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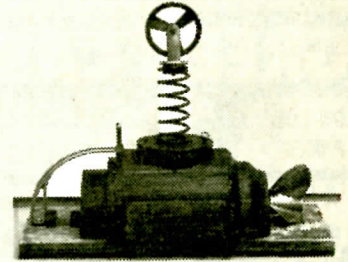
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Club honors law enforcement officers

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Five Bay Area law enforcement officers have been named by Space Center Rotary Club as recipients of its first series of Distinguished Service Awards.

The club membership will select one of the five to be honored April 12 as its Officer of the Year. The winner will receive a \$1,000 cash award.

Dr. David Taylor, chairman of the committee that screened the

nominations, identified the Distinguished Service Award winners as:

- Randall Derr of the Houston Police Department. A 13-year veteran of law enforcement, Derr is a patrolman at the HPD Clear Lake Sub-station. He serves as police-community liaison officer.

- Jeff Wagner, like Derr, is assigned to HPD's Clear Lake Sub-station. He is a patrolman and veteran of nine-years in law enforcement. He has received two Meritorious Service Awards and was the 100 Club's Officer of the

Year in 1989.

- Regina Ellis of the Lakeview Police Department. Ellis, with eight years experience, is assigned to patrol and juvenile duties in El Lago and Taylor Lake Village. She was the department's Employee of the year in 1990.

- Larry Fleenor of the Webster Police Department. Fleenor has 14 years in law enforcement and his a detective-juvenile officer assigned to the Criminal Investigation Division. He was honored by Crime Stoppers of the Bay Area as its Officer of the Year in 1990.

- Russell Herrera of the Pasadena Police Department. Assigned to the evening patrol shift, Herrera has six and one-half years in law enforcement. He is also assigned to their Gang Task Force and received 11 letters of commendation in 1992.

"Many officers were nominated from the police forces associated with the Clear Lake/Bay Area," Dr. Taylor said. "Our committee reviewed resumes and asked questions of the nominees and then made the difficult choice of the five."

According to Taylor the club launched the project to draw attention to law enforcement and recognize the role it performs.

"In doing so, we hope to convey the sentiment that we value what police officers do for our community and appreciate their professional standards," he said. "The club was not looking for heroes or headline-getters. Instead, it stressed professionalism, effectiveness, community involvement and valor."