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GLEN CANYON IN THE FORTIES—This photo, taken from Martha Hill in 1942, shows O'Shaughnessy Blvd. as a dirt road and Elk as not-a-through-street. The Recreation Building

was constructed in the 30s after the Good Brothers Dairy barn burned down. The Rec. Center was the headquarters for two youth clubs and a basketball team called the Glen Park

Hicats. At one time, City Engineer M.M. O'Shaughnessy planned to dam the canyon in order to create a reservoir. Photo courtesy of Forum Realty.

Bicentennial Boondoggle

by Ruth Gravanis

The mood was festive. Wine flowed and there was plenty of bread and cheese, and what better place than the elegant City Hall Rotunda. It was November, 1976, and a beaming Mayor was handing out the awards won in the Neighborhood Bicentennial Competition. Michael Isaacs, then president of the GPA, stepped forward to receive the biggest award given—\$41,000 worth of materials and services to be used for community improvements. Hands shook and cameras clicked and were we proud!

The Neighborhood Bicentennial Competition was developed as a way to celebrate San Francisco's Twin Bicentennial while letting community people have a major say in what neighborhood improvements should be developed. The Competition was funded with federal money distributed through the Office of Community Development (OCD) and coordinated by the Department of City Planning (DCP). Neighborhood groups from all over the

city participated in the contest, and most of them won prizes.

Glen Park's award was given in recognition of the many services provided and improvements already accomplished by the GPA, largely through the hard work of former officers Isaacs, Tom Panagiotaros, Diane Murchison, and others. The judging process had been long and involved.

The GPA implementation committee, headed by Jim Gravanis, began to meet and a questionnaire was designed, distributed, and tallied to find out how the neighborhood wanted the award used. Assignments were made, estimates obtained, plans drawn, regulations studied, forms filled out, letters of permission obtained, deadlines met. Then the neighborhood waited. And waited.

Finally, money was allocated for two projects—the kindergarden play structure at Glen Park School, and the bollards on the 1300 block of Bosworth Street to regulate

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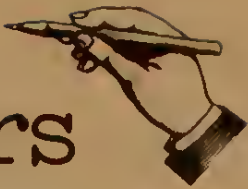
The next meeting of the Glen Park Association will be held on Monday, September 18th, at 7:30 p.m. in the auditorium of the Glen Park Recreation Center, Elk Street near Chenery. (Take the footpath that runs along the tennis courts.)

AGENDA

- *Presentation of Award to mystery Glen Park enhancer.
 - *Introduction of Jerome Dodson, President of Continental Savings & Loan, which is soon to move into Glen Park. See page 6.
 - *Town Hall Meeting with State Senator Milton Marks.
- Everyone Welcome-

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Letters



City Charter Revision?

by Leslie Lewis

More Permit Problems

Mr. Link here. I nearly passed out when I read your article, "Bookocracy", in your July, 1978, IV-11 issue.

It is the same insane stupidity and harassment I just went through with the City when I tried to re-open a business in Glen Park in June, and finally gave up trying.

The people give you half the information you need, then tell you on your return you need more...

You fill these requirements they demand, then they tell you you need to fill more requirements, after you think you have filled and done all that needed to be done.

The biggest obstacle I encountered, but by no means the only one, was Mr. Campos of the Permit Bureau. He came upon request to inspect and found the floor had to be lowered at a cost of \$10,000, the back stairs had to be redone as they were not "legal" (cement also), one of the three exit doors was too small (even though it exited from the bathroom), and an extra railing (for which I can agree).

After estimates, etc., I called again to make sure the money spent would be all and worth it, but I was asked how was I going to earthquake-proof the building after I finished the other things. Well!...

I hate to say it but the City can go - - -. I expect I would, of course, be without end of harassment and stupidity, and expected the next question to be where is the sprinkler system, and then God knows what else.

It is no mystery to me why businesses don't open, or why they are leaving San Francisco. No mystery at all.

Mr. Vernon Link,
Laidley Street

Editor's Note

Many Glen Park residents, including library patrons Bill and Val Tietz, have praised Inspector Campos for his fairness and competency. —Ed.

Since We're Neighbors ...

An anonymous letter was received by Gilda Velenzucla of 139 Swiss Street complaining that her children are creating excessive noise while playing in the backyard.

Gilda is upset, concerned, and would like the anonymous individual to contact her so that the matter can be resolved in a neighborly fashion. —Ed.



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The PERSPECTIVE's purpose is to provide neighborhood news and useful information and to serve as 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.

The all-volunteer staff includes Peter Bellak, Laura Goderez, Alan Goldfarb, Jim Gravanis, Ruth Gravanis, Michael Hitehoek, Heather Johnston, Brian McCarthy, Jane Mutony, Pam Ray, and Gary Rees. Help is always needed. Call 585-5304.

The November 7 ballot will contain two items of long term importance to San Franciscans.

The first item will ask voters to decide whether a Charter Commission to review and probably revise the Charter of the City and County of San Francisco should be formed. The present Charter originated in 1931 and has been expanded considerably over the years. In the hope of preventing corruption, San Francisco's Charter provides a fragmented government structure in which the Mayor, members of the Board of Supervisors, the Chief Administrative Officer and many department heads are pitted against one another. Consequently, there is no power base for a political boss—nor is anyone accountable for the success or failure of City government. For instance, the individual City departments (some 57 of them!) prepare their budgets independently of all other departments and officials. The Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, through their respective duplicate staffs of budget analysts and the Board's Finance Committee, can cut these budgets, but cannot add or change funds. As a result, if someone is unhappy with an unsatisfactory service or agency, it is often impossible to find anyone with the true authority to make changes.

A person reading the City Charter for the first time is likely to be amazed at the range of subjects and detail contained in its 300 pages. For example, all the ranks of the Fire Department staff, utility accounting procedures, the requirements for line item budgets (listing every employee along with every desk, typewriter, chair, etc. desired), the employees' health service, and a retirement system for Parking Authority employees are all part of the present Charter. In comparison, the U. S. Constitution, the primary document of our federal government, covers some 15 printed pages, including the 22 amendments approved during the past 190 years!

A charter performs the same function in local government as a constitution in a national government—to state the fundamental principles, purpose, and organization of the government involved. The interpretation of charters and constitutions is usually left to legislative bodies and courts which can reflect the changes of a dynamic society. The principles stated in the U. S. Constitution are as valid today as they were 200 years ago. However, the laws and court decisions implementing the Constitution have changed over the years to meet the needs of a changing society. A detailed document like San Francisco's present Charter tends to become rigid and outdated, thus making it an impediment to meeting changing conditions rather than a guide.

Some people feel that San Francisco's present Charter is desirable because of its great detail and the extensive case law interpretations

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The PERSPECTIVE welcomes contributions—stories, poems, photos, news, gossip, humor, calendar items, and cash.

The deadline for receipt of copy is nineteen days prior to the third Monday of each month. The paper comes out on the Wednesday preceding the third Monday of the month.

All manuscript submitted must be typed, double-spaced, and must include name, address, and phone number. PERSPECTIVE reserves the right to edit or reject any material, but will try as space permits to print all items of neighborhood interest. Call 585-5304 for information.

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that have accumulated over the years. Apparently, the desire for efficient government is not of as great a concern to these people as the security of dealing with a well-known document. Some people cynically believe that any changes would be for the worse no matter how inadequate the present Charter is.

Only time will tell whether charter changes are made in San Francisco and whether they are an improvement. Your best hope for a favorable result is to review articles and statements in the voters' handbook before casting your vote.

The second important item on the November ballot is the selection of charter commissioners who will revise the Charter if the charter revision item passes. You can vote for fifteen commissioners or only one, but it is vital that you feel confident the commissioner(s) you select reflect(s) your basic attitude toward charter revision. A year or two from now, if the charter revision item passes, San Francisco voters will have a chance to vote on a new or revised charter developed by the Commission. The people elected to the Charter Commission will have a great deal of influence on the City's future—for better or for worse.

Les Lewis has lived on Chenery Street in Glen Park for six years and is currently employed as an Administrative Officer for the Adult Probation Department, City and County of San Francisco.

It's Plane Noise

The August PERSPECTIVE reported that airplane noise over Glen Park had decreased. Oops. On Saturday, September 2nd, low-flying planes roared over in a constant stream. It's time to resume phone calls to the Airport Noise Abatement Center, 876-2219; to the Airports Commission, 761-0800; and to Bay TRACON, 562-1423.

Supe Takes Stock

The PERSPECTIVE has decided to make space available to District Nine Supervisor Lee Dolson. This month he chose the topic. In the future, the PERSPECTIVE will be asking the Supervisor to comment on specific issues of neighborhood concern.—Ed.

Sometimes, even in this most wonderful City, there seem to be too many problems. Let me share with you two of the more immediate and serious questions now worrying City Hall.

Please watch REASSESSMENT notices very carefully. Your actual payment of Real Estate taxes could be higher than ever before, even under Jarvis-Gann, particularly if your home was sold or transferred after March 1st of 1975. You may want to appeal a Reassessment, and for further information call my office at 588-2943.

A second taxpayer concern lies in sewer service "charges." As I have pointed out in Board meetings, it would be difficult to design a more expensive sewer construction plan than this City has chosen. And the plan will have to be paid for by us. If you are worried NOW about sewer service "charges," "you ain't seen nuthin' yet!" My vote was AGAINST the more expensive system but my position lost. As a result, in the next few years the present service "charges" will TRIPLE. There is still time to lower the cost but it will take considerable public pressure to reverse this costly action.

I look forward to keeping in contact with you each month in this space. Till next month, your Supervisor.



Photo by Gary Rees

Park Mural Completed

by Sara Alexander. Sara is an Artist in Residence at McAteer High School.

Among San Francisco's little-known treasures is a long path that begins at the McAteer High School athletic field and winds down the lovely wild ravine to the eucalyptus grove in Glen Canyon Park. Now, as the path approaches its end at the edge of the woods, you begin to catch glimpses of a mural through the foliage, a reflection of the trees, hillsides, and the path you have just traveled. Last spring in this spot there was only a blank 20' x 100' wall, the back of the Glen Park Recreation Center, a stark contrast to its pastoral surroundings.

Gary Rees, the artist responsible for the creation of this mural, used to walk past this wall on his way from his job as Artist in Residence at McAteer High School to his home in Glen Park. Employed by the Alvarado Art Workshop, a private, non-profit organization, he was one of thirty-six artists and gardeners working in the San Francisco public schools last year. When it was time to create a project for the up-coming summer, Gary proposed to the Alvarado Art Workshop that a mural be painted on a public building with the help of students paid by the Mayor's Summer Youth Work Program.

The Glen Park Association had just received the San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association's second annual SPUR Better Neighborhood Award. They were ready and willing to support the mural project with some of the award money. Roy Anderson of the Roy Anderson Paint Company, a forty-six year resident of Glen Park, agreed to provide the paint at cost. There remained only the

approval of the Recreation and Park Commission and the San Francisco Arts Commission before the project could begin.

For a few weeks the future of the mural hung in jeopardy in the aftermath of Proposition 13. There was doubt about the future of our CETA funded jobs and the future of the San Francisco Arts Commission, whose approval is necessary for art projects on public buildings. But finally the Art Commission met and approved and applauded the design, our CETA jobs were safe, the student workers were hired, and work began on the mural June 22.

How wonderful it was to go to work in that park, the sky for a roof and the air permeated with the pungent smell of eucalyptus. Work was a joyous experience, dampened only by the discovery that the San Francisco fog spends many a summer morning nestled in the bottom of that canyon. But most days the sun had burned its way through in time for our picnic lunch on the lawn in front of that growing canvas, our wall. Despite the distractions provided by the sun and the fog, the dentist appointments and the basketball court on the other side of the wall, the energy of the people working together made the mural an easy task to accomplish in the two months allotted.

The interrelation of the artist and community was visible: friends, neighbors, passers-by stopped to look at the progress of the mural, offering their two cents worth of appreciation, encouragement, criticism, and suggestions. By the end even our severest critic had rallied, and the feedback has been overwhelmingly favorable.

The mural, like the park, like the neighborhood itself with its friendly residents who seem to know each other quite well, invites you to a quiet interlude in city life.

Time is running out. You must be registered to vote by October 9th in order to participate in the exciting and critical November election.

As of last May, only 4800 people in the Glen Park area were registered. That's not very good for over 3200 households that average at least 2 adults per unit. And since barely over half of those registered actually voted in the June election, one could say Glen Park needs a little dose of civic responsibility. The Glen Park precincts with the best turnout percentages, by the way, were two that are overlapped by Diamond Heights.

You need to fill out a registration card if you are not registered, or if you have changed your name, address, or political party since you last registered. You need not re-register just because you missed the last two elections.

Through the generosity of Continental Savings and Loan, Register-to-Vote cards are included in the home delivered copies of the PERSPECTIVE. If you need more cards, telephone the Registrar of Voters, 558-3417, and cards will be sent to you.



IMPORTANT - Follow the directions exactly. The computer will reject any carelessly done cards. A P.O. Box is not an address. A signature is not printed. Your state of birth cannot be a country. Mark only one political affiliation. Proofread your completed form. Send in your filled out cards immediately to be sure they get processed by October 9th.

And remember to vote on November 7th.

quote of the month

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-George John Nathan

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Lord Foul's Fantasies

by Phil Fanning

The Chronicles of Thomas Covenant the Unbeliever, An Epic Fantasy, by Stephen R. Donaldson

Volume 1, Lord Foul's Bane

Volume 2, The Illearth War

Volume 3, The Power that Preserves

1977, Holt, Rinehart & Winston, \$10 each.



Thomas Covenant is a modern American leper (yes, such cases do exist). After spending some time in a Louisiana leprosarium he returns to his country home in the northeastern United States and there—abandoned by his wife and child, shunned and hated by the nearby townspeople—he waits to die, slowly and horribly. Abruptly, he finds himself transported to a mysterious land peopled by remarkable human beings and fantastic creatures. Brought before the Council of Lords, he discovers that he has been summoned to the Land in the belief that he alone can save it from a horrible fate.

If this sounds ill-conceived and sophomoric, blame the reviewer and not author Donaldson because somehow this young writer (30) pulls it off. Through believable characterization, crisp dialogue, and inventive plotting, he carries the reader along with willing suspension of disbelief. In fact, it is Thomas Covenant alone who does not believe. As a leper, Covenant knows that his sole defense against disease is to remain constantly aware of the hazards of the real world to his unfeeling extremities, to stay always, intensely in this world. How can he bring himself to believe in the new Land where he finds his illness suddenly, miraculously absent? Is it not a cruel hoax perpetrated by his own feverish imagination? To believe otherwise is to ransom his life, his sanity—even what little of these he has left.

This all-pervading doubt is the leitmotif against which Donaldson paints the great, sweeping drama of the Illearth War, its participants, and its setting. There are moments of beauty, terror, despair, and courage to match anything in modern fantasy, and perhaps in modern fiction in general. Moreover, Donaldson sustains the kind of page-turning excitement that holds the reader to the last, unpredictable twist of plot. But perhaps Donaldson's most remarkable feat is his creation of the completely foreign yet completely believable Land, rich in detail and awesome in scope.

Ballantine Books will publish the trilogy in paperback this fall, unfortunately one volume at a time. My advice is to buy each volume as it comes out but delay reading until you have all three, because when you finish one you won't want to have to wait for the next. When you've completed the trilogy you may find yourself wondering, along with Thomas Covenant, the Unbeliever, which world is more real, this one or that.

Bicentennial Boondoggle (cont.)

parking near the Recreation Center. As for the greater part of the award—more delays.

In March of 1978, Michelle Anderson, Neighborhood Bicentennial Awards Coordinator, called a meeting to announce that the award was being held up by the Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) because several prize-winning neighborhoods, Glen Park among them, were too affluent to be eligible. OH?

Obvious questions such as "Why didn't somebody say so sooner?" don't get you anywhere with bureaucrats. No one even had the courtesy to send a written explanation. However, Anderson and Bill Ward of the DCP assured us that since HUD's determination of ineligibility was based on an out-of-date census and that many low and moderate income families had since moved into the area, they would try to convince HUD to give in. That was last April, and since then there have been many phone conversations with Anderson, Ward and Dan Roos of HUD. Promises and postponements.

Then, toward the end of the summer, we learned that some more money had been released to pay for tree-planting projects on Chenery and Sussex Streets, and that it looked good for the \$3,000 worth of materials and services requested for the Arlington Street Mini-Park. That left \$26,000 in Department of Public Works services (or "Tatarian Dollars," so named for the ex-director of DPW). The \$26,000 had been earmarked for park improvements in accordance with the neighborhood's response to the GPA questionnaire.

More waiting. The GPA Board of Directors began to feel twinges of impatience. They decided to seek the services of Glen Park's Lorax and Resident Red Tape Snipper, Frank Morgan. Frank began to investigate the progress of the DCP's promises to negotiate with HUD. Early in August, Ward told Morgan that it was up to the neighborhood to compile the statistics necessary to prove our eligibility to HUD. That was ridiculous. Continuing our probe we heard HUD blame DCP for not reading the federal Community Development regulations correctly in the first place, while DCP claimed that HUD had approved the Bicentennial Competition guidelines when they were submitted to HUD for just that purpose. Michelle Anderson complained that she never got a response from HUD to her invitation to meet and discuss the matter, and a HUD representative said he was waiting for DCP to respond to his request for data to support Glen Park's eligibility. The lack of communication among HUD, OCD (then headed by Carl Williams who has since been promoted to Housing Authority Director), and the DCP is appalling.

Meanwhile, the GPA is still waiting to see a copy of the controversial and variously interpreted HUD regulations, and for an explanation of how a tree on Sussex Street serves more low-to-moderate-income people than does an improvement to a park used by people from miles around. The GPA Board is frustrated, but not defeated. A fully-documented statement of the case is being prepared for Senators Cranston and Hayakawa and Representative Phil Burton.

A mistake has been made. Who shall absorb the damage? The neighborhood volunteers who worked long and hard in the belief that they were meeting every requirement should not have to compensate for bureaucratic ineptitude.

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The GPA has been asked to recommend a candidate for the RESIDENTIAL USERS APPEALS BOARD, which will hear and resolve appeals concerning sewer service billings. Candidates should have an understanding of horticulture, hydraulics, engineering, or related subjects. Board members will be compensated at \$7.50 per hour for meeting attendance. If interested, call Ruth, 585-5304.

THREE THOUSAND DOLLARS OF our Bicentennial Award have been released by HUD for the development of a mini-park on Arlington and Roanoke Streets.

RENTERS' PROPERTY TAX REBATE is on the November ballot. If you want to get involved in the campaign, write to or telephone San Franciscans for Renters' Property Tax Rebate, 558 Capp St., San Francisco 94110, 285-2220.

PREFERENTIAL PARKING for Glen Park has been approved by the Board of Supervisors and, according to the Department of Public Works, will be installed sometime before Christmas.

ALEMANY EMERGENCY HOSPITAL has reopened but at a reduced level of service. A registered nurse is on duty to provide first aid but there are no doctors available. Representatives of the Coalition to Save Emergency Hospitals, who sat in at Alemany for over a month, consider this a partial victory but are not disbanding. They hope the hospital can be returned to the preclosing staffing level with a doctor on duty and 24 hour ambulance service. To insure this, they intend to keep close contact with Dr. Mervin Silverman, Director of Public Health. Dr. Silverman says he eventually wants to see a "model primary care facility" on the Alemany site. The Coalition will be watching closely to see what will come of this.

THE DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS wants to establish "No Parking at Any Time" along the northeast side of Miguel Street, between the Richland Avenue bridge and Bemis Street. Any objections? File them in writing with the Director of Public Works, Room 260, City Hall, S.F., 94102; and/or attend the public hearing on Friday, September 15 at 10:00 a.m., Room 282, City Hall.

ASSEMBLYMAN ART AGNOS (D-San Francisco) was elected Democratic Caucus Chairman of the State Assembly by the Democratic members. Agnos, a first-term lawmaker, assumed the third-ranking leadership post on August 30.

THE GOLDEN GATE COUNCIL OF AMERICAN YOUTH HOSTELS is offering a Hosteling Outreach and Education Program so that community, youth, senior citizen, and environmental groups may become informed about and involved in hostels and hosteling. Hostels are simple, inexpensive overnight lodgings for people of all ages. Hosteling refers to hiking, biking, and camping as a means of travel and enjoying the outdoors. If hosteling is something you or your group would like to find out more about, contact Robin Woodland or Anne Donnelly at 771-4647 to arrange for an AYH slide show presentation.



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BART Plans Changes at G. P. Station

by Bruce Stabio

BART has proposed ways of easing traffic congestion around the Glen Park Station in order to cope with an expected doubling of patronage by 1990. The proposed alternatives grew out of a year and one-half long study of access to BART.

BART planners Bruce Bauer and Howard Goode, who studied the station, attended the August GPA meeting to share their findings and solicit public input. The study forecasts that daily patronage at the Glen Park Station will go from 3400 to 6100 by 1990. A majority of the new riders will come to the station by bus and car.

As for the present situation, the study found that many BART patrons live within three miles of the station, yet continue to use their cars. Bauer said that 65 percent of the 400 auto commuters each day come from neighborhoods within a two or three mile radius of Glen Park—primarily Diamond Heights, Mt. Davidson, and along Monterey and O'Shaughnessy Boulevards.

To get people out of their cars, the planners propose to contract with private jitney operators to provide an experimental shuttle service. The jitanes would serve areas where MUNI service is weak and would operate on a five minute frequency during the commute hours.

Even though the study predicts auto traffic will double, Goode said the prediction was based on the assumption that BART commuters will continue with their old habits. He said there are people now driving to Glen Park Station who might take the bus or walk if parking becomes less available. He noted, too, that Glen Park has requested preferential parking.

The study found that on-street "kiss and ride" parking creates rush hour congestion around the station, primarily on Diamond Street. Bauer said that cars are double and sometimes triple parked for periods of up to thirty minutes waiting for BART passengers.

To eliminate the congestion, the planners want to transfer "kiss and ride" parking to the BART-owned lot across from the station. This lot would hold 75 cars and during non-commute periods would be used for metered parking, two to four hours. The planners said a multi-level parking lot is not being considered because construction costs are prohibitive.

By removing "kiss and ride" parking from Diamond Street, the planners said, MUNI buses would be able to get out of the flow of traffic while loading and unloading. The planners

DO IT!

The Glen Park Association is a neighborhood-serving organization entirely dependent on the participation of volunteers and the contributions of supporters. Minimum dues are \$2 per person, with larger contributions welcome. Voting members must live or own property in Glen Park. Mail your check to P.O. Box 31337, S.F. 94131. Thank you.

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proposed an elevated pedestrian walkway over Bosworth Street between the "kiss and ride" lot and the station. GPA members said they felt that people would still jaywalk and it was suggested that an underground connection be explored. Goode said this would be an excellent alternative if such access is feasible.

Goode said current patronage at Glen Park is lower than expected because direct service to Richmond has not yet begun. When it begins, trains will arrive every four minutes and eventually every two minutes during commute hours. Goode said more trains would give people more sitting room and reduce the evening congestion at the ticket gates.



Speaking for the Municipal Railway, planner Tom Matoff said that many people do not use the bus because it means they have to pay a double fare. He said this is especially unfair to San Franciscans since they already pay a BART sales tax. Matoff said MUNI wants BART to accept MUNI Fast Passes (at no extra charge) within San Francisco's city limits. Goode mentioned that Boston has successfully experimented with such an arrangement and estimated it would take two years to adopt a similar plan. It is hoped that BART and MUNI continue to work toward a MUNI-BART/BART-MUNI transfer agreement.

If you have questions or comments, contact Bruce Bauer at BART: 465-4100, ext. 397.

Coalition Backs Rezoning

The Coalition of San Francisco Neighborhoods, of which the GPA is a member organization, has been meeting frequently to organize support for the proposed Residential Zoning Revisions.

Public hearings on the proposed Revisions are being held before the Supervisors' Planning, Housing, and Development Committee. Residents of Supervisorial Districts 8, 9, 10, and 11 are urged to speak at the hearing to be held Thursday, September 14, 7:00 p.m. in the Supervisor Chambers.

The proposed Revisions are also supported by SPUR (San Francisco Planning and Urban Research Association), San Francisco Tomorrow, the League of Women Voters, the American Institute of Architects, the Board of Directors of the GPA, and many others. Opposition comes primarily from the Residential Builders Association, which claims that the rezoning would cause a severe housing shortage. The Coalition, however, has discovered that the new zoning allows for the construction of 75,000 additional dwelling units. The proposed Revisions would require that new buildings conform to the scale and character of the existing neighborhood.

Adoption of the Residential Zoning Revisions is an essential step to preserving the livability of San Francisco's neighborhoods. A strong showing of pro-neighborhood support is crucial. The hearing on September 14th is the best chance to demonstrate that support.

Membership Contest

Win a free bottle of wine and a Giants T-shirt!. The GPA member who brings in the most new members before the October General Meeting will get the prize. Here's how:

- Pick up membership cards and forms from acting membership secretary Laura Goderez at the September 18th meeting.
- Obtain \$3.00 from every non-member you meet--\$1.00 for the rest of '78, and \$2.00 or more for '79 dues.
- Give your subjects membership cards and have them fill out the forms.
- Return the membership forms and money (preferably checks) to Laura at the meeting on October 16.

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Board of Directors

The GPA Board of Directors met on September 5th at the home of President Steve La Plante. Nelson Combs reported on his efforts to keep a Boy Scout Troop in Glen Park; and Kay Pachtner requested the participation of the GPA in San Franciscans for Governmental Change. Various committee reports were given, and the Board voted to:

- Assume sponsorship of Scout Troop 114 and Cub Pack.
- Postpone consideration of joining San Franciscans for Governmental Change until after the election.
- Step up efforts to increase membership.
- Appoint a fundraising committee to be headed by Kevin Colgate.
- Wait until after the strike to contact Safeway regarding de-

livery trucks that violate the tonnage restrictions on Elk Street.

- Change the date of regular Board meetings to the Monday following each general meeting.
- Pursue relocation of the airplane noise monitor.
- Invite Peter Ashe, Recreation Supervisor, to the next Board meeting, and to request that a temporary director be assigned to the Glen Park Recreation Center.
- Investigate the status of the renovations of the recreation building.

Reminder: GPA Board meetings are open, and GPA members are urged to attend. Call Dolores, 584-7575, for the location and/or to put an item on the agenda.



Sen. Marks ~ Monday Night

The September meeting of the Glen Park Association will feature a Town Hall-style gathering with State Senator Milton Marks. The Senator will review the accomplishments and failures of the State Legislature's past two years, and will answer questions from those present.

Senator Marks (R) represents the Fifth Senate District, which includes most of San Francisco. He has been a State Senator since 1967, was formerly a Municipal Court Judge, and served in the Assembly for eight years. A native San Franciscan, Marks graduated from Galileo High School, Stanford University, and San Francisco Law School. He has chaired the Senate Committee on Local Government, and the Select Committee on Maritime Industry. Marks has served on many committees including Health and Welfare, Children and Youth, and the Joint Committee on the State's Economy.

Meet Milton Marks on September 18th. Come prepared with questions on Proposition 13, renters' relief, schools, airplane noise, anything. Don't miss this special opportunity.

Dist. 9 Council to Meet at Miraloma

The August meeting of the District Nine Community Council was hosted by the Glen Park Association in the gymnasium at JFK School. Lu Blazej, a GPA delegate to the Council, chaired the meeting. The guest speaker was Sam Duca, assistant assessor, who explained the property assessment process under Proposition 13.

District Nine Supervisor Lee Dolson, a frequent visitor to the Council, expressed some disagreement with Duca's interpretation of Proposition 13's effect on the role of the assessor. Dolson suggested that Prop. 13 might yet be proven unconstitutional.

The District Nine Community Council is seeking members for the following committees:

- Airplane Noise
- Wastewater Management
- Building Permit Process
- District-wide Coordination
- Zoning

The next meeting of the Council will be held on Thursday, September 28th, at 8:00

p.m. at the Miraloma Clubhouse (350 O'Shaughnessy at Del Vale). Agenda items will include charter reform, residential zoning, "Jobs for Peace," and wastewater, among others.

All District Nine residents are reminded to submit names of those interested in serving on City boards and commissions. The Council's address is P.O. Box 31178, S.F. 94131.

S&L Planned for Glen Park

Continental Savings and Loan has purchased the Bosworth and Diamond Street lot which is now occupied by the Olympic Service Station. In addition to a branch office, the Savings and Loan Company is considering providing space for a dentist office, a restaurant, and/or other commercial use. Plans are not firm; no architect has been hired yet.

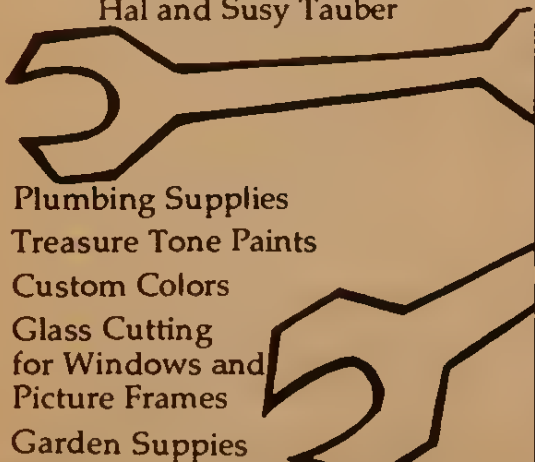
Continental President Jerome Dodson will attend the

GPA meeting on September 18 to introduce himself and briefly discuss Continental's future in Glen Park. Dodson wants to work with Glen Park residents and merchants toward developing a pleasing building with appropriate neighborhood-serving occupants. He hopes that Glen Park residents will have formulated some specific, thoughtful suggestions for the project by the December GPA meeting.

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Lotsa Pasta!

by Pamela Hitchcock

Why is one of the best restaurants in this area never crowded? Probably because it hasn't been reviewed in the GLEN PARK PERSPECTIVE. The New Vesuvio Family Style Italian Restaurant at 4704 Mission St. (corner of Persia) has something for everyone. That is, everyone except those with small appetites. Seven course dinners are featured, which include appetizers (an assortment of marinated vegetables and tuna in a special sauce), salad, soup, pasta (one of their great four square inch homemade ravioli), entree, rice, vegetables and dessert. Full dinners are \$2.00 more than a la carte entrees which include vegetables and rice or potatoes. Unless you're outrageously hungry, we recommend sharing one complete dinner and one a la carte. The preludes to dinner are marvelous but they can ruin your appetite before the main course arrives.

The range of New Vesuvio's menu is outstanding, and there are always one or two new items tacked on. Recently some of these additions were made permanent when a new menu was printed. If you're a chicken fancier, you can choose from Chicken Cacciatore, Chicken Toscana (with artichoke hearts), Chicken Saute Sec (a half roast chicken), or Chicken a la Diovola (a whole chicken!!). A la carte prices range from \$4.65 to \$5.25, and all servings are large.



For veal lovers, they feature Veal Scallopi Marsala, Siciliano or Picatta, Veal Cutlet Parmagiana or Bartolomeo, Medallion of Veal, or Veal Dore. (All around \$4.85.) One of our favorites is Veal and Prawns Allegro (\$5.05)—thin slices of boneless veal and jumbo prawns in a light sauce which is served with rice with mushrooms and vegetables. Yum.

Italian pasta dishes including lasagna, cannelloni, ravioli, spaghetti (with different sauces) and fettucini are available. (All around \$3.45.) They also have delicious eggplant parmigiana and pizza. An unusual variation of pizza is their featured Pizza Omelette (definitely big enough for two), which substitutes eggs for the bread crust and includes lots of cheese, a variety of meats, peppers, and mushrooms (\$4.05).



Hardware Changes

by Margaret Stookey

Ed Josephson, owner of the Glen Park Hardware located at 685 Chenery Street, has retired from the hardware business after fifteen years of excellent service to Glen Park residents. Here are a few thoughts that Ed shared with me about those years.

"It was fifteen years ago this month of August that I opened. The neighborhood had been served for over forty years by Page Hardware. That store was lost to the widening of Bosworth Street. I could see that the area would always support a hardware store, which it did. As in any new venture, the first few years were a

struggle, but with the completion of the BART station, more and more people came to the area. I wish to thank so many customers for patronizing my store and making it a success. I will miss being a part of Glen Park."

The new owners, Harold and Susan Tauber, have lived on Castro Street in Glen Park for six and a half years. The Taubers feel that the Glen Park business district and their store have an excellent future. They plan to leave the store as it is for six months and then reorganize it and add new items such as wine glasses and small kitchen appliances.

After my conversation with the Taubers, I must say that we are fortunate to have such nice people in charge. We are sorry, though, to lose Ed. He gave us fifteen years of wonderful service. Thanks Ed and best wishes!

If you aren't an Italian food fan (if there is such a person), they have a long list of seafood dinners including boneless trout, calamari, prawns, scallops, clams, filet of sole and two kinds of froglegs. They also have a New York Steak which is served with their unique ravioli, and filet mignon shish kabob served on rice.

A special lunch menu is available featuring salads, sandwiches, pasta, pizza, and the veal dishes. Prices are reduced from the dinner menu.

Beer and wine are available. Almaden is the house wine (1/4 litre \$.95, 1/2 litre \$1.85, litre \$2.95). I recommend the Italian wine Valpolicella (\$2.50 for half bottle, \$4.50 for full bottle).

New Vesuvio is open Tuesday through Friday from 11:30 a.m. until 11 p.m. Master Charge and Bank Americard are accepted.

I highly recommend the New Vesuvio for that special night out or when you just feel like going for a pizza. A word of caution however, there is at least a 15 minute wait for your food (unless you get the full dinner where the first courses fill up the cooking time). This, however, is because your food is being cooked especially for you. When it comes you will understand. Just don't eat too much bread before it arrives.

Thrift Shop Opens

A new sign hangs over the door of the old Glen Park Branch Library at 2838 Diamond St. The Nearly New Shop, says the sign, alerting Glen Park bargain hunters that a new thrift shop has opened in the neighborhood.

Store manager Jeanne Pimental invites all Glen Park residents to visit the shop and see if there isn't a bargain or two there for your family. Fashionable ready-to-wear men's, women's, and children's clothes are featured at the store. Hours are 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday through Saturday. The shop's telephone number is 333-3400.

The Nearly New Shop is run for the benefit of San Francisco Aid Retarded Citizens, an organization begun 27 years ago by San Francisco parents of mentally retarded children. The grass-roots organization has grown through the years until it now administers four programs in San Francisco that train and educate developmentally disabled adults. For the last 21 years the Nearly New Shop has provided essential revenue for San Francisco Aid Retarded Citizens.

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Lola's Poem

by Emily Sprengelmeyer, a student of Glen Park poet Stephanie Mines

This poem is written about my Italian aunt and uncle, Viola and Biff. Viola has always been "reknowned" for her wonderful Italian cooking. This has been a large focus in her life. Now her children (Michael, Joanie, and Bobby) are young adults and her husband cannot eat rich foods.

Tomatoes are red,
Viola, you're blue
Your man has no hunger.
Your family grew.

Now Bobby says "Basta! Enough of this pasta!"
Michael the naughty condemns manicotti
Your own dear Biff can't stand the whiff
and not even Joanie will eat cannelloni.

Tomatoes are red,
Viola, who are you?

You ought to put away your risotto
'cause there's more to life
than lasagna, know.

Tomatoes are red,
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Your eggplant looks tired.
Your oven just blew.



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Still Scouting Around

The response to the article requesting adult volunteers for our neighborhood scout program (see the August PERSPECTIVE) was gratifying and consistent with Glen Park's willingness to involve itself in community projects. But to make the program work, a few adult volunteers are still needed:

A coordinator—one who meets monthly with the district administrators to plan the overall scouting program, and once a month with his own troop adult committee to communicate these plans.

Committee Members—adult volunteers who meet monthly with the coordinator and scoutmaster to administer and coordinate local scout troop activities. Two more are needed.

Our thanks are heartily extended to those who have already volunteered, but let's hear from the rest of you! The above positions are open to both men and women, GPA members and non-members, parents of scouts or anyone else with a few hours a month to devote to this worthwhile community project. If you are interested or want more information, call Nelson Combs at 334-5059.

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Education: on the Cutting Edge

by Les Groobin

Proposition 13 has brought public education under intense public scrutiny. This is by no means the first time public education has been so studied, nor by any stretch of the imagination will it be the last. Here I will outline some highlights of the evolution of public education, examine its current crisis, and speculate about the future of the institution.

During the 1840s, Horace Mann began the push both to humanize education and to make it accessible to the general population. Before that, education had been available only to those children whose parents or communities could afford to hire a teacher or tutor. In the first three decades of the 20th century there were many educational reformers, including John Dewey, who proposed the then novel concept of a free, public education for all children.

During the roughly 60 years between Horace Mann and John Dewey, the United States experienced two tremendous changes—the settlement of the continent and the Industrial Revolution. Those who settled the West had little time for schooling. Physical survival was paramount, and planting and harvesting crops were the top priorities. With the Industrial Revolution came a demand for child labor.

In the 1950s, the first tentative steps toward bringing Dewey's ideas to life took the form of "continuation" schools. These schools offered the chance of high school graduation to those students who had been barred previously for reasons such as pregnancy, delinquency, or a need to help support the family. Before the inception of the first "continuation" schools, these students were merely "excused" from further secondary education.

The greatest stimulus for mass education in the United States did not take place in the United States. Strangely, the event took place in Russia in 1957. The launching of Sputnik I made education generally, and science and

math education specifically, a top national priority. But within ten years, science and traditional values became synonymous with napalm and Vietnam and the Military-Industrial Complex. Now schools were told to put more "humanism" and "relevance" into the curriculum.

The current criticism of public education focuses primarily on the fact that students exit our public schools without the ability to read and write. This criticism pinpoints the deficiency as arising from a lack of emphasis on "the basics," or three R's, and too many junk, frill-type courses. Our society is keen on finding heroes and villains, so who can we blame for graduated illiterates and "nonessential" courses? Answers may hit closer to home than any critic would care to recognize.

This next point is the key to understanding why the problems of education get so much attention—schools do not shape society. Schools are simply a mirror of society. When a given segment of the society feels that its children should be learning a particular subject or skill, schools have been pressured into incorporating that subject or skill into the curriculum—often without sufficient funds, planning, or materials. Many of these courses, which are deviations from "the basics," were demanded by society. If the schools are over-extended, a look in the nearest mirror can tell you why.

Until the early 1950s, scores on achievement tests (e.g., SAT, ACT, Kansas) were a good deal higher than they are today. The critics of education seized this fact to validate their claims that schools are costing us more and are doing a worse job. This is a very popular misconception that needs some explanation.

One of the major reasons that test scores were higher in the past had to do with the pool of students taking these tests. Students classified as "slow learners" or "discipline problems" were either channeled into trade schools or simply dropped from the public school system. Hence,

the students who ended up taking the pre-college exam, for example, were of a more select academic background.

Maybe we can gain some insight into the causes of the functional illiteracy problem with some rhetorical questions: What time does your child get home from school and what time does the television get switched on? How many hours of television does your child watch every night? How many hours a night do you read to or with your child? The questions either make you feel self-righteous or guilty. They were designed to do neither, but rather to induce thought about the complexity of the problem. No matter how capable the teacher, there is nothing that can be taught or learned in forty minute daily lessons if those lessons are not reinforced by a partnership of interested student and involved parent.

Before I try to speculate about the future of education, let's fix some of the responsibility for the school's problems squarely on the educational system bureaucracy. While San Francisco is the most grotesque local example of a bloated, expensive, nonproductive appendage of the school system, there are many others. But if every unnecessary administrator were returned to the classroom and every incompetent teacher dispatched, the major uncertainties of the future remain. We seem to have become a society in search of pat answers for tough questions. As parents, we cannot expect to be able to deposit our child on the front steps of the school house to be picked up twelve years later a finished product. We also seem to have become a society whose commitment to education, both financial and spiritual, has weakened. Proposition 13 has become an attack on education as well as a jab at the "fat" in government. If we think we can solve the problems of education by eliminating enrichment courses from the curriculum, we are dead wrong. If we do away with athletics or student activities we will turn our schools into wastelands.


For our education system to survive and be effective, our society must take a hard look at the traditional importance we have placed on a literate citizenry. If we still hold that value, then we must re-establish the essential partnership between teachers, students, and parents. If, however, we have changed that much in so short a time, then Pogo was right. "We have met the enemy and he is us." ●



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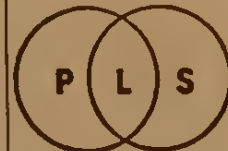
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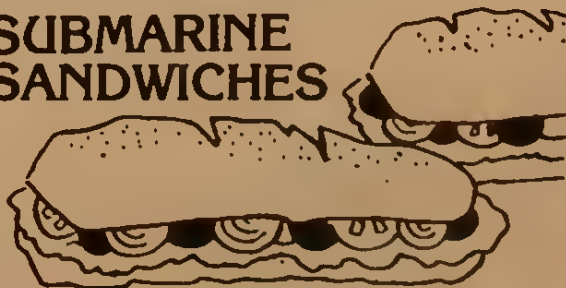


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CALENDAR

Please send listings for next months' calendar to us by October 2. Due to our publishing schedule, only events occurring after October 12 can be included.

SEPTEMBER

14, 21, 28--Poetry and short story workshop for children ages 8-12 given by Stephanie Mines, Glen Park Branch Library, 4:15-5:00 p.m.

14--(and every Thursday) Pre-school story hour. Stories, finger games, and songs. Glen Park Library, 1:30 p.m.

16--Glen Park Mitt Fitts vs. Ballstars (crucial game, folks), softball game, Funston Field #1, Bay and Laguna, 2:30 p.m.

20--Inflation: How We Deal With It --Discussion group for women over forty. Glen Park Library, 7 p.m. 431-6944.

23--Mitt Fitts vs. Finnegan's Wake, softball game. Rolph Playground, Diamond #1, Army and Potrero, 1 p.m.

23--"The Great San Francisco All-Species Day Parade" from Embarcadero and Market to Civic Center, 12 noon. Totem Equinox Celebration, 2 p.m., Civic Center. Sponsored by Ecology Center, 391-6307.

23-24--Horse show by the San Francisco Mounted Sheriff's Posse. Benefit for the Recreation Center for the Handicapped, Bercut Field, Golden Gate Park, 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

25--Single parent potluck. Bring food and children. Noe Ministry, 1021 Sanchez, 6 p.m. Sponsored by Children's Council of S.F.--Childcare Switchboard.

28--Meeting of District Nine Community Council, Miraloma Clubhouse, 8 p.m.

30--Mitt Fitts vs. The Over The Hill Gang, softball game. Jackson Field, Diamond #2, 17th St. and Alabama, 1 p.m.

30 and Oct. 1--Pickle Family Circus, Sharon Meadow in Golden Gate Park (JFK and Kezar Drives), performances at noon and 3 p.m. Free.

OCTOBER

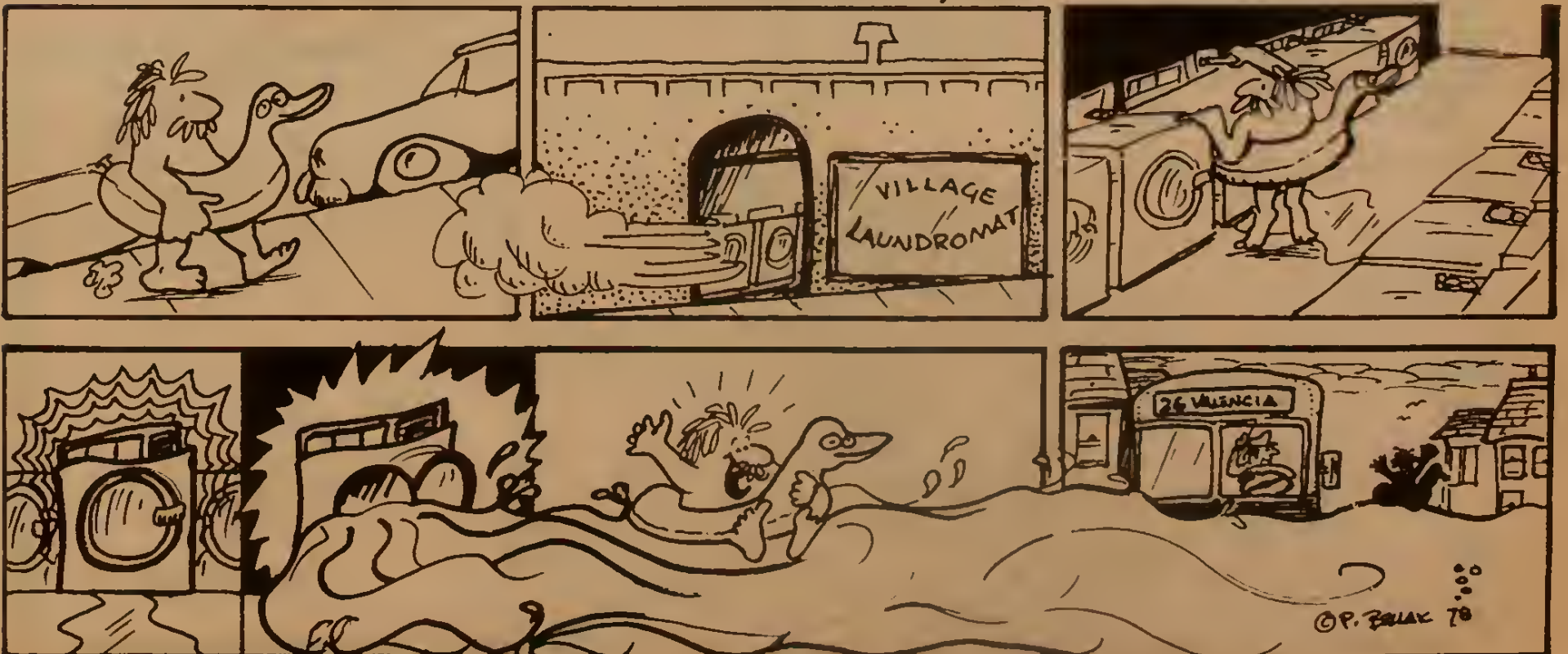
7--Mitt Fitts vs. United Vintners, softball game. Rolph Playground, Diamond #2, Army and Potrero, 2:30 p.m.

16--Election preview, GPA meeting, Glen Park Recreation Center, 7:30 p.m.

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