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V.E.P. HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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ENCORE, ECHO VALLEY, PARKVIEW VALLEY, AND BLOSSOM HEIGHTS

VEP NEWS

The next meeting of the VEP Homeowners Association will be on Monday, June 22, 1981, at 7:30 pm, at John Marks's house (443 Thames Park Court). For more information, see page 3.



Parade and Celebration!

COME ONE, COME ALL!! Saturday, July 4, 1981. Put on your favorite costume, decorate your bike, trike, wagon, or buggy, and join the band! The line-up for our *family* parade starts at 10 a.m. at Gunderson High School, 623 Gaund-
bert Lane. The parade begins at 10:30 a.m. *sharp*. We'll have (VEP paid) SJP
escorts to keep us safe along the parade route to Parkview School (see parade
route map elsewhere in this paper). Music for the parade will be donated by
the Gunderson High School band-- in case you've forgotten, they're great!

Post-parade activities will be held at Parkview School, 330 Bluefield Drive,
starting immediately after the parade arrives. Costume awards will be granted
for Most Patriotic Boy, Girl, Adult, Family; Best Decorated Bike, Coaster Wagon,
Buggy, What-Not; Best Girl, Mom; Best Boy, Dad; Best Clown; etc. Games will
follow the costume awards: 3-legged races, sack races, wheelbarrow races, an

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MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

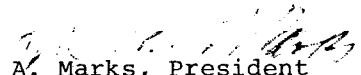
Rose-colored or Fogged Glasses?

During the week of June 1, the San Jose MERCURY reported that in Tuesday night's City Council deliberations Councilman Jerry Estruth remarked that the Council was still viewing the world through a set of rose-colored glasses. "We're not yet dealing seriously with our budget," he said.

The matter before the Council that week was whether to approve spending \$313,500 next year on various lobbying and inter-government activities that Mayor Janet Gray Hayes and City Manager Francis Fox insist are in San Jose's best interest. In other words, one part of the government is spending your money and my money to lobby another part of the government.

We agree with Councilman Estruth's remark and applaud his vote in opposition to the proposed expenditure (Tom McEnery voted with Estruth, while Hayes, Williams and Sausedo supported the waste). When things get tight, you have to make some hard decisions; a cutback in this type of expenditure is one of them. What we see here is not only an unwillingness to observe the electorate's clear desire for fiscal responsibility; it is a basic illness rearing its head in times of stress called "Preserve the Empire" at all costs. That's the people's costs they're talking about.

What this amounts to is an inability to clearly define the benefits of membership in ABAG, the League of California Cities, the National League of Cities, the Sister City Program, and the U.S. Conference of Mayors, among others. The mayor calls this "an investment appropriate for a city of our stature and size." Such foggy notions fit well with other attributes of a GREAT CITY. We have them all: unlimited population growth, strained police and fire protection, and a cutback in parks and recreation, while we strangle in our own traffic congestion! Without a better definition of benefits, their glasses are both foggy and rose-colored; We'd rather have another policeman or librarian than an insurance policy against an unknown threat.


John A. Marks, President

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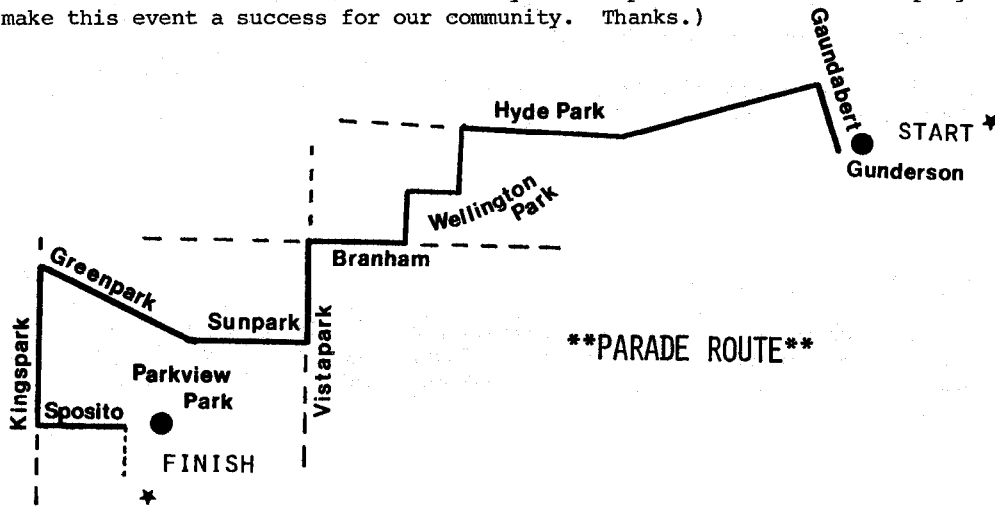
...July 4th Parade and Celebration continued

egg-toss and water-balloon toss contest, and others-- lots of good old-fashioned fun for all ages.

Participant ribbons will be given free on a first-come, first-served basis to the first 500 who arrive at our parade and party. In addition, all contest and game winners will receive special award ribbons. There will be drawings for fabulous door prizes donated by local merchants....everyone's a winner at VEP activities!!

To help defray our expenses, 50¢ hot dogs and 25¢ soft drinks (cheap!) will be sold by our volunteers. Profits (if any) will be donated to the Gunderson band for their unselfish help. Bring a picnic lunch if you prefer-- just come. Meet your neighbors and have a good time.

(We still need volunteers to help coordinate activities, serve as judges, etc. Please call Dave Fadness @ 578-6428 if you can spare a little time helping to make this event a success for our community. Thanks.)



JUNE MEETING

The subject of the June meeting will be to organize the final plans for July 4 (see article) and to discuss any topic of concern to whoever shows up. If you would like to help out with the July 4 party or are concerned about anything affecting our neighborhood, Come On Down! (Time and place are printed on the front cover.)

MESSAGE FROM PEARL AVENUE LIBRARY

"Beastly Summer" is the theme for the Summer Reading Program to begin June 11, 1981, at Pearl Avenue Library. Books children read during the summer are listed by title on individual reading charts. After a child has read and recorded eight books, a reading certificate is issued. Only one certificate per child is given during the summer; however, youngsters are encouraged to read as many books as possible. Boys and girls may get their reading charts at the library.

Four children's programs are also planned for the summer at Pearl Avenue Library. They are scheduled for Wednesdays, June 17, July 1, July 15, and July 29, 1981 at 2:30 pm.

Each Friday at 2:00-2:30 pm a story time is offered for preschool children ages 3-5 years. Picture books, finger plays, and movement games are included in this program.

All programs at the library are free.

Further information may be obtained from:

Mrs. Roberta Souza, Children's Librarian
Pearl Avenue Library
4270 Pearl Avenue
San Jose, California 95136
265-7833

VEP SALUTES TWO FINE EDUCATORS

Randy Saugstad, Principal of Parkview Elementary School since its opening seven years ago, will be retiring from service to education at the close of this school year. Randy has been a friend to VEP and a strong supporter of the Parkview School Community Association. We will miss his encouraging manner, willing help, and professional talent in our community.

Belden Elementary will be losing Principal Gail Bobo this year in a move that transfers her to another school. Ms Bobo is another good friend of VEP and has verified her support for volunteer groups in working to form the Belden parent-teacher organization; we are grateful to her for favorable response to our requests for help in these past years.

It is with thanks and wishes for happiness and continuing fulfillment that we say goodbye to these two fine people!



HELPFUL HINTS FOR HOMEOWNERS

Spring is clean-up, paint-up, and fix-up time!

B.F.I., under contract with the city of San Jose, provides us with unlimited trash collection service once each week. However, only authorized containers may be used. They are standard 32 gallon (or smaller) garbage cans or plastic bags, and may not weigh more than 60 lbs. each. They should be placed at the curb on the night before collection.

If you should need to use a dump, the nearest one is located on Guadalupe Mines road, which starts at the end of Camden Avenue at the intersection of Coleman Avenue. The dump is on the left just past the IBM lab building. They are open seven days a week (except major holidays) from 8 am til 4:45 pm. Their phone number is 354-1105. VEP is checking into the possibility of having periodic "anything goes" collections such as they have in Santa Clara.

We are still plagued with inconsiderate people who dump their trash in our fields, streets, and orchards. Should you see anyone doing this, take down the license number and report it to the police. Let VEP know about it too. Let's all have more pride and interest in the appearance of our neighborhood. Perhaps by setting examples, we can inspire those who don't normally care.

HINT: Oil stains on your driveway can be easily removed by covering generously with cat litter sand. Let it stand a few days, and sweep it up. It will remove most stains, even very old ones!

HINT: Abandoned and or disabled vehicles on our streets are an eyesore and a nuisance. If there's one in your area, simply call 277-5305 giving the license plate number and exact location (you may remain anonymous). The vehicle should be gone within about two weeks.

HINT: If you're hot and tired from all the cleaning and painting and fixing, and you don't know what to do with all the trash, and your baby is eating the kitty litter that you spread over the oil stains in the driveway, call 293-4678 for a three minute recorded message on area events and attractions. Have a pencil handy, as there's sure to be something of interest to you or your family!

- Bill Rogers -

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If you have not already paid your \$4.00 dues for this year, you can still join up by mailing a check to VEP Homeowners Association, P.O. Box 18111, San Jose, California, 95158. (Make the check out to VEP Homeowners Assoc.) We can get your name and address from the check.

Here are some comments from satisfied customers; we appreciate the words of encouragement:

Ed & Caroline Sherer, "We want to thank all those people who look after our community concerns - thanks."

Sandi Taylor & Dorothy Koopman, "You're doing a great job! We appreciate it."

Robert & Norma McCullough, "Really enjoy the V.E.P. News. Thank you."

Jim & Mary Cates, "Keep up the good job. We appreciate it. I will try to attend more meetings this year."

Juan & Susan Kachmanian, "You are doing an excellent job. Keep going."

Bob & Mary Ann Low, "Keep up the good work."

Roland & Dolores Daniels, "Will make every effort to attend some meetings in 1981. Your V.E.P. name (Excellent)."

Joseph & Betty Battaglia, "We have lived here for 10 yrs. Lived here when tract was being built."

Jess & Rose Gutierrez, "Good job V.E.P. is doing."

Glen & Falba Davis, "Keep up the great work. We really appreciate your hard work. Thank you."

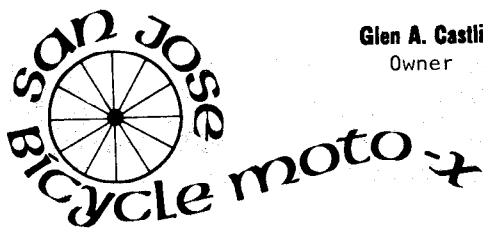
Ronald & Pat Trapin, "Keep up the good work!"

Richard & Barbara Peekema, "I appreciate your information & efforts."

Charles & Sadie Spears, "Really enjoy the V.E.P. News."

Michael & Carolyn Choppin, "Keep up the good work."

Bernie & Ruth O'Connor, "Thanks".



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CAPITAL IMPROVEMENTS SLATED FOR VEP AREA

The 5-year Capital Improvement Program (1981-1986) for San Jose is now under consideration for adoption by the City Council (see related story on Budget). Slated for our area of the city are the following projects, the year and amount scheduled for start-up, and (in parentheses) the year for completion and total amount of programmed expenditures:

TRANSPORTATION

Route 85-87 Expressway; '81-'82 = \$3.4 million (\$43,626,000 thru '85-'86)

Branham Lane/Monterey Overcrossing; '81-'82 = \$500k (\$6,700,000 thru '82-'83)

Monterey Road, 6-lanes Curtner to Blossom Hill; '81-'82 = \$380k (\$3,942,000 thru '83-'84)

Chynoweth, 4-lanes New World to Pearl; '82-'83 = \$1,057,000 (total)

PARKS

Vista Park (2 ± acres behind Belden School); '83-'84 = \$308k (total)

Traditionally considered unfunded unless shown in the current budget year, these projects can be shifted around or even be dropped at the direction of the City Council. VEP has played a key role in past years, lobbying with success to keep our local projects funded and scheduled for reasonably near-term completion. We'd like to hear from you regarding the projects shown and your sense of priorities. Call Dave Fadness @ 578-6428 for specific questions/details.

DEADLINE FOR JULY ISSUE OF VEP NEWS

Any ads or articles for the July issue of the VEP NEWS must arrive no later than July 10, 1981.

ARE YOU MOVING? - THINKING OF BUYING A HOME? -JUST NEED SOME REAL ESTATE INFORMATION? PLEASE CALL ME FOR EFFICIENT, HONEST SERVICE.

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BABYSITTING. Jackie Homyak, 14 yrs., afternoons, evenings, and weekends. \$1.00 per hour, 3 yrs. experience. 226-8121

PIANO LESSONS. Former instructor at BYU. 629-7814

FOR SALE. 18 inch Yard Man push mower. Like new. \$50.00. 578-6758

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BABYSITTING. Deanna Bundy, 13 yrs, \$.75 per hour. 578-5825

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IF YOU ARE INTERESTED in having your child learn to play PIANO, contact a teacher with 10 years experience. Call 629-8502, Fri, Sat, or Sun. Piano not necessary during first months.

VISTAPARK/ENCORE BABYSITTING CO-OP. Exchange day sits with other parents, take time out to shop, have lunch or go to the doctor without the kids. Call Mrs. Strauss at 578-1645.

FREE FORM FOR PLACING WANT AD IN VEP NEWS

MAIL TO: Marianne Lent
Editor, VEP NEWS
450 Stratford Park Court
San Jose, CA 95136

Phone number _____

Your name _____

Text of ad _____

How many months do you want this ad to run? _____

Neighborhood Want Ads are for VEP members only. (Have you mailed in your \$4?) To place an ad, mail in this form. Ads must arrive no later than July 10 to appear in the July issue. These ads are free. No commercial accounts.

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