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Family Day Olympics participants, 8 and under category. (Photo by Ed Smith)

FAMILY DAY AT
OCEANVIEW PARK

This was a day God made, we rejoiced and were glad in it. October 15, 1988 was a day created of teamships in unity with diverse and single purposes. It was the day of the first OMI-NIA "Family Day at the Park Picnic". On this day we celebrated as a community our long strived unity for we have created purpose for ourselves and our community. We are a community of multi-cultural as well as social-economic people loving who and what we are. All of which were reflected in our interactions with one another. Nature, I believe, understood and granted to us on the warmest, brightest days of the year.

Our OMI family is comprised of men, women, and children of all ages who were at the park—some playing bingo while others watched the show or participated in the games. Each of us received gratification through our own participatory efforts—giving more than we hoped to receive. CONGRATULATIONS - JOB WELL DONE, OMI NEIGHBORS IN ACTION. (continued, page 7)

A NEW AND IMPROVED
LOOK FOR OCEANVIEW
LIBRARY

The August OMI Neighborhood News described an uncertain future for the Oceanview Library on Broad St. Of primary concern was the proposal to move the library from Broad St. to Oceanview Park. That is no longer a threat because of the insistence of OMI residents voicing their protests with the Library Commissioners. Oceanview will remain on Broad St. Since August, OMI-NIA, SNIG, SF Public Library, and the building's owners have joined together to plan and effect some dramatic improvements at the library ranging from giving it a face-lift to changing the focus and quality of its service.

On Saturday, October 8th, the SF Public Library opened Oceanview and 15 high-spirited individuals from OMI-NIA, SNIG, Lobos Block Club, SF Public Library, and the building owners volunteered their day weeding out and removing books, scraping and patching walls, washing windows, clearing and (continued, page 2)

WHAT'S UP IN THE OMI -
CELEBRATING
OUR VICTORIES!

What is OMI Neighbors in Action. What has come out of all the meetings of neighbors over the last few months? What IS up anyway?

* There are more than 15 new block clubs in the OMI.

* A Mayoral Task Force has been established and meets monthly to link up needs of the OMI community with city resources for meeting those needs. Dialogue is going on among community groups and city official toward the overall improvement of services in the OMI.

* This is the 3rd neighborhood newspaper, produced by neighborhood residents and distributed to 6500 homes in the OMI by community resident volunteers quarterly.

* More than 1,000 people have attended at least one meeting of OMI-NIA. Each of our montly meetings have brought 50 - 100 residents together.

* OMI-NIA has been instrumental in bringing the Police Activities League (PAL) to Oceanview Park where PAL offers daily activities for young people, encouraging cooperation, fitness, and positive self-image. The presence of PAL officers has discouraged drug activities in the park, making it a place where families can enjoy this great facility.

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BLOCK CLUBS ARE
THE BACKBONE
OF OMI-NIA

* TO FIND OUT HOW YOU CAN FORM A BLOCK CLUB, CALL 558-7177.

* LOOK FOR A SPECIAL CHRISTMAS BLOCK CLUB CELEBRATION AND TRAINING IN DECEMBER.



LIBRARY IMPROVEMENTS

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cleaning, preparing to paint the library. On Saturday, October 15th, 2 professional volunteers painted the interior. The team work was great! As well as the good feelings generated among the volunteers, neighbors in the block were excited and pleased at the work being done. The result is a much better place. Exterior painting and other needed repairs are planned for early November.

The library's new focus is on children's reading development.

This means that the greater part of the resources will be directed to this goal. There will be an increase in the amount of shelf space allocated to children's materials. Also, a new physical arrangement will increase the amount of open space to accomodate their activities which will include book reading programs, tutoring, educational video programs, etc. Less space will be available in the adult section. To a reduced extent some fiction and non-fiction will be available. New Book Releases will continue. Special categories of materials will include

Career Guides, Civil Service Examination guides, Black Studies Biographies. The computerized Data Link System which is scheduled for installation by December will make all books in the San Francisco Public Library system available to Oceanview patrons with only a few days delay.

STAFFING CONCERNS. A Children's Librarian plays a vital role in establishing plans and programs to support the goals for the children's reading development. Currently the City needs to aquire a Children's Librarian to serve the 4 Reading Center's (including Oceanview), but funds have not been released by the Mayors' Office to do so. The SF Public Library Chief of Branches is seeking a replacement for Diane Kinski who left in September.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED to join Friends of Oceanview Library, a new support group of individuals who want to be part of developing the "face-lift" and "new focus". Call Oceanview Library at 586-4193.

APPRECIATION LIST. A special thanks to the Library's Clean-Up/Paint Volunteers. Allen Wilson, Hazel Guidry, and Rev. Lewis Allen, & Will Reno who provided lunch, from SNIG; Hope Hayes, Tim Williams from SF Public Library; Flossie Timmons, Missouri Mack, Edgar Green, & Ed Holmes from the Lobos St. Block Club, Morten Ravn, Kevin Wong, Geraldine Earp, & Naomi Williams from OMI-NIA; Duane Tyson & Jim Stevens, our painters, and Ted Stratigos, the landlord.

Naomi Williams and Jean Storey



Neighbors prepare the Library for painting. (Photo by Naomi Williams)

NEIGHBORS TAKE A WALK THROUGH OMI PARKS

On October 13th, a group of OMI residents participated in a walk-around 4 of our OMI parks with representatives from the SF Park Department. This walk-around came out of the OMI Mayoral Task Force in response to neighborhood complaints regarding general neglect in maintenance and improvements of our parks and the ongoing concern to reclaim our OMI parks. The parks that were included in the walk-around were Oceanview Park, Brooks Park, the mini park on Bright and Randolph, and the mini park at the end of the 300 block of Head St. Those OMI residents participating in the walk-around were Paul Henderson, Rev. Carole Nelson, Norma Jerry, Bette Landis, Jean Freestone, Geraldine Earp, Minnie and Lovie Ward, Bobby Swain, and Bonnie Swain. Ron De Leon, John Wurm, and Joe Bell were representing the Park Dept. and Captain Philpott of the Ingleside station also attended.

We began our walk by presenting our overall concern about sufficient maintenance staff for our OMI parks. We learned at the last OMI Mayoral Task Force meeting that we had lost our grounds supervisor for Oceanview Park and two regular groundskeepers. We are urging SF Parks Dept. to replace these positions, so that our parks do not deteriorate any more.

Some of the maintenance and improvement concerns which were discussed included: ongoing general maintenance, clean up of debris and glass, repairing of existing structures and equipment, making necessary improvements to eliminate hazards and improve the looks of the parks such as railroad tie retaining walls, replanting efforts, tree and shrub trimming, and painting of existing structures. Recommendations which came out of the walk-around will be submitted by the Task Force to the Park Dept. and the Mayor's Office. Jim Buick, the Mayors' office representative who has been working with the Task Force reported that he has obtained the SF Conservation Corps to help our park staff

with maintenance and improvement activities.

Also in the planning stage is a new children's playground to be built at Oceanview Park. The old one will be torn down, and a new one built on the Capitol side of the Park. The decision was made to move the playground near the Gym to provide better supervision for the children. The new playground will cost approximately \$150,000.00. This money is coming from part of the Open Space funds allocated for improvements at Oceanview Park.

If you have concerns about park maintenance for any of the OMI parks, call:

Vandalism and trash dumping: SFPD - 553-0123

General information/complaints: SF Park Dept. - 558-3706

Bonnie Swain



Ron de Leon notes resident's concerns as they survey Oceanview park.

P.A.L. PROGRAM BEGINS AT OCEANVIEW PARK

Since September 26, 1988, two San Francisco Police Officers have been daily patrolling Ocean View Park. Their assignment is to make the park safe for the enjoyment of the people of the neighborhood. Many favorable reports indicate that their efforts are succeeding. Now the Police Activities League (PAL) is ready to proceed with the second stage of this program. Officer Joe Mollo is presently contacting all grammar schools in the O.M.I. area explaining the PAL sports program to parents, teachers and students. On a future date he will hold a sign-up in the Oceanview Gym so that all children who do attend school out of the area will have a chance to participate in the sports of their choice.

OMI Neighbors in Action have been very active in the effort to get the PAL program started. The program is run separately from the police department, and involves two off duty officers patrolling the park area from 4pm - 10pm on weekdays and 6 hour shifts on the weekends. These officers are uniformed, and get paid. The cost for this effort is upwards of \$80,000.00 per year. Consequently, PAL and

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NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

RESOURCE GUIDE--SENIOR SERVICES

This is only a partial listing of agencies serving the elderly in San Francisco. For further information on these and other agencies, call:

THE OFFICE OF SENIOR INFORMATION
REFERRAL AND HEALTH PROMOTION
1182 MARKET ST. ROOM 213
SAN FRANCISCO, CA. 94102
626-1033

OFFICE HOURS: M-F, 8AM - 4:30PM, 24 HOUR SERVICE

EMERGENCY RESOURCES

ALCOHOL/DRUG ABUSE

ALCOHOLICS ANONYMOUS.....661-1828
DRUG LINE.....752-3400

EDUCATION

SF COMMUNITY COLLEGE.....648-5866
SF STATE UNIVERSITY
ELDER COLLEGE.....469-1684
OVER SIXTY.....469-2037
SIXTY PLUS.....469-1684

ELDER ABUSE

ADULT PROTECTIVE SERVICE.....557-5251
SENIOR INFORMATION & REFERRAL.....626-1033

EMPLOYMENT

CALIFORNIA ABLE.....391-5030
EOC - SENIOR PROJECT.....863-2121
JEWISH VOCATIONAL SERVICES.....391-3595

FINANCIAL

TO ASSIST IN INDEPENDENT LIVING.....558-2256
MEDI-CAL INFORMATION.....863-9892
MEDICARE INFORMATION.....956-3000
SOCIAL SECURITY/SSI.....956-3000

FOOD

FOOD STAMPS.....557-5718
HOME DELIVERED MEALS INFO.....495-3650
NUTRITION SITES
OMI SENIOR CENTER.....587-1443
INGLESIDE SENIOR CENTER.....587-4472
STONESTOWN YMCA.....759-9622
SURPLUS FOOD INFO.....863-2121

HEALTH INSURANCE COUNSELING

GRAY PANTHERS.....552-8800
LEGAL AID TO ELDERLY.....861-4555

HEALTH SERVICES

HEALTH CENTER #5.....661-4400
SF GENERAL HOSPITAL.....821-8200
SENIOR DENTAL PROGRAM.....986-5845
SRX -SENIORS MEDICATION EDUCATION.....558-3767

HOUSING

HOUSING AUTHORITY.....468-6781
INDEPENDENT HOUSING SERVICE.....441-6781
OPTIONS HOMESHARE.....552-4549
RENT ARBITRATION BOARD.....621-RENT

MENTAL HEALTH SERVICES

GERIATRIC COMMUNITY MENT. HEALTH SERVICES
FOR SUNSET, RICHMOND, & OMI.....753-6073
SUICIDE PREVENTION.....221-1423

HOMEMAKERS/IN HOME SUPPORT SERVICES

SENIOR INFO & REFERRAL.....626-1033
CATHOLIC CHARITIES.....864-7400

LEGAL ADVOCACY

ASIAN LAW CAUCUS.....391-1655
GRAY PANTHERS.....552-8800
LEGAL ASSISTANCE TO ELDERLY.....861-4444
SF CONSUMER ACTION.....777-9635

NURSING HOME INFORMATION

BOARD AND CARE INFO. DSS.....557-5226
LISCENSED RESIDENTIAL CARE HOME.....464-1319
OMBUDSMAN.....474-8757

RECREATION

ARTWORKS AT MT. ZION.....885-7586
OMI SENIOR CENTER.....587-1443
INGLESIDE SENIOR CENTER.....587-1443
SF PARK & REC, SENIOR ACTIVITIES.....751-4926
REC CENTER FOR HANDICAPPED.....665-4100

TRANSPORTATION

MUNI INFORMATION.....673-6864
PARATRANSIT.....552-7908
SENIOR ESCORT, MAIN OFFICE.....863-0303
SENIOR ESCORT TO OPEN SOON IN OMI AT
PILGRIM COMMUNITY CHURCH, 400 RANDOLPH

VOLUNTEER

RETIRED SENIOR VOLUNTEER PROGRAM.....731-3335
VOLUNTEER CENTER.....982-8999
CATHOLIC CHARITIES.....864-7400
OMI NEIGHBORS IN ACTION.....558-7177

SENIOR SERVICES IN THE O.M.I.

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1345 OCEAN AVE.
SAN FRANCISCO, CA 94112
587-4472
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FEE: \$1.25 DONATION FOR LUNCH

OMI SENIOR CENTER
426 RANDOLPH
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OMI NEIGHBORS PAY A VISIT TO THE POLICE COMMISSION

If you are a TV fan, you will remember the commercial "when EF Hutton speaks, people listen". This statement captured the mood of the SF Police Commission on Wednesday evening, October 5th when a group of OMI Neighbors in Action issues committee members appeared on their agenda. Present were Paul Henderson, Rev. Carole Nelson, Bonnie Swain, Jodi Reid, Jim Feliciano, Captain Philpott and Lt. Molinari (to provide statistical information) and myself (thanks to Jim Feliciano who did a great job rounding up our folks). We were there to explain our drug identification form and follow-up plan to the Commission, which had previously been approved by the Ingleside District, the Narcotics Division of the SFPD, and the District Attorney's Office, and the Chief of Police.

We were greeted warmly by the Commissioners, especially Gayle Orr. I made the presentation, emphasizing the fact that we felt the need to develop our own Drug ID process that included follow up in addition to the already established Drug Hotline. I explained that although the drug hotline was helpful, many residents of the OMI were afraid to use the number because they want to remain anonymous (even though the information is anonymous, talking with someone on the phone is very frightening). Furthermore, since the hotline is citywide, we felt the need to develop a process whereby OMI neighbors could use our form to report drug activity in their area, and be able to follow up on the progress of our reports (through monthly reports from Ingleside station). The Commissioners were very impressed with our form, and wanted to be kept up to date on how it works, so that it could be used as a model for other neighborhoods.

We also talked about our concern regarding the loss of officers from the Ingleside district, and 4 squad cars which need to be replaced. We asked the Commission to help us bring our staffing levels back to the original 89 officers. Although no promises were made by the Commission, we were assured that they will do everything they can to support our efforts.

So I say, when OMI Neighbors in Action speaks, people in decision making circles listen. Please participate in our drug identification campaign. You can get drug id forms from your block club or at any OMI Neighbors in Action meeting (they can not be mailed, as the forms are completely anonymous, so we don't want you to give us your name or address). Check the calendar of activities in this paper to find out when and where you can get a form.

Geraldine Earp

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Victory in the Battle Against Illegal Auto Repair

Efforts to abate dangerous and unsightly illegal auto repair and dismantling got a major boost in September, and Oceanview neighbors are the prime beneficiaries. District Attorney Ed Hugo successfully prosecuted a jury trial against an operator in the 200 Block of Plymouth St. which resulted in guilty verdicts on two counts: violating the fire code (unsafe storage of vehicles, parts and flammables) and the vehicle code (operating an unlicensed dismantling yard). Sentencing is scheduled for mid-October and will likely consist of an immediate clean-up, community service, and a long probationary period to discourage him from resuming the activity. So relief is definitely in sight.

Thus far, 31 locations throughout the Ingleside Police District have been cited for illegal auto repair/dismantling; in the last six months, the criminal citations have been backed up by civil cease-and-desist orders from the Zoning Department. DHIA tracking shows that 28 of the shops cleaned up on their own, so civil and criminal actions against them were dismissed. Of the remaining three, one other location is still business, while status of the third is unknown. The Plymouth St. defendant, it should be noted, had also been cited at his previous location on Minerva St., and had received two c&d's and a total of 5 criminal citations. Prosecution seemed to be the only way to convince him that he must stop endangering his neighbors. The Police hope that word will now spread to other repairers, many of who seem to know each other, that the City can back up the paper citations it hands out.

Does this mean you will go to jail if you change your oil on Sunday afternoon? NO. If you work on your own car or help a friend work on his/hers, do it safely and carefully -- not

because you're worried about being arrested, but for your own well-being and that of your neighbors. The Vehicle Code and other codes prohibit for-profit auto repair without a permit. This is because before a permit can be issued, Zoning and Fire must check the property to make sure work can be done safely. When somebody works without permits, however, they may be engaging in many unsafe activities.

There are many other codes concerning dismantling and illegal auto repair, enforced by either the Police, Zoning or the Fire Departments. None of these agencies have the personnel to cruise the streets seeking out illegal auto repair. The reality is that, as long as the activity does not bother neighbors or customers, or put them at risk, the mechanic will probably never be investigated or cited. It is up to you, the resident, to inform the authorities about dangerous illegal auto repair/dismantling. DHIA has developed a form to report such activity, and monitors the follow-up. To find out more information about this problem or to get a form, write to DHIA, 44 Monterey Blvd., SF, 94131 or call OMI Neighbors in Action at 558-7177.

Marcia De Hart, President, DHIA

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OMI/MAYORAL TASK FORCE CONTINUES WORK ON COMPREHENSIVE PLAN FOR OMI

Neighborhood Survey Distributed to Assess Community Needs

You should have received a copy of a neighborhood survey form accompanying this newsletter. This survey was developed by OMI-NIA and the OMI Mayoral Task Force to get input from you, a resident of the neighborhood, regarding your concerns and hope for services and programs in the neighborhood.

For some background to this survey, you may recall that in June of 1988 a community meeting was held with Mayor Agnos regarding the drug and crime problems affecting the OMI. We asked the Mayor for two things: the first was to

this process is to survey the neighborhood residents to find out what your concerns are, and what kind of solutions you feel would best address them. Once these surveys are collected, we will be able to better design programmatic/service responses that neighbors will feel are appropriate, and that you will utilize.

PLEASE TAKE A FEW MOMENTS TO FILL OUT THIS SURVEY. AS YOU DO THIS, KEEP YOUR TOTAL FAMILY IN MIND, AND ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS AS THEY AFFECT THE DIFFERENT MEMBERS OF YOUR FAMILY. WE WOULD LIKE YOU TO MAIL THESE FORMS BACK TO OMI-NIA BY NOVEMBER 21ST SO THAT WE CAN BEGIN TO COMPILE THE RESULTS AT OUR NEXT OMI-MAYORAL TASK FORCE MEETING ON NOVEMBER 29TH. YOU CAN ALSO



Preschool children from Jose Ortega School at Brooks Park

insure that our Ingleside Police District did not lose any police officers due to budget problems, so that we could at least maintain our current level of service while we look for ways to increase the level of police protection.

The second request had to do with the formation of a Mayoral Task Force to look comprehensively at the problems and needs of the community, and begin to develop programs and resources to address these concerns. The first step in

BRING YOUR COMPLETED FORM TO THE GENERAL MEETING OF OMI-NIA ON MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21ST AT 7:00PM AT WRIGHT AME CHAPEL, 627 CAPITOL AVE.

As usual, we appreciate your support of OMI-NIA in all of our efforts. The best way we can advocate for the needs of our community is for all of the residents to pitch in and offer your "two cents" so that as we develop issues and plans we are keeping your concerns and needs in mind.

VICTORIES IN THE OMI

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* Neighborhood residents fought to keep the Oceanview Library on Broad St. open, and won. Now neighbors are working to make improvements on the facility and increase the programs and participation at the Library.

* Deferred maintenance and upkeep at Oceanview Park and other neighborhood parks have been brought to the attention of city officials, and commitments have been made to make park maintenance a priority.

* OMI-NIA sponsored an outstanding neighborhood picnic which brought 2000 residents to Oceanview Park on a sunny Saturday afternoon for good food, games, entertainment, and visiting with friends new and old.

* Neighbors are meeting each other in the store and are stopping to talk with each other. There's a general feeling of neighborliness and friendliness moving interethnically through the OMI.

* We established a Drug ID form and process which has been successful in closing several drug houses and helping the police make good arrests of drug dealers.

* There's an organization which has room for everyone and work for all and where people are treating each other with respect. People are being empowered to make a difference, and hope is being born.

That's what OMI Neighbors in Action is. That's what's coming out of all of these meetings. That's what you can get involved with. That's what's up!

Rev. Carole Nelson, Wright AME Chapel

HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AT OCEANVIEW RECREATION CENTER

AT THE CORNER OF CAPITOL & MONTANA

AEROBICS

TRAMPOLINE

ARTS & CRAFTS

TENNIS (KIDS & ADULTS)

BOYS & GIRLS TEAM SPORTS

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BASKETBALL TEAMS



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TAKE ADVANTAGE OF YOUR NEIGHBORHOOD PARK FACILITIES



GENERAL MEETING

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SUPERVISED PARKING BY SFPD/PAL

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- * SPECIAL TURKEY RAFFLE DRAWING
- * BRING A FOOD DONATION FOR THE EMERGENCY FOOD BOX PROGRAM FOR A NEEDY FAMILY AT THANKSGIVING TIME.



SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS:

1. CAPTAIN PHILPOTT OF INGLESIDE STATION WILL REPORT ON THE PROGRESS MADE ON THE OMI DRUG ID FORMS.
2. VOTE ON TWO IMPORTANT OMI-NIA PROPOSALS THAT WILL HELP US CHART OUR FUTURE DIRECTIONS:
 - A. PROPOSED STRUCTURE OF THE OMI ORGANIZATION
 - B. PROPOSED 1989 BUDGET AND FUNDRAISING PLAN
3. GET AN UPDATE ON WHAT THE OMI-NIA COMMITTEES HAVE BEEN UP TO.
4. BLOCK CLUB UPDATES AND MUCH MUCH MORE.

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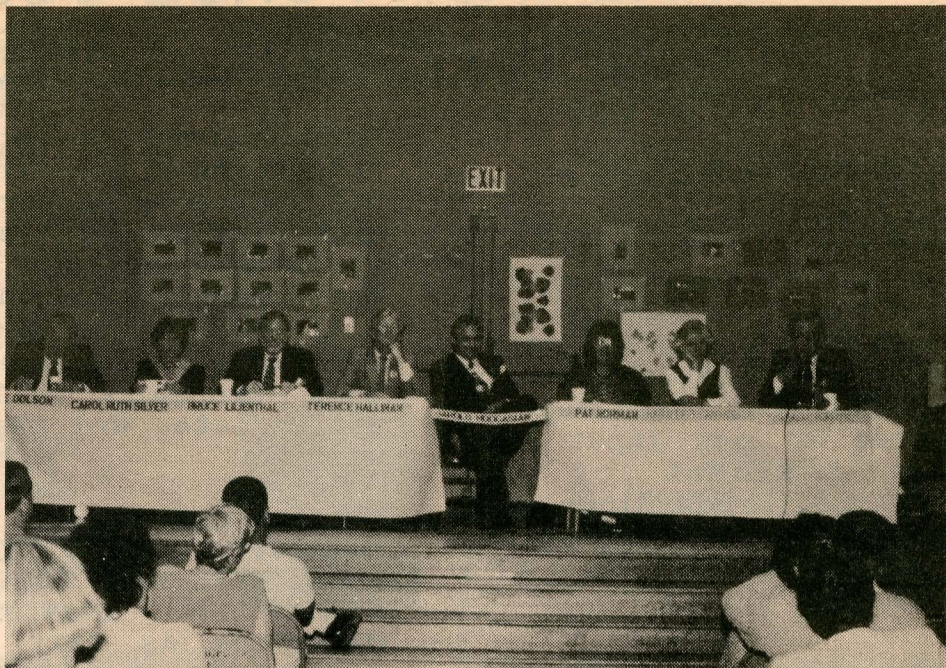
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S.F. SUPERVISORIAL CANDIDATES QUIZZED AT FORUM

On Monday, October 17th, OMI Neighbors in Action sponsored a Candidates Forum to introduce neighborhood residents to several of the S.F. propositions and supervisorial candidates on the November 8th ballot. Clair Scott, resident of the OMI coordinated the Forum, which was co-sponsored by the Oceanview Recreation Center. We would like to thank Clair and the other OMI-NIA members, Jim Mayo, Naomi Williams, Geraldine Earp, Ed Penaloza, and Steve Kamena from Oceanview Park for helping to make the Forum a great success.

Approximately 50 neighborhood residents came to hear pros and cons by several propositions on the ballot. They included Prop. A, the library bond measure to construct a new main library and improve the branches, Prop O, which would limit the length of time anyone person could hold a supervisorial office, including the current members of the Board, Prop U, the vacancy control initiative, and Prop E, funds for open space.

The main focus for the evening was the presentation by the candidates for supervisor. Those candidates that attended the event included incumbents Britt, Gonzalez, Kennedy, and Silver (Sup. Hsieh did not show), and non-incumbents Angela Alioto, Mark Buell, Lee Dolson, Terence Hallinan, Harold Hoogasian, Bruce Lilienthal, Pat Norman, Harriet Ross, and Jane Winslow. The participation by so many candidates shows that people



candidates respond to questions from neighbors
(Photo by Steve Guttman)

are taking the O.M.I. seriously, and are seeking out our votes. The candidates were asked to address several key concerns to the OMI such as their approach to dealing with the drug problem, support of neighborhood businesses, education issues, youth and job training programs, and neighborhood preservation issues. The floor was then opened for questions from the audience.

Elected officials are beginning to listen to what the OMI has to say. That is why it is so important that you vote on November 8th. And remember to vote a full ballot - the initiatives and propositions are just as important as the candidates for office. These measures become part of our City Charter or State Constitution, and will have an

effect on our lives forever (unless they are repealed by another election). The O.M.I. voters generally vote heavily for candidates but tend to fall off when it comes to ballot measures. Please take the time to sit down with your Election Booklets and learn about all of the issues on the ballot. And we'll see you at the polls on November 8th.

VOTE ON NOVEMBER 8TH



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*** FAMILY DAY A HUGE SUCCESS ***

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We have turned dreams and hopes into realities and purpose. We are a winning team - A COMMUNITY THAT KNOWS HOW AND DOES.

I am a person who sometimes finds it difficult to see unbelievably reality. Such was the case when Lovie Ward told me that he could cook enough food on one day to feed 500 people. I didn't believe, yet he went far beyond that limit and fed 2,000.

Thanks so much from all of us to you for a job well done, Lovie Ward and fellow cooks Max Chenier, John Jackson, Everett Edward, Elmer Williams, Donn Guydon and Del Wilson. You created perfection with your excellent bar-b-que and Norma Jerry and her crew served it with style. Thanks to all of you beginning with Jim Mayo, the traffic director and host, Marie Gatewood, Donna Crazens, Marie Cormier, Mildred Scott, Ann Furlough, Ida Richard, Naomi Henderson, Evelyn Smith, Alma Abney, Bonnie Swain, Hansie Scott, Lillie Nunley, Claudia Carter, Gladys Brayboy, Anita Mayo, Lois Hoyer, Kathy McGilvery. To further assist were Marie Hallins, Lee Nunley, Stacey Greene, Mrs. Robinson, and Hattie Cook, and Mattie Haggins who came to Norma and offered their service. I hope I didn't forget any of you great servers, and I hope you know we love and appreciate you.

Thanks to Molly Watkins for picking up the seniors needing rides. And to the lovely registration greeters, Monique Barnett, Rosie Johnson, Imoge Smyly, Jean Storey, and Geraldine Earp all of who are par excellent workers.

The planning committee was gret - never have I seen such hard working people and I thank you for giving me the oppportunity to work with you: Minnie Ward, Lovie Ward, Max Chenier, Ed Penaloza, Charlene Nichols, Marc Randall, Steve Kamena, Marie Cormir, Norma Jerry, Monique Barnett, Rosie Johnson, Virginia Marshall, Eleanor White, Evangelist Walker, Missouri Mack, Nan Neal, Kornelio Sagiao, and Taga Loa.



Thanks to our many guests beginning with Mayor Agnos of who I am very proud for he gave of his time to be with us. And, Mr. Mayor, one youth came and said the greatest gift he has ever received was the certificate from you. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi, we thank you for taking the time to be with us, and welcome you in our efforts to improve the community.

Our other guests gave freely of their time and talents beginning with Our Lady of Lourdes Gospel Choir led by Charlene Edwards, our neighbor Verlin Sandles who I have loved since I first heard her sing; City Celebrations provided us with the talented Betty Blount and her band, who sang a great rendition of Hello OMI. The martial arts demonstration by Kang's Hopkido Deom Team was great. We were also entertained by the wonderful Song Girls of ISA. Closing the show with their song of unity were the Voices of Light Choir of Wright AME Chapel. Rev. Kwong of Bible Baptist Church helped us say a prayer of thanks for our lovely weather and great food, and the folks at First Samoan Christian Church are the greatest bingo organizers we've seen.

Franklin Anderson of McCune Audio deserves a great round of applause for providing us with the terrific sound system. Other merchants who donated, and who we as neighbors should patronize and thank include, SF Rec and Park who gave food, prizes, and paid for staff to assist in the event, the Mayor's Office of Criminal Justice, McDonald's, Safeway, Calistoga Mineral Water, St. Francis Episcopal Church, Just Desserts, Lucky Foods, and all of the block clubs and neighbors who brought the great food; Walgreens on Ocean gave prizes, PG&E gave prizestoo as did Domino's Pizza, SF Giants (gobs of them), Radio Shack, Union Espanola de California, and last but most definitely not least the Ingleside Police District and PAL who gave of their money, time and participation - much, much thanks to all of you.

Health and safety was a great concern and the American Red Cross provided us with a first aid kit and three great public health nurses watched over us: Agnes Morton, Annie Collins, and Denice Collins. The Mayor's staff and many others with the City were jewels to work with beginning with our own ambassador from City Hall, Mr. Jim Buick, and from his office, Susan Brissendon-Smith. This event could not have happened without the support of Captain Philpott of the Ingleside Station, Joe Mollo of PAL, Joel Robinson, Nan Neal, and Charlene Nichols of SF Rec and Park, and Marc Randall and Steve Kamena of Oceanview Park.



Jodi Reid is a jewel of whom there are words not yet written nor spoken. We all know that without her, we possibly would not exist. Thanks so much to Jodi and Minnie Ward (one of the hardest workers I have ever seen) for the love and support given me when I most needed it. And special mention to Mr. James Byrd who stayed until the bitter end taking trash to the dumpster, and to the extra workers from Park and Rec who cleaned up our mess.

Well! Let us give ourselves a great big applause for it was each of you who made this a beautiful day. And thank you for letting me have such a wonderful experience serving you, OMI, and for the wonderful day God made.

Lucy Florence, Chair, OMI-NIA Family Day Committee



(left photo): 2 boys taking a break from the games.

(top photo): Our cooks, headed by Lovie Ward, filling another pan.

(right photo): congresswoman Nancy Pelosi greeting some of the kids. (photos by EdSmith)

OMI Neighbors in Action CALENDAR of Neighborhood Meetings

STEERING COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 14th, 7pm
James Johnson Center
1099 Capitol at Holloway
2nd Monday of every month,
same time and location

OMI-NIA GENERAL COMMUNITY MEETING
Thanksgiving Celebration
Monday, November 21, 7pm
Wright AME Church
624 Capitol at Montana
3rd Monday of every month,
call 558-7177 for
future locations

UWBA TASK FORCE MEETING
Tuesday, November 22nd, 6:30pm
1099 Capitol at Holloway

INGLESIDE POLICE/COMMUNITY RELATIONS MEETING
Tuesday, November 22nd, 7:30pm
#1 John Young Lane, Balboa Park
3rd Tuesday of every month,
same time and location

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!!!
Thursday, November 24th



OMI-NIA ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING
Monday, November 28th, 7pm
James Johnson Center
1099 Capitol at Holloway
4th Monday of every month

OMI/MAYORAL TASK FORCE
Tuesday, November 29th, 7pm
Oceanview Recreation Center
Capitol and Montana
4th Tuesday of every month,
same time and location

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PILGRIM COMMUNITY CENTER CUTS THE RIBBON



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neighborhood residents have been working to raise funds for this program. Recently, a group of residents testified at a Board of Supervisors Finance Committee hearing to get approval for \$35,000.00 from the Drug Forfeiture Fund to help cover part of the expenses of the program - and got it. Other monies are being raised through private corporations.

An advisory committee was established to oversee the PAL program. The group decided to have the PAL officers (who volunteer for the program) begin by just patrolling the park and surrounding areas to clean up the park and get the drug dealers out. It was felt that parents and kids needed to see a safe park before they would feel comfortable participating in programs there. These effort has been very successful and now PAL is ready to start the programs-with the police officers remaining there full time to insure that the dealers don't return.

So look for flyers announcing new activities at the park and sign up to participate in these efforts. We can take back our park and our neighborhood - by using the facilities. With continued support from the neighborhood, the park, the police department and the rest of the community, chronic problems related to street sales of narcotics will be cleaned up.

Captain Diarmuid Philpott,
Ingleside Station

On Saturday, October 22nd, 250 packed the Pilgrim Community Center at 446 Randolph street to celebrate the official dedication of the Center. The six year effort to build a community center culminated in this ribbon cutting ceremony. Neighborhood residents were joined by such dignitaries as Speaker Willie Brown, Jr., Senator Quentin Kopp, Deputy Mayor Claude Everhart, Supervisors Willie Kennedy and Jim Gonzalez, and the Rev. John Deckenbach of the Northern California Conference of the United Church of Christ. The Pilgrim Church Gospel Choir and the Interfaith Choir were among the entertainers, and food galore was donated by many merchants and neighbors.

The Pilgrim Community Center currently houses the OMI Senior Center, which provides daily hot lunches to senior citizens, along with educational and recreational programs. A new program has just started at the Center, called NEW MIX, which is a group of youth interested in developing a youth organization in the OMI area. To find out about the Senior program, call Joyce Preston at 586-8020 and for NEW MIX call Gwen Dilworth or Pat Bell at SF SAFE, 673-7233 (the next meeting of NEW MIX is scheduled for Sunday, October 30th at 2:30).

The Center is available to community groups and service providers and is looking for additional services that can be appropriately housed in the facility. It is important to note that the ribbon cutting ceremony was to celebrate Phase 1 of the Center. Phase 2 and 3 will include adding another wing to the building and another floor. The hope is to raise enough funds over the next several years to complete these phases.

We congratulate everyone involved in making the OMI Pilgrim Community Center a reality, and encourage neighborhood residents to stop by and take a look, and use the Center. For more information about the services and rental, call 586-8020.

Information provided by Will Battle,
Vice-president of Pilgrim Community Center, Inc.

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