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Area Election of SCUSD Board Members on the November Ballot

After over two years of petition gathering and presentations at public hearings, the College-Glen Neighborhood Association's proposal to change the election process for the Sacramento City Unified School District School board is on the November 7th General Election ballot. Measure J provides for election of school board members by trustee area. Measure K provides for the election of the area trustees by the registered voters in their trustee area.

Measures J & K are supported by the Sacramento City Teachers Association, five of the seven current board members Roy Grimes, Manny Hernandez, Jerry Houseman, Dawn McCoy, and Miguel Navarrete, and current candidates for school board Ellyne Bell, Alex Ganchenko, Roy Grimes, Jerry Houseman, and Rodney Stanhope.

In addition, Measures J & K have endorsements from a large group of elected representatives, neighborhood associations, and small businesses. These endorsements confirm that our effort has set the process in motion and should Measures J and K pass, we will see more community interest and support for public education.

Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast

Come celebrate our volunteers with coffee and a light breakfast. Then stay and take this opportunity to meet the candidates!

Meet the Candidates for School Board and hear Measure J, K, L, Q & R Arguments

Saturday, October 21, 2006
7:30am - 9:30am
The Deglow's
8424 Olivet Court

ABC Revokes Liquor Store License

The Alcohol Beverage Control has posted a Notice of Revocation of alcohol beverage licenses at the local Valero Gas Station on Julliard Drive and Folsom Boulevard for violation of the Alcohol Beverage Control Act.

General Election

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

**Polls Open at 7:00 a.m.
and Close at 8:00 p.m.**



City Council Approves Sacramento Recycling Request -

North Area Station Planning Underway

The City Council has approved the request by the operators of the Sacramento Recycling and Transfer Station to increase the allowable daily tonnage processed from 2,000 tons per day (tpd) to 2,500 tpd but with some conditions on any future plans to increase tonnage at their Fruitridge Road facility. The approval was also contingent on planning efforts for a North area city transfer and recycling facility to proceed expeditiously.

The Association has consistently opposed requests for approval of increased processing of solid waste tonnage within the Power-Inn/Florin-Perkins industrial area and pressed for development of city operated transfer and recycling facilities elsewhere in the city. City support for such facilities is building.

The Solid Waste Division is a strong advocate and has acknowledged that the current pilot program, which allows City use of the County's North area facility, has resulted in a significant savings in labor, fuel, and equipment costs. The planning process is underway for a North area facility. Public meetings have been held to secure comments on three proposed sites. The goal is to have a new facility in operation before the existing pilot program with the county expires.

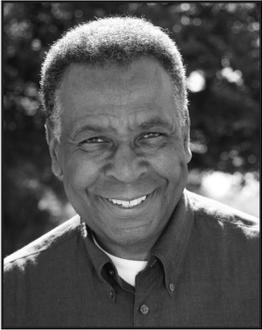
CGNA Annual Meeting Thursday, November 16, 2006

Thomas Jefferson Elementary
School Library
6:30pm - 8:00pm

Guide to the Candidates for Sacramento City Unified School District Board

Editor's note: Candidates were invited to provide an individual photo and statement of 75 words for inclusion in this CGNA publication. Statements have not been edited. The order in which candidates are listed was determined by a random draw.

Voters will select up to three individuals to serve a term of 4-years.



Bernard Bowler

Vision: Prepare children to succeed in school, in work, and as productive citizens.

Goals: Work for high expectations and academic standards, superior teachers and support staff, first-rate programs and materials, and safe, well-maintained schools. Will listen to parents, educators, students, and community members.

Qualifications: Fifteen years' school improvement work, including Mayor Serna's 1995 school committee, Blue Ribbon Commission to raise student achievement, co-founding coalition to help students succeed in the workplace, currently an accreditation commissioner.



Ellyne Bell

Sacramento students deserve a school board that emphasizes the "three R's"--responsibility, respect and results. Our school board must be accountable for high standards and responsible use of public funds as well as demonstrative of respect to the public, and ensuring that our students have the tools necessary to succeed.

I am a supporter of district elections and support community involvement in decision making that affects the education of their youngsters.



Aleksandr Ganchenko

I'm a Christian, and a faithful member of Melkizedek Church. I have lived in Sacramento for over 15 years and currently have four of my children in local public schools. I am alarmed that the current board is wasting it's time voting on resolutions supporting sodomy, illegal immigration and United Nations policy. Let's give the control of our schools back to responsible parents

– not retired educators who put teacher pay before student test scores.



Rodney Stanhope

I believe that our education system is suffering from gross mismanagement and corruption. This is the root cause behind the lack of quality education our children need and deserve.

When elected I will:

- Appropriate money for classrooms and teachers, not over-priced administration buildings.

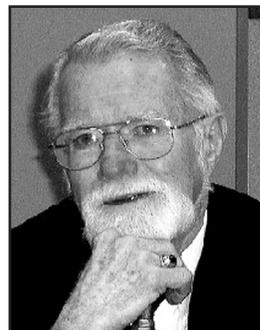
- Bring accountability to our

education system.

- Involve teachers and parents in the decision making process.

As a proud parent, and Navy veteran, I demand better for our children.

www.votestanhope.com



Jerry Houseman

Re-Elect Jerry Houseman, former principal, teacher and educational consultant, and sixteen year resident of College Glen, to our School Board. While in office he made over 100 visits to Bancroft, Einstein, Jefferson, Rosemont and other school sites to communicate with students, staff and community members. He has called for fiscal accountability, and advocated for student safety, He pledges to work for increased vocational, arts, and character education. Visit his website: www.housemanforschoolboard.com.



Roy Grimes

Dear Neighbor,

As a teacher, school board member, and deputy sheriff, I've dedicated myself to improving the quality of education, providing better equipped classrooms and ensuring a safe learning environment for our children. Through this community service I have earned the support of the teachers, PTA parents, community members and my colleagues

on the School Board.

I hope I've earned yours also.

Roy Grimes, President

Sacramento City School Board

Editor's note: Arguments were requested, one in favor and one against, for measures J, K, L, Q and R. Contributors were limited to 100 words. Statements have not been edited but may have been truncated if the submission exceeded the 100 word limit. The order in which the opinions are listed was determined by a random draw. Ballot text is from the Sacramento County Voter Registration and Elections Department.

Sacramento Municipal Utility District Measure L

TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE L

Shall the ordinance of the Sacramento Municipal Utility District (SMUD) establishing the conditions under which SMUD shall provide electric service to the Cities of West Sacramento, Davis, and Woodland and portions of Yolo County by annexation be adopted?

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE L

Submitted by the Coalition for Reliable and Affordable Electricity, No on Measure L

Vote No on Measure L. Current customers get no benefit from SMUD's expansion into Yolo County.

Does it lower your SMUD rates? No. Does it improve service for SMUD's current customers? No. Does it help conserve resources and improve the environment? No.

SMUD won't know the cost of condemning PG&E's system for years – long after this election – by a court in an eminent domain trial. Yet SMUD wants you to approve the takeover now. Would you buy a house before knowing the final price?

If you're happy with SMUD today, ask yourself: if it's not broken, why fix it?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE L

Submitted by Genevieve Shiroma, President, SMUD Board of Directors & Secretary, SMUD YES! Yes on Measure L for Lower Rates

Your vote on Measure L will respond to our neighbors in West Sacramento, Woodland, Davis, and Yolo County – who've unanimously invited SMUD to serve their homes, farms, and businesses.

Yolo residents will pay the full cost. And we'll all save money. (Since Folsom asked SMUD for service, we've saved \$363 million!) SMUD rates are 30% lower than PG&E's. SMUD service is ranked #1 in California by JD Powers.

SMUD is not-for-profit ... investing in lower rates, better service, and cleaner air. PG&E (and its former Enron executive) opposes Measure L because SMUD charges 30% less and PG&E will lose profits.

Sacramento City Unified School District Measures J & K

TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE J

Shall trustee areas be established in the Sacramento City Unified School District?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE J

Submitted by Citizens to Elect School Boards by Area

For the establishment of trustee areas in the Sacramento City Unified School District

Trustee areas will create a district-wide system that encourages community involvement in the public school process.

The Sacramento City Unified School District has over 150,000 registered voters within its 67 square mile boundaries. Dividing the District into seven distinct trustee areas will provide each board member with a reasonable number of constituents with whom to communicate with and represent.

Help expand community support for our local public school system by supporting the establishment of trustee areas for the Sacramento City Unified School District, and the election of those trustees by the residents within the given trustee area.

Yes on "J" and "K"

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE J

No argument submitted.

TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE K

If trustee areas are established, shall the area trustee be elected by the voters who reside in the trustee area?

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE K

Submitted by Citizens to Elect School Boards by Area

Measure "K" provides for the election of each area trustee by the residents of that trustee area.

Our public school system will be more effective and responsive when trustees are active members of our community, familiar with area issues, and elected by the community they represent.

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Yes on "J" and "K"

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE K

No argument submitted.

Sacramento County Measure Q

TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE Q - ADVISORY VOTE ONLY

To enhance cultural and entertainment opportunities and improve the quality of life, shall no more than 50% of a new voter-approved sales tax be used for a publicly-owned sports and entertainment facility with the remaining balance used for local priorities such as: street, transit, and park improvements; police, sheriff, and fire safety enhancements; libraries; after school and senior programs; and arts and cultural facilities/programs?
THIS MEASURE DOES NOT INCREASE TAXES.

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE Q

Submitted by Dave Jones, Assemblymember
Sacramentans Against the Arena Tax

Measure Q attempts to bypass the constitutional requirement of two-thirds voter approval for new taxes so the public can foot the bill to build a new \$600 million arena.

Measure Q is a huge public handout to billionaires. Other owners built their own arenas, why not the Maloofs?

We have higher priorities -- repairing levees, fighting crime, improving schools, and reducing traffic congestion. The Arena Tax keeps us from addressing these needs for at least seven years because it devotes all the tax to the arena.

The Arena Tax is a bad deal for Sacramento County taxpayers.
No on Measure Q.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE Q

Submitted by Yes on Measure Q

Measure Q is an advisory vote directing elected Sacramento County officials to invest the new revenues generated by Measure R in projects that improve our quality of life. Measure Q says at least half of the revenue provided by Measure R should be divided fairly among Sacramento County's local governments for public schools, police and fire protection, road and public transit projects, senior and community centers.

Measure Q also makes it clear that no more than half of Measure R's revenue should be invested in a new publicly-owned sports and entertainment complex. Share the vision—vote Yes on Measure Q.

Sacramento County Measure R

TEXT OF BALLOT MEASURE R

Shall the Board of Supervisors levy a 1/4 percent transaction and use tax (sales tax) for a maximum of 15 years for general governmental purposes?

ARGUMENT AGAINST MEASURE R

Submitted by Dave Jones, Assemblymember
Sacramentans Against the Arena Tax

Measure R, the Arena Tax, is bad for taxpayers. Billionaires profit off your tax dollars. We have more pressing priorities like repairing our levee system.

Those who can't afford to attend the arena will be hurt most. The Maloofs keep all the money from ALL events at this \$600 million arena, including parking, concessions and naming rights – and they pay no property taxes.

Respected economist Allen Sanderson (University of Chicago) said: "If you want to inject money into the local economy, it would be better to drop it from a helicopter than invest in a new ballpark."
No on Measure R.

ARGUMENT IN FAVOR OF MEASURE R

Submitted by Yes on Measure R

Measure R is a responsible and urgently needed investment in our community—a powerful economic engine that could create thousands of new jobs, bring new pride to our region, and generate funding to improve life in every Sacramento County community.

Imagine a new sports and entertainment center in the heart of our region.

Imagine your community finally having the revenue it needs for new projects that ease traffic, improve local parks and schools, increase police and fire protection, and improve neighborhoods.

Measure R provides over \$1.2 billion, which could be used for these or other community improvements throughout Sacramento County.

Rebuilding Roads & Protecting Levees

From the Desk of SCUSD Board Member Jerry Houseman

In June of this year I was appointed as Chairman of the School Board Safety and Violence Prevention Advisory Committee. In July a district team attended a FEMA School Disaster Management conference. I was the school board member of the team. We studied our district preparation for the type of school disaster that is mostly likely to occur in Sacramento. The emergencies we need to be most prepared to respond to at a school such as Bancroft, Einstein, Rosemont and Jefferson are floods, toxic spills and shooter on campus. All of our schools have emergency plans for these disasters but we found out we must do a better job of staff, student and parent training as well as giving our schools time during the school day to practice the appropriate drills including student/parent reunification in these emergencies. Our Safety and Violence Prevention Advisory Committee meets monthly to consider and plan for emergencies. Parents, middle and high school students and school staff members are invited to attend our meetings to help with our planning. All meetings are at the Serna Center located at 5735 47th Avenue, and begin at 4:30 pm. Meetings last about one hour. The next two meeting dates are September 26th (Tennessee Room) and October 23rd (Michigan/Minnesota Room).

If you have any concerns about schools located in the College/Glen Neighborhood please contact me at 752-3628 or jerry@housemanconsulting.com. You have elected me to serve you and I will give you my best effort.

Citywide Weekly Recycling

From the Desk of Councilmember Kevin McCarty

In August, the Solid Waste Department began weekly recycling collection in a few neighborhoods in District 6 including Colonial Village and parts of Colonial Manor. The program is expanding through the College/Glen neighborhood, as well as the Avondale, Colonial Manor and South East neighborhoods. The Department anticipates that the program will be citywide by January 1, 2007. Residents will be notified by mail when the weekly program starts in their neighborhood. Currently, the Solid Waste Department picks up recycling every other week. To offset the costs for increased service, customers will see a \$.77 increase on their utility bills. Half of that amount, \$.38, went into effect with the July 1 bills, while the remaining half, or \$.39, will go into effect January 2007. By providing recycling pick-up on a weekly basis, the Department of Utilities anticipates that customers will be able to increase their amount of recycling and cut back on trash. This reduction in waste is not only good for the environment; it can also be beneficial to the customer's wallet. By increasing recycling customers can switch to smaller trash containers and save money. Residents can save 17% (\$2.76) by switching from a 96-gallon to a 64-gallon trash container, or 32% (\$5.05) by switching from a 96-gallon to a 32-gallon container. For more information, visit www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities or call 808-5454.

As always, if you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me at 808-7006 or by e-mail at kmccarty@cityofsacramento.org.

Animals, Folsom Blvd. & The American

River From the Desk of County Supervisor Susan Peters

For years Sacramento County operated the only animal shelter among the 58 counties that sold unclaimed pets for medical research. UC Davis and Sutter Hospital Medical Research Foundation made regular purchases although the number of sales was declining.

The Board of Supervisors recently stopped that practice removing the stigma of being the only County facility to sell animals for research. A new agreement also was reached with UCD permitting that institution only to surgically treat injured and diseased animals.

Construction will begin on a light rail bridge over Watt Avenue at Folsom Boulevard. This improvement will eliminate crossing delays for motorists, bicyclists and pedestrians – and enhance safety and traffic flow with less congestion.

The \$18 million project will be similar to the bridge over Sunrise Boulevard at Folsom Boulevard. Visit wwwsactdot.com for more information.

Thanks to the volunteers who helped collect tons of trash in September during the 28th annual "Great American River Clean Up." The American River Parkway is a unique resource providing recreational activity and scenic natural beauty but sadly it is subject to litter. Staging areas were established along the river, including CSUS' Alumni Grove, Howe Avenue and Watt Avenue. Volunteers checked in at these sites where they received rubber gloves and plastic bags before going to work.

If you were unable to join in this year's event sponsored by the American River Parkway Foundation, please consider volunteering next time. To learn how you can help, visit www.arpf.org.

Parents, Check It Out!

Financially Plan for Your Child's future

From the Desk of Assemblymember Alan Nakanishi

Many parents have started thinking about their child's future. Often thoughts turn to a child's approaching college education, and how to save for it. As a father who has put three children through college, I understand what it costs to help your children get a higher education. Sending a child to college is a huge financial investment, and it is never too early to start saving.

There are many savings plans available, and every parent needs to weigh the benefits of different plans. One opportunity Californians can take advantage of is the Golden State ScholarShare program. ScholarShare is a California-sponsored income tax-free 529 college savings program. Unlike the Education or Roth IRAs, individuals at any income level can contribute to ScholarShare.

ScholarShare accounts can be opened for as little as \$25, or just \$15 per pay period through payroll deduction. Contributions can be made in a number of ways in amounts manageable enough for most parents. The investment grows tax-free for as long as money stays in the plan. When money is withdrawn the earnings are not taxed if it is used for qualified college or vocational school expenses. Over time, these tax breaks can make a big difference.

Investing in a child's education is one of the most important contributions a parent can make. For more information on the Golden State ScholarShare Trust, please call the toll-free number (877) 728-4338 or visit www.scholarshare.com. It may be the right plan for you and your family to begin saving for the future.

Thomas Jefferson API Scores Increase

By Angelia Jones, Principal

The Thomas Jefferson Staff and I are excited to be back with our students, parents and community members.

Joining the Thomas Jefferson Elementary Staff this year are:

Gina Woods	2nd Grade
Michael Stunz	3rd Grade Teacher
Katherine Smith	Special Day Primary Class (1st-3rd)
Angela Anderson	Special Day Intermediate Class (4th-6th)
Michelle Smith	School Psychologist (Tuesday only)
Linda Smith	Office Clerk (PM)
Eric Ross	Yard Supervisor
Teri Renner	Aide (Preschool Program)

We will continue our partnership with CSUS this year. Fifty CSUS students from the university who are enrolled in Child Development 35F will assist Thomas Jefferson teachers with activities in grades first through sixth. By the end of December students from CSUS will have volunteered 40 hours each.

We are excited to continue our Parent Education Pre-School class for two year olds with much support from parents and community members. Our Parent Education Pre-School Program for three to five year olds is being held Monday through Thursday mornings.

We would like to invite each of you to join us this year as we support our new PTA President, Holly Macriss. Holly and the PTA Executive Board will need your support as we raise money to support our school library, classroom fieldtrips, and school wide incentives for all students. Please contact me at anytime if you or someone you know would like to make a contribution to Thomas Jefferson.

Thomas Jefferson Elementary School

2005-2006 California Standards Test (CST) Data

2004-2005 Academic Performance Index (API) - 749

2005-2006 Academic Performance Index (API) - 788

2006-2007 Academic Performance Index (API) Goal - 793

Coming Soon: Thomas Jefferson Web Site: <http://schools.edu/Jefferson>

Top Teachers Honored in Sacramento Co.

By Dave Gordon, Sacramento Co. Superintendent of Schools



From right to left, Cheryl Dultz, Dave Gordon and Skye Mie Smith.

It's been said that while teachers can't direct the wind, they can – and do - adjust sails and guide the children under their care. On Wednesday, September 6, the Sacramento County Office of Education (SCOE) proudly recognized two local teachers for guiding students.

Selected as the Sacramento County Teachers of the Year for 2007 from a talented pool of sixteen instructors were: Cheryl Dultz, a third grade teacher from Kingswood Elementary in the San Juan Unified School District and Skye Mie Smith, a first grade teacher from Prairie Elementary in the Elk Grove Unified School District. They will represent Sacramento County in statewide competition in October.

The winners were named at the annual recognition dinner held at the Sacramento Hilton-Arden West.

The Sacramento County Teachers of the Year program recognizes excellence in teaching within the county's schools. Participating districts nominate individual teachers to receive this special recognition. The program is presented by SCOE in partnership with Maloof Sports and Entertainment and the Sacramento Scottish Rite Bodies of Freemasonry.

Every year, Sacramento County's Teachers of the Year are honored at a special halftime celebration during a Sacramento Kings game. That celebration will take place on Monday, February 5, 2007 when the Kings host the New Orleans/Oklahoma City Hornets.

SCOE is truly grateful for the support from the Kings and Maloof Sports and Entertainment. It shows a deep commitment to our local education community.

Thirteen Loretto grads win service award



Congratulations to these Loretto High graduating seniors who were awarded the prestigious President's Volunteer Service Award in recognition of their dedication to community service. Pictured are: (front) Marcela Villegas Castañon, Caitlyn Ference, Courtney Costa, Andrea Van Den Berg, Courtney Turner, and Stephanie Young; (back) Grace Emery, Caitlin Mauer, Therese Henning, Monica Willian, Lauren Klingensmith, Danielle Dana and Claire Karoly.

Check out the CGNA web page at:
www.collegeglen.org

Get the Latest Info!

- Neighborhood Action Meetings
- Flu Shot Clinics
- Lost and Found
- Phone List

Flu Season is Almost Here

By Lynnann Svensson, Sacramento County Public Health

The time to get your flu shot is fast approaching. It is recommended for those who get a flu shot do so between October and January. Most everyone should receive a flu shot annually, especially:

Adults 50 years of age and older

Children 6-59 months of age

Residents of nursing homes and assisted living facilities

People with certain chronic medical conditions

Women who will be pregnant during the flu season

Caregivers of high-risk groups identified above

Healthcare workers

There are many clinics throughout the community that offer low or no-cost flu shots including your HMO. Sacramento County Immunization Program will conduct flu clinics from Nov. 9 through Dec. 19, 2006 for seniors 60 years and older, healthcare workers, pregnant women, caregivers of high-risk individuals, and persons who are chronically ill. Additionally, a FREE Community Flu Clinic will be held on Dec. 19 at the Pannell Community Center, 2450 Meadowview Road, for anyone 6 months of age and older.

Call 875-7053 or visit the Public Health website at <http://www.scpd.com> for more information and a flu clinic schedule.

Moving Toward a Balanced Housing

Market By Linda Wood, GBC Realtors

The real estate market remains slow with plenty of properties available! This is certainly a change from the last few years of constant run-up in the housing market. Buyers that thought they were priced out of our market are happy to find that they can now buy that home that they could not dream of a year ago! Interest rates remain attractive and there are many great loan programs out there to choose from.

We are coming from a market of unsustainably high appreciation to a more balanced market. Increased inventory means more competition for sellers. Pricing your home correctly from the start is crucial. Otherwise you run the risk of staying on the market for a longer time and eventually selling for less. We are all probably guilty of seeing a home that has been on the market for a long time and thinking there must be something wrong with that house!

According to Multiple Listing Service data from MetroList and compiled by Sacramento Association of Realtors for August 2006, there were 26 sales of Single Family Homes in the 95826 zip code, compared to 47 for August 2005. Our median sales price for August 2006 was \$338,750 compared to \$365,000 in August 2005. The median price is defined as the midpoint of all the prices of homes sold. This indicates that half of the houses sold for lower and half for higher than the median price.

FALL BACK! Remember to turn your clock back one hour on October 29th.

Argentine Ants and Stormwater Pollution

By Dave Tamayo, Sacramento Stormwater Quality Partnership

When heavy rains come in the fall, many homes in California are invaded by swarms of Argentine ants. Efforts to control them with pesticide sprays are a major source of pesticide toxicity in local urban creeks. Fortunately, effective alternatives to spraying exist. Here are some basic tips:

Spraying insecticides on ants indoors is not an effective long-term strategy, and results in unnecessary pesticide exposure. Spraying house perimeters on monthly basis for "prevention" is also not necessary.

The best method for immediate relief from swarms in the house is to clean them up with a spray of soap and water and a rag. Dish soap or citrus cleaners work extremely well.

Clean up food sources. Ant scouts are very effective at finding food scraps.

Seal cracks and holes where the trails come in. This takes some persistence as they find new paths.

Reduce outdoor habitat and food sources. Mulch can improve soil health, but ants like it, so keep it away from exterior walls. Exclude ants from trees and shrubs with Tanglefoot (super-sticky stuff available at nurseries) to reduce access to honeydew producers.

Insecticidal baits in enclosed containers designed for ants can be very effective, while using a small fraction of the pesticides of a spray.

The University of California's website at <http://ucipm.ucdavis.edu/> helps solve many pest problems, including ants. Other information resources are listed at <http://www.sacramentostormwater.org/ssqp/ants/>. Questions about stormwater pollution? Contact me at tamayod@saccounty.net or (916) 874-8024.

Quilt Show Features Work of the DeLanys



The River City Quilt Guild will have their annual show October 20-22 at the Scottish Rite Masonic Center, 6151 H Street. This year's featured quilter is Elfrieda DeLany. Also on display will be a carousel horse carved by Royal DeLany which was the inspiration for a wall hanging featuring a carousel horse. The DeLanys are long time neighborhood residents and have been active supporters of CGNA activities.

The show hours are 10am to 5pm Friday and Saturday and 10am to 4pm on Sunday. Admission is \$6.00. Along with the show of quilts, there will be vendors, demonstrations, a silent auction, a country store, and door prizes.

News from Save the American River Association

By Alan D. Wade, Pres., SARA

Much of import has been happening with the Parkway over the summer, with special emphasis on long-term funding, progress on the new Parkway plan legislation, and the more immediate benefits from an alcohol ban following the disturbances on the July 4th holiday. For more details on these and other issues, please refer to the Summer 2006 issue of the RIVERWATCH, or check out our website at www.sarariverwatch.org.

Although it has been estimated that more than \$350 million is added to our community's economy each year due to the attraction of the Parkway, "Sacramento's Jewel" has long suffered from being the step-child of the county's budget. The budget is adequate for this year, but the following year will be increasingly tight. Different approaches are being analyzed for future funding, and we are working closely with the Board of Supervisors to explore the most feasible ones.

The Parkway plan is a policy and action document, which has not been updated since 1985. An Update Citizens Advisory Committee completed its work in June 2006, and supported several changes that reflect both population changes and increased demand. The document is currently being reviewed, and is subject to review and adoption by local elected officials and ultimately by the legislature.

After an out-of-control orgy on the river on July 4, we recommended and the County Board approved a ban against alcohol consumption on the Parkway during three major summer holiday weekends. Labor Day offered the first test of the ban, and it worked well. A heavy presence of volunteers and law enforcement officials, especially Parks Department rangers, helped enforce the ban, and all observers agree that the ban was effective.

SMUD Celebrates Public Power; Not-for-Profit Electric Service

By Howard Posner, SMUD Board of Directors Ward 3

SMUD along with 2,000 other public power agencies across the nation are celebrating Public Power Week this October. With SMUD achieving the highest ratings for residential customer satisfaction of any California utility for six of the last seven years, there's cause for celebration throughout the Sacramento area.

As SMUD customers we've become accustomed to receiving affordable, reliable electricity from SMUD, but just what does public power mean and how does it benefit customers and our community?

Public power utilities are not-for-profit electric systems owned and operated by the people they serve. Approximately 14 percent of the country receives its electricity from public power systems. SMUD with its 580,000 customers is the sixth-largest public utility in the country.

The American Public Power Association points to some of the benefits of public power:

- Public power costs less due to its not-for-profit nature, allowing costs savings to stay within the community through lower rates.
- Lower electricity rates help attract and keep businesses, furthering economic development in communities served by public power.
- Public power is widely recognized for its commitment to the environment.
- Citizens have a direct and powerful voice in utility decisions, both at the ballot box and in open meetings where business is conducted.

This year marks SMUD's 60th anniversary of providing public power to Sacramento and of keeping its initial promises of low rates, reliable service and local control.

Sacramento State Breaks Ground for New Sports Facility

By Frank Whitlatch

Sacramento State President Alexander Gonzalez was joined by community leaders, alums and athletes as the University took a major step for its athletics program—the groundbreaking for the Broad Athletic Facility. The event took place on Thursday, Aug. 24.

The \$11 million, 26,000 square-foot field house is the first component of the multi-faceted Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex. It will be on the south side of Hornet Stadium, and is expected to be completed in late 2007.

The Eli and Edythe L. Broad Foundation is providing a \$2 million leadership gift for the new field house, which is designed for intercollegiate athletics. Through additional gifts and agreements, the facility will be built entirely with non-state funds.

In addition to President Gonzalez, speakers at the groundbreaking included: John Gesek, an alum and two-time Super Bowl winner; Pamela Stewart, Co-chair of the President's Executive Committee; Holly Tiche, President of Placer Ranch—a Broad Project; Terry Wanless, Sacramento State's Athletic Director; and Tyson Butler, linebacker on the Sacramento State Football Team.

There were also special appearances by the Sac State Cheer Squad, Sac State Dance Team and the football squad.

For more information on Eli and Edythe Broad and the Broad Athletic Facility and the entire Alex G. Spanos Sports and Recreation Complex, visit www.SpanosSportsComplex.com.



John Gesek, a Sac State football alum and retired NFL pro who won two Super Bowls with the Dallas Cowboys, speaks to the crowd at the ground breaking.

123 Fit is Now Open

By Matthew Weaver

123 Fit is the first tenant to open up in the new annex at the College Greens Raley's shopping Center. Over 300 people attended the Gala Open House event on August 29th and enjoyed food, music, fun and friends. Sue Ogata was a lucky winner of \$1,000 cash and many other winners took away great prizes from local merchants including make-overs, free dinners and great gift certificates. The team at 123 Fit has been busy providing free personal training and body composition analysis to its members ever since opening at the beginning of September. Hundreds of members are passing through the doors every day on their way to their fitness goals.

During October - December 123 Fit will be sponsoring a Fitness Challenge one lucky winner will set sail on a cruise of a lifetime! By the end of the year we look forward to reporting back hundreds of inches and pounds lost right here in College Greens!

New Project in Raley's Lot Brings New Traffic Concerns

The proposed construction of a building on the east side of the Raley's parking lot has once again raised concerns about traffic on Julliard Drive. The Association has requested a new traffic study for Julliard Drive and has asked again that an "all way" stop be placed at the Occidental/Julliard intersection. The Association has also asked that no additional construction be approved until the current project is complete and the agreed street modifications are in place.

Folsom Boulevard Streetscape Master Plan

By Joe Chasko, Folsom Boulevard Business and Property Assoc.

The new Folsom Boulevard redesign is essentially complete. Stakeholder focus groups helped Mark Thomas Company prioritize improvements. There are 6 phases in all, which will be funded by competing for city and state grants.

Phase 1 includes new intersections at Notre Dame and Julliard, plus a pedestrian crossing and traffic light at Raley's! Phase 2 will add a landscaped median in the same block (with no turn-throughs), and jaywalk prevention at the Light Rail Station. Future phases improve towards Howe and Watt. These images are Mark Thomas's product. I have a large framed image of the project in my office at Tred-Mill Tire. Please stop by and check it out.

This project was initiated by the Folsom Blvd. Business and Property Association with generous help from the City of Sacramento Public Works and former Councilman Dave Jones.



Appointment Based Neighborhood Clean-ups Help College/Glen

By Jessica Hess

Last year, the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities Solid Waste Services implemented an Appointment Based Neighborhood Clean-Up Program in the College-Glen Neighborhood. The program replaced the old Annual Neighborhood Clean-Up program and allows resident to call and schedule an appointment to have big, heavy items hauled away. In the past year, over 375 College-Glen residents participated in the Appointment Based Neighborhood Clean-Up Program.

"By switching to an appointment based program, we help to eliminate issues of illegal dumping and scavenging. Without a set date, dumpers don't know when to drop things off in a neighborhood and scavengers don't know when or where the piles will be," said Edison Hicks, Collections Superintendent for Solid Waste Services. "It helps to increase safety and keeps our neighborhoods clean."

Every year, each resident is given one free Clean-Up appointment to haul away large items, such as lumber, furniture, pipes and appliances such as washers and refrigerators. This year, E-Waste items, such as computers and monitors were added to the list of accepted items. Liquid Waste and Household Hazardous Waste are not accepted through the Appointment Based Neighborhood Clean-up Program.

To schedule an appointment for a Clean-up, or for more information about this program, please call the City of Sacramento Department of Utilities at 808-5454 or visit www.cityofsacramento.org/utilities.



McCarty Hosts Movie Night at Oki



Drive in theaters may be on the way out but summer movies in the park may be on the way in. Those opting to attend found the evening at the movie to be a unique and enjoyable event. Thank you, Kevin and we look forward to more movies in the park under the stars.

Teachers Support CGNA on District Elections

By Linda Tuttle, SCTA

The Sacramento City Teachers Association has worked with the CGNA to put Measures J and K on November General Election ballot. This change to representational governance, where representatives are elected from the community they live in, is similar to what we have at the federal, state, county and city levels.

The Sacramento City Unified School District has a history of communities and local activists feeling they had no voice on the School Board. Currently, the majority of the Board members live in the same zip code area on the other side of town.

School board candidates have expressed frustration over the size of the district. The school district represents a larger area than any city council district. The district covers 67 square miles which makes it very difficult to reach all 150,000 voters. To successfully campaign, candidates have to raise huge sums of money which limits the process to those with the resources. By limiting campaigns to trustee areas 1/7th the size of the District, area candidates with modest means can successfully compete.

Neighborhood Associations, candidates, and the teachers supporting candidates appreciate having local voices. Neighborhood schools need to feel there is a school board trustee living in their community who understands their needs. Lastly, voters appreciate seeing the people they elect out and about in their neighborhoods.

Board member Jerry Houseman lives in the College Greens area and supports this model. Candidate Ellyne Bell lives in the mid-town area and strongly supports election by district. Current board president Roy Grimes lives on the other side of town and supports this as well.

Please join us on November 7th by voting "Yes" on Measures J and K.

Do You Have the BUG?

By Benjamin Olsen, Power Inn BTA

The Power Inn BTA Bike User Group (BUG) is a program that promotes bicycling as an alternative form of transportation through outreach, education, and policy. The BTA sends out regular e-newsletters with news, upcoming events, and information to BUG members on the third Thursday of every month. BUG members also enjoy a quarterly luncheon with speakers who present on subjects that center around bicycling.



In May Antique Cycling Club member and captain of the Nor Cal chapter of Antique Cycling Enthusiasts, Jacque Graber gave a presentation on the history of cycling and its heritage. The presentation was filled with historical facts and cycling follies. Guests munched on La Bou sandwiches and sipped lemonade while Mr. Graber amused the group with stories of his worldwide cycling adventures.

The BUG is an interactive forum that links cyclists in the Power Inn BTA area. BUG members are encouraged to contribute to the newsletter or provide comments and information to the BTA for distribution to BUG members. If you are interested in becoming a member of the BUG, please email me with your contact information at benjamin@pibta.org.

Successful Thomas Jefferson Toddler Program Has Waiting List



The Jefferson Friday morning toddler program has started its 3rd year. The class is full and has a waiting list. This supports the Association observation that there is an influx of young families moving into the area and that our elementary schools are about to experience growth. To add your child's name to the waiting list call Paula Lynch, the instructor, at Thomas Jefferson 382-5960.

American Red Cross, Sacramento Sierra Chapter Urges Community Residents to Be Prepared

By Courtney Miller

It's important that your community be prepared for possible disasters and other emergencies. With fall and winter approaching, there are three things that the Sacramento Sierra Chapter of the American Red Cross encourages everyone to do. "The first important step in preparing for a disaster is getting a kit", says Julie Van Dooren, CEO. "We encourage people to include at least three days of supplies in an easy-to-carry evacuation kit, with additional supplies such as a first aid supplies, clothing, tools, sanitary supplies and personal items on hand". The second important key to preparedness is to make a plan. "Planning ahead will help you have the best possible response to a disaster", says Van Dooren. Talking with family members about responsibilities for each member of the household and planning to work together as a team is important. Finally, the Sacramento Sierra Chapter encourages community members to be informed by learning about what types of disasters or emergencies may occur in the community, identifying local authorities who will notify you during a disaster and sharing what you have learned with your family, friends and other community members. "When a major disaster occurs, your community can change in an instant and being prepared allows people to react quickly and safely," says Van Dooren.

For more information on preparedness or to schedule a Disaster Preparedness presentation, visit the Sacramento Sierra Chapter website at www.sacsierraredcross.org or call 368-3131.

10 Items for Your Disaster Kit

- Water—At least one gallon per person per day
- Food-Nonperishable, high protein items
- Flashlight—Include extra batteries
- First aid kit—include a first aid reference guide
- Medications—Prescription and non-prescription items
- Radio—include extra batteries or use a hand crank one
- Tools—A wrench to turn off gas, manual can opener, screwdriver, hammer, pliers, knife, duct tape, plastic sheeting and garbage bags with ties.
- Money—Have cash. No ATMs or credit cards if no power
- Contact information—A current list of phone numbers and e-mail address, including someone out of the area (may be easier to reach if local phone lines are out of service or overloaded).
- Map—consider marking an evacuation route on it.

For further information on what should be included in an emergency preparedness kit or to purchase one from the American Red Cross, visit www.sacsierraredcross.org.

CGNA Receives Emergency Program Grant

The CGNA has received an \$800 start-up grant from the City of Sacramento to assist with their effort to incorporate emergency evacuation plans into their Neighborhood Watch Program. The program will address home security issues and provide a workable emergency evacuation program should the need arise.

The CGNA is developing an area wide Emergency Disaster map. Councilmember Kevin McCarty has provided a map designed specifically for this purpose. The CGNA will be contacting individuals to help with the implementation and development of this plan for their neighbors.

My Doggie Has A Chip. Does Yours?

By Olivia Solie



Olivia and Skye.

My doggies, Skye and Sierra, are my best friends. They always take good care of me and protect my whole family. That's why my mommy had each of them micro chipped. She wanted to protect them. A microchip has a unique number that's connected to a national database. The veterinarian put it in their skin using a little needle. It was just like a shot but it didn't hurt. I would never let Skye or Sierra get lost but sometimes other things happen and the microchip may be the only way to reunite my doggies with my family. Animal shelters and veterinarians can use a special scanner to read the microchip. When they do, it will tell them that these doggies are part of my family and that will help the shelter or vet locate us so we can get our doggies back.

Sometime disasters happen and we can never fully predict the outcome. During hurricane Katrina a lot of loving pet owners left town as ordered. Some were able to take their pets, some left them at home with enough food and water for a day and others were not allowed to bring their pet friends with them to the shelters. After the hurricane all those lonely animals were waiting for their families to come home but the families weren't allowed to because the storm damage was worse than anyone imagined.

Volunteers from humane animal groups went in and rescued many pets. Our friend, Scott Carmichael, is part of the Humane Society of the United States Disaster Animal Response Team. He volunteered at a temporary animal shelter with the HSUS in Hattiesburg, Mississippi caring for rescued pets. He said that all the micro chipped pets were reunited with their families (in some way) within the first week!

Here at home the Sacramento SPCA takes care of an average 220 stray animals a month. About 54 of them are happily reunited and about 40 of those had chips. Those chips were really valuable! Through their monthly clinics they have already chipped 270 outside animals. And, every adopted canine and feline leaves the SSPCA with a chip. That's 2,468 chipped pets as of August 31, 2006!

I can't imagine Skye or Sierra ever being separated from my family. If that does happen, I hope whoever finds them will have their chip scanned so we can bring them home.

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Resistance to Community Center Growing



More than 50 homeowners from the neighborhood west of Thomas Jefferson Elementary School attended the September CGNA Board meeting to express their opposition to a proposed community center.

Councilmember McCarty first presented the proposal to the community in our previous newsletter. The 2000 square foot building would be placed on the school property with access from Chestnut Hill opposite Bridgeport. The interior would contain a large multi-purpose area, two restrooms, and some office space. It would be constructed and operated as a joint facility for the city school district and the City Parks and Recreation Department. The school and PTA support the project.

Since May, Councilmember McCarty has held three meetings to present the proposal to the neighborhood. Invitations for these meetings were limited primarily to school staff, PTA and those property owners adjacent to the school. With each meeting, as more details became available, the neighborhood resistance to the project has grown.

At his last meeting, held at the College-Greens Swim & Racquet Club, Councilmember McCarty noted that the proposed center would be much like the one in the Tahoe Park community and invited all interested parties to go visit that facility. A large number accepted the invitation. Unfortunately, they came back with even more reservations as to how the proposed community center would benefit our neighborhood. Although the details of how the center would operate and what services would be provided are limited, there is a strong feeling that the programs being considered would be of limited value to the students at the elementary school and residents of the College-Glen neighborhoods. One concern is that it might become an outlet for social services that would not benefit College Greens residents but would draw an undesirable element into the community. This comes at the same time that we are developing Neighborhood Watch Programs to deal with vandalism and burglaries within the neighborhood. Traffic, limited parking and noise from after hours use are also concerns. The residents chose to bring their concerns to the Neighborhood Association in hope of getting the Association's help in bringing their concerns to Councilmember McCarty and the others supporting this proposal. Those present expressed concern and frustration with what they perceived as being ignored by their Councilmember and that the program was on the fast track in an effort to circumvent neighborhood concerns.

The Association has contacted Kevin McCarty's office and the Sacramento City Schools and asked for the opportunity to review alternative programs that might better meet the needs of our community. The Association has asked that McCarty's staff notes from the Association's September Board meeting be shared with all those in attendance. We will keep you posted.

Once Again... Auto Burglary and Auto Theft Top the Crime List

By Ron Alvarado

It looks like our community remains a target for auto theft and auto burglary. As in several months in the past, these crimes represent the highest proportion of criminal activity in our neighborhoods.

Forty five percent of the crimes during the summer months (ending August 30th) were related to auto theft and auto burglary. That's 65 of the 146 reported crimes in our area. That's up a bit from the three months ending May 31st, when our community had 138 reported crimes, including 55 for auto theft and auto burglary.

Here's how the recent statistics compare:

Reported Crime	June-August	March-May
Aggravated Assault	8	5
Auto Burglary	35	25
Auto Theft	30	30
Business Burglary	6	4
DUI	4	6
Narcotics	7	5
Residential Burglary	20	22
Robbery	7	6
Simple Assault	6	9
Vandalism	22	25
Weapons Offenses	1	1
Totals	146	138

Salvation Army to Relocate on Fruitridge

The Salvation Army has briefed the Power Inn BTA of their plans to relocate their Sacramento Headquarters and other facilities from downtown Sacramento to the old Proctor and Gamble site on Fruitridge Road. The facility would include light industrial for processing of broken furniture and mending of clothing, a retail furniture and clothing store, a large recycling program, and a 150 bed alcohol and drug rehabilitation facility.

This proposal would place a retail facility in a predominantly industrial area and bring yet another recycling operation to the Power Inn area.

The BTA has not taken a position on the proposal at this time.

General Election

Tuesday, November 7, 2006

Polls Open at 7:00 a.m.
and Close at 8:00 p.m.



CGNA Annual Meeting Thursday, November 16, 2006

The College-Glen Neighborhood Association will hold its annual meeting on Thursday, November 19, at 6:30pm in the library at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School. The first 30 minutes is scheduled for registration, socializing with light refreshments and the collection of election ballots for the officers and directors of the Association for 2007.

From 7:00pm to 8:00pm CGNA will hold a business meeting, review information on how to better prepare for an emergency, and close with an open forum with our Councilmember Kevin McCarty.

The election ballot is included with this newsletter. You may mail it in anytime before the November 18th meeting, bring it to the October 21st Appreciation Breakfast, bring it to the Annual Meeting, or if it is lost/forgotten, pick up another at the meeting. Remember that there is only one vote per household. The ballots will be counted and the results announced at the meeting.

City Studies Congestion at College Town and La Riviera

The Association has joined the Quail Run Homeowners Association with a proposal to relieve traffic congestion at the College Town and La Riviera Drive intersection. The congestion results during peak morning commute hours when traffic backs up from the Hornet Drive intersection and prevents drivers in the left turn lane on La Riviera from proceeding onto College Town and Howe Avenue. A similar condition occurs in the afternoon when CSUS students leave campus.

The proposal is quite simple: Paint legends on the intersection reminding drivers to keep the intersection clear. This system is currently being used by the City on Howe Avenue at the American River Drive intersection.

However, before City Traffic will proceed with the painting they must do a traffic study to verify the need. Unfortunately, by the time the request had made its way from Councilmember McCarty's office to the City Traffic, CSUS was in its summer recess and the congestion was gone. Rather than accept the word of those affected by this chronic condition and proceed to abate the problem, Traffic has elected to wait until CSUS is back in session and do their study then. The students have returned and hopefully Traffic has seen enough to justify responding to our proposal.

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Thanks again for your help.

In Memory: Bill Hanrahan, a long time community member and association volunteer, has passed away. The Association extends to the Hanrahan family our deepest condolences.

Vandalism Distracts from Success of Neighborhood Family Night Out



The Association's Third Annual Family Night Out was, by all measures, a success. Music by the "One Eyed Rhino" youth band and "Silly Little Mama" was enjoyed by all. There was a bounce house for the little kids and motorcycles for the big kids. Over 300 guests enjoyed free hot dogs, chips, drink, juice bars and La-Bou coffee while inspecting Station 60's fire truck and one of the City's K-9 units. Our traditional 20 minute preview of TNT Red Devil Fireworks culminated with the singing of the national Anthem and set piece displaying our nation's Flag surrounded by a spectacular

shower of Red Devil Fireworks.

Unfortunately, the evening's events were marred by a late night vandal who broke out two windows in one of the hosting families cars while it was parked on Bennington Way. While this act has become far too common in the community, it serves to remind us of the need for our Neighborhood Watch program. We are pleased to report that one of our sponsors, The Glass Doctor, had the window replaced within hours of it being reported to him.