

Parks Job Corps Center

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"SALUTE TO COMMUNITIES"

OPEN HOUSE AT PARKS JOB CORPS CENTER DREW MORE THAN 1,500 GUESTS YESTERDAY, 50 PERCENT HIGHER ATTENDANCE THAN LAST YEAR. LOCAL MEDIA SUPPORT OF THE AFFAIR WAS EXCELLENT; COMMUNITY CONSENSUS WAS HIGHLY FAVORABLE. VOCATIONAL, BASIC EDUCATION AND DORMITORY AREAS ALL WERE SHOWCASES OF METICULOUS HOUSEKEEPING; C/M DEPARTMENT WAS EXEMPLARY, AND REFLECTED THEIR PRIDE IN JOB CORPS MEMBERSHIP. FOLLOWING NEWS ARTICLE IS BEING RELEASED THIS MORNING TO ALL NORTH CALIFORNIA MEDIA.

BRIGHT NEW CARS, C/M-BUILT FLOATS, FOUR MARCHING CONTINGENTS FROM THE CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL R.O.T.C. AND PRETTY GIRLS FROM LOCAL HIGH SCHOOLS COMBINED IN A SUCCESSFUL PARADE AND OPEN HOUSE AT PARKS JOB CORPS CENTER SUNDAY.

AN ESTIMATED 1,500 PERSONS VIEWED THE PARADE AND TOURED THE CENTERS BASIC EDUCATION AND VOCATIONAL FACILITIES. THE AFFAIR WAS THE WIND-UP OF PARKS' "SALUTE TO COMMUNITIES WEEK", WHICH THE CENTER EXPRESSED ITS APPRECIATED FOR THE COOPERATION AND AID IT HAS RECEIVED DURING ITS NEARLY TWO YEARS OF OPERATION.

THE PARADE, SUGGESTED BY C/M GOVERNMENT TO DRAW MORE PEOPLE TO THE OPEN HOUSE, WAS ORGANIZED BY C/M SENATOR LOUIS ASHLEY. AS IT WOUND THROUGH THE STREETS OF THE CENTER, C/M AND VISITORS CAME OUT TO WATCH--AN AUDIENCE OF AS MANY AS 3,000 PEOPLE IN ALL.

LEADING THE PARADE WAS THE CIVIL AIR PATROL COLOR GUARD AND DRILL TEAM. AN OUTFIT WHICH WON FIRST PLACE AWARDS IN 10 OF THE 12 PARADES IT ENTERED LAST SUMMER. ASHLEY, FOLLOWED, FLANKED BY TWO OF THE MANY GIRLS WHO LENT THEIR CHARMS TO THE PARADE, MISS MARLENE MACIE, OF IRVINGTON HIGH, FREMONT, AND MISS ERNESTINE NETTLES, OAKLAND TECHNICAL HIGH.

THE LARGEST PARADE UNIT BY FAR WAS OAKLAND'S CASTLEMONT HIGH SCHOOL R.O.T.C. HONOR GUARD, BAND, DRILL TEAM AND MARCHING UNIT.

THE MOST ELABORATE C/M FLOATS WERE PREPARED BY THE C/M OF BLDG MAINTENANCE AND LANDSCAPING AND THE FARM CLUB. THE MAINTENANCE FLOAT. DEPICTED A HOUSE AND YARD, WITH THE VARIOUS TOOLS USED IN THEIR MAINTENANCE. THE FARM'S ENTRY WAS LED BY PANCHITO, THE FAMED LLAMA, AND FOUR HORSEMEN, FOLLOWED BY A FLOAT CONTAINING MANY OF THE FARM ANIMALS, INCLUDING SHEEP, GOATS, RABBITS, CHICKENS AND PIGEONS.

RIDING IN BRAND-NEW CARS LOANED BY LIVERMORE AND HAYWARD AUTOMOBILE DEALERS WERE C/M GOVERNMENT REPRESENTATIVES FROM THE VARIOUS VOCATIONAL AREAS, THE MEXICAN-AMERICAN ORGANIZATION, THE RAHA'S CLUB, THE DISCIPLES (A C/M SINGING GROUP) AND A PLEASANTON CUB SCOUT UNIT.