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The Road Warrior

Our unsung hero of the streets

Use the term "Hero" and what is usually conjured up are images of either a caped crime crusader in red and blue tights or a soldier with a chest full of medals. The reality is that true heros walk among us, and while they may go unnoticed, their deeds make a real impact.

Michael Goff, is one such hero; his personal quest has been to make our community just a little more pleasant by putting a shine to San Bruno Avenue. If you thought our commercial strip was kept as clean as it is by a twice weekly pass of a city streetsweeper, then think again. Since 1991, San Bruno Merchants have depended upon Goff as their foot Soldier in the daily battle against grime. With about 150 businesses drawing in several hundred people to San Bruno each day, Goff's mission has been challenging, but undaunted



Michael Goff hard at work in the trenches

his only complaint is that he can't put in more time than the six, full-time days he does, each and every week.

Although he has been honored with a commemorative plaque from the Merchants, Goff says that his true reward will come when the streets of Portola-Silver Terrace glimmer like the streets in Canada and Switzerland.

We are with you Mike and we thank you for your heroic efforts!

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Political Profile

Budget Hearing

Finance Committee comes to District 10

On May 19th, District 10 Supervisor, Sophie Maxwell, hosted a Budget Hearing at the SouthEast Community Facility. The Event brought into District 10 a large panel of city officials, chief among them being Supervisors Mark Leno and Matt Gonzales of the Board's Finance Committee and City Treasurer, Susan Leal.

Among a host of district based community groups seeking funding support was our own St. Elizabeth chapter of the San Francisco Organizing Project. The S.F.O.P. is at the fore front in pressing the cause to revitalize the San Bruno Avenue commercial corridor. This was only the latest step in what has been a lengthy and challenging progress.



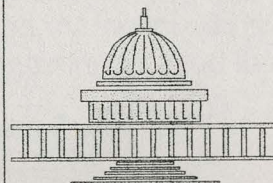
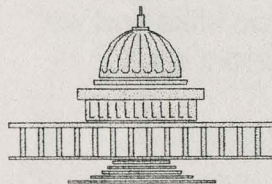
District 10 Supervisor, Sophie Maxwell introduces Finance Committee Chairman, Supervisor Mark Leno

Just two weeks prior, our S.F.O.P. chapter, supported by Supervisor Maxwell, met directly with Mayor Willy Brown and his various department heads in a bid to secure city funding support for the revitalization project; a followup meeting with the Mayor will be held on June 19th and we will keep you posted on developments.

For more information on the revitalization project and the S.F.O.P. contact chapter organizer Shannon Dodge at (415) 452-3700.

City Services

District 10 Supervisor.....	554-7670
Mayor's Neighborhood Services.....	554-6110
Department Parking & Traffic.....	553-1200
Department Public Works.....	895-2020
Graffiti Cleanup.....	241-Wash
Animal Control.....	554-6364
Parks & Recreation.....	831-2700



Crime & Safety

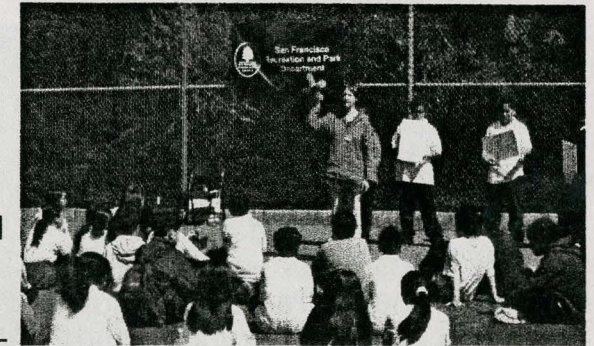
Safety Awareness

McLaren Park hosts safety fair

Recently a safety awareness program for youths was held at John McLaren Park. Directed and hosted by the San Francisco Recreation and Park Department the event was a collaborative effort including "San Francisco SAFE", "SPCA" and "SFPD-Ingleside" station - that services the park, as well as, our own *University Mound* neighborhood.

The event, targeted to middle school and elementary school students from Visitacion Valley, focused upon pedestrian safety, animal safety, and personal safety awareness issues.

If the enthusiastic response of the participating students was any indication, then the program was a resounding success and was an endeavor well worth the time and effort invested by the event's organizers.



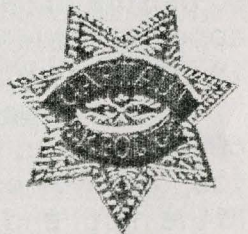
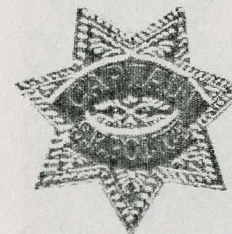
Students from Luther Burbank Middle school listen to presentation (above & below)

For information of future events contact Elizabeth Gee, R.P.D. Assistant Recreation Supervisor, at (415) 641-2813.



Who to Call

Emergency.....	911
S.F.P.D. Bayview Station.....	671-2300
S.F.P.D. Ingleside Station.....	553-1603
Crime Stoppers.....	1-800-giveinfo
SAFE (neighborhood watch).....	673-safe
Domestic/Family Violence.....	864-4422



Merchants Spotlight

From Head to Tummy Enjoying the Portola Experience

If you ever want to know what is going on in the neighborhood, and you haven't found the latest "Portola Press" issue, you need only duck into "Giannini's Barber Shop" located at 2732 San Bruno Avenue. There you can always rely on Terry Giannini, and his partner Jim Poulos, to brighten your day with some lively and personable conversation.

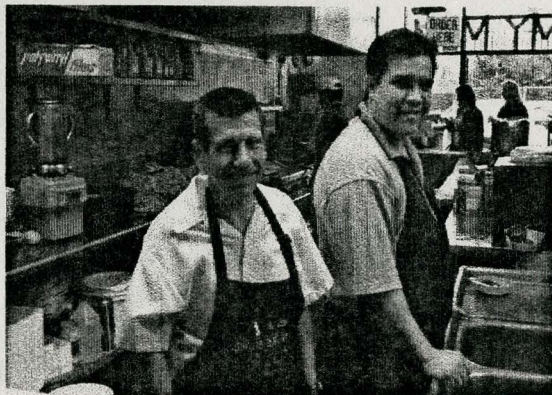
It won't take you long to appreciate that you are not at some corporate franchised "Super Nuts" salon, but rather in the hands of a couple of real professional barbers, with let's just say decades and decades of experience between them. Terry and Jim take pride in being one of the last remaining "old fashioned" barber shops in San Francisco, where you can still get a hot lathered shave. Their excellent service makes them quite popular, so be sure to call ahead for an appointment (415) 468-3330, Tuesday-Saturday 8am-5pm.

Now, if your spiffy new hair cut has worked up an appetite for you, then why not take a short walk to the north end of the strip where Juan Alderette - owner of the "Cinco



Barbers Terry Giannini (left) and Jim Poulos (center)

de Mayo" mexican restaurant - can transport you south of the border with his "Jalisco Styled" cuisine and atmosphere. Located at 2426 San Bruno Avenue you can feast on one of his ample-sized specialty burritos, seven days a week (between 10am-8pm). This is the place to teach your taste buds spanish; they'll be saying "hmmm, sabroso!"



Juan Alderette (left) hard at work at the grill

Merchant Directory

Automotive

Silver Gas & Diesel - 2400 San Bruno
Shell - 2380 San Bruno
Unocal76 - 2895 San Bruno
Valero - 2985 San Bruno
Express Gas - 2985 San Bruno
Arco - 2190 Carroll
Unocal76 - 975 Bayshore
Portola Auto Service - 2780 San Bruno
City Service Auto - 2800 San Bruno
Kragen's Auto Parts - 2500 San Bruno
Epoch Auto Accessories - 2601 San Bruno
Hole in the Wall Motorcycles - 3030 San Bruno

Banking

Bank of America - 2485 San Bruno
Bank of the West - 2675 San Bruno
1st Federal Savings of San Rafael - 2521 San Bruno
Money Mart - 3000 San Bruno

Bakery

Lido Pastry - 2684 San Bruno
Georgie's Donuts - 2462 San Bruno
Red House Chinese Bakery - 2495 San Bruno
Sugar Bowl Chinese Bakery - 2623 San Bruno

Building

SF International Building Supply - 2442 San Bruno
Celtic Glass Co. - 2598 San Bruno
Bob & Tom's Windows - 2636 San Bruno
Best Tile Inc. - 2975 San Bruno
Infini Kitchen & Bath Designs - 2633 San Bruno
Magic Carpet & Flooring - 2857 San Bruno

Cleaners/Laundry

Silver Cleaners - 1258 Silver
Jo-Ann's Cleaners - 2481 San Bruno
Ho's Tailors & Cleaners - 2818 San Bruno
Landerette Wash & Dry - 1440 Silver
Landerland - 2810 San Bruno
Wash-Dry - 2810 San Bruno
Foothill Wash & Dry 3028 San Bruno

Clothing/Shoes

Ruth's Children Shoppe - 2469 San Bruno
Payless Shoes - 2555 San Bruno
Donny's Shoe Repair - 2509 San Bruno
Frank's Shoe Repair - 2497 San Bruno

Dental/Medical

Richard Pirodi, DDS - 2497 San Bruno
Dr. Justin Tin & Dr. Si Wan Chan & Asst. - 2748 San Bruno
Ladow Chiropractic - 2633 San Bruno
Dr. Michael Wong Chiropractor - 2858 San Bruno
Dr. Anthony Kakis Podiatrist - 2858 San Bruno

Driving/Traffic School

Nu Tech - 2633 San Bruno

Electronic Sales/Repair

Ocean T.V. Repair - 2542 San Bruno
Radio Shack - 2490 San Bruno
New City Wireless - 2700 San Bruno
Tri Star Copier Service - 2726 San Bruno

Florist/Gifts

Il Fiore Flowers - 2466 San Bruno
Botany Shop Florist - 2556 San Bruno
Gifts Europa - 2585(B) San Bruno
San Bruno 99¢ Gift Store - 2563 San Bruno
Creative Gifts - 2822 San Bruno

Herbs

Merit Herbs - 2488 San Bruno
Han Hing Herbs - 2512 San Bruno
J&C Market & Herbs - 2544 San Bruno

Jewelry

Johnny Ko's Jewelry - 2541 San Bruno

Furniture/Upholstry

Avenue Upholstry - 2820 San Bruno
Stanly Steamer Upholstry - 2360 San Bruno
Mr. R's Furniture Refinishing - 7 Dwight
Mistique Antiques - 2739 San Bruno
Frames & Antiques - 2473 San Bruno

Grocers

Bell Market - 1390 Silver
Foods Co. Supermarket - 345 Williams
San Bruno Supermarket - 2480 San Bruno
White Palace Market - 1524 Silver
La Loma Produce Market - 2456 San Bruno
Bus Stop Liquors & Market - 2698 San Bruno
Tierra Santa Market - 2890 San Bruno
Foothill Market & Liquors - 3004 San Bruno
Jamil Market - 153 Bacon
Mike's Market - 2200 Silver

Hair/Nails

Giannini's Barber Shop - 2732 San Bruno
Saleema Beauty - 2418 San Bruno
Middle Workers Hair Stylists - 2591 San Bruno
Portola Beauty Salon - 2585(A) San Bruno
Image Hair Tech - 2491 San Bruno
New Start Hair Studio - 2656 San Bruno
San Bruno Hair Salon - 2670(B) San Bruno
Galloways Hair Care - 2605 San Bruno
Michele's Hair Studio - 2772 San Bruno
Anza Hair Design - 2701 San Bruno
J.C. Beauty Salon - 2832 San Bruno
TGIF Beauty Supply - 2714 San Bruno
American Pro Nails - 2577 San Bruno
Kevin's Nails - 2611(A) San Bruno
Tena Pro Nails - 2717 San Bruno
Lido's Nails - 2863 San Bruno
Nails Plus - 2803 San Bruno

Votre Petite Beauty Shoppe 1444 Silver

Music/Video

Sports Werr Music - 1401 Silver
Long-Hai Video (Vietnamese) - 2564 San Bruno
RCM Merchandise (Tagalog) - 2477 San Bruno
Record Store - 2658 San Bruno
Lucky Star Video (Chinese) - 2676 San Bruno

Pharmacy

Walgreens - 2477 San Bruno

Realty/Notary/Tax

A-1 Realty - 2420 San Bruno
Jennings Realty & Notary - 2745 San Bruno
Milanes Realty/Notary/Tax - 2527 San Bruno
H&R Block Tax Service - 2750 San Bruno
F. Dorsey Tax Service - 2493 San Bruno

Retail

Casa Sport Soccer Supply - 1250 Silver
T.W. Import Distributor - 2587 San Bruno
T.W. Wholesale - 2501 San Bruno

Storage

U-Haul - 1575 Bayshore

Tarven

El Toro Night Club - 2470 San Bruno
The Avenue Club - 2575 San Bruno
O'Connor's Bar - 2629 San Bruno
Joey J's Bar - 2819 San Bruno
New Junich's Bar - 1888 San Bruno

Restaurant (American)

Breakfast at Tiffany's - 2499 San Bruno
Avenue SweetShop - 2680 San Bruno
Johnson's BBQ - 2646 San Bruno
G.T. Express - 2763 San Bruno

Restaurant (Chinese)

Ling Lings Chinese Cuisine - 2517 San Bruno
Imperial Garden Seafood - 2626 San Bruno
China City - 2428 San Bruno
Tops Cafe Hong Kong BBQ - 2460 San Bruno
Hoy Suin Restaurant - 2520 San Bruno
Wing King Restaurant - 2550 San Bruno
Silver Garden Restaurant - 2571 San Bruno
Giant Scoop Cafe - 2708 San Bruno
Hong Kong Restaurant & Ice Cream - 2728 San Bruno

Restaurant (Italian)

Armaninos Italian Deli - 2599 San Bruno
Round Table Pizza - 2660 San Bruno

Restaurant (Mexican)

Cinco De Mayo Taqueria - 2426 San Bruno
La Placita Taqueria - 2531 San Bruno

Restaurant (Japanese)

Ariya Japanese Restaurant - 2600 San Bruno

Restaurant (Thai)

Charm Thai - 2546 San Bruno

Community Services & Associations

Services

S.F. Public Library (Portola Branch)
2450 San Bruno Avenue - 715-4090

US Post Office (Portola Annex)
2755 San Bruno Avenue - 800-275-8777

W.I.C. Foods (Women & Infant Care)
2424 San Bruno Avenue - 715-0300

Boys & Girls Club (Portola Unit)
2574 San Bruno Avenue - 468-0616

Family Connections
2565 San Bruno Avenue - 715-6746

Palega-Portola Recreation Center
500 Felton Street - 468-2875

S.F. Tool Lending Center
2713 San Bruno Avenue

Associations

R.O.S.E.S. (Residence of SouthEast Sector)
A community forum addressing community-policing issues.
7:00pm - first Thursday of month at SouthEast Community Facility, 1800 Oakdale Avenue.

S.F.O.P. (San Francisco Organizing Project)
Organization focused on improving our community.
7:00pm - third Wednesday of month at St Elizabeth Church's Cantwell Hall, Wayland & Goettingen.

S.B.M.A. (San Bruno Merchants Association)
Meeting information contact S.B.M.A. president Paul Giannini at 468-5175.

F.O.M.P. (Friends of McLaren Park)
A community organization dedicated to a clean & safe park.
Meeting information contact F.O.M.P. president Franco Mancini at 239-5378.

P.P.H.A. (Portola Place Homeowners Association)
Information contact: Jim Rodriguez at 370-2648.

P.T.A. (Parents Teachers Association)
E.R. Taylor Elementary - Contact Parent Leadership President Veronica Maya 330-1530.

California Soccer Association
1348 Silver Avenue - 467-1881

McLaren DOG (Dog Owners Group)
Contact: Bill Carlin - www.mclarendog.org - 584-2472

Religion

Allen Chapel
African Methodist Episcopal
195 Scotia Street - 468-8406

Apostolic Church
100 Felton Street - 468-1652

Christian Evangelical Mission
400 Brussels Street - 468-6518

Grace Lutheran Church
465 Woolsey Street - 468-2937

Greater Life Ministries
1015 Silver Avenue - 585-4545

Mathew Zion Baptist Church
2340 San Bruno Avenue - 467-4233

New Jerusalem Missionary Baptist
3043 San Bruno Avenue - 467-1764

Skekinah Christ Fellowship
2650 San Bruno Avenue

St. Elizabeth's Catholic Church
449 Holyoke Street - 468-0820

Ukranian Orthodox Catholic Church
215 Silliman Street 468-2601

Community Spotlight

Enviromental Fair

Students learn the fun way

With summer months looming, students at the E. R. Taylor Elementary school marked the ending of the school term by holding an "Environmental Fair". Hosted by the 5th Grade class, students were guided through an assortment of games and activities that provided a "hands on" awareness of environmental issues. Most of all it was just plain old fun in the sun for the kids.



Students learning the fun way



Local artist Josef Norris adds the finishing touch.

Spring Time Color

Drab school breaks out in colors

Also at E.R. Taylor Elementary was the painting of a colorful mural along the schools playground wall. While guided by the watchfull eye of local professional artist Josef Norris, the murual's colorful scenes were designed and painted by Ms. Francois' 1st Grade class. Great job kids!

Community Calendar

S.F. Public Library (Portola Branch)

Programs information contact staff at 715-4090, located at 2450 San Bruno Avenue.

SPECIAL NOTICE: Public Library's "Overdue Materials Amnesty Program" June 1st-15th

Summer Program for June

Performances: "The Lizard Lady and her Reptile Review" - 6/12 at 10:30am
"Jennifer Levine's Puppetry" - 6/19 at 10:30am
"Earthcapades Juggling" - 6/27 at 1:00pm

Reading Programs: "Curl up with a good book" (ages 13 and under) June 9th - August 11th.
"Teen Read 2001" (ages 13 and over) June 16 - July 28

Family Connections *(A multi-cultural family resource center)*

Programs information contact staff at 715-6746, located at 2565 San Bruno Avenue.

Summer Programs:

Academic Enrichment: (9am-1pm, Mon-Fri) science experiments, art projects, math & reading tutoring.

Recreational Program: (1pm-5pm, Mon-Fri) creative crafts activities and field trips.

Boys & Girls Club *(A youth development center)*

Programs information contact staff at 468-0616, located at 2574 San Bruno Avenue

Summer Programs:

Education Activities: creative writing, exploring MS Print Shop; journal writing.

Arts & Crafts Activities: jewelery making; paper crafts; painting; sewing; cooking.

Recreational Activities: volleyball league; whiffleball; basketball; swimming lessons.

Palega-Portola Recreation Center *(A youth recreation center & park)*

Programs information contact staff at 468-2875, located at Felton and Somerset Streets.

Summer Programs

Activities: arts & crafts, badminton, basketball, outings & hikes, swimming, tennis, volleyball

McLaren Park

Programs information contact staff at 831-2782.

Summer Program

RARE Camp Program, (for ages 12-17) 9:30am - 2:30pm, Mon-Fri.