

HEALTH *tracks*

Effort to provide health coverage for all kids picks up steam

The effort to provide health coverage for all San Mateo County's children is well on its way to a 2003 launch after 150 decision-makers in government, health care, social services, business, labor, and philanthropy came together May 17 for a daylong summit in Millbrae.

The Summit included a panel discussion on Santa Clara and San Francisco's efforts to cover all children; an overview of San Mateo's proposal to provide universal coverage led by Margaret Taylor, Maureen Borland of Human Services Agency, and Kris Perry of the Children and Family First Commission; a working lunch where participants reviewed and discussed the County's proposal; and finally passionate speeches highlighting the importance of health coverage and the County's commitment to improving children's health by all five County Supervisors Mark Church, Rich Gordon, Rose Jacobs Gibson, Jerry Hill and Mike Nevin, County Manager John Maltbie, Bob Merwin of the Hospital Consortium of San Mateo County, Sterling Speirn of the Peninsula Community Foundation, and Senator Jackie Speier.

It is expected to cost \$7.7 million to insure the 20,600 uninsured children living in households with incomes under 400 percent of the federal poverty level - approximately \$61,000 for a family of 3 and just below the county's estimated minimum cost to raise a family. Nine out of 10 of the parents of these children are working. In April, the Children and Families First Commission of San Mateo County took the first step, committing \$2.3 million per year to cover 6,700 children from birth to age 6.

At the annual budget hearings, the San Mateo County Supervisors will review the recommendation that the County match dollar-for-dollar all funds raised, up to half of the needed \$5.4 million. Private donors, corporations and philanthropic organizations will be asked to fund the remaining amount. Sterling Speirn, president of the Peninsula Community Foundation and Friday's keynote speaker, indicated that PCF would be exploring avenues to help achieve the goal.

"It is a disgrace that San Mateo County, one of the most affluent, sophisticated counties, has over 20,000 uninsured children," said Supervisor Mike Nevin. "Whether it is in good times or bad, San Mateo County must do better for its children, and we will all work together to do so,"

Coverage for the county's Children's Health Initiative is expected to be handled in this way:

- 6,750 will receive coverage under Healthy Kids, a newly created health plan for children who are undocumented or living in households with incomes between 250 and 400 percent of the federal poverty level.
- 13,900 with incomes under 250 percent of poverty will be linked to the Medi-Cal (8,050 kids) and Healthy Families (5,800 kids).

The Healthy Kids benefit package for the children will mirror the Healthy Families Program in benefits,

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Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools Conference held March 14

Many thanks to the over 250 participants who attended the Healthy Kids, Healthy Schools, a conference focused on increasing Healthy Families* outreach and enrollment in the schools. Representatives from schools, county agencies, community-based organizations, and philanthropic organizations listen as presenters from across the state discussed various aspects of enrolling school children in the Healthy Families Program.

The event was co-sponsored by the County Office of Education; Health Services Agency; Human Services Agency; Peninsula Partnership for Children, Youth and Families; and the Child Care Coordinating Council.

Conference attendees can stay informed about county's progress and breaking news through the Healthy Connections newsletter. If you would like to receive a copy or have ideas for future articles, please contact Heather Ledesma at the San Mateo County Health Services Agency, (650) 573-2213; hledesma@co.sanmateo.ca.us

* The Healthy Families Program <www.healthyfamilies.ca.gov> is a state and federally funded health coverage program for children with family incomes above the level eligible for no cost Medi-Cal and below 250% of the federal income guidelines (\$36,576 for a family of three).



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premium and co-payment structure and provide an array of outpatient and inpatient services, prescription drugs, mental health, dental, vision and preventive care such as primary care visits and immunizations. San Francisco and Santa Clara counties already have such programs in place, and San Mateo County is expected to be similar to those programs.

Children's Health Initiative

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Grant watch

\$1,277,000 ■ Homeless Mentally Ill

San Mateo County was awarded \$1,277,000 in AB2034 funds to serve homeless mentally ill. This is the second year that Mental Health received funding from the state. With the initial funding in 2000, Mental Health launched a program called Transitions, contracted with Telecare for services, and leased 40 beds from the VA-Menlo Park. Transitions served 75 homeless mentally ill San Mateo County residents in 2000; the grant money will be used to add 15 slots.

\$10,000 ■ Bay Area Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Seniors and People with Disabilities

Aging and Adult Services granted \$10,000 to the Bay Area Emergency Preparedness Coalition for Seniors and People with Disabilities. The money will fund ten emergency preparedness presentations at various locations such as senior centers, senior housing complexes, and community agencies. For more information call Sandy Cohen at (650) 573-2621.

Calendar



SEPTEMBER

Heartwalk

September 12
Redwood Shores

September 22
Coyote Point Park

Contact: Pat Black, (650) 363-4184

What residents think about the quality of life in San Mateo County

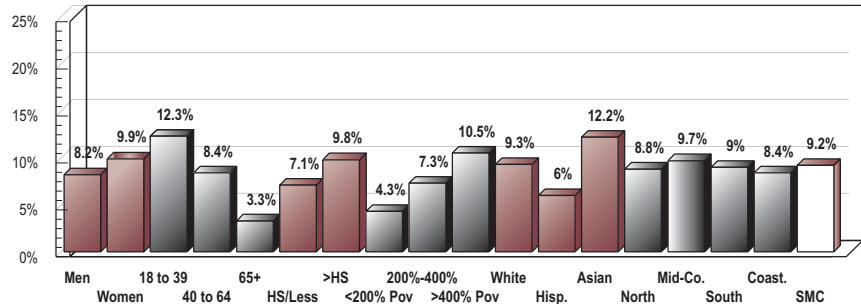
The results of the 2001 *Community Assessment Survey on Health and Quality of Life in San Mateo County* were presented in May.

The survey, taken every three years in conjunction with Santa Clara County, was

about \$200,000, looked at a broad range of topics. It gleaned information from telephone interviews with randomly selected residents as well as from more than 70 reports and focused studies on housing, transportation, education, health and other

Exhibit Healthy Behaviors

(Do Not Smoke, Not Overweight, Exercise Adequately, and Eat Adequate Fruits/Vegetables)



Source: 2001 San Mateo County Behavioral Risk Factor Survey. Healthy Community Collaborative of San Mateo County. August 2001. (Professional Research Consultants).

Note: Includes respondents satisfying ALL of the following criteria: do not smoke cigarettes; is not overweight based on body mass index; exercises at least three times per week for at least 20 minutes; eats five or more servings per day of fruits and/or vegetables.

“There’s an increasing incidence of obesity and other negative health factors.”

—Dr. Scott Morrow, Health Officer

commissioned and funded by the Healthy Community Collaborative of San Mateo County. Most of the over 4,400 adults who participated were contacted randomly last summer. Another group was added in February in an effort to gauge post-9/11 sentiments.

Despite a steady climb in health and quality of life over the past 50 years, the survey turned up a couple of significant downturns in both quality of life and health factors since the last survey three years ago.

“There’s an increasing incidence of obesity and other negative health factors,” Dr. Scott Morrow, Health Officer, notes. “Fewer than 10 percent of the adults surveyed said they were observing the four basics of a healthy lifestyle: Not smoking, maintaining a sensible weight, exercising and eating five servings of fruits and vegetables a day.

The scientifically valid study, which cost

issues. The needs assessment will be used in planning and programming throughout the county.

The members of the Healthy Community Collaborative of San Mateo County are the Community Information System, the Health Plan of San Mateo County, Kaiser Permanente of Redwood City and South San Francisco, Lucile Packard Children’s Hospital, Mills-Peninsula Health Services, Peninsula Community Foundation, Peninsula Family YMCA, Peninsula Library System, San Mateo County Health Center, San Mateo County Health Services Agency, San Mateo County Human Services Agency, Sequoia Hospital, Seton Medical Center, Stanford Hospital and Clinics and the United Way of the Bay Area.

2001 Community Assessment Survey Online

www.plsinfo.org/healthsmc/

Young Mothers Advisory Council—youth development in action

By Anna Nishimoto, Public Health

Over the past year, San Mateo County's Adolescent Family Life Programs (AFLP) developed a Young Mothers Advisory Council. Goals of the council were to give AFLP clients a voice in policy and program development and to give staff the opportunity to develop relationships with their clients.

On May 10, the Young Mothers Advisory Council presented a workshop entitled "Adolescent Parents: Don't Forget Them" as part of the Third Annual Bay Area Adolescent Health Conference held at Asilomar in Pacific Grove, California. Featured in the workshop was a teen parent panel, comprised of six moms from the council and two dads, who talked about how to building better relationships between youth and service providers, before an audience of health-



Teen parents and their children at Bay Area Adolescent Health Conference

care professionals, social workers, and educators.

These six mothers also participated in a ten week program called "Girl Source." In this program, the teens created a teen parent resource guide to services in South San Francisco. The "Girl Source" experience empowered these young

women, boosted their self-confidence, and improved their relations with the Public Health Field Nursing staff.

Young Mothers Council & AFLP

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Mental Health Community Response Team drills at SFO

By Gail Jarmusz, Mental Health

On May 1, ten members of the Mental Health Community Response Team (coordinated by Don Weiher), along with representatives from 30 agencies and 100 volunteers, participated in the annual Airport Disaster Drill at San Francisco International Airport.

High school students acted as the victims of a simulated plane crash while emergency workers secured the site, administered necessary medical services, and transported the severely injured to local hospitals. In the Reflection Room at the airport, American Red Cross, Mental Health Community Response Team, Menlo Park Veterans Administration Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder Unit, clergy, and psychotherapists in private



Community Response Team members and Red Cross worker at disaster drill: (front l to r) Hazel Whipp, Bennett Kilpack, and Gail Jarmusz (back l to r) Ron Austin, Sonia Velasquez, Chris Trailer (Red Cross), and John Edmonds.

practice comforted and assisted distressed friends and family, played by college students.

Other San Mateo County representatives included members from Communications, Coroner, Emergency Medical Services, Fire Mutual Aid, Health Services Agency, and Sheriff's Office of Emergency

Services.

Annual drills test the communication and coordination between the responding agencies. Feedback from the students sharpens the skills of emergency workers and identifies gaps in service. As a result, responders are better prepared for an actual airline disaster.

Krames health education materials in English and Spanish available on Intranet

Mental Health Services has contracted with Krames On-Demand to supply client education materials via the County's Intranet.

Krames has over 1,500 print titles available in more than 25 specialties—from cardiology to stress management to workplace safety. Its product line covers virtually every health-related topic: conditions, procedures, exercise, wellness, and safety. Krames uses text and artwork, paired with a focus on the stages of prevention treatment and recovery. Information sheets are offered in English and Spanish as pdf files. The County logo at the top of each sheet with a space for name and who to call. Find Krames On-Demand on the County network at <http://intranet/krames/>.

Drug companies offer discounts

Four major drug companies—GlaxoSmithKline, Novartis, Pfizer, and Eli Lilly—offer drug discount plans for people on Medicare. Each plan is different; contact information is listed below:

- **GlaxoSmithKline**
1-888-ORANGE6
www.gsk.com
- **Novartis**
1-866-974-2273
www.novartis.com
- **Pfizer**
1-800-717-6005
www.pfizerforliving.com
- **Eli Lilly**
1-877-RXLILLY
www.elililly.com



MENTAL HEALTH

Patrick Miles, PhD, Quality Improvement Manager

Patrick Miles, PhD is the new Quality Improvement Manager for the Mental Health Services Division after eight years overseeing the Mental Health Division's ACCESS Team. In addition to substantial experience as a clinical psychologist he brings expertise in statistics and research design, which he has taught to students of clinical psychology.

John Klyver, Contracts Manager

John Klyver joined the Mental Health Services Division as the new Contracts Manager, leaving Health Services Administration where he had been a Management Analyst. He replaces Gillian Botha-Harvey, who has joined the Hospital and Clinics Department as the new South County Clinics Manager.

Dirk Jensen, Employee of the Month

Dirk Jensen, employee of the month for May, is the Program Specialist for the Community Right to Know Program in Environmental Health. In this position, Jensen works closely with inspections staff to standardize procedures regulating business throughout the County.

Jensen is also a member of the Haz Mat Team and his efforts since September 11 have been truly commendable. The anthrax scare in October created an immediate need for training and additional equipment. Without prompting, Jensen stepped forward to fill the void. He is one of four technical support team members that responded to over thirty incidents in a two-week period. His calm demeanor and level headed approach, coupled with his outstanding problem solving skills, were a valuable asset.

Jensen readily volunteers for extra assignments and has been an active officer in the Peninsula Emergency Services Association for the past three years. His steadfast determination and reliability over the years have contributed to the success of the Emergency Response Program.

Agencywide family violence training

By Andrea Aiello, Women's Health Initiative

Family violence—defined as the sum of child abuse, domestic violence, and elder/dependent adult abuse—is one of the most pervasive and least understood health issues in the country. In 2000 San Mateo County received over 3000 domestic violence-related 911 calls. Elder/dependent adult abuse, as tracked by the Aging & Adult Services Division, is on the rise. Child abuse occurs in an estimated 50% of households where domestic violence is present, and there is a growing perception that even just witnessing such violence against a parent or caretaker scars a child for life and negatively affects their future relationships.

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Recognizing the importance of early family violence intervention, Health Services inaugurated Improving Our Response to Family Violence, a mandatory employee training. The training program is the result of 18 months of planning and development, led by Andea Aiello and Dr. Sam Stebbins.

The training goals are to:

- strengthen understanding of family violence

- introduce the new Health Services domestic violence screening protocol
- familiarize employees with community resources and referral methods

The training team, who also developed the curriculum, includes staff and contractors—Diana Cummings, NP, Keller Center; Jean Jacquemet, PHN, Public Health; Celia Moreno, MD, Mental Health; Carolyn Moore, Center for Domestic Violence Prevention; Lisa Ryan, NP, Mental Health; Kelly Semprich, MSW, Aging and Adult Services; Sam Stebbins, MD, Public Health; Cindy Urquidez, Sor Juana Ines Services for Abused Women; Cheryl Walker, LCSW, Mental Health; and Andrea Aiello, MPH, Consultant, Public Health. Andrea Aiello is the coordinator of this project. Special thanks go to Public Health's Health Education Section and Health Services Director Margaret Taylor.

Bi-weekly training sessions continue through June.

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Health Services Agency special terrorism preparedness

The Health Services Agency has specific tasks to prepare for a terrorist event, and each task will vary according to the type of weapon used—conventional, chemical, biological, or nuclear.

There are currently no stockpiles of medications, medical supplies, or personal protective equipment in San Mateo County. Most health care facilities have only a minimal inventory of these items during any given time. San Mateo County is currently dependent on federal supplies for these items through the National Pharmaceutical Stockpile. Although the federal stockpile can be deployed in under 12 hours, it could take 48-72 hours to arrive. The County must be able to care for residents during this time. The Health Services Agency and area hospitals are acquiring a cache of medications and supplies to deal with medical conditions caused by biological or chemical agents.

The Agency is outlining procedures to facilitate and expedite the distribution of pharmaceuticals in the event of an attack. These procedures include packaging, site staffing, record keeping, distribution sites, and transportation of medicines and patients.

Early detection of a biological terrorist event is critical to ensure a rapid and adequate response. Currently the County does not have a real time surveillance system to detect such an event. The Agency is developing a locally operated and maintained enhanced surveillance system based on both pre-hospital and hospital based systems. Health Services is training medical personnel and responders to recognize and report diseases most likely to be caused by bioterrorism.

Health Services is also preparing for a

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1 Anthony Hoffman Awards: (l to r) Margaret Taylor, Health Services Director; Hon. Rich Gordon, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors; Officer Tom Orsolini, San Bruno Police Department; Mike Lydon, Mental Health Board; and San Bruno Chief Lee Violet and Lt. Marc Catalano. **2 Nurses Week:** Winners and nominees for Nursing Excellence Awards. **3 Public Health Week:** (l to r) Rachele Lamento and Lorena Michel of Public Health at Serramonte Shopping Center health fair. **4 Earth Day Thermometer Exchange:** Rob Fleming exchanges Katalina Ahoia's mercury thermometer for a mercury-free NexTemp thermometer as Vern Bessey, City of San Mateo Environmental Programs Manager, looks on. The Stormwater Pollution Prevention Program (STOPPP) of the City/County Association sponsored the exchange at various locations. Over 160 thermometers were exchanged at the Health Center. **5 Adult Fund Bake Sale:** (l to r) Judy Clendening, Sheryl Fuata, Randi Burkett, Diane Been, Lillian Lira, Carolyn Kiely and Gloria Placito. **5 Dads Count:** (l to r) Hon. Jerry Hill, President, San Mateo County Board of Supervisors; Mike Scanlon, CEO, SamTrans; Larry Ivich, General Manager, Hillsdale Shopping Center; Hon. Norm Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation; and Hon. David Mineta, Jefferson Union High School District. **6 Myths, Legends and Folklore:** Annual exhibition of student artwork at Palos Vedes School is hosted by the San Mateo County Office of Education and School Based Mental Health.

Events

Mental Health Board Anthony Hoffman Community Service Awards

In observance of May as Mental Health Month, the Tony Hoffman Community Service Awards were presented to:

- * Norma Guaspari, *volunteer*
- * Dorenda Johnson, *business*
- * Brenda Mays, *landlord/housing*
- * Tom Orsolini, *law enforcement*
- * Dr. Ernie Rodriguez, *professional*
- * Deborah Ann Tan, *client*
- * Dario Urbina, *client*
- * Diane Warner, *volunteer*
- * B. J. Worden, *law enforcement*

Nurses Excellence Award Winners

- * Laura Garcia, Public Health, *Patient Advocacy*
- * Emely Grivas, Willow Clinic, *Team Player*
- * Elizabeth Berbano, 39th Ave Clinics, *Leadership*
- * Dianne Bishop, Special Care Unit, *Clinical Care*
- * Cindy Guintu, Long Term Care, *Change Champion*
- * Laarni San Juan, Pre to Three, *Community Service*
- * Maryanne Deresinski, Mental Health, *Mentoring*

Adult Fund Bake Sale

The Adult Fund bake sale and raffle raised \$615. In the past, the Adult Fund has purchased Lifeline (emergency response systems),

food, clothing, appliances, utility payments, cleaning, assistive devices (e.g., hearing aids, dentures, and glasses), pest control, and veterinary services.

Aging and Adult Services employees established the fund many years ago to buy special services and goods that their clients could not afford. The current committee members are Gloria Placito Chan, co-chair; Shea Muller, co-chair; Diane Been; Randi Burkett; Abbie Miller; Lillian Lira; Carolyn Kiely; Judy Clendening; Sheryl Fuata; and Sheila Voris.

Dads Count

Over 340 attended the third annual Dads Count: Fatherhood Breakfast and Awards Ceremony, hosted by San Mateo County Supervisor Jerry Hill, San Mateo County Superior Court Judge Phrasel L. Shelton, and Hillsdale Shopping Center General Manager Larry Ivich.

Norm Mineta, U.S. Secretary of Transportation, and David Mineta, Trustee, Jefferson Union High School District, father and son keynote speakers, spoke about issues facing fathers in public service.

Thanks to the Health Services staff who worked on Dads Count—Lori Cancilla, Dr. Anand Chabra, Pat Lloyd, Michelle Lopez, Joanne MacDonald, Carolee Nicholson, Herb Pierre, Ronell Reyna, Racquel Siat, Shirley Ventura, and Brian Zamora.

Dads Count honorees:

- * Siebel Systems, *large business*
- * Marin Day Schools, *small business*
- * San Mateo County Transit District, *local public agency*

KUDOS

Dr. Scott Morrow, Health Officer, was selected as a recipient of the County Alcohol and Drug Program Administrators Association of California (CADPAAC) award for 2002 in the evaluation/research category for work in harm reduction, needle exchange, and public health officer relations. At the awards ceremony, Dr. Morrow's writings on the community impact of alcohol and drugs were highlighted. Recently, the "American Journal of Public Health" published Dr. Morrow's research article, "Hepatitis C in our County," in the April 2002 issue.

Barbara Pletz, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), will serve as the next chair of the local American Heart Association Board. Her one-year

term begins in July.

Matt Lucett, EMS, received a letter of appreciation from San Francisco International Airport for his work on the annual air crash exercise in May.

Jan Ogar, Emergency Medical Services, was appointed to the 2002 Government Affairs Committee for the National Emergency Nurses Association.

Linda Gorman, Payroll/Personnel Specialist, is Mental Health's employee of the month for June. Kudos!

Correctional Health received a 100 percent compliance rating for meeting all medical and mental health standards from the Institute for Medical Quality, a state review board of the California Medical Association.

CORRECTION: Karen Kraemer's retired after 34 years, not 23 years as was reported in the last issue of *Healthtracks*.

Youth Services Team garners award



The San Mateo Child Abuse Council recognized five agencies at the Friends of the Child Award Ceremony in April. The Mental Health Youth Services Team was honored for providing services, benefiting children. San Mateo County ranks second lowest statewide in reported abuse cases. Child abuse prevention is a priority in county government: nearly \$400,000 has been invested in prevention programs over the past two years.

Congratulations to Deborah Torres (pictured), Children's/Youth Services Director, and the Youth Services Team.

Retirements

Edwina Anderson, the longest serving AFSCME union steward and a longtime member of the affirmative action committee, retired from the Mental Health after 29 years.

Ed Chu retired as Lead Social Worker III in San Mateo County Health Center Long Term Care after 35 years of service. His coworkers will miss his wonderful sense of humor and the residents will miss his pleasant ways.

Dr. Harrison Gill retired as the Medical Director of Long Term Care. During his 12 year tenure, he expanded the rehabilitation component of Long Term Care and championed the cause of people with AIDS.

Maxine Fisher, who began working for the County in 1976, was the secretary to the Director of Hospital and Clinics. She knew everyone in the hospital and almost everyone in the County. If you needed to know how to get something done, Fisher had an

answer. We wish her happiness in this new stage of her life.

Helen Loring retired after working for Aging & Adult Services for 18 years. Her calm manner and infinite patience will be missed by our staff and clients.

Edith Walker retired with over 30 years of service with Food and Nutrition Services. She has seen the San Mateo County Health Center through times of growth and change and is looking forward to spending time with her grandchildren, pursuing her hobbies, and traveling.

Dr. Edward Zeff held many key positions at San Mateo County Health Center Inpatient/Psychiatric Emergency Services throughout his 30 year tenure, including Chief/Chairman of the Department of Psychiatry, Medical Director of Cordilleras Mental Health Center, and Chief of Medical Staff at San Mateo County Health Center. He is well known in the mental health community as a dedicated professional.

Two from Panama celebrate thirty years of service

Claudette Clarke and Gladys Gomez-Baisden received

30-year service awards this spring. Both worked for the Sheriff's



Gladys Gomez-Baisden and Claudette Clarke

Office, are natives of Panama, and are now employed by Health Services in offices on the same floor—what a coincidence!

Gladys Gomez-Baisden began her County career as one of the first Spanish-speaking Eligibility Worker in the Non-Assistance Food Stamps Unit. About 12-1/2 years later, she was assigned to the Men's Jail as one of the first bilingual

Clerk Specialists in the Sheriff's Department. Gomez-Baisden has been with CHDP in Health Services since 1993.

Claudette Clarke started with the County as a Clerk Typist in Department of Social Services in East Palo Alto. Shortly thereafter she accepted a fulltime position in the Sheriff's Office with their Neighborhood Assistant Officer Trainee Pilot

Program, a federal grant to recruit more African-Americans into law enforcement before moving to Health Services in 1988. She currently works for Emergency Medical Services. During her tenure, Clarke also earned an Associate Arts Degree in Business through the County's Accelerated Associate of Arts Pilot Program and formed many lasting friendships.

Pair of sleuths trace ancestors

Following the thread of family history has become a hobby and passion for Jackie Toliver of Aging and Adult Services and Mary Jane Wood of the AIDS Program. The quest to find their forebears has uncovered fascinating facts about their families, lost relatives, and titillating tidbits of lesser-known American history.

When Wood began her research in July 2000, she knew nothing of her family because her parents had lost contact with her relatives. Wood, a history buff, traced her family to Plymouth colony and Governor John Webster, first governor of Connecticut and forebear of Daniel and Noah, and in the process found several cousins and an aunt living in Colorado. Through her research, she learned interesting details of the early settlers' migrations west and has become familiar with skirmishes and minor battles that are unknown to most Americans. Some of her favorite documents are Civil and Revolutionary War pension applications. These handwritten depositions were transcribed as the person spoke and are filled with interesting details and anecdotes about the applicants' lives.

Toliver's curiosity was sparked by a family name that

had been passed down from generation to generation. Her investigation began with an old family tree written on a single page. She enjoys delving into the stories of past lives to find the missing clues. "I feel like a private eye," she laughs. Once, as she was researching a family branch in the library, a book toppled from the shelf. When she checked the index, there was the name of the person Toliver was looking for—serendipity! Just when she thinks she's about to solve family mystery, another thread unravels, but that's all part of the fun.

Both agree that the Internet has revolutionized the field of genealogy. "Genealogy is one of the fastest growing areas of the Internet," says Wood. What was once the domain of a small group, who communicated through journals and postal mail, has exploded into an international network of online message boards, chat rooms, and Web sites (see sidebar). The opening of archives such as the Ellis Island American Family History Center and the 1930s census heightens enthusiasm. (The Ellis Island Web site received 2.3 billion hits in less than a year.) For those in search of their roots, a wealth of friends, family and relations await.



Above: Jackie Toliver's great grandfather, Cyrille Pourciau, Chief of Police of New Roads, Louisiana in Pointe Coupee Parish. "Chief," as he was known, is a direct descendent of Jean Baptiste Pourciau. Jean Baptiste was part of a group (sometimes referred to as the Mayflower Settlers of Louisiana) that migrated from France in the 1700s after signing a contract to settle in Louisiana.

Above right: Grace Woodworth Wood, grandmother of Mary Jane Wood, who died at the age of 24 about one month after the birth of her second child of puerperal fever—a common cause of death for women in early times. This photo, and many more, were sent to Mary Jane by relatives found through her genealogical search.



GENEALOGY RESOURCES

Web Sites

Ellis Island American Family Immigration History Center
www.ellisland.org

Cyndi's List of Genealogy Sites on the Internet—more than 129,000 links
www.cyndislist.com

Genealogy.com—a subsidiary of A&E Television Networks (purchase Family Tree Maker software here)
www.genealogy.com

Ancestry.com
www.ancestry.com

RootsWeb.com
www.rootsweb.com

The Olive Tree Genealogy
olivetreegenealogy.com/index.shtml

Software

Mary Jane's Favorite—PC: Legacy, Palm: Personal Ancestor File freeware
Jackie's Favorite—Family Tree Maker

Local Treasures

California State Library – Sutro
480 Winston Drive, San Francisco
(415) 731-4477
E-mail: sutro@library.ca.gov
www.onelibrary.com/Library/calstlsut.htm

National Archives and Records Administration Pacific Region
Leo J. Ryan Memorial Federal Building
1000 Commodore Drive, San Bruno
(65) 876-9001
E-mail: sanbruno.archives@nara.gov
www.nara.gov/regional/sanfranc.html

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints Family History Centers
familysearch.com/
975 Sneath Lane, San Bruno
(650) 873-1928
730 Sharp Park Road, Pacifica
(650) 355-4986
1105 Valparaiso Avenue, Menlo Park
(650) 325-9711

Service Awards

30 years

Claudette Clarke
Gladys
Gomez-Baisden

20 years

Mark Constantz
Miguel Guterres
Annette Hartog
Shea Muller

10 years

Michaela Banks
Chris Day
Robert Keliiaa
Andrea Kuster
Gloria Lee
Karin Low
Cheryl Walker
Jenifer Wilcock
Elia Zapata



In memoriam

DEBBIE MARUYAMA

Debbie Maruyama, a long-time, well-loved and respected employee in Health Services, was killed in an automobile crash in April. Maruyama, a supervisor in Public Health's California Children Services program, is survived by her husband, Tom Maruyama; son, Jeffery; and mother, Ruth Ferriera. Memorial contributions can be made to the Debbie Maruyama Memorial Fund, a scholarship fund for Jeffrey, at San Mateo Credit Union (www.smcu.org) account #438879.

CAROL TWOMEY

Coworkers and friends of Carol Ann Twomey miss her positive and generous nature, which so enriched the Child Health Services work environment. Twomey joined the County in 1990 and worked for the CHDP Program until she retired in December 2001. She died in March 2002, following a five-year battle with breast cancer. Memorial contributions can be made to the Susan G. Komen Breast Cancer Foundation, Box 29316, SF, CA 94129 or Healing With Hope, 218 DeAnza Blvd., San Mateo, CA 94402.

TOM MCCREERY

Tom McCreery, an employee with more than 36 years of service, passed away of complications from a series of heart attacks. You may remember McCreery as the gentleman who often sang on his courier route. Sympathy and condolence offered to his wife, Linda; son, Michael; daughter, Marlena; and granddaughter, Sierra. The family has established a trust fund for McCreery's granddaughter at the Wells Fargo Bank in Newark. Donations can be made to account #1210428821010048344 at any Wells Fargo branch.

TERRORISM PREPAREDNESS

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possible chemical attack by equipping first responder personnel with personal protective equipment or PPE. The Agency has been developing a local stockpile of antidotes for a chemical attack, and determining procedures for a rapid deployment in the event of an emergency. Equipment,

capable of decontaminating a large number of people has been purchased and is available throughout the County.

The Agency, in collaboration with County Office of Emergency Services (OES), law enforcement, fire service, hospitals and the physician community, is actively involved in planning activities to test its efficiency in response to a terrorist

attack. Health Officer Dr. Scott Morrow, the Emergency Medical Services and Environmental Health Divisions, and fire services are working with OES to design a detailed medical and health plan for various bio-terror, chemical and radiological scenarios. The Agency is also assisting local hospitals to draft their internal terrorist attack plans and stockpile drugs.

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