

THE SUNDIAL

Newsletter of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association

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President's Letter

The best reward for a volunteer comes in the form of a simple "thank you." Words of appreciation were offered on several occasions within recent weeks. A Terraces resident wanted help having a multi-ticketed vehicle removed from the street in front of his house. He learned that this was not an easy task. With a little coaxing to get his neighbors involved, and being friendly with a meter person, success was achieved. Another incident involved a pedestrian easement in the Terraces. This area sported graffiti, litter, and smells from being used as a public toilet. Adjacent property owners needed help. ITHA provided the name and telephone number of a "live contact" at the Department of Public Works where the property owner could seek assistance. This matter would then go through the normal City review process.

We regret to announce that residents on Entrada Court and Urbano Drive were burglarized in early July. These episodes again remind us of how critical it is to be alert to the presence and activities of strangers in the neighborhood and also how helpful it can be to communicate with neighbors about each other's significant absences.

Valuable information was learned as a result of the Urbano incident. The police at Taraval station will respond to phone calls from residents by alerting a patrol car in the vicinity to investigate suspicious activities or individuals. Don't wait for something to happen. Just call and let the police check it out. **The appropriate number for the Taraval Police Station is 553-1612.**

Being alert and aware of your surroundings can benefit you and your neighborhood.

Other items of interest:

Thanks to **Dan Hirsch** for his efforts which resulted in a matching grant for the sundial's restoration. The project can now get underway.

Cathie Lee will be missed as an active ITHA board member. Even though Cathie and her family have moved out of the area, she continues to help with picnic plans.

Thanks to **Karen Anderson-Miller** who has accepted the responsibility of being secretary for the ITHA Board of Directors.

Thanks to **Alma L. Roberson** for her attendance and participation at a recent ITHA meeting.



Lonnie Lawson, President

Lonnie

THE SUNDIAL PICNIC IS COMING!

Red, White, and Blue Bar-B-Q

Sunday, September 8, 2002

1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Entrada Court Sundial

See Page 3 For Details



CONCERT

All Ingleside Terraces homeowners and residents are invited to the Twenty-third Annual All San Francisco Concert, performed by the world acclaimed San Francisco Symphony. Mark your calendars and reserve your seats now.

Friday, September 6, 2002
Davies Symphony Hall
8:00 P.M.
\$10 per person

For twenty-three years, Wells Fargo has generously funded this concert, enabling the residents of the City's diverse communities to assemble and enjoy the resonating sounds of the San Francisco Symphony.

The All San Francisco Concert is part of the Symphony's Opening Gala Week and features performances of Bach, Ravel, Rachmaninoff, and Liszt in the program entitled: *Music: A Way to Hear the World*. Maestro **Michael Tilson Thomas**, who will be beginning his eighth season as Music Director of the San Francisco Symphony, will be on the podium for this sensational concert.

This event is sure to be a sellout. We are purchasing a limited number of tickets now for resale to association members. Tickets will be sold on a first-come, first-served basis with an initial two-ticket per household limit.

To reserve, send your check, for \$10.00 per ticket, to **Bob Mosher** at 170 Paloma Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94127. Please send your check as soon as possible and make it payable to the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association.

We expect to receive tickets from the Symphony in time to distribute them in late August. If you need to find out the status of your reservation, call Bob at 333-5626.

ITEMS OF CONCERN

Burglaries

On June 29, numerous low-voltage lights were stolen from the exterior of a home on Moncada Way. Two nights later on July 1, burglars attempted to gain entry at the same residence but were unsuccessful. Instead, they stole two scooters and a bicycle from a side yard. The homeowners were home both nights.

The Taraval Station police responded and were most helpful. Neighbors need to be watchful and take note of anything out of the ordinary.

Dog Control

A recent letter to the editor repeated a frequent complaint and a request for a reminder about responsible and respectful dog ownership. Please keep your dogs leashed while out for a walk. They should never be allowed to run loose. It's the law!

It is hard to believe that anyone needs reminding about cleaning up after their dog, but the complaints continue. Please be considerate of your neighbors and the neighborhood; carry a plastic baggie and clean up the poop!

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Presents ...

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1:00 to 3:00 p.m.

Entrada Court Sundial



Here is a chance to meet your neighbors in a relaxed and festive atmosphere!

EVERYONE IS WELCOME!

1:00 p.m. Start of the official Chariot Race around Entrada Court. Bring your bicycles, tri-cycles, big wheels, strollers, and wagons decorated for the celebration.

2:00 p.m. ITHA will provide Bar-B-Q hamburgers, hot dogs, trimmings, and drinks.

For the **pot luck portion**, please bring dishes to share based on the initial of your last name ...

A-G Salads

H-N Vegetables

O-T Desserts

U-Z Appetizers

In keeping with the American theme, we're hoping to see such specialties as ...

- Apple cobbler
- Greens
- Chocolate chip cookies
- Your own specialty
- Rhubarb pie
- Potato salad

RSVP! Your early response is very important. Please call **Jurate Raulinaitis** at 585-0294 or **Cathie Lee** at 379-6070, or e-mail Jurate at jurater@yahoo.com. You can also return this form **ASAP** to Jurate at 125 De Soto Street. **Please Note:** All children must be accompanied by an adult!



- ☐ **Yes!** I am interested in attending the **Red, White, and Blue Bar-B-Q** on Sunday, September 8. I will be sharing the following **potluck item**: _____. We will have _____ **persons attending**.
- ☐ **Yes!** I can **help with children's activities** by blowing up balloons and helping with face painting, puppet show, bean bag toss, and children's art table.
- ☐ **Yes!** I will help with ☐ **setup** from 11:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and/or ☐ **cleanup** from 3:00 to 4:00 p.m.
- ☐ **Yes!** I will bring ☐ collapsible **tables** seating _____ people and ☐ an **ice chest** to help cool drinks and food.
- ☐ **Yes!** I will bring my ☐ **blue recycling can** or ☐ **green yard trash and compost can** to help with cleanup.
- ☐ **Yes!** My children will be participating in the **parade**. **Names and ages of children:**

_____, _____, _____. Please note: they all get ribbons!

Your Name: _____ **Phone Number:** _____

LONNIE LAWSON

Can you name the great presidents: Washington, Jefferson, Lincoln? Did you forget **Lonnie Lawson**, president of the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association (ITHA)? In this writer's opinion Lonnie ranks right up there on the scale for integrity and leadership. Consider the following evidence.

When Lonnie was elected president of ITHA five years ago he asked, "what are the terms of the office when you accept the post?" Board members replied, "When you accept, you take the position for life." Maybe they were kidding, but ITHA has lucked out. Lonnie took the terms literally.

Lonnie and his lovely wife, **Jurline**, moved into 135 Corona in 1974 with nine children. The neat, tidy home, painted in Malibu tan, is full of warmth, comfort, technology, and at the moment of the interview three grandchildren were quietly playing.

The move into the Terraces came with plenty of professional and volunteer experience. The Lawsons had moved from Head Street, near Randolph, where Lonnie had become a leader in the OMI (Ocean, Merced, Ingleside) organization. He had served as OMI president for three years and led the clean up crews in Brooks Park at the hillside top. That was early training for organizing work crews at the sundial or embellishing the nine street entry gates.

Lonnie's employment was as a city and county construction inspector, supervising MUNI installations, substations and overhead lines. He started out as a clerk typist and, because of his drive, intellect, perseverance, and a number of college courses in civil, mechanical, and electrical engineering, moved up the ladder. He went through several levels in the draftsman classification, then to junior civil engineer, and eventually was

promoted to construction inspector. He retired in 1992 at the age of 56 at the same time Jurline retired as a senior eligibility worker supervisor.

Lonnie started his education in a segregated school in Mobile, Alabama. A high school teacher was establishing a commercial department with shorthand, typing and bookkeeping and soon let Lonnie take over the class. Lonnie expresses this experience as invaluable in working together in cooperative ways. And Lonnie knows how to get the best from volunteers without getting on their backs.

When you watch Lonnie chair the ITHA meetings you realize he learned well in his public speaking class. His teacher advised, "Get up, say what you have to say, and sit down." Lonnie believes in brevity. He starts each meeting on time and ends on time, exactly as promised.

One philosophy he developed himself: "I won't ask anybody to do anything I won't do myself." He won't push. He inspires.

When he came to San Francisco in 1963 he became active in a variety of volunteer community action groups. He was on the city's Open Space Advisory Commission for 20 years dealing with all kinds of feedback. He now serves on the Citizens

Advisory Committee on Mission Bay, which oversees planning for that vast area around Pac Bell Park. On Wednesdays, he spends four hours at the airport as a Travelers' Aid. He regularly meets with the St. Francis Kiwanis International and has edited its newsletter. He also serves on the board of directors of the Housing Conservation and Development Corporation.

How he gets time to travel is a wonder. He and Jurline have been to Peru, including Machu Picchu, the Galapagos Islands, China, Malaysia, Tahiti, and Europe. He photographs flowers wherever they travel. And,



Lonnie Lawson

indeed, some lucky ITHA members receive copies on their home computers. Jurline's outstandingly beautiful orchids are among them. Lonnie says that Jurline does the gardening, and that he does much of the cooking.

Asked about accomplishments under his ITHA reign, he lists "quality of life" above all others. That means answering daily questions from neighbors about crime, safety, unkempt houses and yards, as well as a whole slew of other concerns. He has answers for all, except those about the weather. He's proud of the new traffic circles which slow down speedsters, the clean-up at the nine entry gates, and the \$8,000 grant just won from

the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification for improving the sundial and surrounding park.

Neighbors see husky Lonnie walking around Urbano. In February he underwent a hip replacement. Within the first week home from the hospital he led an ITHA board meeting. He was on crutches for a while, then a cane, but now Lonnie is back in form, full of energy, ideas, and projects to make our neighborhood an even better place to live.

Jerry Werthimer, Neighbor

SUNDIAL RESTORATION



We are excited to announce that the ITHA has been awarded a grant of \$8,000 for the restoration of the Entrada Court minipark. The grant was awarded by the Mayor's Office of Neighborhood Beautification, headed by former supervisor **Wendy Nelder**. Ms. Nelder has been personally supportive of the project and was responsible for recommending approval to the Mayor.

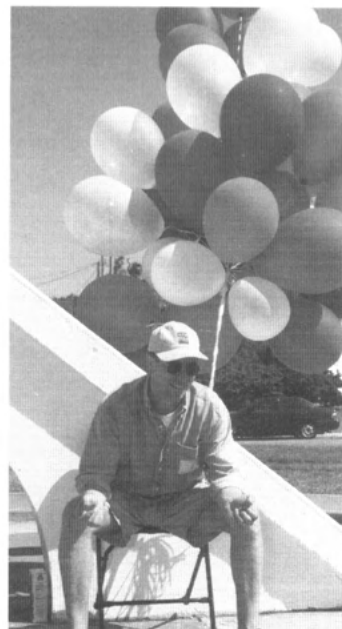
The total cost of the project, which is expected to be \$13,000 includes a \$5000 contribution from ITHA which was the match required by the Mayor's office.

The restoration will include the preparation and painting of the unique Ingleside Terraces sundial plus cosmetic

improvements and/or replacement of the benches and ornamental planters. Some minor landscaping and a commemorative plaque are also planned. **Bob Buckter**, a well-known local color consultant, has developed the color scheme and *Everest Painting and Waterproofing* is the contractor for the project. Everest just completed the restoration of the entrance gates for the Westwood Park neighborhood at Miramar and Monterey with terrific results.

Work on this long awaited sundial project is expected to begin in early August pending some final arrangements.

Great appreciation and thanks to the many members of the ITHA board of directors for initiating the grant proposal and then seeing it to completion. This is clearly a significant accomplishment and will be a most welcome improvement.



Dan Hirsch

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Vice President and Sundial Park Chair

NEIGHBORHOOD EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM



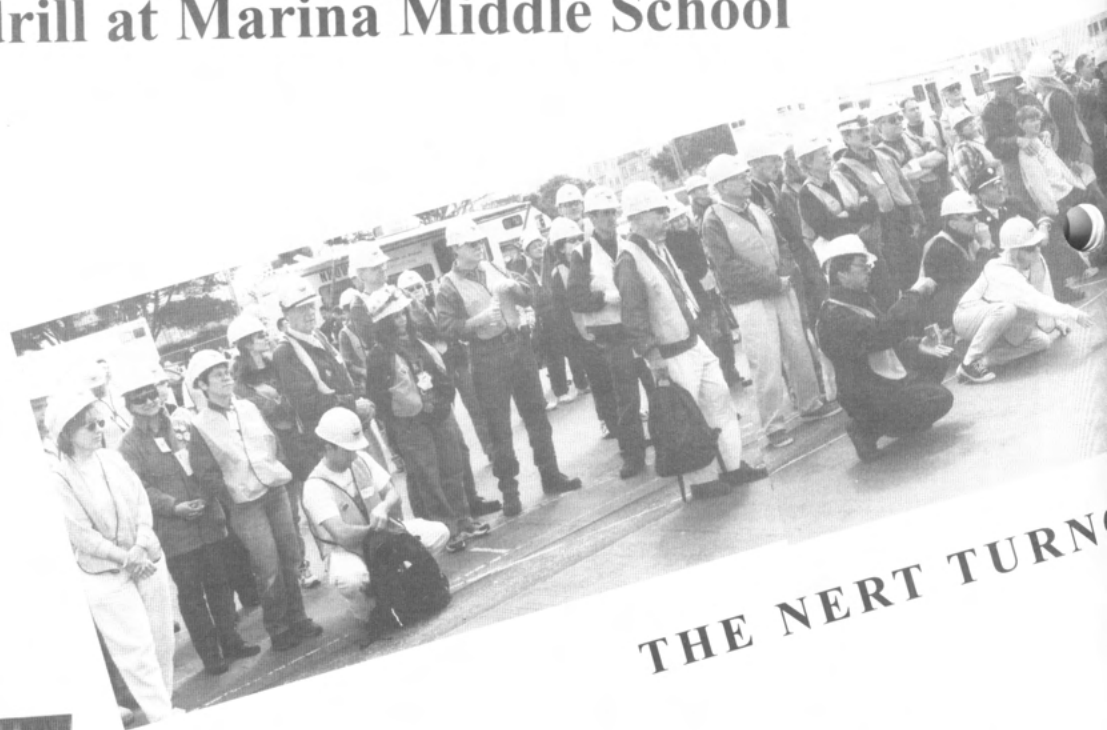
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The April drill at Marina Middle School

April 20, 2002



Dan Hirsch

Alice Wallace

NERT members participating in the drill included the following folks:

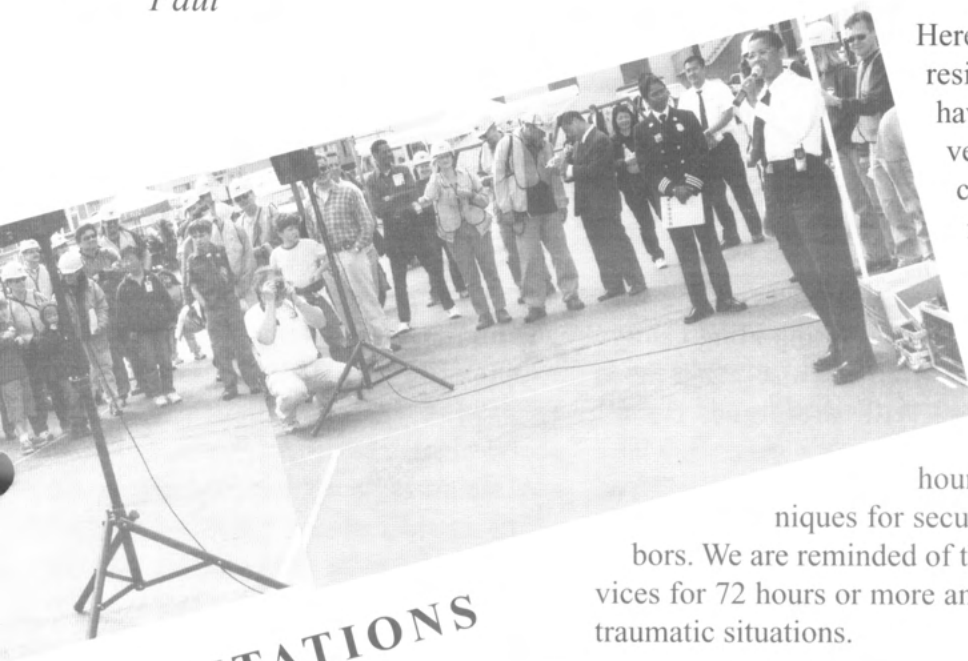
<i>Helen Allen</i>	<i>Bette & Bob Landis</i>
<i>Phyllis Gomez</i>	<i>Lonnie Lawson</i>
<i>Dan Hirsch</i>	<i>Cathie & Jasmine Lee</i>
<i>Patricia Holloway</i>	<i>Anton Lethin</i>
<i>Betty & Barney Johnson</i>	<i>Alice Wallace</i>



Paul

Paul Conroy, Ingleside Terraces neighbor and Fire Commissioner, spoke to the 350 neighborhood NERTs about the importance of the program.

This program by the San Francisco Fire Department and coordinated through the Mayors Office of Emergency Services is one of the most important and most vital for residents of neighborhoods like Ingleside Terraces. The NERT training offered by the Fire Department, with its excellent instructors, prepares us all for the inevitable "BIG ONE" and the disaster response that will be required.



Here in Ingleside Terraces, we now have 52 residents who have taken the training and have earned their yellow helmets and orange vests. Our turnout for the April drill included 12 local folks who went through intensive sessions in disaster triage*, building collapse rescue exercises, HAM radio communication procedures, and disaster scenario review.

The NERT training takes place in 18 hours spread over six classes. We learn techniques for securing our homes and assisting our neighbors. We are reminded of the seriousness of being without city services for 72 hours or more and are taught to take care of ourselves in traumatic situations.

Please sign up for the class starting on September 4 at Park Branch Library, or September 10 for Chinese language, and September 14 for Spanish language, by calling 415-558-3459. Additional classes will be scheduled at later dates.



Bette Landis



**Bob Landis Cathie Lee
Jasmine Lee**

* Sorting individual needs into immediate or delayed care. The object is to do the most good for the most people.

INGLESIDE TERRACES REAL ESTATE

This data is from Ingleside Terraces residents **Miko & Bob Mosher**. They are both realtors at Prudential California Realty's Franciscan Properties office on Portola Drive. They are available at 664-9400 or 333-5626 to answer your questions about real estate.

After the sharp drop in the second half of 2001, especially after September 11, a new surge in buyer demand pushed San Francisco home prices back up again this spring. In the West of Twin Peaks area, the 15% decline experienced last fall has been completely retraced, and the average sales price for the January to June period of 2002 was almost identical to last year's.

Despite the higher prices, activity was down in Ingleside Terraces. Only three

homes closed sale in the first half, compared to ten last year. Three others are currently pending sale, and one remains on the market unsold, versus seven unsold at this time last year.

Consequently, this spring was another tough period for prospective buyers, with homes selling at an average of 8% above the asking price. Now that the upward spiral has resumed, last fall's slowdown appears to have been a real buying opportunity.

ITHA GARAGE SALE

We would like to thank everyone who participated in the Spring Fling Garage Sale on May 18th and also thank those who helped with the signs. By all accounts the day was a success. Many Terraces residents noted that they made quite a bit of money and had less stuff to put back in the garage.

We would love some feedback. Any suggestions that could improve the success of the garage sale will be appreciated. Call **Jurate Raulinaitis** at 585-0294 or reach her by e-mail at jurater@yahoo.com with your current suggestions.

At this time we are working toward the Annual Bar-B-Q at the Sundial on September 8th. The association will provide the burgers, hot dogs, condiments and drinks. Just as last year, we are asking neighbors to bring dishes with an old-fashioned Bar-B-Q appeal. Please take time today to fill out and return the response form on Page 3 of this newsletter.

Cathie Lee & Jurate Raulinaitis
Social Committee

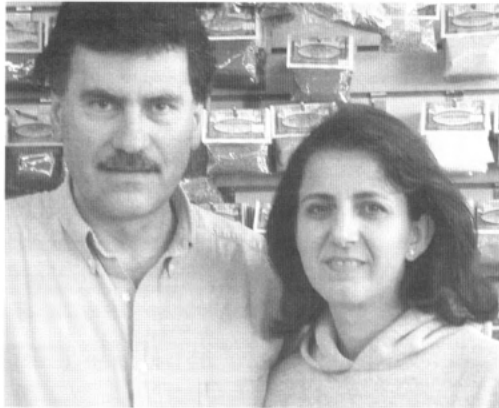
NEW NEIGHBORS

The neighborhood extends a hearty welcome to our new neighbors on Urbano, **Gladys and George Hernandez**. Their house is painted a glorious color and flowers and plants are blooming forth in front to further enhance this corner property. The interior has been painted too and new mini-blinds installed throughout. The newcomers are as nice as their house looks. Welcome!

Alice Wallace, Neighbor

HAM GET YOUR RADIO LICENSE

Call the Auxiliary Communication Service (ACS) at 703-6586 for information.



George & Anastasia Zotatis

This article features *George and Anastasia Zotatis*, owners and operators of the Fruit Barn on Ocean Avenue. George came to America from Greece with his family when he was quite young. He attended school here in the Bay Area, met and married Anastasia, and operated another food store at a

different location. They realized that although they had family here, they needed to return to Greece to learn of their heritage, customs, language, etc.



Anastasia

Their two children were born in Greece and when the eldest was about eight, they returned to the Bay Area and started the Fruit Barn in its present location. Fresh produce, dairy products, good breads, and spices are all available at this very convenient store.

I asked them what they liked about this area. They like their loyal customers, the different ethnic groups, ages and backgrounds. That is why they stock a little bit of everything to please everyone. What they do not like is the lack of variety in the nearby stores and the general lack of curb appeal. The last two years have been hard with all the Ocean Avenue road construction, noise, and dirt, but they hope to see more diverse shops coming in and a return of some basics such as a bank, flower shop and, of course, more foot traffic and many more customers!

Pam Ferrero
Neighbor



Pam

A Note About This Series

By *Pam Ferrero*

When we were relocating in San Francisco our wish list included a level area, good nearby public transportation, adequate parking, a public library and local businesses for the basics within walking distance. We feel we were very fortunate in finding a home here in Ingleside Terraces that met all our needs and more. We especially have been interested in getting to know the owners of the various businesses that are close by.

At a recent ITHA meeting, it was proposed that the newsletter feature some of the folks that own and operate these businesses. This issue will inaugurate a series on local businesses.

ITHA

September 6
S.F. SYMPHONY

September 8
SUNDIAL PICNIC

September 19
Regular Meeting

October 12
NERT Drill

October 17
Regular Meeting

November 14
Regular Meeting

NOTE: Regular meetings normally are held on the third Thursday of the month at 7:30 p.m. (except for July and August) and are open to all ITHA residents. The meetings are at **Lonnie Lawson's** home (586-2808) and last for about one hour. Please call to schedule agenda items.



GetOut

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The 28-foot vertical pointer, or gnomon, which functions only on sunny days, is synchronized to the summer solstice in June. Then it will be obscured by fog until the fall.

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"Built in 1913 as a come-on to the new Ingleside Terrace development, the sundial is hidden in a traffic island surrounded by California bungalows.

"Located to the east of Juniper Serra Boulevard and to the south of Ocean Avenue, the sundial cannot be seen from either thoroughfare, adding to its mystique. To find it, turn south off Ocean onto Victoria Street at the landmark tower of the old El Rey Theater, now a Pentecostal church.

"Victoria intersects with Urbano Drive, which goes around a one-mile oval like a racetrack, which is what it was 100 years ago for ponies, and later for autos. To feel the pull of the track, take one lap around, then turn off Urbano onto Entrada Court, which leads to the sundial at the center of a labyrinth.

FOR THESE SUNNY DAYS

Ed. Note: With increasing interest in the sundial, we are repeating here the *BayWrap* piece by **Sam Whiting** in the SF Chronicle, Sunday, April 14, 2002.

"The gnomon and face are concrete, 33 feet in diameter with Roman numerals the size of a child.

"Anyone who has struggled with the sundial concept can figure it out by checking a wristwatch for the time, then going and standing on the corresponding spot on the dial. The line where sun meets shade should be just a step or two away, becoming a baby step as the solstice gets closer.

"There is a decaying beauty to the timepiece, like an old grandfather clock. Even under low clouds when the sundial isn't working, the long arm works perfectly as a slide for kids. — *Sam Whiting*"

Ed. Note: Use of the sundial as a slide is strongly discouraged by the Ingleside Terraces Homes Association for obvious safety reasons.

PHONE LIST ...

EMERGENCY	9-1-1 Emergency	911
	Fire	558-3200
	Police Issues	553-0123
	Taraval Station	553-1612

CITY SERVICES

Building Inspection	558-6088
Garbage Complaints	558-5461
Graffiti Removal	241-9274
Water Emergency, Home	923-2400

NEIGHBOR CONCERNS

Animal Control	554-6364
Noise, Construction related	437-7018
Noise, Nuisance (Police)	563-1012

STREET CONCERNS

Abandoned Cars	781-5865
Broom & Brush	695-2017
Illegal Parking	553-0123
Parking Permits, residential	554-4466
Potholes	695-2100
Sidewalk Repair	554-5810
Street Lights, after 5:00 p.m.	864-5220
Street Lights, PG&E	695-3201
Signs, missing or damaged	554-9780
Traffic Signals, out of order	821-5591

HELP!

Who is interested in helping **Roger Sinasohn** continue development of a web site for ITHA? He has established an initial web domain at <http://www.inglesideterraces.org>. **Please check it out and offer your suggestions and time for site enhancement.**

We need an overall design and look for the site. In addition, we need to develop the content by typing and scanning. Finally, it needs to be put together as an effective web page where many of you

can read this newsletter (saving us printing and postage) and also leave messages for others or check links to city services.

Roger has said he could work on the third part where skills with HTML are required. Roger can be reached at roger@sinasohn.com or at 469-7924 for more information.

Please help us on this project.

BE ALERT

The recent break-ins of home and car should have us all on the alert. Summer is when folks often take trips out of town. The motivation and feeling are nothing but carefree. However, this is a time when we all need to be especially careful.

If you are leaving for a while, tell your nearest neighbors. Consider giving them

a spare key, phone number for an emergency, and asking them to manage the newspapers, mail, and trash bins. Consider adding dead bolt locks to your doors and plan to lock all windows, set the alarm system, and leave some lights and a radio on.

Ask your neighbors to call 553-1612 for the Taraval Station if a problem occurs.

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