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Mayor's Advisors Seek Distance from Controversy

As the Mayor's anti-crime policies are coming into question by Civil Rights law firms and Activists for being seen as specifically targeting Minority groups, the Mayor's Advisory Committee is calling for Mayor Justin Scope to apologize for previously recorded statements of his conversation with the Chief of Police, Louis Chaucer. In those statements, the Mayor spoke about the Police Task Force for the Homeless, referring to the Homeless as "Creatures" and are a "detriment to humanity" as well as indicating that the police should do "everything necessary to clean the streets of these animals." The Mayor's office has yet to release a statement regarding the recordings or the current atmosphere within City Hall.



BREAKING NEWS: Disaster for High Rise Construction Company

Part of an incomplete steel framework for a new parking garage in the SOMA area has collapsed in the early hours of the morning. The Axiom Garage started construction a month ago under controversy due to the death of the Jessica Haydenbrook, owner of the previous building on this block. Although no evidence of foul play or arson was found in the subsequent investigation, it is believed by local residents that the building was destroyed so that the land can be obtained by the City for this and other projects adjacent to this planned garage. Currently, investigators are trying to determine the cause of the failed structure which crumpled at 1:30am. Due to the hour of the incident, there was no construction crew or reported injuries although response teams did enter the site and are carefully filtering through the rubble as a precaution. The resulting damage included the destruction of the company's security cameras on the site. Recovered footage will be reviewed by both local police and High Rise's attorneys and investigators.



Controversy over New Computer Privacy Laws

SF State University Students are pushing for stronger internet privacy laws due to the exposed flaw in upgrades in computer databases created during the Y2K updating efforts. Students argue that these flaws compromise security programs used in banking and sites containing private information including social security numbers. There is concern that the database of the university could be compromised releasing sensitive medical records and other personal information of the students to the public. Student groups have taken this issue to local Activist groups who share the same concern and are coordinating petitions to the Mayor's office.

Developing: Ghost Annex Night Club Busted for Illegal Arms Dealing

A year-long sting operation by local ATF agents came into completion when evidence and arrests were made at the Ghost Annex Night Club in the Potrero Hill Neighborhood of San Francisco. In addition to automatic and semi-automatic guns, there was older firearms owned by famous historical figures such as Wyatt Earp and "Buffalo Bill" Cody believed to have been stolen from a private collection. Other weapons included decorative and utilitarian swords, crossbows, manual bows and modified custom weapons made to be concealed. The club's owners have been arrested along with Jonathan Basque and Brandon Waters who have been known to frequent the club. More on this story will be reported as it develops.

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Drug Smugglers used Colma Graves for Storage

A groundskeeper of the Italian Cemetery in Colma reported seeing strange mounds in the dirt. Believing that maybe a new body was illegally buried in the grounds, he called police. Police discovered caskets full of various drugs in the Northeast corner near and adjacent plots of the Cemetery and investigated other plots using underground radar and other tools. No suspects or arrests have been made regarding this case which will soon be turned over to the county for further investigation.

San Jose Cultural Boom

San Jose is seeing a lively surge of Arts and Festivals which have steadily grown over the past fifteen years. Along with the move of the 49ers Football Team to Santa Clara as well as being the host the infamous event of Wrestlemania, local theatrical companies such as the San Jose Ballet have been thriving and increasing its local audience. This weekend's events include an outdoor Middle Eastern themed festival featuring Egyptian Bellydancers and Greek food. For more information, refer to the Arts and Weekend Guide.

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Chief of Police in Hot Water

Due to the controversial released audio recording with the Mayor and increasing complaints about the harassment of Police to Homeless and other vulnerable Minority groups, public pressure is mounting for the Chief Louis Chaucer to be fired from his position. Advocacy groups of the Homeless cite the continued aggression from local police officers toward this vulnerable community is encouraged and sometimes awarded within the police force according to sources they are choosing to keep anonymous at this time. Local clinics have noted an increase in treating injuries such as severe bruising and broken bones with Immigrants and homeless patients after encountering patrolling officers. Community advocacy groups are concerned about the increased violence in behavior of the police and believe that race and classism is a factor in who is injured. The local Police Union and Chief Chaucer are reportedly refusing to be interviewed at this time.

SF ARTS:

New Exhibit in the Traveling Jewish Museum: "The Lure of the Kabbalah" a showcase of old books and relics from Pre-Renaissance Jewish Texts are on display and currently open to the public until November of this year. This exhibit was graciously funded by the Tallward Foundation and the SF Consortium of the Arts.

Weather

Mon: sunny, high 67, low 52
Tues: showers, high 62, low 49
Wed: rain up to 1", high 60, low 48
Thur: cloudy, high 67, low 52
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