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# Happy Birthday!

## July

Calvin Johnson  
Irene Lopez  
Marcella Wiltz  
Tami Barradas

## August

Kenneth Sparks  
Patricia Richard  
Jamar Nelson  
Andreea Maye

Cedric Akbar  
Charles Brown  
Ashley Kristensen  
Christopher Lloyd

## September

Robin Candler  
Stephan Densby  
Jeff Gross  
Samantha Scott  
Sarah Shafton  
Priyanka Sharma  
Derek Wong

# The Pretrial Post

## COMINGS AND GOINGS

### Welcome

London Watson : **Peer Advocate**  
Michael Trent : **Peer Advocate**  
Steve Ubiera: **IT Director**  
Sarah Shafton : **CAHS Caseworker**

### Interns:

Irine Lopez, Albert Orozco, Devin Jones, Nazia Chandiwalla, Jessica Newman, Stephan Densby, Brittany Tucker,  
Rogernald Jackson, Bagas Danara, Sharon IP, Alex Soh, Armand Amin, Collin Styles, David Li

### Farewell

William Roeder, Duane Bell, Judy King, Niles Jones, Dan Cabrera, Armand Amin and Jasmine Dailey  
**We wish you all the best of luck.**

## NEW THINGS KEEP ON COMING!

## KEEPING IT CLEAN AND GREEN

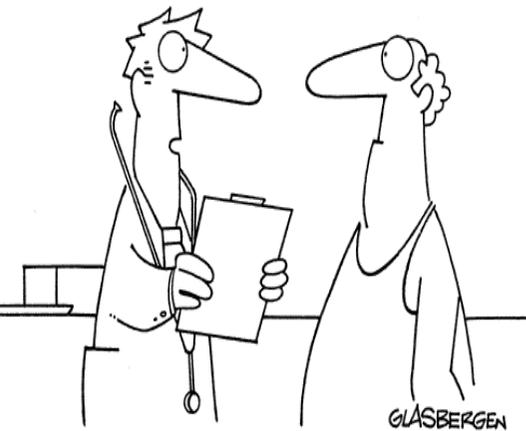


**Great news! There is a gym near our office that is open for membership! You can join zumba classes on Tuesdays and Thursdays as well! Contact Allison for more information.**

This is the new logo for the San Francisco Pretrial Diversion Project that was designed by Albert Orozco, one of our interns this summer. It symbolizes the close knit that is shared between the courts, clients, communities and colleagues in pursuit for a positive change. It will be used in our also new website, Facebook, Twitter, and Wikipedia page. A lot of new things are coming this summer and everybody at the office seems to be onboard!

On June 9, Project 20 volunteers teamed up with DPW's Community Clean Team to "clean and green" San Francisco. It was a great way to engage and give back to the community while fulfilling community service hours to pay off parking and traffic tickets. Volunteers worked on tree planting, landscaping projects, removing weeds, re-growing vegetation, painting over graffiti and helping clean up the litter. Photographed here is a volunteer raking some leaves.

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**"The handle on your recliner does not qualify as an exercise machine."**



**We wish Ramunda Owens and Charles Brown a speedy recovery!**

**Coastal Cleaning  
September 15 2012  
4:45 pm. Ocean Beach**

**Fleet Week  
October 13, 2012  
Panhandle**

## IT Corner

Steve Ubiera is the new IT director at the office. His vision for this organization is to further develop the technology to make the tasks of the Pretrial staff more convenient to do.

**A warm welcome from all of us to Steve!**

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## Candle Stick Park Community Event

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46 Project 20 clients arrived at the Keeping Clean & Green event at 700 Jamestown Ave ( the parking lot of the 49ers!!) on July 14, 2012. The event, despite the short notice of location change, was a huge success. Project 20' clients were split into 5 teams of two; team 6,7,8,9 and team 16. They beautified the San Francisco area through tree planting, landscaping projects, removing weeds, regrowing vegetation, painting over graffiti and helping to clean up the litter.

The hard work of our clients was a reflection of the dedication and commitment we have to the community at S. F. Pretrial Diversion Project. Steve, Clark & videographer Albert Orozco obtained video interviews with Supervisor , Malia Cohen, City of San Francisco Mayor, Ed Lee and Director of DPW, Mohammed Nuru.

Our clients shared about their enjoyment in giving back to the community along with the benefit of working with a diverse collaboration of people to get the task done. We at S. F. Pretrial Diversion Project are proud of our contribution to the collaborative effort at the Keeping it Clean & Green event at Candlestick Park.

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## Earth Day 2012

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On Saturday, April 21, 2012, Project 20 (P20) volunteers teamed up with DPW's Community Clean Team in attempt to "clean and green" San Francisco in District 6. The organization thought that it was a great way to engage and give back to the community while fulfilling community service hours for the clients to pay off parking and traffic tickets.

In the spirit of Earth Day, the Department of Environment was on hand to provide information on sustainable living. Recology donated free compost at Fulton Street and Hyde Street near U.N. Plaza and through DPW's partnership with the Clean City Coalition and Recology, residents living in District 6 could properly dispose unwanted household bulky items for free at Recology Golden Gate's 7th Street facility. The Please Touch Community Garden also came to speak about the power of community gardens to change the urban landscape and provided opportunities for volunteers to exercise their green thumbs.

“As we celebrate Earth Day, we are reminded of the importance of caring and preserving our environment,,” said District 6 Supervisor Jane Kim who used to do Project 20, “The amount of work we accomplish together today is a testament to this community; one that I am extremely proud to represent.”

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## The Story of Nicole Young

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She parked her truck with the word "Pride" on its front door in our office's parking lot. As she came out, she looked fresh; better yet, she looked confident. Nicole Young came to our office with her travelling cat named Georgia that afternoon. Nobody would ever assume that she had once been in jail before, left alone with no possession nor hope to have a the life that she deserved after jail time.

Two of our interns, Rusty and Albert greeted her with a smile. Their assignment that day was to interview the amazing woman standing before them.

"When I was arrested last year, I lost everything I had" she said. Young was confused and scared of what was waiting for her: no housing, no clothing, no food, what was she supposed to do? Luckily, she got introduced to NOVA and Cedric Akbar took her application and she was accepted to the program.

"The nice thing about it was the day after I was out, they were there to meet me, and the day I was out of jail, I had a cellphone, I had a backpack and I had a housing. I had a plan in place" she continued.

NOVA helped Young to transition from her life at jail to the stable life that she had always dreamed of. She received a lot of other help such as getting in to the driving school, being supported by food stamps and access to medication.

Young then explained the reason why there is a big "Pride" sticker on her truck. She has been working for a business called "Pride Transport" that is based in South Lake City. She seemed happy when she was explaining about the company. Young has received a lot of training and she now drives all over the country and she's happy that she has seen a lot of places that she never thought she could see.

"The pants I [am wearing] are just all from NOVA" she added while laughing. "NOVA is a pathway to independence, I wanted a path to independence and NOVA gave it to me"



Cedric Akbar and Nicole Young