



under the dome

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Dear City employees who work in City Hall:

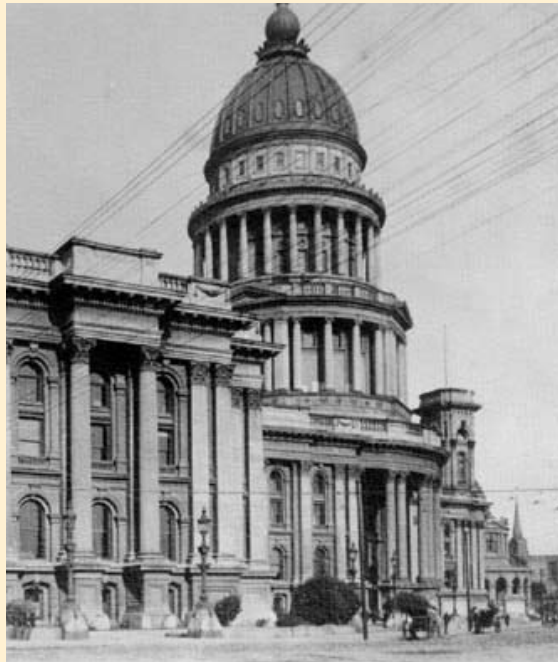
Introducing City Hall Building Management's monthly electronic newsletter entitled "under the dome," created specifically for City employees who work in this wonderful building. Each month "under the dome" will provide you with a variety of City Hall news and information including building safety tips, preservation updates and art attractions. On the lighter side, regular features such as "Transformations" and "Scene & Heard" will introduce you to fellow City employees who work in City Hall and provide hot tips on hip lunch spots, movies, music and more. It is with great pleasure that I bring this resource to you. I hope that you enjoy working under the dome as much I do.

Happy New Year!
Lesley Nolan
Building Services Manager
City Hall Building Management

We Welcome your Feedback!

City employees can send "under the dome" questions and suggestions to lesley.nolan@sfgov.org

Civic Center in Chaos



City Hall before and after the earthquake of 1906

100 Years ago this month, one of the most tragic events in San Francisco history occurred. Shortly after 5:00 AM on April 18th in 1906 San Francisco was struck by a massive earthquake measuring approximately 8.25 on the Richter scale. The earthquake ripped houses from their foundations and tore storefronts off of buildings during the quake that lasted about a minute. The quake was felt as far away as Nevada and Oregon. A fire broke out and swept through the financial district, devouring any remaining buildings that managed to survive the devastating quake.

At 8 a.m. troops and artillery arrived Downtown to take up patrol. 150 soldiers were deployed throughout the city, with 75 soldiers assigned along Market from Third Street to City Hall. Mayor Eugene Schmitz declared a state of emergency and instructed police and military to shoot looters on sight. As a result, over 500 people were shot.

Another fire broke out at 395 Hayes St. on the southwest corner of Hayes and Gough. It would become known as the "Ham and Eggs" fire and destroyed Hayes Valley, part of the Western Addition, the Mechanics' Pavilion, and City Hall before jumping to Market Street and Ninth.

The fire reached Van Ness Avenue during the evening. In response the army dynamited mansions along the street

in an attempt to build a fire break. It was eventually stopped at 20th and Dolores, just shy of the historic Mission Dolores. Three- thousand volunteers and a few firemen fought the blaze with knapsacks, brooms and a little water from an operating hydrant at 20th and Church.

With the earthquake over and the fire out, the City began to make accommodations for the twenty thousand displaced residents. Temporary refugee camps were constructed in 11 different locations around the city, and thousands more moved permanently across the bay to Berkeley and Oakland. Approximately 400,000,000 1906 dollars in damage was caused by the destruction, and around 3,000 people were killed, making it the most devastating event in San Francisco history.

Art in City Hall

SFPUC Centennial Photo Exhibition Traces Destruction and Renewal of San Francisco's Water System: 1906-2006 Ground Floor of City Hall, March 27 – June 9

The San Francisco Public Utilities Commission (SFPUC) presents "The San Francisco Water System: Devastation and Renewal, 1906-2006," an exhibition of historic photographs, mostly from the SFPUC archives, in lower level City Hall, March 27 through June 9, 2006.

The images chronicle the history of the SF Water System from its destruction in 1906 to the round-the-clock dedication by plumbers and other City workers to restore the non-operable pipelines and mains, the birth of the ingenious new 167-mile Hetch Hetchy Water System designed to provide reliable water into the future, and today's aggressive program to upgrade the 72-year-old aqueduct and enable continued water supply in the wake of the next major earthquake.

The collection of nearly 40 framed black-and-white prints will complement another SFPUC exhibition of large-scale historic banners on the walls of the North Light Court, open for public viewing on April 6.

For further information, please contact Michele Liapes, SFPUC Communications, 415-554-3211, mliapas@sfwater.org.

Also be sure to check out the SF Historical Society's centennial exhibit on display in the South Light Court starting April 14th.



Transformations

Do you recognize this City employee who works in City Hall?



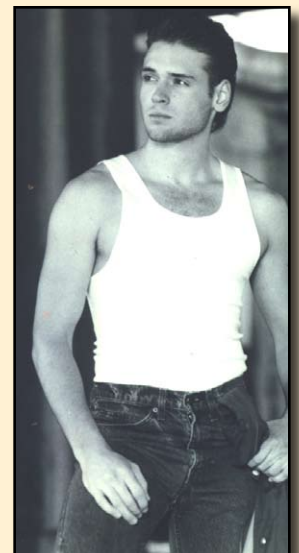
Can I help you?



Soldier in the making



There are just too many things to say about this picture.



Is that look Blue Steel?



I'm going to Graceland!

Douglas G. Novak, Deputy Sheriff

Scene and Heard

What are you reading?

"I'm always trying to balance my life, so I'm reading two different types of books: *Emotional Alchemy* by Tara Bennet-Goleman, about focusing on the present moment and not getting caught up in the emotional aspects of life. Her husband literally wrote the book on "Emotional Intelligence," and *The Man Who Invented Rock Hudson* by Robert Hofler, which is about how Hollywood really operated in the 40's and 50's."



Louis Voccia
Office of the Controller

What is your favorite vacation spot?

"My favorite vacation spot is Bali. It's great arriving on a tropical island that is far, far away from the hustle and bustle of the concrete jungles of a metropolitan city. The air is clean, the sky is blue. You feel the sun smiling on you even with your eyes closed while you lay in the waves on a beach that extends forever. It's the most awesome feeling, and the most relaxing. Plus—you get an international collection of eye candy!"



Darlene C. Chiu
Mayor's Office of Communications

What are you watching?

"I am the queen of trashy TV—I love all things MTV, still mourn the end of *90210*, and am looking forward to the new HBO show *Big Love*."



Amanda Kahn
Office of Supervisor Bevan Dufty

April Safety Training — Be Prepared, GET INVOLVED

TRAIN

San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT) - Free training from the fire department on how to help yourself and your neighbors after a disaster. American Red Cross, Bay Area – Disaster Preparedness, First Aid and CPR Training.

VOLUNTEER

Before a disaster, get involved and become familiar with community resources:

- The Volunteer Center – Find out which community organizations need your skills and expertise.
- Citizen Corp – Coordinates volunteer programs to support first responders.
- Auxiliary Communications Services (ACS) - Become a HAM radio operator or volunteer your services. 415.558.2717.
- Volunteer to develop site-specific disaster plans for your workplace, child's daycare center, or apartment building if they don't already have one.

After a disaster, volunteers will play a crucial role in recovery efforts:

- The Volunteer Center will match your skills and interests with the community agencies that need your help most. Call 1-800-CARE-123 or listen for directions to your local Volunteer Reception Center.
- San Francisco Neighborhood Emergency Response Team (NERT), a program of the Fire Department, provides free training so you can help yourself and your neighbors after a disaster.

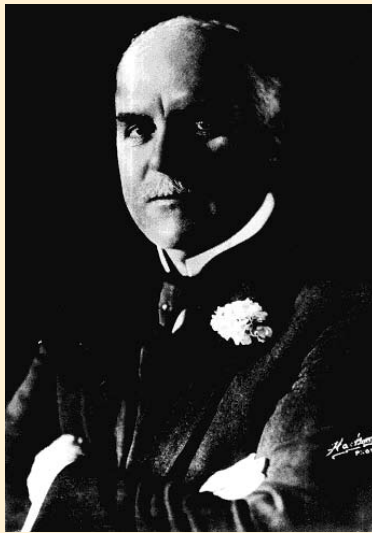
COMMUNITY

Give blood – <http://www.bloodcenters.org> or **1-888-393-GIVE**.

Donate money to an established organization. Get to know your neighbors. Find out if anyone has specialized equipment, like a power generator or expertise such as medical knowledge, that might help in a crisis. Make arrangements to check on your neighbor's home or pets if one of you is away when a disaster strikes.

James Rolph, Jr.

(1869–1934)



Have you ever walked down the grand staircase, gazed across the rotunda and noticed a name emblazoned on the limestone just above the clock? In huge 10 foot letters read the words “James Rolph, Jr. Mayor.” So who was James Rolph, and why is his name on our City Hall?

James Rolph Junior was born August 23rd, 1869 in the Mission District. He was a founding member and president of the Mission Bank. After the 1906 earthquake Rolph converted the stable behind his home on Guerrero into the headquarters for the Mission Relief Association of the Red Cross. He personally delivered food and water to earthquake victims using his horse and buggy.

Rolph was elected mayor in 1911, and was known as “Sunny Jim” because he was always seen with a carnation in his buttonhole, cowboy boots on his feet and a smile on his face. He was so well liked by the people of San Francisco that he was mayor for an unprecedented 19 years from 1912 to 1931.

Rolph was instrumental in getting City Hall and the surrounding Civic Center Plaza built. He helped pass an \$8.8 million bond issue to prepare the City for the 1915 Panama Pacific Fair, which included \$3.9 million to build a new City Hall.

Legend has it that on several occasions Rolph asked the City Hall architects to put his name somewhere in the building to commemorate all his hard work, and each time they refused. The evening before the building’s inauguration Rolph snuck in with workmen, ladders and chisels to carve his name in anyway. After Sunny Jim left office to begin a term as Governor of California in 1931, the years of his Mayoral service were carved on either side of his name.

James Rolph Jr. was one of the driving forces behind the construction of the entire Civic Center Plaza including City Hall. In 1975 San Francisco City Hall became a Historic National Landmark, making James Rolph’s name permanently a part of the building. Both his name and his memory will always be associated with San Francisco City Hall.

PART TIME JOB OPPORTUNITIES!

SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT of ELECTIONS

The Department of Elections is now accepting resumes for Data Entry Clerks, Phone Bank Clerks and Field Election Deputies (FEDs). All positions are as-needed short-term assignments and pay \$15.21 per hour. Bilingual Spanish, Russian, Cantonese and Mandarin speakers are encouraged to apply.

Data Entry Clerks must be able to accurately type 45 w.p.m. Work hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm although some evenings and weekends may be required. Essential functions include entering information into a computer database; answering phones; providing information; and transferring calls. Other duties may include sorting and assembling mail and operating basic office equipment. Please send resumes to debra.brown@sfgov.org with the subject line “Data Entry Clerk.”

Field Election Deputies (FEDs) work Election Day to troubleshoot, deal with technical and/or staffing issues, deliver supplies, and ensure that every polling place opens on time and closes smoothly. The role of the FED on Election Day (Tuesday, June 6, 2006) is primarily to provide support and assistance to approximately 10 Polling Places on a designated driving route. The Department will also provide two days of paid training to prepare FED candidates for their Election Day responsibilities. To qualify as a Field Election Deputy you must be a U.S. Citizen at least 18 years of age, a registered California voter, and be a licensed driver with clean driving record. Please send resumes to george.ferentinos@sfgov.org with the subject line “Field Election Deputy.”

Phone Bank Clerks are trained in election basics and work with a team of operators to answer voter questions that are called into the Department of Elections. Applicants must have basic computer knowledge and ability to handle a high volume of calls in a prompt and professional manner. Customer service experience is a plus. Work hours are 8:00 am to 5:00 pm although some evenings and weekends may be required. Please send resume to conchita.binaley@sfgov.org with the subject line “Phone Bank Clerk.”

How to Apply:

Email your resume as indicated or send to:
Personnel, Department of Elections
City Hall, Room 48
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Wednesdays at 7 pm

Thursdays at 9 pm

Saturdays & Sundays at 6 pm

District SF – This program explores each district's history, demographics, culture, politics and how the districts' issues interrelate with city-wide issues.

Mondays, Tuesdays & Fridays at 7 pm

Saturdays & Sundays at 12:30 pm & 10:30 pm

SF Legislative Outlook – SFGTV's weekly Legislative Outlook provides viewers with a concise update of legislative activity in San Francisco. Featured segments in the program include, a wrap-up of significant legislative actions by the Mayor, Board of Supervisors and Commissions and a preview of matters on the next week's agendas.

Mondays & Fridays at 8 pm

Saturdays & Sundays at 12 Noon & 10 pm

Tuesdays at 1:30 pm on SFGTV, Channel 26

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