

July, 1981

No July Meeting

V.E.P. HOMEOWNERS ASSOCIATION
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V E P NEWS

VACATION CHECK LIST

at least one day before you leave

- 1. NOTIFY THE POST OFFICE TO HOLD YOUR MAIL OR ARRANGE WITH A NEIGHBOR TO PICK UP AND HOLD YOUR MAIL.
- 2. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO HAVE YOUR LAWN MOWED AND WATERED WHILE YOU ARE AWAY. HAVE SOMEONE CHECK DAILY TO REMOVE NEWSPAPERS AND CIRCULARS FROM YOUR DOORWAY AND YARD.
- 3. HAVE A NEIGHBOR PLACE YOUR GARBAGE CANS ON THE CURB ON NORMAL PICK UP DAYS AND THEN RETURN THEM AFTER THE GARBAGE PICK UP IS MADE.
- 4. IF YOU HAVE VALUABLES IN YOUR HOUSE, TAKE THEM TO YOUR BANK FOR STORAGE IN A SAFE DEPOSIT VAULT. DEPOSIT EXTRA CASH IN YOUR BANK ACCOUNT.
- 5. MAKE SURE ANY BROKEN WINDOWS, DOOR LOCKS OR WINDOW LOCKS ARE REPAIRED.
- 6. ARRANGE WITH A NEIGHBOR OR RELATIVE TO WATCH YOUR HOUSE WHILE YOU ARE GONE, GIVE THEM A KEY AND LET THEM KNOW HOW YOU CAN BE REACHED IN CASE OF AN EMERGENCY. GIVE THEM A DESCRIPTION AND LICENSE NUMBER OF YOUR VEHICLE. WRITE THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBER DOWN SO YOU CAN CHECK WITH THEM DURING YOUR TRIP.
- 7. MOVE ALL LADDERS, TOOLS, LAWN IMPLEMENTS, AND YARD FURNITURE TO YOUR GARAGE OR STORAGE SHED.

on the day you leave

- 1. SET YOUR THERMOSTAT SO THAT YOUR FURNACE OR AIR CONDITIONER WILL MAINTAIN A REASONABLE TEMPERATURE--80° F IN THE SUMMER AND 55° F IN THE WINTER.
- 2. MAKE SURE ALL GAS APPLIANCES ARE IN GOOD ORDER AND THAT PILOT LIGHTS ARE WORKING.
- 3. TURN OFF WATER TO AUTOMATIC WASHER TO PREVENT POSSIBLE DAMAGE FROM A BROKEN HOSE.
- 4. TURN DOWN THE VOLUME CONTROL ON THE BOTTOM OF YOUR TELEPHONE SO IT CANNOT BE HEARD FROM OUTSIDE.
- 5. LOCK ALL WINDOWS AND SLIDING GLASS DOORS.
- 6. PUT WINDOW SHADES IN THE NORMAL DAY-TIME POSITIONS AND MAKE SURE ALL MAIN FLOOR DRAPES, SHADES AND CURTAINS ARE ARRANGED SO THAT NEIGHBORS AND POLICE CAN SEE INTO YOUR HOUSE.
- 7. IF YOU ARE LEAVING A CAR OR OTHER VEHICLE IN YOUR DRIVEWAY, MAKE SURE IT IS LOCKED.
- 8. SET YOUR ELECTRIC TIMER TO TURN SOME LIGHTS ON AND OFF DURING THE EVENING HOURS. RADIOS CAN ALSO BE SET ON TIMERS.
- 9. LOCK YOUR GARAGE DOOR.
- 10. MAKE SURE THE LAST PERSON OUT LOCKS THE DOOR. TAKE A WALK AROUND THE HOUSE AND CHECK ALL THE WINDOWS AND DOORS.
- 11. IF YOU HAVEN'T ALREADY DONE SO, LEAVE YOUR KEY WITH A NEIGHBOR OR RELATIVE. CHECK TO MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THEIR TELEPHONE NUMBER.

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

NOTHING WORKS LIKE TEAMWORK

The success and enjoyment we derived from our 4th of July celebration was due in large measure to teamwork ... and an early start. A lot of things fell into place at the last moment, but never would have happened had we not started early enough to discover where the shortages would be.

I would guess that around 300-400 people participated, and that number would have doubled if more people were aware or had remembered. We've kept good notes, however, and have a good framework to build on for next year.

Now we're planning an even bigger Halloween party for October. We'll probably hold it at Gunderson High School, complete with House of Horrors by the students, hot dogs and cider, face painting, apple bobbing, and, of course, a costume contest. It'll be a family event you can look forward to.



John Marks
President

A WORD OF THANKS TO THE PEOPLE WHO MADE VEP'S FOURTH OF JULY SUCCESSFUL

Our Fourth of July celebration was a tremendous success due to the efforts of many volunteers. Special recognition goes to Glen Ishiwata, director of the Gunderson Band, who not only organized but also participated in the marching band that made our parade such a success. A repeat performer, Peerless Pete Sparaco, was the "Emcee" for our games. Others helping with the games included: Al Snyder, Scott Podawiltz, Jim Gates and his friend Dave "COBOL". Those helping out with the hot dogs were: Bob and Marianne Lent, Aiko and Matt Fadness, Mas, Michie, and Scott Kimizuka, Bob LeDoux, and Ernestine Hicks and her neighbors Colleen and John and their daughter. Special thanks to Cathy Creed, our Florence Nightingale of the first aid station. And of course, we must thank all those who donned their costumes and decorated their chariots to march in the parade. Our apologies to anyone we missed; we are grateful for your help and hope that we will be able to recruit you for our next community event.

Dave Fadness

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Most workers are entitled to this refundable tax credit, except employees of a voluntary plan employer; the self-employed or employees who have elected coverage; employees of the State of California; other public entities including public school districts; and employees whose employers do not withhold SDI but, instead, pay it as a fringe benefit.

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(This is a reprint from Senator Al Alquist's June 1981 "Reports From Sacramento".)

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ULTIMATUM

ULTIMATUM is a realistically fashioned science-fiction film currently being produced by Bud Robertson and John Ottman in San Jose. Both Bud and John are seniors at Gunderson High School. John has made two earlier films, but this is the first collaboration of the two filmmakers.

The film is set in the near future and involves an alien race who comes to earth. Within that alien race are both good and evil, and the film will really get involved in the classic struggle of good against evil.

The movie has a tentative run time of 40 minutes, and involves more than 35 people. The film is being shot in Super-8 millimeter silent film, and will have sync sound added later on the cassette.

The film is still in pre-production and there are many roles and production jobs to be filled. Experience and/or adults wanted. Any equipment or supplies that could be donated or borrowed would be greatly appreciated.

If you have a flair for acting, experience in filmmaking, or equipment to lend, please call: Bud Robertson at 281-4158.



PLEASE HELP!

Those who enjoyed our 4th of July Parade will attest to the excitement added by the Gunderson High School band. Those who played for us volunteered their time in unselfish community spirit. VEP is very grateful...afterall, what is a parade without a band?!

Unfortunately, the music program is severely threatened again this year in San Jose Unified School District budget cuts. You can return a favor to Mr. Glen Ishiwata and the band by writing a simple letter (or postcard) in support of elementary and secondary music programs. Mail it before Aug. 1, 1981, to the Board of Education, San Jose Unified School District, 1605 Park Avenue, San Jose, CA 95126. Final hearings on the budget are scheduled for 8/10/81-- please watch for announcements and attend. Thank you!

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WINNERS AT THE VEP FOURTH OF JULY PARADE & CELEBRATION

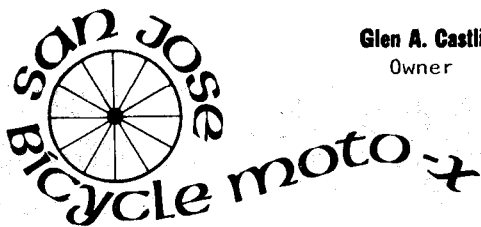
There were lots of winners at the VEP's Fourth of July Parade and Celebration. We had a fun day in the sun, passed out ribbons and prizes, ate hot dogs, and had a good time.

Winners in the Costume and Decoration Contest were: Most Patriotic Boy: First Prize, Jimmy Sparaco, Second Prize, Jeremy Pine, Third Prize, Tom LeDeoux; Most Patriotic Girl: First Prize, Stacy Cain, Second Prize, Linda LeDeoux, Third Prize, Sharon Kimizuka; Most Patriotic Adult: First Prize, Pat Pifer, Second Prize, Dan Fanagan, Third Prize, Dick Hassel; Most Patriotic Family: First Prize, Pat Pifer, Second Prize, Patrick Murphy and Greg Rivera, Third Prize, Sandy and Mike Bousman; Best Girl or Mom: First Prize, Wendy Cain, Second Prize, Becky Hassel, Third Prize, Rene Rodarte; Best Boy or Dad: First Prize, Sean Copeland, Second Prize, Daren Pehler, Third Prize, Eric Breiland; Best Decorated Bike or Trike: First Prize, Scotty Corchero, Second Prize, Suzy Sutton, Third Prize, Chrissy Yeoman; Best Decorated Coaster or Buggy: First Prize, Matt Podawiltz, Second Prize, Rachel and Cameron Hapson, Third Prize, Patrick Murphy; Best Decorated What-Not: First Prize, Lori Sutton, Second Prize, Sandy and Mike Bousman, Third Prize, Taffy the Dog.

Winners of the games were: Sack Race: First, Ian Forrest, Chris Bousman, Robbie Gordon, and Bud Robertson, Second, Mike Mullins, B.J. Robertson, Laura Sutton, and Karen Robertson, Third, Scott Peterson, Jason Aleshire, Meg Gordon, Randy Robertson, Dennis Sheehan, and Kathy Podawiltz; Wheelbarrow Race: First, Mike Mataglay, Chad Stern, James Ferguson, Tri Nguyen, Cathy Creed, and Sandy Haun, Second, Mike Mullins, B.J. Robertson, Robbie Gordon, Stony Stern, Marianne Lent, and Dave Fadness, Third, Kelly Ryan, Ian Forrest, Meg Gordon, Karen Mullins, Karen Robertson, and Stephanie Bothwell; Three Legged Race: First, Damien Walker, Giovanni Dominick, B.J. Robertson, Mike Mullins, Stony Stern, Robbie Gordon, Jim Hicks, John Marks, and Karen Robertson, Second, Jeremiah Stanley, Chris Stanley, Michael Mataglay, John Mataglay, Mark Creed, Stephanie Bothwell, Karen Robertson, and Ron and Kathy Stanley, Third, Rachel Haun, Jason Godfrey, Randy Robertson, Pat Mullins, B.J. Robertson, Mike Mullins, Betty and Pete Sparaco, and Dennis and Karen Sheehan; Water Balloon Toss: First, Pat Mullins and Randy Robertson, Second, Karen Robertson and Stephanie Bothwell, Third, Christy and Bob Pine; Egg Toss: First, Tri Nguyen and David Williams, Second, Jimmy Sparaco and Chuck Clark, Third, Patricia Guerrero and Vicky Clark.

Congratulations to all!

We would also like to thank the Gunderson Band for leading the parade, and the Valcazar family for performing traditional dances.



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