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This is Real Community!

By Zoanne Nordstrom

No...that is not another building on the Diamond Super site at Diamond and Wilder streets. The "new" look is the result of a paint job, which turned the ugly, charred, smoke-damaged, covered-with-graffiti hulk of Diamond Super into a great looking edifice. Well, a better-looking one, anyway.

Rick Laska and Sean Love, local Certa ProPainters, donated time, energy, staff and paint for the "paint-in" on July 17. Sean was there bright and early at 7:45 a.m., to set up the staging area as well as make the decisions as to who did what. Parts were sprayed, others rolled, and some hand-painted with brushes. Seven of Certa ProPainters' very professional staff--Rick, Sean, Will, Cedric, Paul, Rob and Chris--volunteered anywhere from 2 to 6 hours to work with a group of Glen Park neighbors:

Terry Bloom, Hector Alvarez, Nora Dowley, Dan Gustavson, Bruce Bonacker and Zoanne Nordstrom. Supervisor Mark Leno joined the group for about an hour, wielding a mean paint brush. The market was transformed into something attractive that we can live with while the owner decides what to do with the site.

Rick and Sean not only power-washed the building and supplied the paint, making it ready for a temporary paint job, but they arranged to have other painting supplies donated by Alan Cheung of the Sherwin Williams Paint Co.

Residents, merchants, kids, pets...all are waiting for a decision on what will be done with the building, and when we

will get our grocery and deli back.

The owner has sent out a request for proposals, which asks for someone to develop the total of five lots, including the one on which the Diamond Super building sits, the parking lot and the back part of the store. The owner is seeking a land lease of 35 years with two 10-year options. Currently envisioned is a mixed-use complex of residential units with ground-floor commercial space. The lease for the City parking lot expires in about two years, but an attempt will be made to cancel the lease early, so all five lots can be developed as one project. The gist of this is that no one will know what will happen with this property for a while longer. We will keep



Sean Love, Rob, Paul & Will Photo by Z. Nordstrom

you posted.

Meanwhile, a temporary mural is in the planning stages: perhaps an abstract of a grocery store and deli, the commercial business most wanted and needed by residents.

This joint community project is a fabulous example of local business and neighborhoods working together, beautifying our city. Thank you, Rick and Sean and crew and neighbors, for donating your time and energy to help us beautify our neighborhood.

Rick Laska and Sean Love can be reached at 800-462-3782, ext. 773 or 771, or visit them at their Web site: www.gocerta.com.

Glen Park Fair is Planned For Sunday, September 26th

By Judith Presley, Festival Chair

Fun, food, entertainment and prizes will abound at the fourth annual Glen Park Festival on Sunday, Sept. 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. The street fair will occupy Diamond Street between Bosworth and Chenery, plus Wilder Street, extending into the City parking lot.

The festival will offer live music, an expanded children's area, fabulous raffle prizes, artist and craft booths, informative exhibits, food, beverages, activities and a great opportunity to meet and enjoy your neighbors! At the festival, neighborhood and surrounding community residents can meet and have great fun in an enlightened atmosphere regarding social and environmental issues.

A plethora of musical, artistic, culinary and entertainment treats await you at this year's festival. Soul Sauce, a great Latin jazz band that performed at the Union Street and Fillmore Street fairs, has been engaged to anchor the festival. Vocalist Brenda Boykin, a notable veteran of the Boom Boom Room, will grace the stage. Returning by popular demand is the SGI-USA Young Women's Taiko Group. More musical surprises are to come. There will be a listening and dancing area in front of the stage, along with tables.

Arts and crafts will be displayed at myriad vendor booths. Artists and craftspeople from Glen Park and neighboring communities are invited to participate. There will be ample food and beverage pavilions, along with information centers for nonprofit and service groups.

Especially for Kids

The much-anticipated Children's Activities Area is going to be "super-califragilistic." Kids will be put to work once again this year on a paper mural on the hack wall of the Diamond Super.

In lieu of the flea market, the children's area will occupy the entire parking lot behind the old store building. There will be games, face painting, balloon sculptures, educational and informational booths. Entertainers will be a highlight. To mention just a few: Magic Dan, a wonderful magician; a children's dance group; and puppeteers. The planning committee's goal is to provide children with their own special area with fun and games, along with activities and events for their families, to keep everyone in touch with the sense of community in our "village."

The Academy of Sciences may participate in the children's activities. The SPCA will be there with feline adoption and canine safety training, a worthwhile program for children and adults, considering the number of off-leash areas in the city's parks. At least one mounted police officer (with horse, of course) will attend.

Something for Everyone

Prizes will be raffled every hour at the festival, including donations from the Blue & Gold Fleet, the Red & White Fleet, Six Flags, San Francisco Zoo, the California Academy of Sciences, ACT, the Napa Valley Wine Train, Hearst Castle, Cafe?, La Corneta, Village Hair Studio, Roaring Camp, Basic Cotton, Glen Park Florist, the Cheese Boutique, Diamond Pizza, Hong Sing Restaurant, the San Francisco Giants, the 49ers, the Museum of Modern Art, San Francisco Tanning Salon, Sunset Pizza, the Jungle, Glen Park Cleaners, the Village Cellar...and the list goes on. There's something for everyone, young and old, and you need not be present to win.

It's always a challenge to outdo the previous year's fair, but the 1999 festival committee has worked to bring

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together the best Glen Park has to offer residents, friends and neighbors. Entertainment has been lined up by "music czars" Dan Gustavson and Pat Wiseman. Rosemary Rae has been a ray of sunshine with her work in the Children's Activities area. Kevin Gardiner spearheads the involved permit process. Beth Kershaw and Vince Beaudet co-chair the vital Vendor Booth Committee. David Bogdanoff marshals the Street Marshals, and Bobbie Anderson, Sponsor Development, makes hundreds of contacts. Claire Boddy, Advertising Committee, continues to approach the media, including radio, magazines and newspapers. Ellis Gans, Finance and Insurance Chair, keeps us on track. Carmel Adams, Art Chair, works creatively and diligently to promote our festival. Helene Winkler procured many of our superb raffle prizes.

One no-affle prize will be this year's collectible poster, donated by the acclaimed San Francisco Cartoonist Robert Triptow, working with Carmel Adams, Art Chair. Thank you, fellow Glen Park Festival Committee members. Our gratitude to the Glen Park Association and the Glen Park Merchants Association for their wonderful support.

New "Tribune" is Them; Glen Park News is Us!

By The Volunteers

While the planned sale of the *Chronicle* threatens to make San Francisco a one-daily-newspaper city, Glen Park is poised to become a two-newspaper neighborhood. We've been told that there will soon be a new publication, called the *Glen Park Tribune* (actually based in the Sunnyside neighborhood).

We haven't seen the *Tribune* at our press time, but to eliminate potential confusion, there is one essential difference between the two papers: The *Glen Park News* is the Official Paper of the nonprofit Glen Park Association, produced by volunteers. The *Tribune* is a commercial paper.

The goal of the *Glen Park News* is to disseminate information about our community to as many residents as possible. We try to keep you up-to-date on safety, park, neighborhood improvements, zoning and planning, traffic, health and environmental issues, and

are currently working on the Diamond Super site plans.

Our advertisers support this goal, and we encourage our readers to support the local merchants and businesses who make our efforts possible.

The *Glen Park News* is produced by volunteers: layout, editing, consultation, distribution, writing, advertising coordination. Our big expense, of course, is printing, and our advertisers help with this cost. At this time we don't break even, but we are working on it.

Neighborhood volunteers deliver the *Glen Park News* to 2,500 households, and an additional 500 copies are distributed in Glen Park stores and in Diamond Heights, so it reaches a large constituency. In addition, copies are sent to the SF Board of Supervisors, the mayor and others in City government, so they know what our issues are and what we are working on.

We wish the *Glen Park Tribune* well, and hope it will enhance our neighborhood. We also hope our neighbors will continue to support their own grassroots newspaper. We encourage you to send articles, comments, ideas, commendations or suggestions to us at PO Box 31292, SF 94131. The deadline for the next issue of the *Glen Park News* is **October 15th**.

It is a Happy, Peaceful Home

By Lee Guion

How do you envision the last years of your life? Most of us hope to live in our own home, to remain in the neighborhood that is comfortable and familiar, to be active, to enjoy the company of our friends and family members. We also hope to be physically and mentally fit. But chronic diseases can limit our ability to be independent: osteoarthritis, diabetes, heart and lung disease, Parkinson's or dementia.

We may become weak, frail, and have trouble cooking, keeping our home clean, walking or meeting our basic needs. We may not be able to afford full-time help. Our spouses, friends and children may be unable to provide all the care we need. Does this mean we must be institutionalized, cared for by strangers during our remaining years?

Not in San Francisco, thanks to On Lok Senior Health Services. Twenty-seven years ago, in a storefront in Chinatown, On Lok (which means "a happy, peaceful home" in Cantonese) was born. Previously, low-income, frail Chinese elders without strong family support had no choice but to live out their lives in a nursing home. Today On Lok has expanded to five centers that provide long-term care, medical and rehabilitation services to more than 900 elders of diverse ethnic backgrounds. The newest center is right here in our neighborhood, at 225 - 30th St.

Louise Van De Veere, Associate Director of the 30th Street center, explains On Lok's success: "The key is our interdisciplinary care team. Participants' needs are regularly reassessed and adjusted by a team of care providers. Each team consists of a primary care physician with a specialty in geriatrics, nurses, a social worker, dietitian, physical therapist, occupational therapist and recreation therapist. Care is individualized and customized. Participants and family members are an integral part of the team."

"We understand the value of prevention," stresses Van De Veere. Everyone, from medical professionals to home health aides to van drivers, notes changes in participants' behavior and appearance and reports them to the supervisory staff. The health centers are one-stop shopping for medical care. Good nutrition is also emphasized. Healthful meals are provided for those attending the centers and those who remain at home.

On Lok, a not-for-profit organization, functions on several levels. It is a health maintenance organization (HMO) pro-

viding all medical and preventive care plus hospitalization. It provides adult day health at all its centers where assessment, rehabilitation and meaningful activities take place. A broad range of services are coordinated so that elders at risk for institutionalization can remain safely in their homes. And for those too frail to remain at home, On Lok provides a community-based alternative to nursing home care. The average age of participants is 82. Most participants in On Lok are eligible for Medi-Cal and Medicare. If income makes one ineligible for Medi-Cal, a fee is charged.

One would not guess the activity taking place behind the unassuming tan facade on 30th Street. A large, sunny room is filled with enthusiastic bingo players. Lunch is served to those participating in adult day health activities. The physical therapy room is popular, equipped with mats for exercising and pulleys for muscle strengthening. Physical therapists assist with rehabilitation, fine motor skills and coordination. Private rooms exist for physical exams.

In a separate part of the building, participants diagnosed with Alzheimer's Disease dance or sit while listening to live guitar and harmonica music. A hot lunch is served in this wing as well. Unseen by passersby is the garden filled with fruit trees, roses, vines and well-tended vegetables.

Van De Veere admits the center on 30th Street represents a challenge for On Lok: "Our participants are more heterogeneous here and we serve a larger geographical area than the other centers. It's complex." But the challenge and complexity are met with "a combination of caring, compassion and concern" evident in the faces of the staff.

On Lok recognizes the crucial role of spouses, adult children and other family members in caring for elders in the home. Full-time caregiving by a spouse or part-time caregiving by an adult child with work and other family responsibilities can be overwhelming. The day programs and in-home services offer daily relief from family caregiving responsibilities. Arrangements can be made for limited overnight or weekend respite care so family members can have an evening or weekend off.

As our neighborhood center celebrates its one-year anniversary this July, On Lok is looking forward to the opening of a new senior center at 4430 Mission St. early in the year 2000. For information and referral, call 292-8888. On Lok's Web site can be accessed at www.citysearch.com/sfo/onlok.

Lee Guion is a gerontologist and health care professional. She serves as chair of the Health and Environment Committee of the GPA.



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By Mark Hall, Glen Park Branch Librarian

New Non-Fiction

Raising Cain: Protecting the Emotional Life of Boys, by Dan Kindlon, Ph.D. and Michael Thompson, Ph.D. This timely hook, written by two child psychologists, aims to help parents understand the social and emotional challenges boys face. The authors share numerous case studies and anecdotes from their experience, and suggest ways to equip boys with the "emotional intelligence" needed to navigate the social pressures of youth.

Classic Rock Stories: The Stories Behind the Greatest Songs of All Time, by Tim Morse. Tidbits about classic rock songs and how they came to be. The Beatles, the Rolling Stones, the Grateful Dead, Crosby Stills & Nash, Joni Mitchell and lots more.

French Toast: An American in Paris Celebrates the Maddening Mysteries of the French, by Harriet Welty Rochefort. The author, a small town Iowan, transplanted herself to France and married a Frenchman 20 years ago. This book offers her lighthearted observations on French culture from a distinctly American point of view.

I'm a Stranger Here Myself: Notes on Returning to America after Twenty Years Away, by Bill Bryson. Alternating between reflective, cantankerous and, most often, laugh-out-loud funny, Bryson trains his eye on the quirks of our national "personality," with the perspective of someone who's been abroad, in England, for 20 years.

If I Were a Man, I'd Marry Me, by P.S. Wall. This collection from "Off the Wall," a nationally syndicated newspaper column, presents the writer's skewed views on daily life, on topics as varied as home ownership, kids, past loves, buying a truck, weed whackers and dieting. One writer dubbed her "Erma Bombeck with attitude."

New Fiction

Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets, by J.K. Rowling. This second book in the Harry Potter series follows our hero through his second year at Hogwarts School for Witchcraft and Wizardry. He and his friends battle a mysterious and powerful evil force.

Gravity, by Tess Gerritsen. This gripping thriller meshes medical suspense with space travel. Research physician Emma Watson and a crew of astronauts are marooned on an international space station as a deadly new microbe takes its toll, and NASA races to rescue them. Stephen King calls Gerritsen "an automatic must read."

The Rift, by Walter J. Williams. The world's largest earthquake in over 200 years strikes in a seemingly unlikely place...the American Midwest. With St. Louis, Kansas City and other cities leveled, massive flooding from crumbled levees, and a dangerously damaged nuclear power plant threatening further damage, a motley cast of survivors struggles through the wreckage.

The Strangeness of Beauty, by Lydia Minatoya. This debut novel follows three generations of Japanese women from the 1920s to the brink of World War II, as they struggle to maintain their independence amid the economic chaos and rising militarism of pre-war Japan. Poetic, insightful and surprisingly funny.

Cuba, by Stephen Coonts. A military-techno thriller. Fidel Castro lies dying, the battle for succession has heated up and a discovery of deadly weapons leads to a U.S./Cuban crisis that could make the Bay of Pigs look like child's play.

Library Program Calendar

September 15, 6:45 p.m. Berkeley duo "Zapana" performs Latin-American music for kids and grown ups.

October 27, 6:45 p.m. **Scary Stories!** Storyteller Dave Ponkey presents chilling tales, for ages 6 and older.

Every Tuesday, 10:00 a.m. **Stories, film or crafts** for preschoolers.

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Consumer Smarts— A Guide for the Perplexed

By Ellis Gans

Keeping Family Records

Probably your mother didn't raise you to be an accountant—but in this complicated consumer world you do need to be an efficient recordkeeper, for your own protection. Keep records in a safe, secure place: if at home, keep them readily accessible in case you have to grab them in a fire or earthquake.

Here are some major records to keep, and how long to keep them ():

- Income tax returns and the checks used to pay taxes (F)
- Birth, marriage, divorce, death certificates (F)
- Insurance policies (P)
- Papers relating to sale or purchase of real estate, vehicles or other major items (S)
- Mortgage payment statements (T)
- Mortgage and insurance payment checks (CC)
- Time payment statements (cars, etc.) (T)
- Time payment checks (CC)
- Leases, rental agreements and related correspondence (R)
- Rent checks (RC)
- Record of loans made to family, friends (L)
- Record numbers of: checking, saving, brokerage, credit, ATM accounts, insurance policies, and driver's license, along with the company's address and phone number (and phone number to report loss or theft). Do this, so that if your wallet or purse is lost/stolen you can more easily and

quickly report the loss and get a new ID. Keep these numbers in a really safe place to prevent identity theft.

How long to keep all this? Some suggestions:

- CC Until you receive a statement showing you've paid.
- F Forever.
- L At least 5 years after loan is paid off.
- P At least 2-5 years (depending on type of policy) after expiration of policy or any claim against it.
- R At least two years after you move out.
- RC At least one year after issue.
- S Forever for real estate; at least 5 years after you no longer own the other property.
- T At least 10 years after final payment is made.

As you store these records mark on the front "Discard after [date]."

One reason for keeping records such a long time is that companies may lose their copy of your file as they merge, split or move. They may report an account you had paid off as still open. If the company's records are lost or in error and you don't have your copy, you may have a difficult time proving your case. Despite computers, don't rely on anyone else keeping records for you. Likewise, when paying significant bills, such as mortgage, insurance, rent or major purchases, etc. always create a paper trail by paying by check or credit card-- never by cash.

Editor's Note: Parking tickets and the checks you wrote to pay them should also be saved (maybe forever.) As a contractor for the City of San Francisco implements a new computer system intended to collect unpaid tickets, citizens have recently been dunned for tickets they've long since paid. Without proof of payment, you could be in trouble.

The writer, a retired electrical contractor, volunteers his time as a Consumer Advisor for KGO Channel 7 on Your Side. Consumer questions can be phoned to the station Monday through Friday between 11 am and 1 pm at (415) 954-8151. He is also a business counselor for SCORE (Service Corps of Retired Executives) and the Treasurer of the Glen Park Association.

Silver Tree Day Camp

By Zoanne Nordstrom

This year's Silver Tree Day Camp is doing well, introducing children to an environmental oasis in the middle of the city. There have been a few changes from last year, as reported by John LeTourneau, the administrator in charge of SF Rec and Park's day camps: "This year the buses are not bringing children to the camp. Muni was informed that federal regulations bar Muni from acting as charter transportation."

LeTourneau assured us that carpool arrangements have been made to bring the day campers from previously unserved

non-alcoholic drinks, as well as donations of prizes for the raffle, and cash donations from civic-minded businesses and individuals.

You Can Help Make the Festival the Best Event Yet

The Glen Park Festival committee has worked hard to plan the many aspects of the street fair and its multifaceted events, but as September 26 draws near, they need your help.

Organizing the festival has been fun, and it certainly has been a learning experience. Think of expanding the proverbial "Let's put on a show!" in your garage at age 10 for your best friends and fam-



1998 Glen Park Festival

Photo by Judith Presley

ily, into an all-day, community-wide event with several thousand people attending.

As usual, it's the finer details that are so important, time-consuming and need your expertise. Volunteers are needed to help with the following tasks:

areas (some are beneficiaries of Glen Park Association scholarships) to camp.

A special SF Giants one-day baseball camp event took place July 23. Several members of the Giants put on a clinic and interacted with the day campers, giving them tips on fielding and batting and other nuances of the game. The day campers were thrilled to get autographs and be so close to some of their heroes. Thank you, Giants, for making this possible.

Street Festival Proceeds Help Silver Tree Kids

By Judith Presley

The Glen Park Festival, sponsored by the nonprofit Glen Park Association, provides scholarships for disadvantaged San Francisco children to attend Silver Tree Day Camp in Glen Canyon Park. The camp takes disadvantaged children off the streets during the summer and places them in a natural environment where creativity and self-worth are encouraged. Last year the festival doubled the previous year's scholarship funding to \$1,800, enabling 72 children to attend the camp. This year the association hopes to double the scholarship fund again.

Admission to the festival is free. Funding for Silver Tree scholarships comes from the sale of raffle tickets, food and

ily, into an all-day, community-wide event with several thousand people attending.

As usual, it's the finer details that are so important, time-consuming and need your expertise. Volunteers are needed to help with the following tasks:

- Distribute posters and flyers.
- Sell raffle tickets.
- Prepare decorations and directional signs in advance.
- Pick up bagels from Castro Street the morning of the festival.
- Pick up and deliver bales of hay.
- Pick and deliver WHATEVER.
- Volunteer in the beverage and food booths, and the festival booth.
- Volunteer as a street marshall; you might get a gold star!
- Help in the children's area.
- Tag and distribute raffle prizes.
- Help set up before the festival opens.
- Need we mention that we need help tearing down, too?
- Finally, it's never too late to donate to the raffle or sign up as a sponsor.

Just an hour or two of your time would help enormously to make the 1999 Glen Park Festival a success. To participate or obtain more information about vendor booths, please contact Beth Kershaw, 586-0114, or Vince Beaudet, 337-1914. All other questions should be directed to Judith Presley, chairperson, at 587-2006.

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In Defense of Man's Best Friend

By Ed Hartnett

Once again we are hearing the grumbling of the "Be-Unkind-to-Canines" community. Having lived in Glen Park for the past six years, I never cease to be amazed at the distortions and untruths routinely expressed regarding our fine four-legged friends and their guardians. Were it not for the fact that my pooch and I take at least one daily walk through Glen Park Canyon, I would most assuredly be inclined to believe that the park had been overrun by packs of vicious Cujos unleashed by Stephen King, or that it was impossible to set foot into the canyon and not exit without being immersed in dog feces. PLEASE !!!!!

The fact of the matter is that our friendly critters and their keepers are a very civilized, considerate and conscientious group. I have never spent a day counting the number of dogs that enter the park, but I venture to guess that the number 100 is in all probability quite conservative. Multiply that by one week or one month and that's an awful lot of dogs frequenting the park. If, as some individuals would like you to believe, the dogs were out of control and their keepers were delinquent in their obligation to clean up after their pets, one might mistake the park for the streets of Paris! I challenge any reader to venture into the park at any given time and see if indeed this is not the case.

The reality is that the overwhelming majority of dog owners routinely clean up after their dogs and, in the true sense of civic responsibility, will clean up after the inevitable Bad Apple (there's at least one in every bunch, right?) who doesn't. Glen Park Dog Owner's Guild (GP DOG) provides litter bags at all of the refuse areas for the absent-minded visitors who come unprepared. GP DOG is also committed to doing additional cleanup whenever necessary. Alas, I will confess that while I faithfully clean up after my pooch, I am not inclined to undo the damage on that rare occasion that I spot a gift from another canine. On the other hand, on my daily walks to and through the park it is a rare day indeed that I don't see one or more soda cans, water bottles, beer hottles/cans, McDonald's wrappers, etc. that I routinely pick up and dispose of properly. I venture to guess in the past six years I have gathered enough trash to fill at least 50 garbage bags.)

GP DOG has over the years done an

incredible job of making sure that the park is kept clean and safe. Its members realize they have a vested interest in being good citizens and ensuring they and their pets are responsible. And on the subject of safety, several non-dog owners who jog or simply stroll through the park have commented to me that the significant presence of dogs and dog owners is a real deterrent to the criminally inclined from frequenting the park.

Are all dogs and all dog owners model citizens? Of course not. Will you occasionally see dog droppings as you meander through the park? Of course you will. This is not a perfect world and there are a few bozos out there. But the clamor and hysteria I have heard expressed over the years by a small but VERY vocal group of individuals who seek to make the lives of all dogs and dog owners miserable is pitiful. It would seem that in this great city of San Francisco, which has a great tradition of tolerance and where nearly everyone is obsessed with being politically correct, dogs have become the last group that it's still alright to bash. If I or anyone else suggested that because some juveniles get their kicks through vandalism, graffiti or worse, therefore all juveniles need to be kept out of the park, there would be a thunderous roar of outrage. Yet because an occasional dog or dog owner does not act responsibly, the thinking by some seems to be that all dogs should be punished. Rubbish!

The latest ploy now seems to be that dogs are disturbing the ecological balance of the Park. Somehow, if something isn't done about the PROBLEM, apparently all flora in the park will need to be put on the endangered species list. Perhaps we also need to be concerned about the non-environmentally friendly behavior of the squirrels, gophers, skunks, opossums, raccoons and stray cats that frequent the park. The truth is that the danger to this planet is the human race and that in all probability Mother Nature would breathe a big sigh of relief if Homo sapiens suddenly became extinct. I truly doubt that dogs are posing a serious threat to the survival of any species, flora or fauna, on the earth. Again, on my daily walks through the park the overwhelming majority of dogs and their keepers stay on the paths and pose no harm to anyone or anything.

I doubt if I have changed the mind of a single anti-dog reader. I have written them off as a lost cause. In many cases, their ill will is probably due to a bad childhood experience. But I certainly hope that the rest of you will have a kinder thought the next time you see Fido wagging his tail and wanting to be your friend.

Community Calendar

Glen Park Association Meetings
2nd Tuesday of the Month
7:30 p.m. Glen Park Recreation Center (Elk & Chenery streets)

September 14th
Pro and Con Presentations on the **City Ballot Measures:** Muni, the Central Freeway, Sunshine Ordinance, ATM Fees

October 12th
Presentations by Candidates for Mayor

November 9th
Representatives from **Building Inspection Department** to answer questions

The **Glen Park Garden Club** meets at 7 p.m. on the first Tuesday of each month. Come share the joys (and frustrations) of gardening with fellow Glen Park gardeners, learn about a new gardening topic each month, and see members' gardens! For more information and meeting location, call Judy Creighton at 333-4120.

Art Shows Coming to Cafe?
August: Peter Fairfield, oil painting
September: Amy Shimm
October: Jennifer Farr
November: David Lofton

Friends of Glen Canyon Park Meetings are held on the 3rd Wednesday of the Month at 7:30 p.m. in the Glen Park Recreation Center (Elk & Chenery Streets) in the Auditorium. For information contact Richard Craib, 648-0862.

Friends of Glen Canyon Restoration Work Party meets to work in the Canyon on the 3rd Saturday of the month from 9 a.m. until noon. Meet behind the Recreation Center at the picnic tables. Wear work clothes and bring gloves.

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Bird & Beckett Bests the Big Guys

By Denis Wade

Meet Eric Whittington, the man who stilled our fears that the closing of Glen Park Books in June would leave us (at best) without a neighborhood book store, or (at worst) with an empty storefront. An entrepreneur with a book store background, Eric took over the space at 2788 Diamond St., expanded the store's scope, and named it Bird & Beckett Books & Records. New books have been joined on the shelves by more used volumes, and now there are used jazz records, too, with new issues to come.

Bird & Beckett (named in honor of saxophonist Charlie Parker, known as "Bird," and writer Samuel Beckett) has already scored a triumph in local book circles. As a sign in the window notes, neither Amazon.com nor Borders can fill orders for Arthur Schnitzler's *Dream Story*, the book on which Stanley Kubrick's hot movie,

Eyes Wide Shut, is based. Kubrick took steps to prevent reprints before the movie was released. But Eric has sold two copies of the out-of-print volume, and has a third copy reserved for a customer. Maybe there's hope for small neighborhood book-sellers yet!

Business started strong "and is building nicely," Eric says. "I'm trying to take my cue from the people, to learn what's of interest to them." First editions and rare volumes are on his list, along with an expanded new and used jazz album inventory. He's looking for good used books and jazz records to buy. Greeting cards have been restocked, and there are other odds and ends. The store is still the neighborhood's key source of diverse free community publications, including minority, women's and gay papers.

Saturday music and literary events are already set. On August 21, the John Clark Trio will play from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. August 28 will bring Esther Pearl Watson to read from (and sign) her latest children's book.

Eric and his wife, Michele, are near-Glen Park neighbors, living just off Monterey Blvd. in the Sunnyside district. Bird & Beckett is a family enterprise, with their three children helping at the store.

The atmosphere now is just as mellow as in the "old days." "This is fun," Eric says. Former co-owner Pat Cull summed it up when she told Eric, "This is a great place to hang out."

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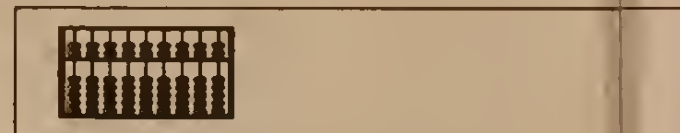
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Glen Park Association Committee Reports

Ann Donaldson, our recording secretary and Public Safety Chair for almost two years, has moved out of the City. Thank you, Ann, for your wonderful reliable work on the Glen Park Association Board and your involvement in neighborhood issues. We shall miss you.

Program

More than 50 people turned out for the Glen Park Association's annual July barbecue and potluck at the Recreation Center in Glen Canyon Park. Master Barbecuers Richard Craib and John Dahlen kept the burgers, chicken and hot dogs coming. Residents brought an incredible array of fabulous entrees, salads, desserts and appetizers.

It was a great time to meet new neighbors and have a social evening. Music was provided by John Dahlen and his CD system, so mellow music filled the room as we filled our stomachs. Updates

Bruce thanked the Glen Park community for its support for the officers assigned to Ingleside Station, and commended our police/community partnership. While we will miss Captain Bruce, who has been outstanding in his response to neighborhood issues, we congratulate him on his new assignment and its challenges.

Welcome, Captain Marsha Ashe! Congratulations on your new assignment as commanding officer at Ingleside Station. Residents and merchants look forward to working with you to keep our police/community partnership a continued success.

Recreation and Park

The Friends of Glen Canyon Park are starring in a video being made about the park and users: users of recreation facilities, restoration efforts, nature walkers; all park users for all park activities.



GPA's annual July barbecue and potluck

Photo by Z. Nordstrom

on Diamond Super and Silver Tree were given, and Judith Presley reported on the status of the upcoming neighborhood Festival. She still needs a few more volunteers and, of course, donations from businesses and individuals. Hope to see you at the next meeting.

Public Safety

Popular Police Captain Rick Bruce of Ingleside Station has been reassigned to the Tactical Command of the SFPD. His replacement at Ingleside will be Captain Marsha Ashe, who has been working as the night supervising captain of the entire Patrol Force.

Bruce highly recommends his successor: "I have known Captain Ashe for many years, and have every confidence that she will do an outstanding job as the new commanding officer of the Ingleside District."

The video will be a year-long project, to catch the seasonal changes--grass from green to brown, stream from flowing to dry--and a look at the myriad types of flowers, grasses and shrubs (some of which are not found anywhere else in San Francisco). The goal of the video is to further the mandate of the Friends of Glen Canyon Park community, which is dedicated to restoring and increasing the public's appreciation of a significant natural area in SF.

John Dahlen, a local actor and director, will narrate this 15-20 minute video, which may be a possible "fill-in" for KQED, promoting volunteerism and the fact that Glen Park is an outstanding example of both the history and the future of our city.

For further information about Friends of Glen Canyon Park or the video, call Richard Craib at 648-0862.

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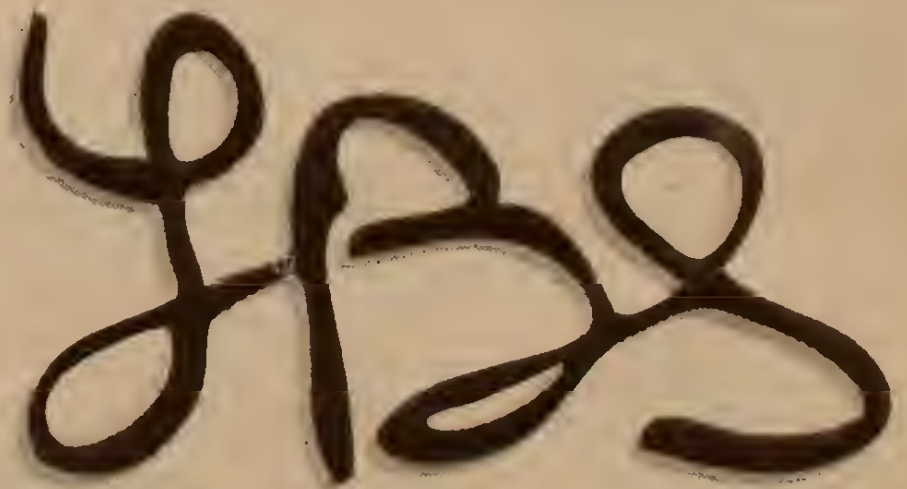
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