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G.P. SCHOOL: GOOD ONE

by Jim Gravanis

There is a strong move afoot from a dynamic core of parents at Glen Park School, aided by sympathetic teachers, to change --at least in this community-- the negative picture of public education. Parents, some of whom are members of the school's advisory committee, already volunteer their services in the classrooms and plan to turn their attention toward more improvements in the educational environment.

Parent volunteers have taught the children a variety of skills ranging from using the library to playing soccer. Some parents fashioned costumes for pageants and helped the bilingual classes stage their annual Cinco de Mayo celebration. One parent made a film with a small group of students. As head of the Glen Park Association Neighborhood Improvement Committee, I worked with parents to plan a play structure for kindergarten children. It is now under construction.

Glen Park Elementary School students performed well last term in the city-wide public school tests of third grade basic learning skills. Glen Park third graders achieved one percent higher than the city average of 96%. State reading tests of these same Glen Park students, who come from diverse socio-economic backgrounds, show marked improvement in reading scores as compared with their earlier kindergarten results. Judy Creighton, an active parent and former teacher, stated, "Parental involvement is a key to increases in learning performance. It is unreasonable to expect schools to perform the teaching function without strong support from parents and community."

Glen Park Elementary, located at 151 Lippard between Bosworth and Joost, is a three R's or traditional school with a commitment to emphasize basic subjects with help from two full-time reading specialists, an educator who teaches English to foreign-speaking students, (continued on page 3)

Kelly's Suit 'Lacks Merit,' Dismissed

On June 1, 1978, attorney William Lundy argued a motion for Summary Judgement before Judge Ira A. Brown. Lundy contended that the lawsuit filed by developer Bernard P. Kelly against six members of the Glen Park Association was without merit and lacked factual basis sufficient to warrant a trial. (The million dollar lawsuit, filed last March, was based on an allegedly slanderous statement made before the Planning Commission in March of 1977 when Kelly sought reversal of a Planning Department decision to require an Environmental Impact Report on the proposed "Glen Park Center" development.)

Judge Brown took the matter under advisement, and having reviewed the applicable laws, reached a decision on July 21, 1978. He agreed that under present law, statements made before official bodies (such as the Planning Commission) are absolutely privileged. As a result of the judge's decision the suit was dismissed, and no action can be taken against the GPA or any of its members, including the named defendants-- Joy Walsh, Henry Guttmann, Laura Goderez, Michael Isaacs, Ruth Gravanis, and Rosalie Blazej.

Judge Brown's decision reaffirms traditional concepts of freedom of speech and unencumbered access to government. ●



Photo by Brian McCarthy

Glen Park BART Station Studied

by Laura Goderez

This month's GPA meeting (August 21, 7:30 p.m.) will feature representatives from BART and MUNI. BART wants to inform the people in our neighborhood about the year and a half long accessibility study, now in progress, which will help BART management determine long-range planning goals for the next ten years. Glen Park has been chosen as one of six BART stations to be evaluated

initially, and results will be presented to us at the meeting. BART is interested in ways to accommodate the expected future increase in ridership, but it is also interested in the impact on our community and how best to resolve some of the problems. To this end, preliminary meetings were held in July between BART representatives (including Director Eugene Garfinkle), the Merchants' (continued on page 7)

The next meeting of the Glen Park Association will be held on Monday, August 21st, 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.)

*Help decide what to do with the empty BART lot on Bosworth and Arlington. Speakers from BART and MUNI will be here to discuss the BART Access Study. Refreshments will be served!

2 Letters

Pullet Surprise

Dear GP Perspective,

Congratulations on a great start! Your paper is graphically attractive, journalistically interesting, and politically informative, all with a mix of humor and artwork. Your headline writer deserves the Pulitzer Prize! Whenever I read your paper, I learn a lot about Glen Park, and the City as a whole. Keep up the good work. Neighborhood newspapers, like yours and our Bernal Journal, are an important part of the grass-roots movement building in neighborhoods in San Francisco, and all over the USA.

We'd also like to thank the Glen Park Association for its support of the Elsie Street Plan. Our success before the Planning Commission was the result of support from other neighborhood groups, as well as support on Bernal Heights. The Northwest Bernal Block Club wishes the GPA success in all of its efforts, and hopes that we'll be able to back you folks some time in the future.

Thanks again,
Buck Bagot

Booked Up

Dear Editor:

I admire and appreciate the excellent coverage given to the Glen Park branch library in your splendid July Edition.

This library and this city owe a tremendous debt to those neighborhood residents who work so tirelessly on behalf of the branch. The unselfish generosity of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Tietz, together with their tenacity in dealing with reams of red tape, are inspiring examples of civic and social consciousness.

My warm congratulations and sincere thanks to all concerned.

Sincerely yours,

JOHN C. FRANTZ
City Librarian

Dear M.P.S. and Mr. Link,

PERSPECTIVE welcomed your letters, but our policy only allows us to print signed letters with return addresses. Please identify yourselves so that we may share your thoughts with our readers.

--Ed.



...Welcome to Rosanna Lowery Nolan, born to Michael and Anne Kyle Nolan on July 23rd, 1978, 8 lbs exactly!

Prop. 13 Tax Explained

by Les Groobin

During the last week in July, many Glen Park residents were either shocked, overjoyed, or dismayed by the post-Proposition 13 tax assessments. Most homeowners were probably confused. A trip down to the assessor's office helped clear up the murky picture for me, so I hope that passing along what I learned will help you, too.

When I arrived at the entrance to City Hall, I did not have to ask directions to room 164. It was obviously the room surrounded by riot police. Inside the large-but-suddenly-too-small office, activity was somewhere between abuzz and a agog. It seemed I was not the only one in search of "The Answer."

After questioning four patient, courteous, and helpful people behind the counter, I came up for air with the following points of interest:

First, although Jarvis-Gann required that property assessments be rolled back to their 1975-1976 levels, only one-third of the city's property was reassessed in 1975. Therefore, next year, the tax assessor will undertake the massive project of reassessing those properties not yet reviewed in time for this year's tax purposes. For roughly two-thirds of the homeowners, next year will more accurately reflect what they can expect to pay under Prop. 13.

Second, many people who bought homes after March 1, 1975, found their full and assessed values increased by 50 to 150 percent. The formula that was supposedly used was to take the selling price of the home as the basis of the new value, and then add about 2.05 percent per year (permissible under Prop.13) since the time of the purchase until March 1, 1978.

Third, some homeowners who got off easy this year will be zapped next year if they bought a home after March 1st of this year. A home bought this year in April probably still carried a low full and assessed value from the previous owner, while next year's values will reflect the formula just described. For example, couple X buys their dream house on March 15, 1978, for \$80,000.00. On July 25, 1978, they receive a statement of new values that shows a full value (also known as market value) of \$27,000 and an assessed value of \$6,750 (25 percent of full value). Good news? Only for this year. Next year, their full value will be \$81,600.00. What will that cost in dollars?

According to the people I talked to, the easiest way to approximate your property tax is not to use the one percent of market value (full value) formula, because you must also

consider bonded indebtedness. All the bonds sold by the city must be paid. These debts were incurred prior to Jarvis-Gann, and this constitutional amendment provides for their payment. This adds about 1/4 of one percent of between \$1.00 and \$1.40 to the tax rate.

Tax rate, you might ask? Yes, there will be a tax rate. Prop. 13 limits the maximum tax rate to \$4.00 per one hundred dollars of assessed value. Add to this figure a bonded indebtedness figure of either \$1 if you are an optimist, or \$1.40 if you are a realist, and you have an approximation of the tax rate yet to be set precisely by the Board of Supervisors.

From here, it gets easy. Let's assume that your full value of \$35,800 and your assessed value is \$8,950. First, you divide your assessed value by one hundred to find the number of \$100.00 increments. In this case, there are 89.5. Then you can play with the probable spread in the tax rate and multiply your increments, here 89.5, by the tax rate and get several totals. At the \$5.00 tax rate, the tax bill would be \$447.50, and at the \$5.40 rate, the bill would be \$483.30. But you are not quite finished. From the total you get, you can subtract about \$80.00, this being what I was told will be the homeowners' exemption.

Oh yes! We can't forget about our couple X with their new (old) \$80,000.00 house. Well, this year they will pay about \$360.00 in property taxes. And next year? About \$1,000.00. Cheers.

New Day-Care at Mission 'Y'

The Mission Y.M.C.A. Pre-school is offering a new program for working parents with 4- and 5-year-old children.

There are openings in an exciting program for all-day care as well as an afternoon Day Camp for the preschool aged. Field trips, nature study, arts and crafts, and other workshops are a part of the program. Lots of different skills and activities are a part of the curriculum.

Please contact Donna at the Mission Y.M.C.A., 4080 Mission St., San Francisco, or call 586-6900.

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Staff for the August issue: Peter Bellak, Laura Goderez, Alan Goldfarb, Susan Goodrick, Jim Gravanis Ruth Gravanis, Michael Hitchcock, Heather Johnston, Brian McCarthy, Jane Mutony, Pam Ray, and Bruce Stabbio.

and a math specialist. It also employs full-time paraprofessional aides to assist teachers in every class.

Glen Park Elementary takes special pride in its Spanish bilingual program, which "the school district thinks so highly of that it invites educators from out of town to observe it," says Stephanie Blumberg, parent involvement coordinator. Bilingual classes will be offered to first through fourth graders this fall and may be extended to kindergarten and fifth grade if enough students from the Glen Park Community enroll. The classes, which contain a balance of children who speak either Spanish or English as a first language, teach students to read, write, and speak in both languages.

This neighborhood public school offers a combined, self-contained "impact" class for fourth- and fifth-grade students who test in the top 10% in the school district. Students in the class are given advanced work in both basic subjects and enrichment courses to stimulate imagination and challenge ability.

Glen Park School has a comfortable student enrollment, with about 260 set for kindergarten through fifth grade this fall. However, the school may be asked to add more students if neighboring elementary schools close in the wake of Proposition 13 cutbacks. The school's small size gives parents a good opportunity to work closely with teachers and the principal, Eleanore DePaoli, in order to tackle some of the more difficult problems facing public schools today. For example, the problem of school yard misbehavior has many facets: monitoring play yard activity, disciplining offenders, and lessening the noise impact on neighboring Glen Park residents. A solution requires that principal, teachers, parents, and neighborhood residents work together so that problems can be defined and then solved.

Glen Park School parents and their neighborhood associates are pooling their growing resources to help their local educators turn Glen Park Elementary into the best school that it can possibly be. Parents of elementary-aged children living in the Glen Park area are invited to give the school a try. After all, the price is right and the education will be as good as you are willing to make it.

On Getting Perspective

Michael Hitchcock is the PERSPECTIVE's distribution manager. Each month he takes the newspapers, divides them into bundles, and delivers them to the 35 volunteers who walk door to door with them. Distribution is tied to the schedule of Glen Park Association meetings, which are the third Monday of every month. He tries to get the papers to each route person the Wednesday before in order to give them time to get them out before Monday.

Presently, newspaper delivery covers the area from 30th St. and Chenery to Bosworth in the Park, from one route on Berkeley Way to Congo and Chilton across Bosworth. We have other routes planned and would like to enlarge our distribution network, but we need volunteers to sign up for routes. Each route is from 40 to 140 papers. If you are not receiving the paper at home and would like to, sign up to deliver on your block.

Papers are also available at local merchants, or will be mailed to you if you send us the subscription price of \$3.00 a year.

If you have had problems receiving the newspaper, if you are going to be away on vacation and can't do your route for a month, or if you would like to sign up for a regular route or volunteer to be an alternate to deliver every once in a while, call Mike at 585-7384.

GPA to Host Dist.9 C. C.

The July meeting of the District Nine Community Council was highlighted by a panel discussion called "How to Live with Jarvis-Gann." Guest speakers Bill Cook of the Mayor's Office and Michael McGill of SPUR (San Francisco Planning & Urban Research Association) provided thought-provoking commentary on the budget process, civil service, and the City Charter.

Other guests included Mary Burns and Leslie Miko of the Mayor's Office. They told of a current effort to improve the grossly inefficient building permit process. Ms. Miko is seeking public input to this end and can be reached at 558-3994.

The Glen Park Association is one of ten neighborhood and merchant groups that have joined the Council so far. The current standing committees deal with airplane noise and the building permit process. All members of member organizations (not just delegates) are urged to join the committees. The Council is also looking for qualified people to recommend for seats on City boards and commissions and for the mayor's new committee to study the permit process. Also, the Council could use some design ideas for a logo. Write to the District Nine Community Council, P.O. Box 31178, S.F. 94131, or call Bob Dutra, corresponding secretary, at 648-2785.

The next meeting of the Council will be hosted by the GPA. All District Nine residents and merchants are invited to attend the meeting, August 24, 8:00 p.m. at the gymnasium of JFK School, Burnside at Chenery. City Assessor Joseph Tinney has been invited to answer questions about property tax assessments.

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Alemany Sit-In

by Michael Hitchcock

One of the first effects of Proposition 13 was the closing of three of San Francisco's Emergency Aid Stations--Park, Alemany and Harbor Hospitals. On July 14, members of Citizen's Action League, Community of Outer Mission Organizations (COMO), and the Chinese Progressive Association began a sit-in at Alemany and Harbor Hospitals to keep the aid stations open until the Health Department conducts a public hearing concerning their future. The protesters moved into the stations after attempting to meet with Dr. Mervyn Silverman, Director of Public Health, who was "not available."

On July 25, the issue came before the Board of Supervisors Health and Environment Committee. According to Supervisor Robert Gonzales, the Board would approve a supplemental appropriation to keep the aid stations open if the Health Department or Mayor's Office would submit such a request. Chief Administrative Officer Roger Boas, who attended the meeting since Dr. Silverman was out of town, promised to consult with Silverman. Two days later Boas reaffirmed the department's decision to close the stations.



Boas admits the cost savings are "nominal." (The city claims \$700,000 a year; the Coalition to Save Emergency Hospitals says it is somewhat less.) The Health Department says the main reasons are duplication of facilities and cost effectiveness. Boas stated that of twenty-one hospitals in the city, fifteen have emergency rooms. Speakers from the Coalition disputed this claim at the Health and Environment Committee meeting. (None of these emergency rooms are located in the southern third of the city.) Florence Rogers of the Recreation Center for the Handicapped stated that a child from the center had died after being turned away from Franklin Hospital. Others pointed out that the type of service provided is not the same -- while long waits are characteristic of hospital emergency rooms, the emergency aid stations could usually provide immediate attention. Others said that treatment at Alemany recognized the dignity of the individual much more than the

impersonal "take a number and wait" attitude at Mission Emergency.

The cost effectiveness argument is that the \$20 per visit cost to the city is too high. It would be more cost effective, in the Health Department's view, to shift these patients to Mission Emergency or private hospitals where the cost per visit is \$40 and up. Another example of Health Department cost effectiveness is the decision not to schedule ambulance crews at Alemany on the midnight to 7 a.m. shift. Not only does an expensive piece of equipment sit idle for a third of the day, but instead of using a city ambulance at a cost of about \$70 per trip, we can now use a private ambulance at a cost of \$100.

Coalition members also point out the advantage of the Emergency stations to police operations. When criminals or victims are injured, taking them to Alemany means that police officers are off the streets for about fifteen minutes. Going to Mission Emergency often means the officers will be occupied for up to two hours.

Since the occupation began, volunteer paramedics have been treating patients who come in. They have been supplied with food by the Convent of the Good Shepherd and have received aid from local merchants who have used the Alemany facilities in the past. A petition campaign has gathered 16,000 signatures so far. The Coalition is planning to remain in place and is ready to receive all volunteers for sitting in, gathering signatures, or helping out in some other way. On the other side, Dr. Silverman, Chief Administrative Officer Boas, and Mayor Moscone remain firm in their decision to close the Emergency Aid Stations.


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In last month's PERSPECTIVE we described the renovation of the building that has become Glen Park's new library. Despite the fact that the local building inspector was helpful and fair, the renovation was plagued by many a quaint and curious volume of forgotten code requirements, procedural delays, and bureaucratic snafus. For Val and Bill Tietz to persist required determination, clear thinking, and a sense of philosophy about the maze that is our city bureaucracy. Because they did persist, Glen Park has its new library. Who are the Tietzes, and why did they go through so much hassle?

Library Patrons

Val & Bill Tietz

by Laura Goderez

Who are the Tietzes and why did they fight so hard for our library? To collect the rent every month? Hardly. The cost of financing the renovations won't be paid off for a long, long time. True, they had an empty building and needed to do something with it. But to persist through the maze of code requirements, permits, inspections and hearings as they did, when it would have been much easier just to build flats? There's much more to it.

Bill Tietz was born and grew up in the building at 653 Chenery. He went to school in Glen Park at a time when horse-drawn buggies were still the way to travel. His recollection of the impact of the arrival of automobiles was that the discarded tires in the dump became soles for his shoes. Bill frequented the library, housed in a Victorian on the



Photo by Brian McCarthy

site of the present gas station on Diamond Street. At 13, he was already becoming disillusioned by the "myths" taught him about the world. The hardships of his own life and the discrepancies between what he heard and what he knew to be true, led him to trust only the knowledge found in books. With no money for books of his own, the library became his primary source of information.

A talent in architecture won Bill a national competition when he was 16. His career as an HEW architect has been varied and sometimes frustrating for its lack of creative opportunities. All along, his driving interest has been to expose the bureaucratic hypocrisy of institutions such as government and the educational system. This led to battle after battle with the powers that be, and to a strong drive to make available to others the truths he found. Hence, the library.

Val Tietz calls herself a "perennial student." She is studying anthropology at San Francisco State and is also interested in art, music, and children. Val says she's an "expediter"--gets her nose into all sorts of things. She

grew up on a farm in the Midwest where she experienced difficulty in getting to and from school. She believes that this experience helped to develop persistence--the quality that enabled her to see this project through.

She questions our present educational system and sees the library as a way to fill the gaps in school-acquired knowledge. Like Bill she is a fighter, and she's got the energy to take on projects of the magnitude of the library and still retain her perspective on how the whole system works. It was her idea, in the midst of all the delays and the threats of Jarvis-Gann closures, to celebrate the library's opening.

So Val and Bill renovated their building to house the library and keep it in the neighborhood, available to Glen Park residents. The building is now complete, the lease is signed, and the library, so important to them, is a reality.

Compensation? A long time ago, says Bill, Glen Park was a Neighborhood. World War II and its aftermath changed that, and the village-like quality disappeared. After surveying the crowd at the Sneak-a-Peek celebration, Bill smiled broadly and said, "The Neighborhood's coming back!"

quote of the month

"Too bad that all the people who know how to run the country are busy driving taxicabs and cutting hair."
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Rezoning May Protect Glen Park

For over four years, the Planning Department has been working on an extensive revision of San Francisco's zoning laws. A package of proposed text revisions and accompanying maps is now complete and in the hands of the Supervisors.

The GPA Board of Directors is basically in concurrence with the proposed revisions, which involve very little change in the mapping of the residential part of Glen Park. (The commercial area is not being considered at this time.) The text revisions do help protect the character of Glen Park through several provisions, such as front setback and rear yard open space requirements. The Board (except for dissident Ruth Gravanis who contends it doesn't matter what the Code says since it's not being enforced), would like to ask the general membership to endorse the revisions at the August meeting.

If the revisions do not pass this fall, the City will revert back to the pre-1960 zoning. What would this mean? Aside from the fact that four year's worth of several City salaries would have gone down the drain, the effect on the City would be detrimental.

Our zoning regulations are contained in the Planning Code, which is a part of the City Charter. The Planning Code specifies how we may or may not use any given piece of land. If we had no Planning Code, your next door neighbors could change their house into a chicken-slaughtering factory, a high-rise hotel, or a heliport. Before the Residential Rezoning Study was instituted in 1974, things were not quite that bad. Commercial and industrial uses were prohibited in the areas designated "residential." But

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large apartment complexes had been springing up all over with no regard for existing neighborhood character and scale, parking needs, traffic conditions, aesthetics, or whether the demolished buildings had been sound. Neighborhood complaints about such apartments, and the sad condition of a much amended and unwieldy Planning Code, led to the 1973 decision to begin a study on which to base extensive revisions.



The proposed zoning revisions now being considered by the Board of Supervisors have several major purposes:

- to recognize existing architectural characteristics and densities.
- to preserve the existing housing stock by encouraging sound ownership practices and rehabilitation efforts.
- to maximize housing choice by assuring the availability of quality housing suitable for a wide range of household types, lifestyles, and economic levels
- to encourage development that will meet community needs and provide adequate indoor and outdoor spaces for the occupants.
- to promote balanced and convenient neighborhoods with compatible non-residential activities that meet the residents' needs.

If you have any questions, a very readable summary is available at the Department of City Planning, 100 Larkin St. (It was mailed last December to every property owner in the City.)

Also, Supervisor Ron Pelosi will be scheduling several publichearings on the zoning Revisions before the Supervisors Planning, Housing, and Development Committee. Call his office, 558-2407, for the dates and times.

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Board of Directors

The GPA Board of Directors met on August 7 at the home of Treasurer Bob Weiner. A representative of the Mission YMCA attended with a request for support. The Board heard reports on the Joint Powers Board meeting on airplane noise, the status of the Bicentennial money, residential rezoning study, District Nine Community Council, Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods, and the Park Advisory Board. They took the following actions:

- decided to contact HUD on the Bicentennial money and then sit down with local and federal officials.
- voted to remain a member of the Coalition for San Francisco Neighborhoods until the Residential Zoning Revision process is complete and then drop out due to waning relevance.
- agreed to investigate background of Continental Savings and Loan in view of its plans to locate in the vicinity of Diamond and Bosworth.
- voted to request that the Planning Department assist in developing a neighborhood plan for Glen Park.
- voted to support the YMCA in its desire to make use of our park facilities.
- voted to ask for an airport policy routing as many planes as possible over the Bay to reduce noise; also will ask that the noise monitor be located in a secret spot.

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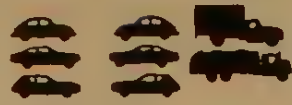
No Rec Meeting

The Glen Park Recreation Center Advisory Committee will not meet in August. The next meeting of the Committee will be on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 in the auditorium of the Glen Park Recreation Center. All Glen Park residents with an interest in enhancing the Park's program and facilities are invited to participate.

Do Go to Hearing Due on Dog Doo

Supervisor Harvey Milk, responding to concerns over dog litter, is sponsoring an ordinance that would provide substantial penalties for dog owners who do not clean up after their dogs. As with the ordinance recently passed in New York, the law would require a dog-walker to carry along an appropriate container to dispose of the waste.

You are urged to attend a public hearing on this matter on August 22 (see Calendar) and to write to Supervisor Lee Dolson or to the Health and Environment Committee (Supervisors Lau, Gonzales and White).



Bumps Approved for Chenery Street

A hearing was held by Department of Public Works officials on July 14 on the issue of the installation of rumble strips on Chenery between Diamond and Elk. All ten Glen Park residents present were in favor of the strips, and numerous letters had been received from people also favoring the idea. One or two modifications in the locations of the strips were suggested by residents, and the strips were approved by DPW. They will be installed shortly. Thanks are owed to Lorrie Titcomb, Lenda Barth, and Laura Goderez for their help in alerting Chenery Street residents of the hearing.

Preferential Parking for Glen Park is wending its way through the mazes of City Hall. On August 10 it was approved by the the Board of Supervisors Police, Fire and Safety Committee. If the full Board approves it, it will become law.

BART

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Association, and GPA members. Two issues were of concern to us all--how to handle BART-traffic and parking, and how to use the large empty lot on Bosworth Street (at Arlington). Although there has been an unwritten official policy against BART parking lots in the city, all alternatives will be considered to improve BART accessibility. Traffic congestion is a problem when considering long-term parking facilities. Auto influx to Daly City, for example, has grown tremendously--parking slots have been increased from 400 to 1600, with another new lot now being built for San Francisco riders only. BART feels that the cost per slot (@\$1200) in a multi-level long-term parking structure is economically unrealistic, but a flat-top lot, organized to provide short-term parking for merchants' customers as well as limited long-term parking for BART riders appears to be a possibility. This idea appeared to resolve concerns and needs of all three groups present at the July meetings.

Also to be considered are transfers from MUNI to BART, neighborhood jitney shuttles to BART, "Kiss-and-Ride" lots, and better bus/train coordination. MUNI representatives at our August meeting will be able to give us MUNI's thoughts on these ideas.

Several changes in BART will be occurring in the next few months regardless of the outcome of the accessibility study. A new system of spacing cars will be inaugurated soon that will result in more frequent BART service. At that time, Richmond/Daly City direct service will begin. In addition, the noisy vent system so many of you have complained about on the Bosworth Street lot (near the Wilder Street side) will be receiving a new housing designed to reduce the noise.

BART is aware of Glen Park's concern over its impact and would like to hear your comments. Be sure to attend the August meeting.

Privets Planted on Monterey



Photo by Greg Borrelli

On July 30, a windy and foggy Sunday, Forum Realty helped to inaugurate the opening of their handsome new office at 30 Monterey by organizing a block long tree-planting event. Twenty Japanese Privets were in the ground and securely staked by 1:00 p.m., thanks to the effort put forth by twenty Sunnyside and Glen Park volunteers. While these folks supplied the muscle, neighboring merchants put together the \$300 that was needed to buy trees, top soil, stakes, and a hole drilling

service.

Special laurels to Frank Morgan, Gail and Keith McCollum and especially Ken Hoegger for "making it happen." Ken Hoegger, partner in Forum Realty and Sunnyside resident, told the PERSPECTIVE that he hoped this would be the first of many neighborhood improvement collaborations in the Glen Park-Sunnyside area. Ken is now turning his attention toward the placement of a "Sunnyside" marker at Monterey and Circular Streets.

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Tietzes Honored At Open House

The Glen Park Library Open House on the evening of July 28th was a special evening for all the staff because so many Glen Park friends and supporters came to celebrate the occasion. Among the special guests attending were John Frantz, Head Librarian; George Cerasi, Secretary to the Library Commission; Kenneth Bohagian of the City Real Estate Department; and Cathy Wiles, Legislative Aide to Supervisor Lee Dolson.

Official thanks were given to Val and Bill Tietz, who were honored with a plaque. GPA President Stephen La Plante displayed the SPUR Neighborhood of the Year Award given to the GPA, which will hang in the library. Jim Gravanis presented a gift to the library from the GPA Board of Directors--two copies of The Vertebrate Ecology of Glen Canyon. Check one out!

Festivities included music by Peter and Shoshanna Kessler, Tom Hunter, and Gwen Alley; baked goodies from numerous Glen Park residents, punch from Charlie Jweinat of Diamond Super and decorative plants and flower bouquets by Michael Thompson of Tonite's the Nite plant store. Deepest thanks to all of those people, and to John Siedhoff and volunteers for the library sign, and Pauline Blanc for the invitations and for starting the new library history scrapbook. And, of course, to the community volunteers who helped the library move and reorganize. As librarian Betty Siedhoff said, "It was an exciting and auspicious beginning, and we look forward to extending and improving library services and programs."

Library Needs

The Glen Park Branch Library would like your help in obtaining the following items:

1. Shades for the windows and doors
2. Bike rack
3. Peg board for window display
4. Twelve folding chairs and a folding table
5. Phonograph and earphones

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Bill Tietz, left, and City Librarian John Frantz view plaque presented by Ruth Gravanis.
(Photo by Brian McCarthy)



August Program

GAMES OF STRATEGY AND SKILL, Wednesday evenings, August 16, 23, 30, 6:30 to 9:00 p.m.

Learn to play games with new friends and neighbors -- Risk, Lord of the Rings, Wooden Ships and Iron Men, and Chess. Ages 8 and up -- adults invited, too! Gamesmaster Bill Sessions will be overseer.

PRESCHOOL STORY HOUR starts Thursday, August 17, at 1:30 p.m. Stories, finger games, songs. For ages 3 - 5.

New Records

The record collection at the Glen Park Branch Library is increasing. Available for seven-day loan are classical, spoken, and popular recordings. Educational records include language and typing and dictation practice; these are available for three-week loans. The following is a list of the new additions to the record collection:

Special collections of old-time radio programs:

"I Love a Mystery" (S78-11);
"The Lone Ranger" (S78-13);
"The Shadow" (S78-25).

Other spoken records:

"Modern Scream" by comedienne Lily Tomlin (S78-48);
"The Great Sonnets and Soliloquies of William Shakespeare" (S78-29).

New classical selections:

Bach, "Preludes and Fugues; Toccata and Fugue" (C78-4);
Bizet, "Carmen", conducted by Sir George Solti (C78-13);
Brahms, "Symphony No. 4 in E Minor" (C78-16);
Chopin, "Piano Works" (C78-21);
Elgar, "Pomp and Circumstance Marches" (C78-29);
Grieg, Rachmaninoff, Tchaikovsky, "Three Favorite Concertos"; Artur Rubinstein, pianist;

"Great Children's Favorites" by Arthur Fiedler and the Boston Pops Symphony, including "The Nutcracker Suite" and "Peter and the Wolf".

New selections in the popular category:

"Star Wars" (P78-115);
Eagles, "Hotel California" (P78-30);
"Fabulous Flamenco", Paco Pena (P78-80).

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Geneva's Tamale Pie

The August recipe is shared with us by Lorrie Titcomb of Mizpah Street, who got it from her mother. (For the younger cook, who may not be familiar with can size, Lorrie explains that a No. 2½ can contains 28 oz.)

Geneva Titcomb's Tamale Pie

Shred 1 dozen corn tortillas. Place in large bowl and pour over one No. 2½ can Las Palmas pepper sauce. Soak at least ½ hour.

In large skillet, brown 1 lb. ground beef. Add 1 large chopped onion, one No. 2½ can stewed tomatoes, and 1 can kernel corn. Add soaked tortillas and cook to desired consistency, stirring often.

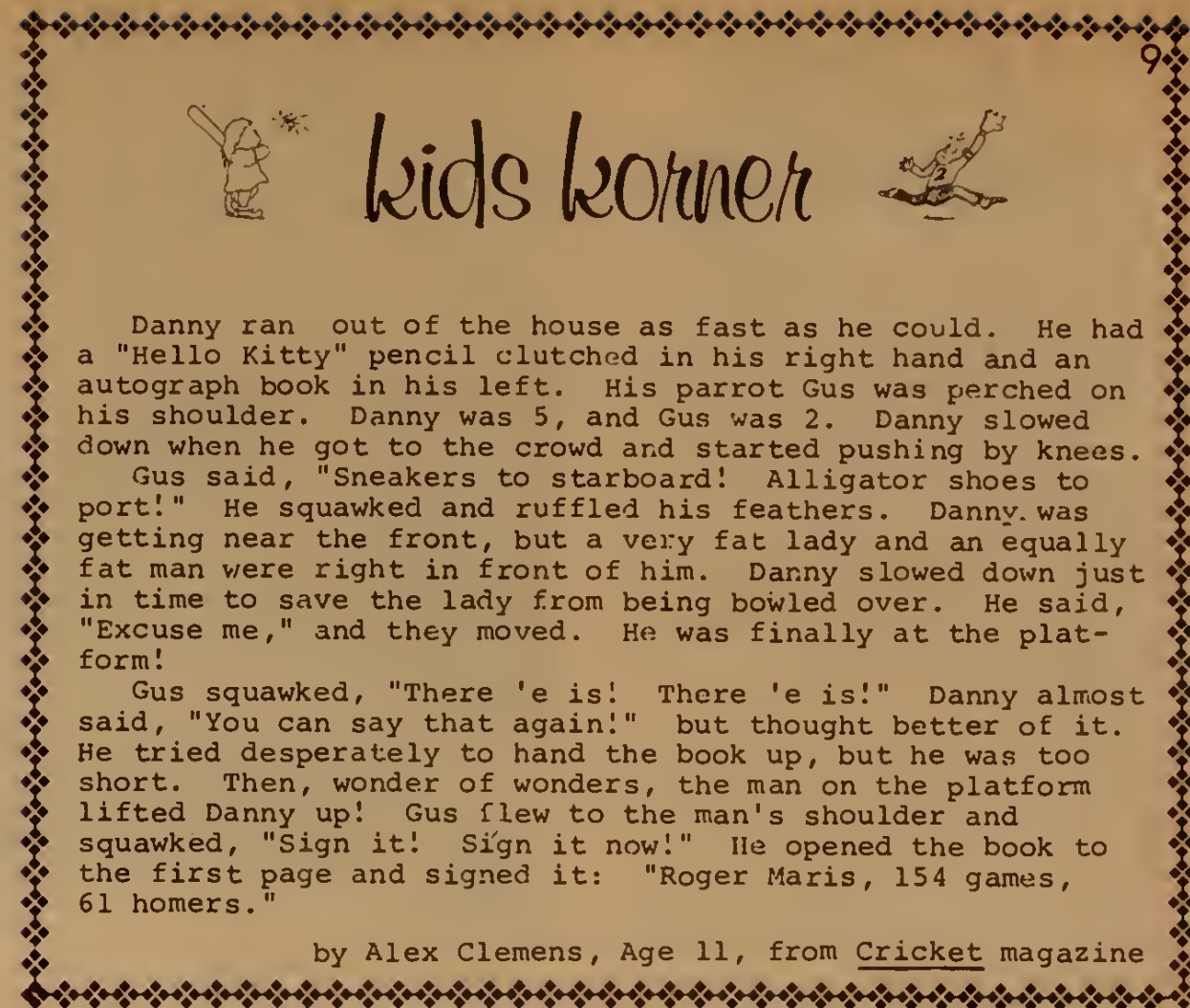
Before serving, top with ripe olives and grated cheese. Can be baked. Also freezes well. Serves 8.

Troops Scouting for Volunteers

by Nelson Combs

Our neighborhood Boy Scout and Cub Scout programs are in jeopardy. They need a new sponsor if they are to continue. The Glen Park Association has been asked to fill this need, and it very much wants the Scout programs to stay in the Glen Park neighborhood. The Board of Directors, however, cannot commit itself to sponsorship until it has found the necessary adult volunteers. Here are the positions that need to be filled:

Coordinators--Individuals who meet with other troop and pack coordinators and district scout administrators to discuss the upcoming scouting programs. The coordinators in turn meet with their own sponsor's adult committee to communicate these programs. Two are needed (one for the Scouts and one for the Cubs), although one individual with sufficient time could perhaps fill both jobs.



kids korner

Danny ran out of the house as fast as he could. He had a "Hello Kitty" pencil clutched in his right hand and an autograph book in his left. His parrot Gus was perched on his shoulder. Danny was 5, and Gus was 2. Danny slowed down when he got to the crowd and started pushing by knees.

Gus said, "Sneakers to starboard! Alligator shoes to port!" He squawked and ruffled his feathers. Danny was getting near the front, but a very fat lady and an equally fat man were right in front of him. Danny slowed down just in time to save the lady from being bowled over. He said, "Excuse me," and they moved. He was finally at the platform!

Gus squawked, "There 'e is! There 'e is!" Danny almost said, "You can say that again!" but thought better of it. He tried desperately to hand the book up, but he was too short. Then, wonder of wonders, the man on the platform lifted Danny up! Gus flew to the man's shoulder and squawked, "Sign it! Sign it now!" He opened the book to the first page and signed it: "Roger Maris, 154 games, 61 homers."

by Alex Clemens, Age 11, from *Cricket* magazine

Committee Persons--They are the adult managers for the local troops. This group translates the plans into actual events. They assist the scout leaders with any planning, coordinating, and administering required to keep the local scout programs functioning. The committee may need two or three meetings per month, depending on the level of scouting activity upcoming. A minimum of three people per committee (one committee each for Scouts and Cubs) are required, but there is no upper limit to the number who may participate. Obviously, the more people involved will mean less work for each.

Scout Leaders--These are the dedicated heroes of the program. They work directly with the boys by attending weekly troop and pack meetings, weekend camping or project functions, jamborees, etc.

They are the intermediaries between the sponsor's committees and the scouts. A minimum of four leaders are needed (a Scoutmaster and assistant for the scout troop and a Cubmaster and assistant for the cub pack), but here again, the more the merrier.

At the present time, we have three potential volunteers for the Scout Troop Committee (including two former Eagle Scouts), but more volunteers are needed for the other jobs. Although the positions of scout leaders and assistants are open only to males, all other positions are open to all. Membership in the GPA is not a requirement, and parents of scouts would be more than welcome.

The scouting experience for the boys is both educational and a great deal of fun. The satisfaction rewards to the adult volunteer more than compensate for the time commitment required. Won't you help us keep scouting in Glen Park by volunteering? You can sign up at the next GPA meeting, or better yet, call Nelson Combs (334-5059) or Bob Lando (586-7184) while you are thinking about it.



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Monitor Monitoring

When the Joint Powers Board met on July 24th at the Millbrae City Hall, GPA member Lucretia Levinger was there to defend the GPA's request for the inclusion of San Francisco in the Joint Land Use Study area. The Joint Powers Board, chaired by Supervisor Quentin Kopp, claimed that the San Mateo-San Francisco County joint effort was set up to study the effects of the airport on San Mateo County only. At this time, it is not known whether funds to enlarge the study area can be made available. However, Board members Kopp and Dale Fearn did say that they thought it reasonable to include any portion of San Francisco having a decibel reading of sixty or over. The matter was not resolved.

The first readings of the temporary noise monitor set up in Glen Park did not help our case. The monitor picked up flight noises that only averaged fifty-five decibels. Arnold Feener of the Noise Abatement Center did say that the monitor could be moved to a location from which more complaints were received. A few questions occur:

Would it make a difference if the monitor were relocated? Would it make a difference if the location of the monitor and the time period of its operation were kept a secret from certain parties? Is the airport using valid criteria to tell us whether we do or do not have a noise problem?

The Board of Directors has decided to write to the Joint Powers Board and to the Noise Abatement Center making two requests:

1. If the location and timing of the noise monitor can not be kept a secret, a permanent monitor should be installed.

2. Since the noise problem decreased when the neighborhood started to complain, it seems that air traffic can be rerouted to avoid Glen Park. But the problem isn't solved by moving the paths to another area, and then back again when that area complains. Therefore, all flights leaving the airport to go south or west

should proceed north over the Bay until they reach an altitude at which the noise is no longer significant.

The Airplane Noise Committee, which will probably work with the District 9 Community Council Airplane Noise Committee, needs more active members. Call Lucretia, 775-6200, if you can help.



Crags Court Community Garden is one of eighty such sites sponsored by the San Francisco Community Gardens Project. Located at the end of Crags Court cul-de-sac, it sits perched above Glen Park Canyon. This vegetable garden was started four years ago and uses "raised beds" to avoid digging into the hard red rock and clay ground. Recently, the "French-intensive high-yield technique" has been tried. A thirty-five pound squash grown in the garden is on display in the Glen Park Library. The Community Gardens project provides organic gardening advice and delivers topsoil and fertilizer to approved sites. For information call 566-1340. Photo by Brian McCarthy

School info:

Call 565-WHAT

On August 10, the Board of Education adopted a "Prop. 13" budget that cuts funds by \$23 million. Because they expect to be able to get additional funds, the full impact of cuts is not yet known.

School opening times are not yet established, nor do we know how much busing will be available. The school redesign plan will be implemented. Diamond Heights and San Miguel elementary schools will be closed. New assignments should be received in the mail by August 21.

To get more information call General Information: 565-WHAT, a recorded message listing tapes which will be played at your request. Student Assignments: 565-9464, to find your child's assigned school and whether it is open to children outside the attendance area. Alternative Schools: 565-9371, tells which schools have openings and how to get on a waiting list. Transportation: 565-9482, bus schedules for regular and alternative schools.

Individual schools may be telephoned after August 21 to register a child new in the neighborhood or to find out what time that school opens. Check the phone book for the number.

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Preface

These songs and poems were written in the month following the painful ending of an intense and important relationship; a month in which I literally wrote like a madman because I could do (and could stand to do) nothing else.

They're threads, of varying size and strength, taken together in all their contradiction, in an attempt to not only come to terms with the break-up but to paint a comprehensive picture of the period as well.

Each response is granted its own integrity; each voice its own song. They're a rainbow of response, spanning an emotional spectrum, and as such must stand apart lest they all be reduced to a murky brown.

They're presented more or less chronologically. They're all true, and they're all fiction. As Dylan once said: "Nothing has been changed except the words."

RAINBOW OF RESPONSE

by David Frankel

Through The Touching Glass

We go out on dates,
And try to be friends,
Attempting to salvage
Some means from our end.

I try to act gaily,
And have lots of fun,
Pretending for the moment
That I'm still the one.

And then we touch,
And the spell breaks down,
And I really shouldn't stay.
For I'm touching you through a sheet of glass,
And you're a million miles away.

So I'm in a bind;
I want to stay close,
And hope once again
You'll love me the most.

But if, as I fear,
The hope doesn't pass,
Well, one thing I could do
Is to smash in the glass.

But since I feel
It's all in vain,
I'll probably run and hide,
'cause I can't touch you through a sheet of glass
When there is no other side.

The Women I Loved

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The woman I loved was loyal and kind,
And gave me a sense of security.
The woman I loved was knowing and wise,
Possessing incredible maturity.

The woman I loved was stable and straight;
She could always be counted upon.
The woman I loved was a true comrade and friend;
There's no way she would ever let me down.

The woman I loved was supportive and strong;
She'd encourage me to break down and cry.
The woman I loved was sensitive to my fears,
For she was every bit as vulnerable as I.

The woman I loved was creative and caring;
An artist and a lover of man.
The woman I loved was passionate and inspiring;
My lover and perhaps biggest fan.

The woman I loved was silly and cute;
A companion for the child in me.
The woman I loved was sensual and sweet;
Everything I could hope that she'd be.

The woman I loved couldn't have caused me such pain;
She could never have put me up against the wall.
The woman I loved couldn't have did what you've done,
But, then, perhaps I never knew you at all.

Now It's Official, I Saw You Together

Now it's official, I saw you together,
You were walking hand in hand,
And much as I try, it's hard to deny
That you're in love with another man.

Your hands were entwined, your smiles were wide,
Your eyes were fixed on each other;
No way to pretend you don't have a new friend,
And I am no longer your lover.

It was inevitable, ever since we split up,
And you told me you had a new beau;
I knew one day or other, we'd run into each other,
And then I'd officially know.

Yes, now it's official, I saw you together;
You're not pining away by the phone.
I guess it's a fact that you don't want me back.
I guess I'm officially alone.

Pep Talk

Accept what happened,
And stop your bitchin'.
If you can't stand the heat,
Keep away from the kitchen.

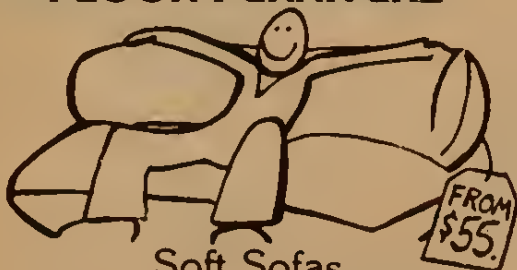
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AUGUST

7--"Don't Call Me Sweetheart" Poster exhibition of women's images and issues. Intersection Gallery, 756 Union St. Monday-Friday, 10-4; Thursday-Sunday, 8-10 p.m. Through Sept. 22. 658-3833.

18--"Evening of French Comedies," Noe Valley Cinema, James Lick Auditorium, at 25th St. and Noe, 8 p.m. General admission \$1.50, \$1 for seniors and \$75 for children under 12. 282-5354.

19--Free concert. McLaren Park Amphitheater. 1 p.m.

19--Free day at the zoo.

20--"Rational vs. Romantic Love" Free lecture at Institute for Rational Living, 2435 Ocean Ave. 7-9 p.m. 334-3450.

20--Castro Street Fair, between Market and 19th. Noon to 6.

21--GPA Meeting. 7:30 p.m. Glen Park Recreation Center.

22--Board of Supervisors Health and Environment Committee hearing on dog droppings. 2 p.m., Rm. 228, City Hall.

23--Glen Park kids for ice-skating. Sign up early at the Recreation Center.

24--Movie at Glen Park Recreation Center--Robinson Crusoe and the Tiger, 1:30 p.m. 25¢

24--"Understanding Your Property Tax" District Nine Community Council, 8 p.m., JFK Gymnasium, at Burnside and Chenery. Hosted by the GPA.

25--Rebel Without a Cause and Desist Film at the Noe Valley Cinema. (See Aug. 18.)

29--SPUR meeting. City guides slide show explaining how volunteers are trained to provide tours of historic San Francisco. 312 Sutter St., 5th floor, 12:30 p.m.

30--Glen Park Surprise Day. More information at the Recreation Center.

31--Movie at Glen Park Recreation Center--A Boy Named Charlie Brown, 1:30 p.m. 25¢

31--SPUR party. Lawrence Dahms assesses impact of Prop. 13 on San Francisco and Bay Area transit service. 5:30 p.m., 312 Sutter St, 5th floor. \$2. 781-8726.

THROUGH SEPTEMBER 9: Play: "The Good Soldier Schweik," Eureka Theater, Noe at Market. Thursday-Sunday, 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 and \$4.00. 421-7333.

SEPTEMBER

12--Glen Park Recreation Center Advisory Committee, Recreation Center Auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

12--Glen Park Merchants and Improvement Association Inc., 701 Chenery St., 7:00 p.m.

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