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VEP NEWS

SCHOOL BOARD CANDIDATES' NIGHT OCTOBER 26TH

IF YOU LIVE EAST OF VISTAPARK DRIVE

Your students attend either the East Side Union High School District or the Oak Grove Elementary School District.

The Candidates' Night for these districts will be held at Parkview Elementary School, 330 Bluefield Drive, at 7:30 p.m. in the multi-purpose room.

IF YOU LIVE WEST OF VISTAPARK DRIVE

Your students all attend the San Jose Unified School District.

The Candidates' Night for this district will be held at Markham Jr. High School, 2105 Cottle Avenue, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium.

**** BOTH MEETINGS ARE SCHEDULED FOR MONDAY, OCTOBER 26 ****

Tuesday, November 3, is election day for school board candidates in Santa Clara County. Because school trustees are supposed to represent YOU in spending hundreds of millions in tax dollars, and because they set policy for the education of your children, you owe it to yourself to meet these candidates face-to-face. Even if you are completely satisfied with all aspects of public education or have placed your kids in private schools (you still pay taxes!), you need to know these candidates and their viewpoints before you can cast a properly informed vote.

October 26th is your chance. VEP normally splits its membership for school board candidates' nights since our area is divided by districts as illustrated above. This year the San Jose Unified candidates were already booked for an appearance at Markham Jr. High on our regular meeting night, so we decided to ask our neighbors living WEST of Vistapark to join us at Markham. Those of us who live EAST of Vistapark will meet at Parkview School as usual.

BE SURE TO VOTE ON NOVEMBER 3rd!!

GRAND OPENING OF PARKVIEW PARCOURSE SATURDAY, OCT. 31

The Grand Opening of the Parcource at Parkview School and Park will be Saturday, October 31st at 10:00 am.

PARKVIEW PARCOURSE

After 1½ years of effort, the Parcourse at Parkview School and Park is now a reality. The Parkview School Community Association, with past principal Randy Saugstad, is responsible for its conception. Major funding came from San Jose Parks and Recreation. Thanks also go to Sakrete of Northern California for donating all of the concrete for the installation and to Vanderson Construction for help in digging the holes. A special thanks go to those who helped with the installation and provided hours of sore muscles, especially Jan and Jerry Crawford and Bill Sloan. Without the whole community's support, this project would not have happened. We now have a physical fitness course in our immediate community and all are welcome to use it. Happy fitness!

Bob Rinde

FINAL DECISIONS SCHEDULED FOR GUADALUPE CORRIDOR (Rt. 87)

The Guadalupe Corridor Board of Control has set the following schedule of public meetings to provide an opportunity for local officials and citizens to assist in the selection of a preferred transportation alternative in this right-of-way, stretching from Great America past the airport and the civic center, through downtown to Oakridge Mall on its way to IBM. During the past two years, several modes have been studied (light rail, busways, HOV lanes, expressways, etc.) by a team of technical consultants and bureaucrats. A draft Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) is now being circulated for public comment and will be discussed at these meetings. Time will be allowed for your input at all meetings.

- October 28th Guadalupe Corridor Board of Control, 2:00 p.m. @ 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. FINAL REVIEW & ACTION.
- November 3rd San Jose City Council, 1:30 p.m. @ 801 North First St., San Jose (City Hall). FINAL REVIEW & ACTION.
- November 10th Santa Clara City Council, 7:00 p.m. @ Council Chambers, 1500 Warburton Ave., Santa Clara. FINAL REVIEW & ACTION.
- November 16th Santa Clara County Transit District Board, 9:00 a.m. @ County Administration Bldg., 70 West Hedding Street, San Jose. FINAL REVIEW & ACTION.

From the standpoint of VEP, these may be the most important meetings of the decade; they will determine the fate of our transportation future.

In our September general meeting, VEP members expressed their preference for a

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grade-separated highway (expressway or freeway) to accomodate heavy automobile loads without signals at every intersection. San Jose's plans and funding program virtually assures that a roadway will be a part of the ultimate configuration. On the transit side, the long-standing support for a busway/HOV ("diamond") lane in this corridor continues among VEP members. This combination was demonstrated to be most cost-effective and most congestion-reducing of all alternatives under study by the "experts"-- we've known it all along!

Despite this clear superiority in cost-effectiveness, the expressway/busway/HOV alternative is yielding to the politically popular light rail choice-- an expensive start-up in what some hope to be an eventual 140-mile network of rail in Santa Clara County. VEP has made its preferences known to officials in the final decision-making process; let's watch to see how Iola Williams, Janet Gray Hayes, and Susanne Wilson (our most directly responsible reps) vote on this issue.

A friendly nudge from you might make the difference in their final vote. Why not give it a try? Williams and Hayes can be reached at 277-4000, while Wilson's number is 299-2323. Do it today... it's your money!

SCHOOL NOTES

The Gunderson High School Drama Department will present the farce "A Flea In Her Ear", written by Georges Feydeau, on December 3, 4, and 5 (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday). Curtain time is 8:00 p.m. each evening.

If you have the skills needed to read the specs and repair circuitry, the Gunderson Drama Department could really use your help! They have an obsolete Van Buren memory board in their lighting system console whose memory has been down for over one year because it would cost \$4 to \$5k (time and material costs) to repair. The money simply is not available. Unfortunately, the board was not designed to allow manual operation-- they need its memory capacity. Call Ralph Sleight or Betty Gardner @ 998-6340 if you think you can help. Be a hero!!

Gunderson is looking to our community for cash/equipment donations, or equipment discounts on computer hardware for their computer science program. Effectiveness of their curriculum in this important area is dependent on adequate equipment. If you think you can help, please call Justine Wong at 998-6340. Thanks!

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CITY COUNCIL SETS PUBLIC HEARINGS ON GENERAL PLAN CHANGES

The annual review process is underway for proposed changes to our city's master plan for development through 1990. This month (October) the advisory Planning Commission will be formulating its recommendations for final consideration by the City Council. Proposed changes to the plan range from small parcel rezonings to across-the-board increases in allowed densities for certain residential uses. Your input is encouraged-- invited as a legal requirement, in fact.

The following schedule has been established for these public hearings (we live in City Council District 7):

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>AREAS COVERED</u>
Tuesday, Nov. 17	7:00 p.m.	Land Use/Transportation Diagram, Districts 6, 4, 2, and 1.
Thursday, Nov. 19	1:30 p.m.	Text Amendments/E.I.R.
	7:00 p.m.	Land Use/Transportation Diagram, Districts 8, 7, and 3.
Monday, Nov. 23	7:00 p.m.	Land Use/Transportation Diagram, Districts 10, 9, and 5.

All of these hearings will take place in the City Council Chambers, second floor, San Jose City Hall, 801 North First Street (at Mission Street), San Jose. Any questions you may have regarding this process or specific changes proposed may be addressed to the Planning Department @ 277-4000 or call VEPer Dave Fadness @ 578-6428 (evenings). GET INVOLVED.

HALLOWEEN HAPPENING CANCELED

We have unfortunately decided to cancel the Halloween Happening this year, because of last-minute disorganization. All of us polished professionals running the VEP are really just housewives and average guys with no particular credentials. If you have talents to contribute, feel free to take over. Our apologies to those who wanted to help. We seem to have the energy for one event per year; let us know which you would prefer - a Halloween event or a July 4 event. Go to the Parkview Parcourse Grand Opening on October 31, and happy Spooking!

Marianne Lent

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NEW COUNCIL BOUNDARIES SPLIT VEP MEMBERSHIP AREA

Over the formal objections of VEP and numerous other community organizations, the City Council has adopted a new districting map for San Jose that will be disruptive to our membership areas. Now set until after the 1990 census, new district boundaries split VEP and other established "communities of interest" despite City Charter guidelines that specifically instruct preservation of the integrity of such groups.

On a 6:5 vote, councilmanic boundaries were drawn through the VEP area as follows: District 7 (which presently includes all of VEP) will have its southern border along Capitol to Snell, Snell to Rosenbaum, Rosenbaum to Kingspark, Kingspark to Branham, and Branham to Almaden Expressway. If you live north and west of that jagged line, you are still in District 7, represented by Iola Williams. However, those south and east will be part of a new District 2, represented by Jerry Estruth (by a quirk in the rules) until after the 1984 elections. The new district map will become effective January 1, 1983.

VEP wrote the Council asking that our membership area be left intact (whether in District 7 or preferably in newly-formed District 2) and that the new district be allowed to select its own representative in the 1982 election. We, as others, feared that a split would further erode common interests that have bound our neighborhoods over the past twelve years. Efforts by several councillors to incorporate neighborhood suggestions like ours were cast aside in the final 6:5 vote. Iola Williams voted against us.



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All articles and ads for the November issue of the VEP NEWS must arrive no later than November 6, 1981. Mail to: Marianne Lent, 450 Stratford Park Court, San Jose, 95136.

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BOUTIQUE - 6th annual SCROOGE'S ATTIC BOUTIQUE. Shop in the glow of Christmas cheer, where 35 craftsmen have set out their wares. Nov. 5-6-7, 9:30 am to 8 pm. 4256 Sayoko Circle (off Snell near Rosenbaum).

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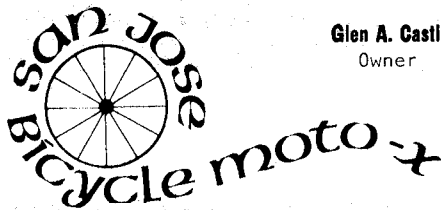
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