THE SUNDIAL

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# President's Letter

Special thanks are extended to new ITHA Board members *Philip Auerbach* and *Dan Hirsch* for attending the January and February meetings. Their ideas and support were welcomed by *Al Laos*, *Phyllis Gomez*, *Barney Johnson*, *Paul Conroy*, *Jose Mendoza* and this writer. Our other new, equally energetic Board member, *Donny De Leon*, is active with the graffiti patrol.

The February meeting was attended also by the following neighbors interested in progress on Entrada Court: *Donald and Josephine Keuper*, *Bob Rawson*, *Elfriede Vennemeyer*, and *Richard Webb*. Their input was very much appreciated.

All Board meetings are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at Glendale Federal Bank, 2499 Ocean Avenue. These short meetings are open to the public and ITHA neighbors are encouraged to attend and express their ideas and suggestions.

Some of you may remember that in June, 1996, SF Beautiful and the Department of Public Works called a meeting to get community input on the Beautification Project for the Southwest Gateway to the City. The SW Gateway is the portion of Junipero Serra Boulevard between Brotherhood Way and 19th Avenue. The Department of Public Works has just been notified that $100,000 of Caltrans funds have been granted for the project. In addition, SF Beautiful will contribute $5,000 and DPW will contribute another $12,000 for this beautification.

As per *Jane Winslow*, Consultant to SF Beautiful, the hope is that we will be able to "stretch the money" with volunteer community labor for some of the work. Please contact me at 586-2808 if you would like to become involved.

We have lost the secretarial skills of *Judy Schenkkan*. If you or someone you know would like to serve in this capacity, please give me a call and attend the next meeting on Thursday, March 19, 1998.

The energetic presence and good humor of outgoing Board member *Kerry Daly* will be missed greatly as she enjoys her sabbatical and other commitments. We thank *Kerry* for her many contributions to the Board and the Terraces.

*Lonnie Lawson*
President

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## WOMEN'S STUDY

Do you want to be part of a nationwide women's health study that examines the effects of *estrogen replacement therapy* in women *ages 60-79*? I am encouraging every woman in that age group to call 1-800-549-6636 for information. This study will benefit all women, including our daughters and granddaughters.

*Phyllis Gomez*

## BEWARE!

WATER WORKers

Two white males in their early 5Os posing as Water Dept. workers recently were given entry to an elderly neighbor's house and stole a valuable ring.

One showed a Water Dept. ID, the other carried a small radio, and they said they were sent to inspect the water pipes. One man asked the lady to turn on her water and held her hands on the faucets, the other used his radio to mask sounds of rifling through her house.

*Please be on alert if these impostors should appear.*


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Call Terraces resident, *Wendy Portnuff*, at 334-0621 for information or to arrange for a demonstration of the superb picture clarity!


ENTRADA COURT

## SUNDIAL PARK

Recently, two ideas were put forth regarding the addition of a playground at or near the Sundial, one with a partial street closure. Strong opposition from Entrada Court neighbors focused on new traffic and additional maintenance. Other concerns were child safety and historical degradation of the Sundial. The Board decided to redirect this resurgence of interest in the Sundial Park toward: tree planting landscaping, painting masonry structures, maintenance and repairs, and parties and events. Ingleside Terraces residents are encouraged to contact me at 333- 5857 to volunteer for any or all of the these projects regarding the Sundial Park.

*Dan Hirsch*, Sundial Park

## REAL ESTATE

It was a busy year in San Francisco real estate. Thirty-three homes sold in Ingleside Terraces in 1997, compared to just 19 the year before. The median (middle) sales price in our neighborhood was $402,500, up 15% from 1996. Two-bedroom homes registered the biggest percentage price gain last year. The median sale in this category was $355,000, up a phenomenal 34% over the previous year.

Another good sign was the strong demand for the bellwether three bedroom houses. After holding steady from 1993 to 1996 in the $335,000 to $340,000 range, the median price here rose a healthy 18% to $395,000 in 1997. These rising house prices have been making headlines throughout the Bay Area for the past year. From our viewpoint, the best news of all is that our own neighborhood is considered very desirable and is attracting strong interest from prospective buyers.

Please call *Miko or Bob Mosher* at 664-9400 with any questions.

## Here's That List!

Whom to contact for help.

| | |
|---|---|
| Fire | 558-3200 |
| Police | 553-0123 |
| 9-1-1 Emergency | 911 |

### SERVICES

| | |
|---|---|
| Building Inspection | 558-6088 |
| Electrical Inspection | 558-6030 |
| Garbage Complaints | 558-5461 |
| Graffiti Removal | 241-9274 |
| Plumbing Inspection | 558-6054 |
| SF Beautiful Hotline | 421-2608 |
| Water Emergency, Home | 923-2400 |

### NEIGHBORS

| | |
|---|---|
| Animal Control | 554-6364 |
| Noise, Construction related | 437-7018 |
| Noise, Non-constr. related | 554-2770 |
| Noise, Nuisance (Police) | 563-1012 |

### STREETS

| | |
|---|---|
| Abandoned Cars | 781-5865 |
| Broom & Brush | 695-2017 |
| Illegal Parking | 553-0123 |
| Hazardous Waste Hotline | 554-4333 |
| Parking Permits (residential) | 554-4466 |
| Potholes | 695-2100 |
| Sidewalk Repair | 554-8797 |
| Spills In Street | 861-8020 |
| Street/Sidewalk Inspection | 554-5837 |
| Street Cleaning (garbage) | 695-2017 |
| Street Lights (out of order) | 554-0730 |
| Signs (missing or damaged) | 554-9780 |
| Traffic Signals (out of order) | 821-5591 |
| Water Emergency, Street | 923-2500 |

# ANNUAL SPRING FLING

SATURDAY, May 9
9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

## INGLESIDE TERRACES GARAGE SALE

All neighbors in Ingleside Terraces are invited to open their garage doors for the sale!

Bring family and friends to hunt for
**BARGAINS and TREASURES!**

Publicity, courtesy of ITHA, will be placed in classified sections of the following newspapers:
*SF Examiner - West Portal Monthly - SF Independent - Richmond Review*
*Sunset Beacon - Noe Valley Voice - Penny Saver*

**Take advantage of this great money-making opportunity!**

Send to ITHA "Spring Fling," 350 Urbano Drive, SF, CA 94127

**Last Name**: _____ Phone: _____
(For Social Chair only . . . will not be printed on map.)

**Address** for map: _____

Wendy Dwyer
ITHA "Spring Fling"
350 Urbano Drive
SF, CA 94127

❑ Yes, I will be participating. I will offer the following items:
**Three categories**: 1) _____ 2) _____ 3) _____
(Books, clothing, sports equipment, toys, furniture, kitchenware, collectibles, etc.)

❑ Yes, I will help make publicity flyers and hang posters and banners on Thursday, May 7.

**If questions, please call Social Chair, Wendy Dwyer, at 239-5455**

## MONCADA WAY CYPRESS

Thanks to the alertness of *Elizabeth Goldstein,* a magnificant Monterey Cypress in the Moncada Way mini park is being monitored by the City Bureau of Streets and Environmental Services and by the ITHA. Recent street work required removal of major roots that may jeopardize the life of the tree. The roots had grown over time and created "root bumps" for vehicular traffic. Personal concern and involvement like this keeps our neighborhood a wonderful place to live!

## CANDLESTICK 3COM DRILL

Saturday, February 21 saw *Phyllis and Hank Gomez* shivering in the wind, rain, and cold out at 3Com Park. This field exercise simulated a major emergency. Over 100 NERTs were "moulaged" to look like various cases of severely injured sports fans. *Phyllis and Hank* were saved from this devastation and are eager to share their experience with those of you suitably moved to want to take the NERT class. (See the NERT news on Page 6.)

# San Francisco Public Library
# INGLESIDE BRANCH

This spring, the Ingleside Branch of the San Francisco Public Library looks forward to continuing its wide variety of services. Our programs include a hip-hop dance workshop for children, a one-woman dramatic presentation on the experiences of Filipina women, an internet program for adults, classical music and Chinese folk tales for children, an Asian Art Museum lecture, and a clown performance.

Ingleside will continue its regular children's programming which includes storytelling, crafts, and a chess and checkers club. New books, new magazines, and free internet access will be available as always. Our staff looks forward to meeting you and appreciates your support.

*Robert Carlson,* Branch Manager

## MARCH

Saturday, **March 7**, 3:30 p.m.
Join *Terry Petty* for a Hip-Hop Dance Workshop
Children of all ages

Wednesday, **March 25**, 7:00 p.m.
*Wilma B. Consul* presents a solo performance
The Filipina-American experience.

## APRIL

Saturday, **April 11**, 2:30 p.m.
Internet Basics with *Robert Carlson*

Tuesday, **April 14**, 10:00 a.m.
Classical Music for Preschoolers

Saturday, **April 18**, 2:30 p.m.
Celebrate Multicultural Month with *Charlie Chin* and Chinese Tales
Children of all ages

Thursday, **April 23**, 3:30 p.m.
The Ingleside Branch Hosts our Annual National Week Party
All neighbors welcome!

## MAY

Saturday, **May 2**, 2:30 p.m.
The Art of the Brush
Chinese and Japanese Painting
Presented by the Asian Art Museum

Tuesday, **May 12**, 10:00 a.m.
*Boswick the Clown* entertains!

# Leonard Library
# SFSU

Dear Editor,

We hope that many of your readers already know that San Francisco State University's Library has a well established Friends organization designed to support the library. In this age of very tight budget support from the state, we work to raise funds to help it carry out its teaching and research mission. To do this we would like to appeal to our neighbors, your readers.

There are three ways your readers can do this:

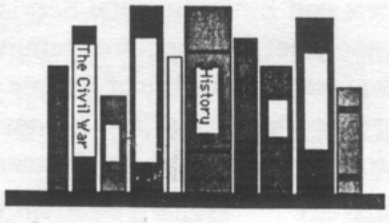
1. Become a member of the Friends and enjoy many benefits including a library card allowing you access to the library's vast collections. Basic yearly membership is $35, $20 for seniors. For more details call 338- 2408.

2. Shop in the Friends' Booksale Room on the main floor of the Leonard Library, open 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. These used books and records are bargain priced; most are $1 or $2. Better still, become a volunteer helping to run the book sale.

3. Donate your used books and records. Bring them in or call 338-2408 for pickup.

And thanks so much for your help in getting the word out.

*Raoul Bertrand,* President
Friends of Leonard Library



# YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD COMMITTEES

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### Those TERRIBLE TAGS

What is green, blue, brown, white, red, and silver? Why, it's the paint in those cans that *Irene Carter* needs help storing. The paint is for covering up all that graffiti and tagging that you see all around the Terraces.

Please call *Irene* at 334-0907 to offer a little space and a helping hand with graffiti removal.

## CIRCLES and SAFETY

Due to the drastic discrepancy in appearance and price between the two traffic circle designs presented to date, the Department of Parking and Traffic has retained the services of an architect to develop a satisfactory alternative. We realize that you are all interested in maintaining the character of our community and in preserving the value of our beautiful homes. It is out of that concern that this process has taken a little bit longer than anticipated. We will keep you posted. Please also keep in mind that your feedback is invaluable.

We are inviting *Captain Yalon* of the Taraval Police Station to our next Board of Directors meeting on March 19. As most of you may know, we are in the Taraval Police District. At the last monthly community forum held at the Taraval Station, I was shocked to learn that the Taraval Station services one quarter of the city. Amazingly, the Taraval District holds the distinction of having the lowest crime rate in the ten San Francisco police districts. However, in light of the decaying commercial appearance and continuing crime concerns on Ocean Avenue, I find these statistics perplexing. Hopefully, *Captain Yalon* can offer some suggestions which will help us turn this discomforting trend around. Please call me at 584-3550 for confirmation that *Captain Yalon* will attend.

*Jose Mendoza,* Traffic & Safety

## MEETINGS

**MARCH 19**
Regular Meeting

**APRIL 16**
Regular Meeting

**MAY 9**
**Garage Sale !**

**MAY 21**
Regular Meeting

**JUNE 18**
Regular Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 17**
Regular Meeting

**NOTE:** All Terraces residents are invited to the regular meetings held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:00 p.m. at *GLENDALE FEDERAL BANK* (at Ocean Avenue & Junipero Serra Boulevard) where *Al Laos* is our gracious host.

## Local HAM Operators

WD6FAG - Harmon Hallett
W6MDZ - Jim Barry
KF6MOU - Patrick Gargan
KE6UII - Barney Johnson
KE6UPG - Patricia Hallett
WB6WAS - Harold Hoogasian
KE6WER - Noel Commins

# NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM NERT

We have seen lots of nearby flood-related disasters recently, but do you have a family disaster plan? It is difficult to imagine your dear ones being subjected to such circumstances. Would you feel better if you had a plan and some training in dealing with disasters like floods and earthquakes?

Wednesday, April 15, 1998 at 6:30 p.m. is the start of the Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) class at nearby *Sunnyside Elementary School, 250 Foerster at Hearst.* Through six classes you will learn earthquake awareness, fire suppression, disaster medicine, search and rescue, team responses, and hands-on training with skilled instructors from the fire department.

You will become part of a wonderful NERT group that is still practicing these skills.

The training costs $25 per person for the six classes and is well worth the time and effort. Call 558-3456 to reserve your spot in this worthwhile training class.

*Phyllis Gomez*
NERT Coordinator

# HELPING HAMs

Amateur HAM radio operators have provided emergency communication during times of disaster ever since radio began and continue to do so even today. Most government agencies (police, fire, and medical) have efficient systems for communications which often become overloaded or suffer physical damage during disasters, causing them to be unusable. This is where HAM radio can come to the rescue. Many HAMs are able to operate completely independently of commercial power and put up their own antennas as needed.

Last May, a tornado struck Jarrell, Texas, and wiped out the county's primary and backup system of communication, as well as telephones and cellular phones. The first HAMs on the scene were shocked to see state and local law enforcement, fire, and medical rescue personnel talking to each other in person because their communication systems were inoperable; even their shoulder and vehicle radios were useless. HAMs provided the necessary communications by riding with mobile units and setting up command centers. They also helped the overloaded Red Cross cover the three areas hit by the tornado.

HAMs have been helping in our part of California during the recent floods and in the northeastern ice storms. In San Francisco, HAMs are working with the Fire Department and with the Police Department. Ingleside Terrace HAMs work with the Fire Department's NERT group and some are helping the Taraval Station with a pilot *observe-and-report* project. Anyone interested in becoming a HAM can contact me at 334-2102.

*Harmon J. Hallett*
HAM Coordinator

# BEST of the NEIGHBORHOOD

The following is a compilation of your neighbors' votes for the "Best Of" new and trusted business establishments in our area. **(Check out these folks!)**

| | |
|---|---|
| **BEST** Bakery (a tie!) | ZANZE's Cheesecake and AMBROSIA, Ocean |
| Bank | GLENDALE FEDERAL (See Al Laos), Ocean |
| Coffee House | JAVA ON OCEAN, Ocean at Faxon |
| Haircut | INGLESIDE BARBER SHOP, 393 Ashton |
| Library | INGLESIDE BRANCH, 387 Ashton |
| Locksmith | PITTS LOCK AND KEY SERVICE, 1439 Ocean |
| Contractor | MANNON CONSTRUCTION, 300 Foerster |
| Photography | THE CAMERABUG SHOP, 2560 Ocean |
| Produce | THE FRUIT BARN, 1616 Ocean |

## RESTAURANT REVIEW - Bocca Rotis

A wonderful new restaurant has opened on West Portal. At **One West Portal Avenue (665-9900), Bocca Rotis** is a true delight. An attractive interior is enhanced by the fragrant kitchen aromas wafting throughout. The menu, a blend of Italian and French, is focused and has some very fine dishes. We dined at **Bocca Rotis** before the Neighborhood Symphony in September and were delighted with the fish and pasta entrees. However, we didn't have enough time for dessert; all the more reason to return. Friends recently had lunch there and raved about the superb spinach salad and chocolate mousse. This special place is a true West Portal gem, and ***they offer take-out also!***

An Ingleside Terrace neighbor is the proud owner of **Bocca Rotis.** *Jesse James* and wife *Carolyn* moved to the Terraces this past year. We welcome them to the neighborhood and are delighted to have such a fine dining establishment nearby. Now you know what to make for dinner tonight ... plans to dine at **Bocca Rotis**!

*Kerry Daly-Swarthout,* Roving Gourmet

**Editor**: I was dismayed at reading a neighbor's letter (*The Sundial - Autumn 1997*) concerning her experience at the Postal Annex shop. I go there on a weekly basis and can say the woman behind the counter has shown amazing patience with people, and is not " unfriendly, condescending and curt," but is taciturn. Taciturn is not unfriendly. Our neighbor should consider the experience as saving the expense of a vacation in New England!

Also, our neighbor should not mistake the Postal Annex for the Post Office. It is a private business, not a public service. Unfortunately, it is a type of business where the revenue is very slim, and the effect of our neighbor's letter may be way out of proportion to the lack of thought in her writing and your printing it.

*Jim Service,* Another neighbor

***Ed. Note:*** *We appreciate responses to our Best of Neighborhood feature.*

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## The "SPRING FLING" is coming ...
## INGLESIDE TERRACES GARAGE SALE

### WEST OF TWIN PEAKS CENTRAL COUNCIL

ITHA is one of the 17 members of the West of Twin Peaks Central Council. The Council has been working toward revitalizing Ocean Avenue by; attracting businesses which are community oriented, improving the infrastructure, and making the street more attractive.

We are happy to learn that the Muni-Metro tracks and pavement are scheduled for replacement in 1999. All overhead wires, with the exception of those for Muni, will be placed underground. We have met with City College to discuss their plans for the south reservoir on Phelan Avenue and are encouraging the College to design future expansion to enhance the area of the Muni turnaround on Ocean.

Together with other members, the Council was instrumental in successfully opposing Stonestown plans for a large 16-screen multiplex. We are grateful to the Mayor for his position, expressed during his State of the City speech, that a full Environmental Impact Report be required before proceeding with plans for the multiplex. The developer has since withdrawn the entire project permit application. Unfortunately, Petrini's is gone, but the Council continues its efforts to attract a new supermarket and bank to our area.

The Council meets at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Monday of every month at the Forest Hill Clubhouse, 381 Magellan Avenue. You are welcome to attend.

*Paul Conroy,* WTPCC Delegate