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Campus Community Association's

# The Advisor

September 2002

## CCA October General Meeting Wednesday, October 16 7:00 pm

### Roosevelt Community Center

**Very important meeting for all CCA Members  
Complete details of meeting on Page 6**

The meeting will be devoted to examining the issues surrounding  
San Jose's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative

## 4th Celebration Honors Parade Founders

Naglee Park turned out in force this year to celebrate the birth of our great nation. Patriotic spirit ran especially high in the large number of floats in the parade. Louie Barozzi and Carol Beddo were chosen to be the Grand Marshall of the parade. Louie and Carol are long-time residents of Naglee Park and founding members of the CCA, originally known as the Campus Community Improvement Association. Louie has been organizing the

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Bark in the Park

## Bark in the Park Saturday, Sept. 21

10:00 to 5:00

William Street Park

[www.nagleepark.org/bark](http://www.nagleepark.org/bark)

SJPD Canine Demonstrations,  
99° Rabies Vaccine, ID Microchipping  
Veterinary Services, Non-profit Rescue Organizations  
Specialty Dog Vendors  
Food and Entertainment for Dogs and People  
Dog Agility Course, Doggie Water Park,  
Dog Education, Kid's Activities

Doggie Costume Contest – 11:00  
Pet/Owner Look-Alike Contest – 12:30

*Please turn to Page 5 to learn how  
Bark in the Park benefits  
the CCA and Naglee Park*



# THE ADVISOR

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The Advisor is the quarterly newsletter of the Campus Community Association. CCA's goal is to promote neighborhood spirit and improve the quality of life within the Campus Community through education and community projects.

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CCA General Meeting 7:00 pm ..... July 16

CCA Steering Committee meets the first Tuesday of every month at 6:30 pm. All CCA members are welcome to attend meetings or join the committee. Any member having an item to present before the Steering Committee should contact the President to be added to the agenda. Email president@nagleepark.org

# Letter from the Editor

by Farrell Podgorssek

Over the past few months there has been quite a bit of discussion on the neighborhood email list regarding Naglee Park's inclusion the City's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, our designation as "blighted" and the power of eminent domain by the Redevelopment Agency.

The CCA position regarding Eminent Domain is simple: The CCA is now and has always been against the use of Eminent Domain on single-family residences within our neighborhood and this has always been supported by CCA members.

I believe it is not for us to decide what is best for other neighborhoods. In fact, many other neighborhoods want the power of Eminent Domain retained.

Many of you who live in Naglee Park may not be aware of the involvement of Naglee Park residents over the last 6 or so years on numerous city programs such as Project Crackdown and the University Neighborhoods Revitalization Plan. These early groups led to the formation of the University Neighborhoods Coalition and its subsequent conversion to a Neighborhood Advisory Committee (NAC) for the SNI process. Hundreds if not thousands of hours have been spent by myself and numerous others to ensure that Naglee Park interests were well represented. Our neighborhood has benefitted greatly from these collaborations.

Our neighborhood is comprised of diverse groups of people, and as such there are many differing opinions as to what is "best" for Naglee Park. The actions of a few of our neighbors have angered and saddened me because of the rude behavior, animosity, and name calling they have directed at people who have worked very hard in our neighborhood. Disagree with a decision, but do not attack the person who makes it. It is a disservice to the neighbors, both current and past, who take the time to attend meetings, research and gather information, and educate themselves. If you have something to say, stick to the facts, verify your information and present it without scare tactics or misleading statements, and equally, without sugar coating or glossing over facts. Keep the personalities out of it. Most importantly, in my opinion, if you're not willing to publicly speak out on an issue, or work on an issue, then don't criticize others that do. In a neighborhood of 1500 households there are bound to be differing views. Anyone who has concerns with a CCA position is encouraged to attend a Steering Committee meeting to present their viewpoint.

Steering Committee is a body of CCA Members who meet monthly to discuss issues affecting the CCA. Meetings have always been open to anyone wanting to attend. Commit to attending for a year and become a Steering Committee member. It is a loss that we have so many talented people with strong opinions, and so few take the time to attend CCA meetings.

I encourage everyone to take the time and attend the upcoming General Meeting at Roosevelt Community Center on October 16. If you have something to say, or want to learn more, this is where you should be.



# Pres' Says

by Ken Podgorsek  
CCA's 2000-2001 President  
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I am proud to announce that on November 9, 2002 the CCA, under the direction of CCA Beautification, will be planting 120 Elm trees on S. 10<sup>th</sup> and S. 11<sup>th</sup> Streets. This process began as a CCA Beautification Goal to restore the Elm Tree to downtown San Jose while beautifying 2 major gateways to our neighborhood. It has taken four years of planning due to the sheer size and logistics of coordinating such an effort. As a result of the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative, the final necessary components fell in place in August, and we are thrilled. This is a true partnership of citizens and government working together to revitalize our neighborhood, which is the vision of Strong Neighborhoods. Our partners in this undertaking are the University Neighborhoods Coalition, Our City Forest, Councilmember Cindy Chavez, the City of San Jose, the San Jose Redevelopment Agency, SJSU, and numerous private service organizations, each bringing to the table a important component that is essential to the completion of this great project. This collaboration is going to be a great example of what can be accomplished when we all work together as partners.

I am especially proud to tell you that this tree planting will be a commemorative tree planting to recognize the victims of the attacks on September 11. It is fitting that a planting of trees, commonly called Legacy Trees, will honor the many individuals who lost their lives on that day. We are 3000 miles away but we will not forget. 100 years from now these trees will stand in memory of the victims of that terrible day.

We have had lots of good news this past month. Another project that CCA Beautification has been working on for the past couple of years is a permanent watering system for the medians on William St. William St. is a busy street and consistent watering has been difficult. As a result, CCA Beautification has been limited in their ongoing efforts to beautify those medians. William Street through Naglee Park has been designated a pedestrian corridor in the University Revitalization Plan, which opens the door for funding to accomplish this worthy goal. As a result, the CCA has received a CAP Grant for \$24,000 to fund a portion of the watering project. This is an expensive project and will require multiple sources for funding, but we are well on our way.

Summer is ending, but I still have pleasant memories of our great 4<sup>th</sup> of July celebration we had this year. The parade is the largest that I believe I have ever seen. What a great day with neighbors, food, and music. Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday Naglee Park. Thanks to 4<sup>th</sup> Chair Nancy Sharp, her numerous project chairs, and the many neighbors that volunteered to make the 4<sup>th</sup> such a great day.

See you all on September 21 at Bark in the Park, the Bay Area's Premier Event for Dogs and their Best Friends.

Summer 2002



# County Notes

by Supervisor Blanca Alvarado  
**SCAMMED? RIPPED OFF?**

**THE COUNTY'S CONSUMER PROTECTION UNIT CAN SAVE THE DAY!**

When business transactions with the dry cleaners, the telephone service provider, or the auto repair shop leave you feeling ripped off, the **District Attorney's Consumer Protection Unit** is here to help. Don't despair, fight back.

When improper charges on a cell phone bill appear, obtaining a refund can be a challenge. When a fitness club is still charging you for a canceled membership and won't return your calls, it helps to have a third party such as the **Mediation Services of the Consumer Protection Unit** step in.

Savvy consumers contact the District Attorney's Office to assist them with resolving disputes. Mediators, many of whom are trained volunteers, intercede to resolve disputes over contracts, retail sales, and warranty problems.

If a complaint rises to the level of an illegal business practice, the complaint is forwarded to the **Enforcement Division of the Consumer Protection Unit**. Here, attorneys review complaints of unlawful, unfair, or fraudulent business practices, or allegations of untrue or misleading advertising.

## HOW TO FILE A COMPLAINT

1. Contact the Consumer Protection Unit and request a form by calling or writing:

Consumer Protection Unit  
District Attorney's Office  
West Wing, Fourth Floor  
70 West Hedding Street  
San Jose, CA 95110-1705  
(408) 792-2880

Or, download a complaint form from the Internet:  
<http://www.santaclara-da.org/consumer.html>

2. Complete the form and mail it.
3. A mediator contacts the business about the complaint.
4. When the business responds to the complaint, the mediator works with both parties until a solution is reached. If that is not possible, the consumer is advised of his or her options.

## WINS FOR THE CUSTOMER

Over the last year, the District Attorney's Enforcement Division has won significant civil actions. One of California's largest jewelry retailers incurred over \$4 million in civil penalties when statements and conduct by employees induced customers to unknowingly buy life, disability, and property insurance at the time they purchased jewelry on credit. Also, they did not provide Spanish language contracts to Spanish-speaking customers.

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## District 3 Happenings

by Councilmember Cindy Chavez

Have you been Downtown lately? Over the past few months, there have been a number of exciting events happening in and around Downtown San Jose. The parks have been flooded with events and the streets have been alive with activity.

During the last week of July, Populus Presents launched Gypsy Cinema and Cinema San Pedro, the first of ten programs that will take place Downtown over the next six months. The look and feel of Downtown will be transformed with art fairs and exhibits, retail street bazaars, amusement rides, street entertainers, outdoor cafes, and professional skateboarding demonstrations.

Populus Presents signifies the collaboration of several organizations to produce public space programming. Six months ago, the Mayor, my colleagues, and I responded to the need for heightened community activity in the Downtown by requesting proposals for public space programming. The end result was the formation of Populus Presents and a list of ten initiatives to increase community interaction in the Core.

Aside from the innovative activities taking place Downtown, the neighborhoods surrounding the Downtown have been equally active with tree plantings, art fairs, resource fairs, flea markets, and beautification projects. Most notably, over twelve neighborhoods in District Three celebrated National Night Out on August 6<sup>th</sup>. Whether you were at the potluck on 12<sup>th</sup> Street, the barbecue at Lowell Elementary, or the Gypsy Cinema at Backesto Park, the message was clear: our district is comprised of strong neighborhoods that are committed to the safety of their streets.

This past National Night Out was one of the most memorable Night Outs I have experienced, and I am already looking forward to next year. I would like to thank each and every neighbor that took part in National Night Out. Your commitment to your community truly makes a difference in all of our lives.

Although I am thrilled to see all of the wonderful things happening in and around the Downtown, I can still see a lot of work that needs to be done. Recently, I have created a Safety Task Force to ensure that we continue to improve the quality of life in our Downtown. The Task Force, made up of Downtown stakeholders and City staff, will meet over the next few months. At our first meeting in July, we identified several key concerns of the Task Force, including cruising enforcement, parking garage safety, and the negative impact of some major events and festivals in the Core. We will continue to identify other concerns we have regarding the Downtown and ultimately create strategies to successfully address these issues.

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## State Assembly News

by Assemblyman Manny Diaz

In the spring/summer edition of the Campus Community Advisor, I announced my plans for my first annual Women's Resource Summit to be held on Saturday, September 21, 2002 from 8:00 am to 3:30 pm at the Center for Employment Training (CET). The purpose of the Women's Resource Summit is to better inform women of services that are available to them in our Valley in the areas of healthcare, domestic violence and childcare. The summit workshops will address a range of important topics covered by medical experts. Participants will have the opportunity to choose specific workshops of interest to them as well as to explore the many informational booths at the Resource Fair. Recognizing the rich diversity of our area, my goal is to reach out to women of different backgrounds, so we are taking steps to make this summit unique by offering the following workshops in English, Spanish and Vietnamese.

- \*Healthy Heart
- \*Health Effects of Domestic Violence
- \*Chronic Disease - Diabetes
- \*Accessing Childcare
- \*Health Care for Mature Women

Dr. Denise Johnson from Stanford University Hospital, an outstanding leader in the medical field and a motivational speaker, will serve as the keynote speaker. The Women's Resource Summit is free however registration is limited to the first 300 participants. A continental breakfast and a light luncheon will be provided and entertainment can be enjoyed after the workshops. Pre-registration is required, so please contact my office at (408) 269-6500 and my staff will be happy to assist you.

Unfortunately, the state budget deadlock continues in Sacramento. The passage of a state budget is being delayed by a partisan fight over a \$4 billion tax and revenue package. Democrats are seeking the new revenues, which include hiking the state excise tax on cigarettes to \$3 per pack, to help close a \$23.6 billion budget gap. Republicans want additional spending cuts in lieu of new taxes. We are now beginning to see the casualties of this budget impasse. For example, needy college students who rely on Cal Grant scholarships will not be getting their check as the new school year is about to begin. I believe that the most important action that we can take with this budget is to protect programs that are essential to working families, children and seniors. We cannot balance the budget on the poor and disadvantaged and those who can protect themselves the least. I am doing everything in my power to protect vital social services, health and education programs.

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# Washington Wrap-Up

By Congresswoman Zoe Lofgren

I appreciate the opportunity to address some important issues facing our neighborhood, our region and our country. Recently, the National Trust for Historic Places issued their most endangered places list, and while none of those sites were in San Jose, we must stay vigilant to protect our historic sites and neighborhoods. I am working to ensure full funding for the restoration of the Cargill salt ponds. This issue is particularly close to me because I worked on the creation of what is now known as the Don Edwards National Wildlife Refuge when I worked for Congressman Don Edwards in the 1970s. This initiative, the largest wetlands restoration project in the history of California, is vital to a healthy bay ecosystem. On a similar issue, I have recently cosponsored legislation that will ensure the survival of wetlands, fisheries and waterfowl populations and improve water quality in the North Bay.

Recently, the House of Representatives has passed an inadequate prescription drug bill backed by the pharmaceutical industry that will ultimately fail to curb the out of control costs of prescription drugs or provide a drug benefit to seniors on Medicare. I believe we can and must do better. I supported an alternative bill that includes a low monthly co-payment, caps the out-of-pocket expenses, and significantly assists low-income seniors. This bill has provisions for cost-saving measures to help hold down the inflation in prescription drugs.

I remain alarmed that this Administration continues to increase the federal deficit and run up more debt. Because of the tax cut and the slumping economy, the Republican Congress and the Administration have erased record budget surpluses and are now forced to borrow from Social Security and Medicare trust funds. I opposed the President's tax cut because it is a short-sided economic policy, and it is not a policy focused on job creation and rebuilding a healthy tech economy. I believe we need to immediately return to the fiscally responsible policies that lead to surpluses in the federal budget.

Each year my office assists the residents of the 16<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes most of San Jose, with issues with the federal government. If you need help with the federal government, please call my office at 408-271-8700 or email me at [zoe.lofgren@mail.house.gov](mailto:zoe.lofgren@mail.house.gov). And don't forget, if you're coming to Washington, we can help arrange tours and provide information about Congress, the capitol building and Washington, DC.

# Bark In The Park Benefits Our Neighborhood

by Derek Dukes  
2002 Chairperson

On Saturday, September 21, 2002 CCA will be hosting the 6<sup>th</sup> Bark in the Park. With the help of neighborhood volunteers, thousands of dog lovers are invited to enjoy our beautiful neighborhood and thousands of dollars are raised to support neighborhood projects.

With money raised from Bark in the Park, CCA is able to contribute to the following beautification projects - the San Antonio Bridge Gateway, CCA Neighborhood Tree Planting, People and Dog Water Fountains in William Street Park, Dog Poop Bags and Dispensers at William Street Park, Elm Disease Abatement, and provided seed money for the 6<sup>th</sup> and William Street Park. In addition, 25% of all money raised through Bark in the Park is allocated to CCA Beautification Committee for ongoing projects.

With the continued financial success of Bark, CCA can look forward to having monies available for important future projects like the Historic Elm Restoration, Tree Planting on 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets, and the William Street Median Restoration and Watering Project. While Bark monies are not enough to completely fund large projects they are essential leveraging tools to help CCA receive other city monies. Money raised through Bark for beautification projects demonstrates that CCA is willing and able to be a strong and equal partner with the city.

In addition to the financial contribution that Bark makes to CCA, Bark is important to the neighborhood in more subtle ways. Bark is consistently one of the best rated city events. Bark demonstrates to city leaders the high level of leadership, neighborhood commitment and skills in Naglee Park. With an estimated yearly attendance of 10,000 Bark also invites people from outside the area to our beautiful neighborhood. Many of our new neighbors were first introduced to Naglee Park when they attended Bark.

2002 brings us to a new level of funding from Bark!! CCA is forming a Bark Grant Committee, which will provide guidelines and procedures for the disbursement of Bark funds. It is everyone's goal that Bark in the Park continue to be a powerful and profitable event for CCA.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, September 21<sup>st</sup> at William Street Park!

If you are interested in more information or volunteering for this great event, please visit the Bark website at [www.nagleepark.org/bark](http://www.nagleepark.org/bark).





# CCA October 16 General Meeting

## Eminent Domain, Blight, and the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative

The October 16 CCA General Meeting will be devoted to examining the issues surrounding the City of San Jose's Strong Neighborhoods Initiative (SNI). Speakers will include a representative from the Redevelopment Agency and neighbors both in favor of the plan and opposed to it. There will be an opportunity for audience questions and answers. After the debate, if a quorum is present (which is defined as 25% of active member households), CCA will hold a vote to determine our position regarding the SNI Redevelopment Area:

- A. The CCA should maintain its current policy which supports the inclusion of Naglee Park in the SNI Redevelopment Plan Area while opposing the use of Eminent Domain on Single Family homes

**OR**

- B. The CCA should work to remove Naglee Park from the SNI Redevelopment Plan Area

On June 25, 2002, the San Jose City Council approved the City of San Jose's plan known as the Strong Neighborhoods Initiative. The SNI plan makes one-third of San Jose, including Naglee Park, a Redevelopment Project Area for the next thirty years. The City of San Jose qualified the project area by establishing that it was "blighted" as required by California State Law. Oversight for the SNI plan is provided by a Project Area Committee (PAC). Nineteen (19) Neighborhood Advisory Committees (NAC) made up of residents and businesses in the specific SNI geographic areas develop projects and implementation plans for their respective areas.

Every NAC has created a list of Neighborhood Improvement Projects that they would like to be funded by the RDA. Naglee Park is within the University NAC (UNC), which currently has representation from 4 Naglee Park Residents and has had consistent Naglee Park representation since the early Project Crackdown Days. The City Council, sitting as the Redevelopment Agency Board, has authority to allocate RDA funds to projects in the plan area that are consistent with the City Council approved NAC Implementation plan, which was developed by the NAC and recommended by the NAC to the City Council for approval. See the sidebar for the UNC Top Ten priority items, as approved by the City Council.

Some neighbors have expressed support for the SNI process and plan and some neighbors have concerns about the SNI plan. Some have raised questions as to what impact the inclusion in the plan area will have over the next thirty years.

### UNC Top 10

1. Create a neighborhood park at the corners of 6th and William Streets
2. Reconstruct Alleyway between South 5th and 6th Streets and East Reed and Margaret Streets
3. Develop Coyote Creek Trail
4. Complete Conversion of South 10th and 11th Street Couplets
5. Create pedestrian corridors
6. Establish residential permit parking
7. Rehabilitate commercial buildings on the corner of 10th & William Streets
8. Install historic street lighting
9. Explore establishing historic or conservation districts
10. Establish regular large-scale community dumpster days

### Additional Priorities

1. Saving the San Jose Medical Center
2. Beautifying Neighborhood Gateways
3. Expanding the Neighborhood Block Grant Program
4. Strengthen and improve neighborhood businesses
5. Re-evaluating the feasibility of converting the 3rd and 4th Street couplets

*What should CCA  
do about all of this?*

It's up to you

*Do you want to learn more?*

**Attend the October General Meeting  
Wednesday, October 16 at 7pm  
Roosevelt Community Center**

**Email questions, comments, concerns and suggestions to:**

**Rebecca Smith at [smithrebsmith@aol.com](mailto:smithrebsmith@aol.com)**

**or**

**Ken Podgorsek at [president@nagleepark.org](mailto:president@nagleepark.org)**



## Oliver's Report

Alas, This past June 30th, I bit the big one; bought the farm; kicked the bucket, and shuffled off this canine coil. I died. So I am writing to you from beyond. Beyond the small wooden box on my humans' table. It was the Big C, and it sure got me quick. My humans were heroic and spend-differous in their efforts to buy me a few more months, but, sometimes when it gets you, it gets you.

I know you're saying: "Is this the end of Oliver's Report?"

Nope. Alert readers will notice the small dog next to me in the photo. That is Cooper, who was put on earth to lighten the last few weeks of my seven years. He is a great new addition to the nabe and will be taking over in my absence. He is a bit smarter than I, and hopefully healthier, and he advises that we not change the name of this column because it might confuse our humans. Therefore, Oliver's Report will continue, albeit (they use words like that a lot out here in the beyond) albeit with a new author.

Enough about me. The nabe is looking better and better. Lots of new humans and dogs. I am really sorry to miss this year's Bark in the Park. It has grown into a wonderful event and a great time for dogs and humans to mingle—unlike that anti-dog event they hold in Gilroy every year. Cooper will be taking notes for the Report. He's been in training with Dusty from Spots on Hedding, and I wouldn't be surprised if he walked away with some ribbons of his own. If you see him, let him know what's up and be sure to spell your name.

Thanks to all of my correspondents for keeping your eyes open and tails up. If you have any comments or thoughts you would like to share, you can email [cooper@xtone.com](mailto:cooper@xtone.com). He is computer literate and promises to keep Oliver's Report up front.

That's it for me. I leave you with two thoughts:

1. I loved being a dog in Naglee Park.
2. Buy pet insurance

Bark on and on.

Helen's Heirloom Houses  
pen & ink and watercolor  
drawings of your home  
Helen Magnus  
408 297-3828  
hmagnus@earthlink.net



## Senior Corner

By Frances Schwab

Some important senior access news was discovered at a recently attended conference in Denver.

**BenefitCheck** is a free, online method for seniors to see if they may be eligible for some federal, state or local services unknown to them. It is recommended that ALL seniors check this out: We just may not be aware of low-cost or no-cost benefits we can access and save our hard-earned money for other important things in our lives.

**Senior Games News Report** – Last fall we told you about the upcoming Senior Games, with competitions for 50+’ers in 30 different sports. They were held, as it turned out, right in the midst of that heat wave in early August. Did that stop anyone? Of course not! More than 300 senior athletes competed. The oldest participant hailed right here from San Jose, a 97 year-old who competed in horse shoes. If you were not involved this year, now is the time to begin training for next year – prior athletic involvement not required – ALL are encouraged to meet your fellow energetic, competitive, and fun-loving seniors who choose to actively participate in life, stand up and be counted!

**Operation Stroke Prevention** – South San Jose Councilperson Pat Dando suffered from a stroke earlier this year. She was treated quickly and optimally, and is now heading a foundation to spread the word to as many others as possible. She and her colleagues note that:

- Strokes are the third most common killer in our country
- Specific treatments by specially trained and equipped Stroke Teams (Good Samaritan has one) hugely affects results
- TREATMENT BEGUN WITHIN THREE HOURS OF FIRST SYMPTOMS can reverse problems for 30-40% of patients
- Most people shrug off initial symptoms, delaying treatment and increasing chances of significant disability or death

**STROKE SYMPTOMS** – When in doubt, get checked immediately. Do not wait, do not pass go first.

Frances Schwab is a South 12<sup>th</sup> Street neighbor and a City of San Jose Senior Citizen Commissioner. Email her at [fbschwab@pacbell.net](mailto:fbschwab@pacbell.net).

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# Neighborhood News



## Music & Movies After Dark

**Music After Dark** is downtown's nine-week summer concert series. Thursday evenings through September 26, Music After Dark's free performances take place at 8pm on historic Post Street, between Market and First.

- Sept. 19 Sobrosito - Latin Folk Rock
- Sept. 26 Lady Bo and the BC Horns -R&B

For more information, e-mail MusicAfterDark.com or call (408) 961-5816. Complete information is available at [www.populuspresents.com](http://www.populuspresents.com).

**Outdoor Cinema** This Summer **POPULUS Presents** launches two unique outdoor cinema series; **Gypsy Cinema** at Circle of Palms and **Cinema San Pedro** on historic San Pedro Street, both in Downtown San Jose. Grab your lawn chair and join us.

Gypsy Cinema —Fri Sept 20 - A Great Day In Harlem + Live Jazz with Marcus Shelby Jazz Orchestra  
Fri Oct 25 - The Shining; Fri Nov 29 - TBA ; Fri Dec 20 - It's A Wonderful Life

Cinema San Pedro —Sept 18 - The Maltese Falcon; Oct 16 - The Graduate; Oct 30 - Frankenstein

POPULUS Presents is a public space programming collaborative designed to enliven public spaces in the downtown core in partnership with the San Jose Redevelopment Agency. Information on all public space programming schedules will soon be available at [www.populuspresents.com](http://www.populuspresents.com). General programming information is available via e-mail [info@populuspresents.com](mailto:info@populuspresents.com) or phone (408) 882-5064. For more information on the outdoor cinemas, e-mail [cinemas@populuspresents.com](mailto:cinemas@populuspresents.com) or call (408) 286-1313

## San Pedro Square Events

**The Downtown Farmers' Market**  
Fridays through December 20.  
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Colorful flowers, gourmet foods and fresh fruits and vegetables are offered by more than 35 California certified growers.



## Letter to the CCA

*Editors Note: this letter was sent to us by Bernie Etzinger & Marlene Haley, former neighbors on 15th St. They have recently moved to Washington, DC. If you would like to see the book please email me at [ccaadvisor@nagleepark.org](mailto:ccaadvisor@nagleepark.org)*

Dear Farrell, Ken & the CCA,

A year passes so quickly. We have come full circle. Had it not been for the CCA member list we would not have found our special home on 15th St. We met so many people over the past year from Naglee Park. We arrived in mid-August. Nothing could have prepared us for what would happen a few weeks later. As a diplomat, it was the effect of learning that a family member of a close friends's family was injured. And yet watching Naglee Park in those first uncertain, grief-stricken weeks was our small but powerful reaffirmation of the idea of America.

If de Tocqueville were alive today I think he would have settled in Naglee Park — its vibrant mix of democracy, community and goodwill is in some strange way both rare and ubiquitous. Being in America over the past year has convinced us that this nation can withstand any attack, and that its ultimate defence is its way of life.

And so in the spirit of neighbors, I hope that you enjoy this book, *A Diary Between Friends*. It is a record of special acts by your neighbors up north when many took in stranded Americans into their homes and all looked for some way to express their grief and solidarity to the friends to the south. We give this book to the neighborhood. Finally, we leave so many friends behind, and also the great memories of special events, just an evening walk in the neighborhood, or having Theo drag one of us to the Bagel shop. What a special neighborhood. What great neighbors!

Bernie, Marlene & Theo

## Keep Kids Alive Drive 25



Signs are available. To sponsor a sign please mail a check for \$15 payable to CCA and mail to CCA, PO Box 90038, San Jose, CA 95109-3038. Please include a note stating where you would like the sign to be delivered.

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Pick up a copy of this new magazine and check it out! Issue two includes photos from our Naglee Park 4th of July





*Join Your  
Neighbors &  
Our Community  
in remembering  
the*

*Victims of September 11*

*Over 150 Elm Trees,  
also known as*

*“Legacy Trees”*

*will be planted on*

*South 10th & 11th Streets*

*Saturday, November 9th  
Veteran’s Day Weekend*



*Volunteers are Needed*

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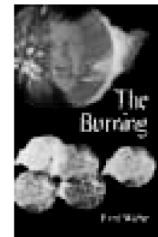
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 2nd Victor Corsiglia  
 3rd Dave Johnson
- 5 Mile, 30-39**  
 1st Daniel Filip  
 2nd Jim Sarge  
 3rd Don Palermini
- 5 Mile, 14 & under**  
 1st Alex Puez
- 2 Mile, 40-49**  
 1st Dave Thomas  
 2nd David Proulx  
 3rd Lonnie Wilson
- 2 Mile, 30-39**  
 1st Will Cordero  
 2nd Tim Malcolm
- 2 Mile, 14 & under**  
 1st Scott Crow  
 2nd Kyle Ikeda  
 3rd Jeffrey

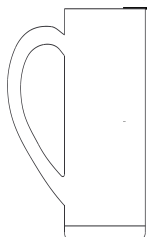
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- 5 Mile, 40-49**  
 1st Marianne Salas  
 2nd Susie Thomas  
 3rd Anna Strong
- 5 Mile, 30-39**  
 1st Stacy Palermini  
 2nd Sheri Baublitz  
 3rd Kim Walsh
- 5 Mile, 15-29**  
 1st Nancy Moore
- 5 Mile, 14 & under**  
 1st Matilda O
- 2 Mile, 40-49**  
 1st Lucy Proulx
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parade since 1975! He also served as President of CCA and editor of The Advisor. Carol has been equally as active with the CCA and the Advisor.

Louie and Carol have moved out of Naglee Park but returned for the Fourth of July celebration. We honor their years of service and hope they know that they will be missed. Louie has passed the Parade clipboard on to neighbor Stan Acton, who will have big shoes to fill. Thank you, Stan for taking this on.

After the Race/Walk and parade, it was time to barbecue, dance and relax with friends. Music this year was performed by The ERIC THOMPSON Band, with Scott Smith and FREAKWAGON.

The Raffle has become a popular event. This year we had over 75 donations! Please support these generous businesses, and let them know you appreciate their support of our neighborhood.

This year's celebration was chaired again by Nancy Sharpe. Thank you Nancy, and all the neighbors who helped with Registration, Beverages, Race/Walk, Bakeoff, Clean-up and Set-up. It takes the efforts of many people to make the day so enjoyable. Nancy would like to pass the binder on, so if you are interested in chairing the 2003 celebration, please contact Ken Podgorsek at [ccapresident@nagleepark.org](mailto:ccapresident@nagleepark.org).



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# Dr. Frederick Bangs: Neighborhood Homeopath

by Jack Douglas

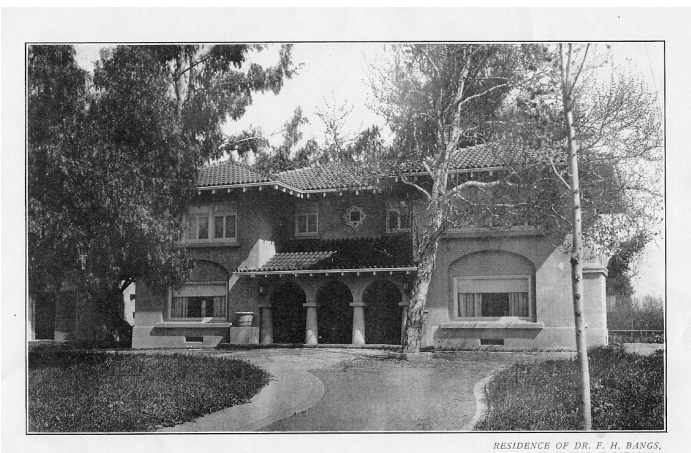
Dr. Frederick Bangs, a homeopathic physician, was an early resident of Naglee Park. His home, designed by Frank D. Wolfe, is the large two story Spanish Revival house at the east end of San Carlos Street (300 South 17th).

Dr. Bangs was born in Michigan and attended medical schools in the East. He came to California in 1882 and practiced in Arcata for eight years prior to setting up his homeopathic clinic on North 3rd Street in San Jose. Homeopathic medicine differed from standard medicine in that it cured diseases with small doses of medicine which, in a healthy person, would produce a condition like that of the disease being treated, just as inoculation of small pox prevents the onslaught of that disease.

San Jose was a veritable hotbed of homeopathic practitioners, including a number of women physicians. Dr. Howard Gates, who built the Maybeck house on South 13th Street, and his physician wife Amelia had a homeopathic clinic at 11th and Santa Clara Streets at the turn of the 20th century.

Dr. Bangs and his wife Belle were prominent locals. In addition to his practice, Dr. Bangs was a director of the Mutual Building and Loan Association, a trustee of Agnews Hospital and an active member of the Elks and Masonic Lodges.

He died at his home on March 16, 1916. His brother-in-law, James A. Hadley, moved down from Arcata to take over the practice. The Bang's home was later purchased by his friend John R. Kocher, a prominent jewelry store owner, whose family owned it until 1933. In the 1970's it served as a social service agency, and it is now a Catholic convent.



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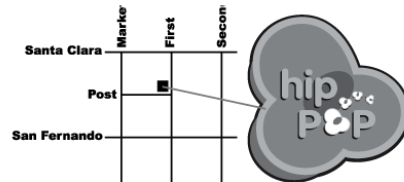
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# Passing of a Longtime Neighbor

by Steve Ferrari  
Orvis Avenue

Mary Ferrari passed away peacefully surrounded by family at the age of 95. She had lived in Naglee Park for over 88 years. Born April 7th, 1907 in San Francisco to



Pietro and Carmella Ghiorso, recently arrived Italian immigrants, she was the oldest of 7 children: Clara Ferrari, Frank Ghiorso, Peter Ghiorso, Angie Rainer (deceased), Jock Ghiorso (deceased) and Gloria Ghiorso (deceased). Mary and her family moved to San Jose in 1914 where they lived in a small 2 bedroom house on the S/E corner of 12th and Margaret. Shortly after they moved that house south to the

adjacent vacant lot and built a larger home that sits on that site today. She would tell stories about her father making wine and whiskey in the basement during prohibition. His friend the Chief of Police who lived across the street on 12th would come over and remind him to close the basement windows when the smell got too strong. Or when a funnel cloud touched down at the end of Orvis Ave. in the early 40's and demolished the nursery and Scavenger garage throwing its sheet metal roof like a Frisbee into the tree tops of Coyote Creek. Or about the frustration of having to watch her parents register as "Enemy Aliens" restricted to their home while two of her younger brothers were fighting the Germans and Japanese during WWII, (one of which lost his right arm getting his "feet wet" for the 5th time on a beach in Okinawa.) She lived in that corner house until her marriage to Emilio Ferrari in 1924. (A son of one of her fathers business partners in the San Jose Scavenger company.) Emilio himself was born on South 12th Street in 1908, built his new bride a home just down the street from her parents on Margaret past 14th where they enjoyed 59 years of marriage and had 3 sons; Roland (deceased), Ronald and Bill. Mary was a member of both Saint Patrick's School and Santa Clara University Mothers guild and the SCU Catala Club. Her passions were shopping and spending time with her family. Although she never learned to drive a car, she wouldn't think twice about taking the #22 bus to Valley Fair or the Cal-Train to San Francisco if she couldn't find a friend or family member to drive. Once through the front door of a dept. store, she would vanish for hours. Off to her own little world of St. John Knits and Revlon cosmetics. Often times I would have to ask the manager at The Emporium to please page Mrs. Ferrari back to the ladies shoe dept. so I could take her home. Her pace slowed in the last year to the point where she would only officially go out to shop once a week, but was always up for joining me for a "quick

trip" out to OSH or to Toys-R-Us for one of her 7 great grandchildren. She liked to spend afternoons sitting in her back patio swing and watching her great grand children play in the back lot filled with peach and apricot trees. She continued to enjoy eating out at The Flames, The Cardinal and Lou's Village 4 nights a week up until shortly before she passed. Mary had a wonderful life and so did many others because she was a part of it. She will be missed my many and certainly lived up to her title of "Great -Grand -Mother".

## Memories of a Grandmother

by Wendy Allen

Steve Ferrari was kind enough to share a few of his memories of his Grandma Mary. One of his favorite memories (and probably favorite foods, too) was Mary's raviolis. There was no written recipe for these amazing raviolis; rather, the recipe was handed down from Mary's mother to daughter over generations of making them. The recipe, which made about 700 raviolis and took about two days to make, involved many hands - some to make the dough, some to pick the swiss chard, and some to fetch the calf's brains from the butcher- the secret ingredient- which was ground in with the rest of the meat.

Grandma Mary would freeze the finished raviolis in Macy's shirt boxes lined with waxed paper. Since ravioli making occurred around Thanksgiving time, she would give the boxes of raviolis as Christmas gifts. One can imagine the hopeful look in the eyes of her friends and family as she would come to visit them with a shirtbox-sized parcel under her arm. Mary made raviolis until a year after her stroke at age 92. At that time, Steve's sisters took over production while Mary supervised.

Mary was also a well-travelled lady. She visited Paris as well as Italy - her home country. Even her stroke didn't slow her down. She made a journey to Africa at age 93.

Steve shared some of the things she used to say that really let you know she'd been around a while.

- Orvis Avenue was just a gravel street, while 12th St. was like a racetrack, since there were no stop signs from Santa Clara to Keyes.
- My father used to take us around town with the horse and wagon when we lived in San Francisco.
- My job at the cannery was to sort out the different bits of fruit to make the fruit cocktail.
- My mother raised chickens in her yard on 12th St.
- A picnic in Willow Glen was considered a trip out to the country.
- The "Ice Man" used to come by twice a week to fill our cold box in the kitchen.
- Our whole family (mom, dad and the 7 of us kids) lived in that 2bd/1ba home on 12th St.
- "Hoover City" (aka "hobo-town") was right across Coyote Creek where Hwy 280 is today.
- My brothers went to St. James Park when they hanged the Hart baby kidnappers.
- You dressed up to go shopping downtown.

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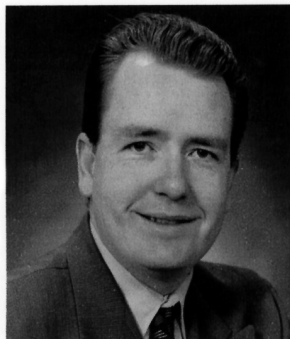
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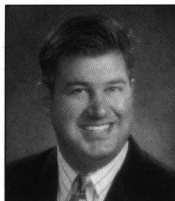
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Another important issue which I have worked on since my city council days is the closure of San Jose Medical Center (SJMC), owned by HCA. SJMC has provided services to the downtown community for over 80 years. Services formerly provided by SJMC will be consolidated into another hospital making it more difficult for our downtown residents to have access to the medical services they require. Unfortunately, HCA made the decision to close down SJMC without soliciting public input or even acknowledging what harmful impacts such a closure will cause.

I am of the belief that most of the hospital closures around the state are made by decisions from an economic perspective and do not give proper consideration to the negative impacts these closures may have on our communities. For these reasons, I will be holding a public hearing in December. Details of the hearing will be publicized soon. I would like to raise the level of concern among our local elected officials on this matter and I would like to have experts there that can tell us what other states are doing on this issue of hospital closures. Discussion at the hearing will assist us in seeking alternatives to the closure as well as looking at potential legislative remedies that may address some of the financial hardships California hospitals are currently facing. Access to healthcare is a priority for our community in San Jose and the Silicon Valley, and we must ensure that there are appropriate emergency and medical facilities nearby so that our community members can maintain healthy lives.

If I can be of assistance or answer questions on the above issues, please contact my office at (408) 269-6500, or email [assemblymember.diaz@assembly.ca.gov](mailto:assemblymember.diaz@assembly.ca.gov), 100 Paseo de San Antonio, Suite 300, San Jose, CA 95113.

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A car dealership that sold used vehicles as new and failed to provide Spanish language Buyer's Guides to Spanish-speaking customers received a permanent injunction, and was forced to pay restitution and penalties.

An auto repair business, which routinely issued brake and lamp inspection certificates of compliance without performing the necessary inspections, received a permanent injunction and civil penalties as well.

*I am pleased to introduce my electronic news service.*

*This monthly newsletter is intended to bring to your attention County services that may help you in your daily life. I encourage you to check out each issue in the hopes that you'll discover a County service that benefits you or a loved one. To view the newsletter go to website [www.blancaalvarado.org](http://www.blancaalvarado.org)*

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The Populus Presents' programs, the countless neighborhood events held throughout our District, and the efforts of the Downtown Safety Task Force are all contributing to an amazing metamorphosis of our Downtown. Not only is Downtown San Jose becoming an increasingly popular destination point, it is now becoming more of a place that people are proud to call home.

I encourage you to take a second look at the heart of San Jose. You might just see something you like.

*For more information on Populus Presents, visit their website at [www.populuspresents.com](http://www.populuspresents.com)*

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