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CITY OF VALLEJO RECYCLING CONTEST FINAL WINNER AWARDED

VALLEJO – On November 26, 2003, the City's Recycling Coordinator, Derek Crutchfield, along with Vallejo Garbage Service Recycling Manager Sara Gallegos, congratulated Jane Brown of 149 Ruby Lane as the fourth and final winner of the City's Recycling Incentive Program. As a result Brown was awarded the last remaining free garbage package for recycling properly and having no recyclables in her trash.

"I'm an avid recycler and knew that I would win if I was selected," Brown said.

Upon learning of her selection as a winner, Brown chided her husband, who had chided her for her recycling work.

"Her fanatical recycling efforts had paid off," Crutchfield said. "She told her family to recycle carefully, and she was very excited when she learned that she had won."

Selecting a fourth winner wasn't as easy as the previous three winners, Crutchfield said. Two other residents were selected but because they had failed to follow the recycling guidelines, they were disqualified.

"I was pleased that Ms. Brown had done such a good job," Crutchfield said. "There was a great level of participation, so the City may run the contest again in the future."

Assistant City Manager Mary Hill said the City of Vallejo is close to meeting the 50 percent diversion rate goal mandated by the state.

"The City is very close to reaching that goal," Hill said. "And it appears that the Recycling Rewards Program was a great incentive to get residents and businesses to recycle more effectively and assist the City with trying to achieve our goal."

The Recycling Reward Incentive Program began Friday, Nov. 15, 2002, and was scheduled to end on November 15, 2003. There were over 700 applications submitted during the yearlong contest.