Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

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Jim's Corner

by Dan Delong

It was Harry Truman who once said the American farmer must be the smartest man in the world. He has a lot of time to think, being outside and spending a lot of time alone.

Someone should commission a study on the trash collector. A fellow can learn a lot about human nature and even more about his neighborhood, collecting trash. And that's what happened recently in the Ingleside Terraces.

Two directors of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association and two other worthy dressed up funny one Saturday morning borrowed a large truck and went out to clean up the neighborhood. The participants were Jim Henry, a Regional Vice-President at Profit By Air, a major airfreight forwarder (his company supplied the truck); Philip Pillsbury, an attorney; Pat Hines, a Vice-President at Wells Fargo Bank; and Dan DeLong, Editor and Publisher of the "Daily Commercial News."

The four met at Pillsbury's home on Cerritos under beautiful skies. A good day for hard outside work.

Residents of the Terraces had been sent flyers, telling of the Great Clean Up. "Put your clippings in a bag or bags (yes, bags were supplied) and they will be ..."

The first street the green and white truck ambled down was Cedro. No bags. "You think the flyer was delivered?" Jim Henry asked, looking puzzled. "I dunno," came the reply from the cab.

A left turn on Paloma answered that question. Fifteen bags were lined up outside the corner house. The owners were working feverishly to clean up a hedge that surrounds the property.

"Come back," the man pleaded, "there'll be more."

Starting to warm up after only a few minutes on the job, the truck headed back to the Pillsbury house for a coffee break. The four "collectors" looked at each other and laughed. "I think that one guy thought I was actually a garbage man," lamented Hines, looking at his watch.

With help from a young man on Cerritos, Rich Styles, the gang grew by one and made the rounds. Down on Urbano, one resident left out an old swing set and boxed the clippings. The group debated for five minutes before picking them up. "If we don't do it, everyone will look at the thing for months," offered Pillsbury, in the logic that becomes an attorney. The same argument prevailed on Holloway when a house outside the Terraces put out eight bags.

"That's it," scolded Hines, who threatened to head for home, before taking the full truck to the dump in South City.

There was a problem. Besides the fact that the clear skies

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ITHA Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting promises to be a significant one, since the past year has seen an unprecedented amount of activity in Ingleside Terraces. Many problems and projects have been tackled by the board of directors and have been completed with success. In addition, there are a number of issues being handled at this moment which affect all residents of the neighborhood. There are also a number of ideas for the future which are ready to be unveiled. This is a perfect opportunity for all of you to acquaint yourselves with the work of the board, to voice any opinions or concerns you have in connection with being residents of Ingleside Terraces, and last but not least, to learn more of the history of this unique area of San Francisco.

The meeting will take place on Thursday, December 10, 1981 at St. Francis Episcopal Church at San Fernando Way. Refreshments will be served at 7:00 p.m. and at 7:30 p.m. the President of the board, Lothar Eiserloh, will call the meeting to order. You will hear about the important concerns which have occupied the time and attention of the board in the past year through short reports from the heads of committees. This year we will also have the opportunity of meeting the new lawyer for the neighborhood association, Philip Pillsbury will speak for a few minutes about some of the legal questions which have arisen over the past year, and what is being done about these problems. He will then be available for answering questions from you.

Just so you don't think that all we deal with are problems, we will present plans for more neighborhood events, plans for improving all the common green areas, and plans for repeating the enormously successful Garden Cleanup Day.

To complete the business portion of the Annual Meeting, elections will take place for new board members to replace those whose terms have ended. Your nominations are welcomed. Please call in nominations to any board member, but make sure you have the permission of the person you are nominating.

Following the election of new board members we will be able to enjoy a very special program prepared by Marsha Fontes and Edgar Weber. Mr. Weber is a noted amateur historian and resident of Ingleside Terraces. They will present a history of the Ingleside Racetrack, a subject of special interest to all of us.

The Annual Meeting has always been a favorite way for many to start the holiday season. Please join us this year.

If you need a ride to the meeting please call Lothar Eiserloh at 585-6903 or Gail DeLong at 621-7012, ext. 68.

The gift of life

Channel 5 General Manager Bob George recently used the story of the late Jeannette Negro, a young Terrace resident who was killed in an automobile accident, to illustrate the station's support for legislation being introduced by State Senator Ollie Speraw, R-San Diego, to establish a 24 hour hot line for donor transplants.

Jeannette had signed her donor card on the back of her driver's license when she was eighteen. She was killed a year and a half later. As a result of her foresight, two people are able to see, several had hearing restored, and a number of spinal problems have been corrected. Mr. George concluded the editorial by asking for individual support for Senator Speraw's bill and an invitation to the viewers to sign donor cards and give "the gift of life" as Jeannette did.

Here we go a-caroling

The Holiday season in the Terraces has been brightened the past few years with carolers singing to their neighbors. If you would like to participate in one of these groups, you may call Hank or Phyllis Gomez, 333-5615 (this group carols in the Urbano/Victoria area), or Vahan Toolajian, 585-9812, whose group sings in the Moncada/Cedro/Paloma neighborhood. Instruments wuch as guitars, recorders, etc. are welcome. Grab your jingle bells and join the fun!

The Board in action

The ITHA Board of Directors, after hearing a report on Supervisor Wendy Nelder's efforts to secure a fingerprint computer to aid the Police Department in crime detection, voted to support her resolution.

The computer will increase the SFPD's ability to identify criminals with greater speed. Supervisor Nelder stated that often, while the police are searching for the perpertrator, he has committed several other crimes. The computer will also be hooked up to state and national law enforcement agencies.

A letter was sent to the Board of Supervisors and responses pledging support have been received from Supervisors Dolson and Britt.

A letter was sent to the Voice of Pentecost Christian School voicing the complaints of residents on Urbano Drive, Victoria, and DeSoto Streets. The school had been using those streets as their Physical Education yard and children running across lawns, leaving jackets, turning on water faucets was annoying. Other complaints were the noise and activities which were irritating and a safety hazard to those cars traversing the area.

Since the letter was sent, residents in the area have noticed that the activities have been curtailed, although your Board has had no written response from the school.

Farewell to the Kramers

Joseph and Joyce Kramer will be saying farewell to the Terraces and San Francisco. Joe has been transferred to Denver, Colorado by his company, Tracey-Locke Advertising and Public Relations, Inc. Joyce has been active in our neighborhood schools, Commodore Sloat and Aptos, and Joe is a former president of the ITHA. We wish to express our thanks for the contributions they have made to the community and wish them the greatest possible success in this new venture. Our loss in Denvers gain!

Street cleaning signs

Many residents were irate when the Department of Public Works trucks converged on the Terraces, installing street cleaning signs. Most residents and the ITHA Board have consistently opposed the signs.

One former board member recalls that the Oberhaus children circulated petitions and took them to City Hall at the time when mechanical street sweeping was in the discussion process.

Most flagrant was the installation of FOUR signs on the Entrada sun dial park (where no one parks). None were installed on the residential side of the street.

Supervisor Quentin Kopp has introduced a resolution on roll call to adjust the street cleaning signs. This will be heard by the appropriate board sub-committee and passed to the full board for action.

If you would like to testify at the hearing, please call Bette Landis for time and date of the hearing.

Dog bites postman

Residents on Corona, Borica and Entrada wondered why there was no mail delivery on Monday, November 2. Thomas Marchand of 30 Entrada Court had been expecting some important communications. so he called the sub-station at 5 pm to complain. He was told that the letter carrier delivering a postage due letter to a house on DeSoto Street had been bitten by a small dog who darted out of the house when the door was opened.

The bite was serious and the man had to be taken to the hospital for treatment. So, let this be a warning to our dog owners -- in addition to keeping your dogs off the streets, please exercise control of the animal when answering the doorbell. Let's keep our postmen and ladies healthy and happy and assure that all Terraces residents receive mail deliveries each day!

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turned gray and then began to pour rain, no one bothered to bring any money. How to pay? Karen Clay, the board of directors' treasurer was found at home. Two checks were obtained. Rain or no, there would be a second trip. And Hines would finish the day.

The first dump wouldn't take a check. Finally, Pillsbury used one of those automated teller machines to get cash. The truck was dumped.

Fresh with money, Pillsbury asked his wife to stop off for some burgers and meet the crew back down on Urbano. A quick snack and back to work. The rain had vanished and the skies were blue again.

By 4:00 pm the second truckload was headed to the dump and everyone was happy. The neighborhood as a whole was clean for the first time in memory. Well, nearly clean. The four trash collectors picked up from about 110 homes and noticed that at least 25 needed more than a pick up.

The worst lawns were on Lunado Way, two of them. And there were two others on Cerritos. "Maybe we should come back and plant their yards," DeLong said, halfway serious.

He was ignored. It was Saturday night and time to take a bath and go to town. Just like the farmers.

Re-design a playground

Parents, children and neighbors are invited to a meeting at Junipero Serra Playground, 300 Stonecrest Avenue, on Monday, November 23 at 7:30 p.m. to review the preliminary designs for the renovation of the Playground. This project is funded through the Open Space Program and the firm of Partec, Inc. has been awarded the contract for design.

Concert Choir performs

The San Francisco State University Concert Choir, under the direction of Byron McGilvray, will present a concert in Knuth Hall in the Creative Arts Building on Tuesday, December 8, at 8 pm.

In memoriam

Many Terrace residents were shocked and saddened at the sudden death of Charlotte Green, 874 Urbano Drive, as a result of an inoperable brain tumor. She and her husband, Walter, a bassoonist in the San Francisco Symphony, have lifed in the Terraces since 1958 with their children, Nancy, David and Peter.

Charlotte will always be remembered as a caring, vibrant woman who participated fully in the life of the community. She was an enthusiastic Christmas caroler and a founder of the OMI-CA, which was formed to stabilize this area from the block-busting efforts of a group of realtors in the early '60s.

Most recently, she had been employed as a social worker at the Nursery Intensive Care Unit at the UC Medical Center. It was out of this experience that she established the Parent Support Network so that parents who had lost their babies could have a forum for mutual sharing and support in the grieving process.

The family prefers memorial contributions to the Parent Support Network, Department of Social Work, UC Board of Regents, University of California, 501 Parnassus Avenue, San Francisco, 94117.

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