 1:30 pm. Admission: 25¢.

- *7/13--Animals are Beautiful People
- *7/20--The Point
- *7/27--Golden Voyage of Sinbad
- *8/3 --Life and Times of Grizzly Adams
- *8/10--Red Red Dragon
- *8/17--Hercules in the Haunted World

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wines and cheeses, coffee and a donated pot-full of fresh figs disappeared into over 100 people, including officials of the city Real Estate Department and the Library Commission.

Saturday, June 24, a small but thoroughly appreciative crowd enjoyed a viewing of the Academy Award winning documentary about the DeBolt family, Who Are the DeBolts and What Are They Doing With 19 Kids?

The beauty of the Sneak-a-Peek was in the community's response to it. Glen Park residents stepped out in style (witness the long dresses and three-piece suits on Friday!) for this bit of culture and entertainment. This kind of interest can only generate more such evenings in the future. We have a lot of talent-

ed people living here, and apparently everyone from ten-year-old Yvonne Buslje to senior citizen Karl Alexander wants to see and hear what they can create and perform. Thanks to all of you who supported the Sneak-a-Peek, and most of all thanks to Val and Bill Tietz for making the library happen. Grand total made, after expenses: \$215, all donated to the Glen Park Branch of the library.

As we thank those who volunteered to work on the festivities, read carefully-- you may spot a neighbor or two!

--Planning Committee: Laura Goderez, Ruth Gravanis, Val Tietz, with Betty Siedhoff, Kathleen Pabst and Mike Sanchez.

--Poster Committee: Sherry Backus (age 14), Yvonne Re (14), Debbie Gardella (14), Margo Columbana (11), Nicky

Bregante (11), Chucky Backus (8).

--Baked goods: Eleanor Sanchez, Yvonne Buslje, Kathleen Pabst, Virginia Backus, Val Tietz, Lydia Aguilar, Marilyn Hadfield, Laura Goderez.

--Door Prizes: Connie Robles, Kathleen Pabst, Marilyn Hadfield, Susan and Ron Sullivan, Bruce and Jean Conner, Ray Gorbeck, Elsie Wong.

--Set-Up, Hosting and Clean-Up: Karl Alexander, Mike Sanchez, Pauline Blanc, Paula Preston, Susan Romans, Sharon and Richard Lindner, Dena Reiner, Sherry Backus, Adrienne Cook, Bill Canales, Karl Marx.

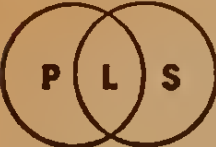
--Applause for the musicians: Michael Lewis, Peter and Shoshanna Kessler, Ed Silberman, Erwin Burger, Laure Campbell; and to the poets: David Frankel, Stephanie Mines, Margie Steiner, Randy Siebert; and to the artists: Lenda Barth, Pauline Blanc, Gary Rees, Jean Conner, Bill Canales, Dan Scannell, Rosemary Pierce, Howard Pierce, Greg Borelli, Val Tietz, Andy Barnett, Jacquelyn Paull.

Special thanks to Deborah Spearing for transportation, Forrest Tietz for the use of his van, Joan Anderson for her cheese suggestions, Susan Romans for help with publicity, Charlie of Diamond Super for his generous donation of apple juice, and Alan Goldfarb of Higher Grounds for his donation of cups, napkins, refrigerator space and blackout curtains for the film, and the Easter Seal Society of San Francisco for the use of its chairs and tables.

If we've missed anyone, don't scream-- there were so many people who helped.



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enough "calculations," said the Bureau, so the Tietzes had to hire a structural engineer to verify Bill's specifications.

They had a difficult time finding an engineer who would take the job. Two engineers turned it down because they didn't want to deal with the San Francisco Department of Public Works. The third engineer, after talking to DPW, told the Tietzes that they would be required to redesign the building, including the balcony, to support a maximum of 125 pounds per square foot, which is enough to support heavy industrial machinery (on a balcony?). This delayed construction until January 1978, and necessitated the installation of ten-inch steel beams to support the floor.

In an attempt to minimize increasing costs and to accelerate the construction, the entire top story was torn down in order to redesign the building in a way that required less material. The DPW, apparently miffed because it wasn't consulted about the design change, objected.

It was then that the Tietzes began to realize that something peculiar was going on. The DPW had issued them an F-2 zoning classification (mixed assembly and commercial), but required that they meet building codes characteristic of B-3 (larger buildings, as a six-story library might be). The maximum weight per square foot required under F-2 was not 125 pounds as they had been told, but only 60 pounds! So the DPW had required the Tietzes to build to meet codes of a larger building than designated on their permit. This resulted

in loss of floor space and cost the Tietzes thousands of dollars.

Next, the redesigned plans for the truss system in the roof were lost for two weeks somewhere between the Structural Department on the second floor of the Department of Public Works and the Permit Bureau downstairs. After phone calls by the Tietzes, the plans were located on a Permit Bureau shelf by an employee of another department. This episode caused more delay.

The Tietzes' attempts to grade the sidewalk in front of the building to facilitate wheelchair access were rejected outright by an official of the Department of Streets and Sidewalks. He was totally unsympathetic to the needs of the handicapped despite the fact that accessibility to public buildings is now mandated by City code.

When the DPW rejected efforts to meet City sidewalk codes, the Tietzes decided to use federal codes instead. As construction proceeded, a truck accidentally broke into the



sidewalk. It was then discovered that the sidewalk was only one inch thick, instead of the required four inches. Was the Street and Sidewalk Dept. official trying to hide this fact when he opposed any sidewalk changes?

Another hurdle was the bathroom. F-2 codes required only one, but for some reason an official at the Permit Bureau decided to require two. Not wanting to waste more time, the Tietzes went ahead and installed plumbing for two bathrooms while they waited for the Board of Permit Appeals to reach a decision. After sitting in the hearing room until midnight, Val was told what she already knew--only one bathroom was required.

Despite other complications that led to more delays, frustrations, and expense, the Tietzes succeeded in completing a building that provides a very pleasant space. But the question still remains unanswered: Why was it so hard to house a library?

Untitled poem

by Randy Siebert

When minds close so do libraries
When libraries close so do minds.

When you don't care to read
What's a book got for you anyway?

T.V. soap opera lives, inane scenes and repeating lines
Movies such as these could be cut up into individual frames
Put thru a blender and reconstituted in random order
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When you view the world from the corners of bent mirrors
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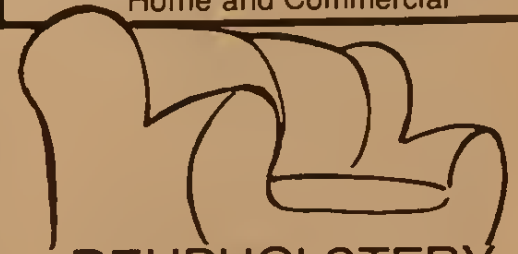
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- 15--Walkathon: Ten miles around Lake Merced. Sponsored by Jamestown Community Center. Call 647-6274 for more information.
- 15--San Francisco Mime Troupe, Mission Dolores Park.
- 16--Opera in the Grove. 2 p.m. Sigmund Stern Grove. Free.
- 17--Glen Park Association meeting. 7:30 p.m. Glen Park Recreation Center.
- 22--Free day at the zoo.
- 22 & 23--San Francisco Mime Troupe, Precita Park. 2 p.m.
- 23--San Francisco Symphony at Stern Grove. 2 p.m. Free.
- 24--San Francisco Airport/San Mateo County Joint Powers Board Meeting, Millbrae City Hall Council Chambers. 621 Magnolia Ave., Millbrae. 9 a.m.
- 27--District Nine Community Council. 8:00 p.m. Miraloma Clubhouse. 350 O'Shaughnessy Blvd.
- 27--SPUR party. Rudy Nothenberg, the Mayor's Executive Deputy for Programs and Administration, will describe the City's response to Prop. 13 and evaluate its impact. 5:30 p.m. in the SPUR meeting room at 312 Sutter.
- 27--The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage presents Victorian Interiors: 19th Century and Contemporary Applications. Charles Fracchia. Lecture at 8 p.m. Fireman's Fund Auditorium, 3333 California St. \$4.50
- 29--Transcendental Sex, a workshop for expanding your potential for love and satisfaction, with Jerry Gillies. (non-sexual, a meditative approach) 10:00 a.m. to 6 p.m. \$30. Call 386-7027 for information and registration.
- 30--Kurt Herbert Adler conducts the Stern Grove Opera Orchestra. 2:00 p.m. Sigmund Stern Grove. Free.

AUGUST

- 1-- Free day at the zoo.
- 3-- The Foundation for San Francisco's Architectural Heritage presents San

Francisco's Victorian Revival. Judith Waldhorn. Lecture at 8 p.m. Fireman's Fund Auditorium, 3333 California St. \$4.50

9-- Giants Baseball Kid's Day, Candlestick Park, 1:05 p.m.

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