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HARD WORKING DISTRICT ATTORNEYS

WALTER ALDRIDGE AND CHRISTOPHER NEDEAU

In Judge Samuel Yee's court room the San Francisco District Attorneys Office is represented by two assistant district attorneys, Christopher Nedeau and Walter Aldridge. These two prosecutors exemplify the high quality of D.A.s in the municipal courts of San Francisco.

Very few police officers or other members of the San Francisco Criminal Justice System are aware that Christopher Nedeau and Walter Aldridge work twelve hour days every day and often work weekends as well. The volume of a prosecutor's caseload is enough to drive some lawyers off the deep end, and there appears to be no abatement to the tide of arrests and trials.

Christopher Nedeau, pictured to the left of the photo is a 28 year old graduate of the University of Notre Dame, who also received his law degree from Notre Dame in 1977. Christopher passed the Michigan State Bar in 1977 and the California State Bar exam in 1978. He was born and raised in the State of Michigan. To show the dedication of Christopher, he volunteered as an intern with the D.A.s office from February to September of 1978 at no compensation. He was then hired as a full time attorney when he passed the Bar Exam. Asked to comment about his job with the office, Mr. Nedeau stated, "The most important impression that I have of this job is the high quality people I work

with, both police officers and prosecutors". A Cow Hollow resident, Mr. Nedeau hopes to remain a career prosecutor.



Walter Aldridge, pictured to the right on the photo is a 36 year old graduate of Golden Gate University (1972) and achieved his law degree from Hastings College of the Law in 1975. Prior to completing his education, Mr. Aldridge spent three and a half years in the United States Army and was discharged with the rank of Sergeant. D.A. Aldridge was born in Houston, Texas

and lived in Texas and Tennessee in his early years before settling in Oakland, California. He joined the San Francisco District Attorneys Office in March of 1978 and has worked in Traffic Court, handled misdemeanor trials in three municipal courts and now handles felony preliminary hearings before Judge Samuel Yee. When asked why he became a prosecutor, Aldridge stated that his philosophy was more in tune with police and prosecutors than the Defense Bar. He is highly impressed with the spirit of cooperation between police officers and D.A.s to achieve justice for all parties concerned in the criminal cases that he has handled. Also, Mr. Aldridge stated that in his law school experience he felt that the criminal law and procedure classes were weighted too far for the defense point of view. As a final comment, he stated that because of his particular cultural background, he has found that a lot of the antagonisms between the police and certain segments of the community relate to a lack of understanding between the parties and he hopes to help remedy that.

If you are around Judge Yee's Court, drop in and observe two hard-working prosecutors, Walter Aldridge and Christopher Nedeau at work.

by Paul Chignell
Vice President

by Gerry Schmidt

"TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN"

Labor unions are born of necessity. Adverse conditions of employment; administrative, economic and otherwise, usually evolve to a point where they give birth to structured resistance. In the field of law enforcement however, the alleged sanctity of the profession has hindered his process. By comparison, police associations/unions have only recently come into existence.

Associations are created as a source of relief to the many and varied pressures police in modern society endure. A first priority therefore should be to identify these pressures and obtain a thorough understanding of their effects.

The very nature of police work is itself a constant source of pressure. Officers cope with these pressures in a multitude of ways. Never was this truer than in today's multi-ethnic police departments comprised of both men and women. Unfortunately, some officers are unable to cope in a fashion consistent with departmental policy. Legitimately or not, many times they've found themselves disciplined and held accountable for standards set by those who can. It can be a demeaning and extremely frustrating experience.

A constantly changing and technically difficult criminal justice system creates another source of frustration. Pressure results in attempting to adhere to idealistic court decisions as well as frustration and anxiety in seeing guilty suspects walk free. As a further hardship to society good, sound, aggressive police work is stifled.

These are just a few examples of the kinds of pressures which can have an adverse effect on a police officer's health, both mental and physical. In addition, they say nothing of how families and loved ones are effected.

In banding together, associations have provided a collective strength much greater than individuals alone could muster. The primary objective of this strength has been the establishment and preservation of a police officer's human rights and self-dignity. As they've become more sophisticated and engrained in society, associations have sought to provide better benefits and working conditions, mostly through the political process.

In examining the status of police organizations, it's vitally important to remember two things. First, that no organization stands alone. As police officers from different geographic areas begin to communicate more, they find they all share the same kinds of problems. As a result they all share the same need to have a collective source of strength. As one organization builds its strength, it's incumbent upon it to "look back" and show the way to fellow organizations. Thereby filtering its strength to areas far beyond its jurisdictional boundaries.

The second thing to remember involves the sometimes delicate process of obtaining better conditions via the political process. There is a danger incumbent in the process that jeopardizes the primary objective of an organization. If by becoming political, an organization's leaders begin to compromise its prin-

cipals for the attainment of certain desirables, the basic strength it is meant to provide becomes eroded.

It is unquestionably the duty and responsibility of union leaders to become involved in the political process. It is even more important for them to be political in a way which benefits the whole, as was originally intended.

SEPOA 1ST ANNUAL FAMILY SUMMER PICNIC

August 30, 1980

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WIDOWS & ORPHANS

The meeting was called to order at 2:10 p.m. Wednesday, June 18, 1980 by Pres. George Jeffery. Excused Trustees - Hurley, Lenmon, Parenti. All other officers and trustees present, with a sufficient number of members present for a quorum.

Suspensions — Treas. Becker reported that 21 notices (certified mail) will be sent to delinquents of 6 months or more.

Treasurer Barney also reported the following deaths:

GEORGE DEVENCIENZI — Born in San Francisco in 1910, George entered the Department as a Patrol Wagon Driver in 1939 at age 28. Worked Northern and Southern Stations until he was transferred to Ingleside in 1942 where he worked until his retirement on disability in 1950 at age 39. George was 69 at the time of his death.

EDWARD J. MC KEVVITT — Born in San Francisco in 1912, Ed came into the Department in 1941 at age 29. He was assigned to Co. C, worked there for 3 years before being transferred to Central Station. In 1947 he was made an Assistant Inspector, a full Inspector in 1950. He was awarded a 1st Grade Meritorious in 1945 for arrest of hotel hold-up man, a Capt.'s Commendation in 1946 for capture of a barricaded ex-convict burglar. He retired in 1976 on service. Ed was 58 at the time of his death.

Among the deaths reported last month, your Secretary made the error of reporting retired Lieutenant Walter Thompson as one. Like that of Mark Twain, this was "greatly exaggerated". When Walter was contacted by phone to explain the mistake and apologize, his first remark was "Where is the \$5,000.00?" So you can see that he is alive and well. Many more happy years, Walter and our sincere apologies.

The man who should have been reported was **WILLIAM THOMPSON**, born in San Francisco in 1890, entered the Department in 1915 after serving in the Fire Department. William's stay was brief as he resigned in 1918. He was 90 years at the time of his death.

Miss Minuth, Hibernia Bank, reported the sale of Combined Ins., at request of Trustees, for a profit of \$6,500.00. Also purchase of other stocks as per Trustees orders. Will be difficult to replace some of the Treasury Bonds coming due, at a comparable rate of interest.

New Business: Officers were advised of a change in management in the Policeman's Fund. William Hardeman to replace Harry Beare (a tough man to follow).

There being no further business to come before the Association, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. in memory of our above departed Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary

A TRIBUTE TO OUR BENEDICT MIKE HEBEL

Where is there a finer guy than Mike Hebel,
Who's never done anything that was evil;
How lucky his bride, to capture that valuable prize,
And he in turn, is no discriminating and wise!

Of fellow-officers and his buddies who know him,
He could hang his legal adversaries on a limb,
Let them beware in legalistic maneuvers,
Keeps his cool, with his gentlest composure!

At Board meetings, he's our counselor and bulwark,
When with proposals, wild motions, some awkward,
And when the President asks Mike his opinion,
With Solomon's wisdom, quickly makes his decision.

At Retirement Board meetings, he's respected,
For his knowledge of law, clearly stated,
All the members acknowledge his manners,
For his expertise we should be waving banners.

He's always so cool, so calm — and collected,
His trigger mind, — unworkable ideas fast rejected,
So I tell you, my brothers and superiors,
There's only one Hebel, who's ne'er been inferior!

Tony Bell, Retired
Member of the Board of Directors, POA
Representative of the Veteran POA



POLICE POST #456 NEWS

Now that the summer season is upon us, we will see lots of families on the highways. We hope that everyone comes home safely. The month of July, as per the usual procedure, will find the meeting hall dark. No meetings in July.

Your new slate of officers for the coming year welcomes your attendance at the monthly meetings. Commander Mark Hurley promises lots of activity and plenty of fun so get out and support your Post officers. Next meeting in August.

"Breathes there a man with soul so dead, who never to himself has said, this is my own, my native land". The foregoing is something taken from my memory bank. It was brought back to me sharply in a super-market parking lot when a man parked next to me struck up a conversation. It was during the conversation that I noticed the prosthetic which served as a left arm. When he observed me looking at it, he explained that he had lost it while serving with Colonel Jimmy Roosevelt's Marine Raiders. I asked him how he felt in view of the draft uproar from some of our younger citizens and here he was with one good arm. His reply was "I feel humble". This epitomizes the true soldier that the U.S. and the Marine Corps can be proud of, as can all of us who proudly served. Give it some thought and take comfort that we still have plenty of men like that. See Harry and Erl for financial needs —

Your Scribe, John Russell

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT



by **BOB BARRY**

A FAMILY GET TOGETHER

Many years have passed since I entered the police department and I have often wondered why the POA has been reluctant to get members and their families involved in family oriented activities.

It seems as though the years pass so quickly that "next year" will be the right time, but next year never seems to arrive. Consequently, the only time that our members are asked to participate in anything is when the political climate is hot and the POA needs precinct walkers, envelope stuffers or telephone banks manned. That's just not enough to bring our membership together.

As a result of this "void", I called a Special Board of Directors meeting on July 7th for the purpose of introducing a motion that the POA sponsor and partially subsidized a membership family picnic. My motion was approved by a vote of 13 to 1. The picnic is scheduled for August 30th at Crow Canyon Park in Castro Valley with easy access from all counties. Further information will soon be distributed that will outline the various activities.

I sincerely hope that our first venture into this type of program is a successful one, as I look forward to introducing additional activities in the near future.

1980 - 81 SALARY SURVEY UP-DATE

Many rumors continue to circulate throughout the department that we are destined to receive a rather large increase, or in some cases, the rumor is no increase at all.

In order to dispel such rumors, I have issued numerous bulletins outlining the progress of our upcoming salary survey which is reprinted here to bring you up-to-date. I expect to announce some progress in the cities of Long Beach, Los Angeles and San Jose during the week of July 13th. In the meantime, the present salary structure indicates a 5.8% increase if it were completed today.

by Paul Chignell
Vice President

non-member of the month

The members of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association through their dues contribute to a certain quality of life for San Francisco police officers

The members finance the attorneys who keep police officers out of jail and away from lengthy suspensions. The members finance lawsuits that invalidate phony residency limits, and they finance lawsuits that bring millions of dollars in back wages to police officers. There are two lawsuits pending that will bring those dollars to San Francisco police officers. Without that dues money, these projects would never take place.

The Association performs scores of tasks over each month benefiting officers in trouble legally, medically, psychologically and financially. Ninety-five (95) percent of the officers belong and pay dues.

FREELoadERS EXIST

But as business continues year after year, some officers feed on the largesse but don't pay the freight. These officers are freeloaders because they receive certain benefits but the others pay for the services. Agency shop legislation is close to passing in the California State Legislature. When that bill is signed, the freeloaders will have to pay all of the dues whether they belong to the POA or not.

IDENTIFICATION IS IMPORTANT

Identification of non-members is important to the membership because your life might depend upon that officer working alongside of you. Who would want to depend on an officer who is a freeloader? Who would want to work with an officer who doesn't pay his fair share? There are few non-members, but they exist.

PRESTIGIOUS JOBS COMMON

Most of the non-members of our Department who work in the Hall of Justice hold jobs that many would

consider elite. Some of these officers have been hidden from street work for a long period of time.

NON-MEMBER OF THE MONTH

July's nominee for non-member of the month is Sergeant Jerry D. Belfield of the Intelligence Unit. Despite his lack of a gold star, this individual remains in his present assignment.

July's nominee is renowned from his impressive work at Internal Affairs during the last half of the 1970's decade. Belfield was integrally involved in the investigation of alleged misconduct by two probationary officers who were fired by Chief Charles R. Gain, the former Chief who now runs a trailer park near Fresno.

The Superior Court and District Court of Appeal took an extremely stern view towards July nominee's investigation of misconduct against the two probationary officers. Both officers' termination were reversed, they were awarded full back pay and the Court of Appeal soundly criticized the investigation.

But the July nominee remains in a sensitive position with the San Francisco Police Department despite the recent Appeals Court case.

JULY NOMINEE WATCHED

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has learned that July's nominee is not a favorite of the police officer who was terminated through the July nominee's investigation. In fact, the July nominee is being watched for any further violations of proper investigative techniques. The July nominee and any individual with a position of trust in the hierarchy of the San Francisco Police Department, whether non-member or not, will be the subject of legal sanctions if rank and file police officer's rights are violated.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING June 17, 1980

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Nineteen (19) present; two (2) excused, Hebel and Simms, and zero (0) absent.

SPECIAL ORDER

Address of Police Officer Art Tapia seeking endorsement for November Board of Education election. M/Pera S/Hammell not to endorse. Passed 14 -3.

PRESIDENT'S REPORT

President Barry presented a written report to the Board on the following issues: overtime, salary survey, Bill of Rights, by-laws, promotions, M.O.U., legal issues and political contribution requests. A lengthy discussion followed. Written report attached to original minutes in the P.O.A. office.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Brother Chignell reported on the problem of retired officers waiting 4½ months for their first checks. After some discussion it was decided that the problem would be investigated by the Legislative Committee.

SECRETARY'S REPORT

Secretary Casciato presented the May minutes to the Board. M/Ballentine S/Geary to approve minutes as presented with amendment that Burbank P.O.A. has joined IUPA and is already a C.O.P.S. member. Passed by voice vote.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Treasurer Patterson presented a written report to the Board. M/Wright S/Hammell to approve Treasurer's report. Passed by voice vote.

Brother Crowley gave a C.O.P.S. Committee report. Fifty-two (52) of the fifty-seven (57) candidates endorsed were victorious in the June election.

I.U.P.A. report by Brother Patterson. The July I.U.P.A. Convention was discussed. Brothers Crowley, Patterson, Hammell and Schmidt will be attending the Convention in Washington D.C.

Brother Toomey, the Labor Council representative, reported on the Political Action Committee of C.O.P.E., stating that Labor is dissatisfied with the democratic party and is looking into substantial changes for future political actions.

Brother Ballentine gave an oral report on the status of the Federal Litigation Committee. The Consent Decree is being monitored closely and regular meetings are being held.

OLD BUSINESS

Brother Mike Conway gave an update on the formulation of a counseling service for P.O.A. members. The program is all set up to go as soon as an agreement is reached with the Police Commission on the issue of confidentiality. President Barry appointed Brothers Conway and Rapagnani as a formal Counseling Services Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

M/Geary S/Gannon to pay \$50.00 per day per diem for Brothers Schmidt and Hammell who are presently paying their own expenses to the I.U.P.A. Convention. Total costs would be \$1,200.00 for both. Passed 14-yes, 2-no and 2 abstain. Amendment Ballentine S/Rapagnani to change the \$2,750.00 figure to \$1,200.00 (600 per man). Passed by 14-yes, 2-no and 2 abstain.

Meeting adjourned.

GENERAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Cancelled - No quorum.

Croce A. Casciato
Secretary, S.F.P.O.A.

SPECIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING July 7, 1980

Opened with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Roll Call: Fourteen (14) present, three (3) absent, (Gannon, Pera and Huegle) and four (4) excused.

Special Item: POA Picnic. Motion Barry, seconded Amiot that the POA sponsor a picnic for POA members, families and friends on Saturday, August 30, 1980 at Crow Canyon Park, Castro Valley. Cost from POA general funds not to exceed \$1,500.00 and tickets to be sold at a price of \$5.00 per adult and \$2.50 for children. Motion passed, 13-1, Patterson dissenting.

Croce A. Casciato
Secretary



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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

by Al Casciato

... Inspectors Pete Otten and Kedvin O'Conner, Sex Crimes Detail, have been praising the cooperation they have received from district station officers over the past year. They are especially proud of Park Station officers Mike Kelly, Mike Puccinelli, Brian Rabbitt and Lloyd Ritter who were the catalysts in breaking the Keys Guest House case. (The one where 5 punks entered a senior citizens' house and beat, robbed and raped the elderly)...

... Steve Gough of the Street Crimes Unit has quit the department and opened a pizza parlor at Scott and Lombard Streets. The name of the place is Big Foot and Steve will be the cook while his wife Gale runs the register. Well, here's wishing them the best of luck in their venture and encouraging all of you to drop by and try at least one pizza, to get them started on a successful note...

... No Incentive for Patrol: The backbone of the police department is the Patrol Force. Every major text on police administration acknowledges the fact, yet in San Francisco there exists not one incentive for officers to remain in the patrol force. Virtually all officers view the patrol force as a place to get out of as soon as possible. Because to remain is a career deadend. Great attitude for the first line of defense, you say? Well, someone high up in government better take look at the problem very quickly and do something about it soon. But they won't...

... Every month more and more complaints come in from officers about the quality of products and service received from Herb's Uniforms and Dahls Shoes. Seems that these two outfits that have had the city contract for years to supply police uniforms and shoes, have become complacent because of their captured clientele. Already some officers have received vouchers from the administration to purchase shoes elsewhere because of unresolvable problems with Dahls Shoes. Though the Uniform and Safety Committee has discussed the problems with the owners of the two outfits, no immediate improvement has been noted. Seems you have to be a captain or above to receive courteous, efficient service...

... Who will Quick Draw McSwall buy lunch for next? So asks Ace McChristie who, along with Wild Billy the Heavy, outshot Mac during their last qualification at the range and enjoyed a hearty lunch at his expense. To challenge Mac, just call Co. D...

... The annual Mounted Unit dinner will be held the 11th of September at the Hall of Flowers in Golden Gate Park. Old, present and retired members will be "honored". For tickets call Ray Mullane, 752-6255. Surprise door prize will be offered...

... Are our bullet proof vests still good? Safe? Some officers are worried that perspiration, grime and cleaning have ruined the integrity of the fibers and that the vests are no longer capable of stopping bullets. Their worries are justified because when the vests were issued, the manufacturer warned that eventually the fibers of the vest could break down and lose their stopping power. What can be done? A random sampling of well-used vests should be immediately taken to the Police Range and tested. If the vests are bad, then replacements should be issued. If good, thank God...

... A weight watchers anonymous club has been formed at the Mission Station. Collectively they have lost 60 lbs. and can be identified by baggy uniforms, grumpy dispositions and a trail of Tab can pull tops. If you join them, they will show you where the secret "honest" scale is located...

... Members who are contemplating a service retirement in the near future should be warned that it takes approximately 4½ months for the first retirement check to arrive. Dan Matroce of the Retirement System blames staff shortages for the delay. The P.O.A. is working on the problem and hopes to resolve the problem quickly but in the meantime, members are advised to build a cash reserve prior to retirement...

... Mildred Giddings and Laurette Rames, two of the most well-liked, respected and efficient clerks in the police department, have retired. They will be sorely missed. Best wishes for great happiness in their retirement from all of us. Ladies like that are hard to find, much less replace...

... The baby boom among police families is continuing with Jim and Yvonne Speros, Co. I, happily reporting the arrival of Aileen Jaime, 6 lb. 1 oz. this past month. Jim says it is hectic now with 3 women in the house but figures that it will all be worth it when they pamper him in his old age. Congrates...

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... Attention Horsemen: Members of the SFPD that reside in Marin County, who own and ride horses, the Marin County Mounted Sheriff's Posse has a limited number of openings for a few good men interested in the environment of the county. It is a reserve auxillary unit of long standing recognition. For further details, contact Frank Alianza, Bureau of Fire Investigation, SFPD. Call 861-8000, Ext. 301/347...

... Recently Deputy D.A. Tom Crary heard a radio broadcast that a robbery had occurred at a jewelry shop on the 2400 block of Polk Street. He responded to the area and observed the suspect enter a cab. Tom followed the cab and radioed for assistance. Sgt. Frank Kerlin, Solos, responded and along with Tom arrested the suspect after he left the cab. Frank congratulates Tom and says if more people were willing to get involved when they don't have to, the city would be a lot safer

... Mark your calendars for August 30 when the P.O.A. picnic will be held. It's going to be a great opportunity for everyone to get together. I especially encourage retired members to attend because it's not very often that we have an opportunity to gather at a happy occasion; usually we only gather at funerals...

... Secondary Employment for active and retired officers: The Sheraton Hotel, Fisherman's Wharf needs security officers. If interested call John Hess, 362-5500. While on secondary employment; all of you should be reminded that if there is a strike against your employer, the department rules prohibit you from working during the term of the dispute. The legal office states that Chief Murphy will be issuing an information bulletin on the matter shortly...

... Hard to believe that the Olde Gavel will be celebrating its second birthday, August 1st. Proprietor Charles Perkins says he is going to host a buffet and present door prizes to all his regular customers, from the Hall, on that date at 6 p.m. to thank them for their patronage during the last two years...

... Attention all smokers; save your soft, empty packs and turn them in to Laverne at the P.O.A. office. She takes them to Sebastopol where a friend of hers has worked out a deal that for every pack turned in, a group of hospitals will provide 3 free minutes on the dialysis machines for needy persons...

... Hold the presses! Larry and Pat Barsetti, Co. E, just had a delivery from the stork, Nicholas Piccinini Barsetti, 8 lbs. 8 oz. Mother and son are fine and resting while Papa Larry and Grandpa Phil (SFPD retired) are out celebrating the arrival of the first born of the new generation. Congratulations to all...

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by Tom Vigo
Chairman, Blood Bank Committee

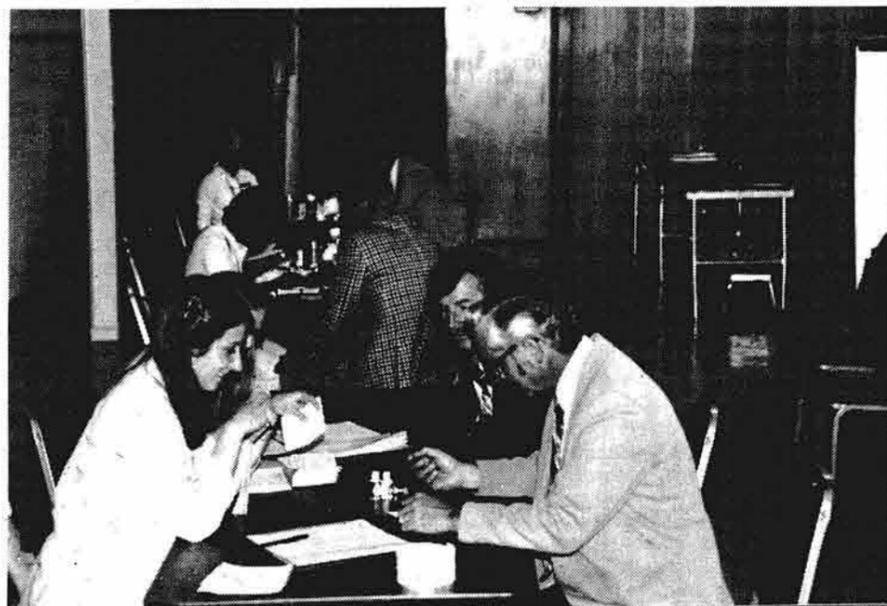
On June 30, 1978, the SFPOA sponsored its first mobile drive at the Association's offices. 54 units were collected to offset the numerous units of blood used during the fourth of July weekend of that year. Last year this drive was able to amass 78 donations.

The 1980 drive was conducted on Thursday, June 26 and a new record was set for this blood drive when 93 units were collected. As the day proceeded, we hoped for 100 units and although the units were not donated at the Association's Building, some members responded to Irwin Memorial Blood Bank and donated there. Our June records indicate this is the best recruitment month the San Francisco Police Department's account has registered since September of 1977.

The Blood Bank Committee wishes to thank all who donated at this drive and during the month of June. A check of the credit receipts indicate that several old friends have once again performed an important community service. It is also refreshing to note that several members of the recruit classes responded to the blood drive. I hope that some good donating habits are being formed. As the bottom of the Irwin Memorial receipt states, "Good deeds speak for themselves."

Although the Blood Bank Committee is responsible for the entire department (sworn and civilian personnel), it should be noted that the Police Officers' Association has for years underwritten all endeavors and costs encountered for the collection of blood units. No restrictions have been placed on receiving blood for any member of the Police Department (sworn or civilian). This point is stressed as it remains a matter of confusion with some members. The criteria for eligibility for blood units is that all members and their families (retired or active) are eligible to receive our assistance.

One final thank you goes to Ketize Carlomagno who, once again, provided the excellent refreshments. This wonderful lady never turns down our requests and even rearranges her vacation schedule to accomodate us.



THE DECOY PROGRAM

KPIX EDITORIAL

This is San Francisco's Tenderloin — one of the worst crime areas in the city. Someone gets robbed or mugged here about three times a day.

Last week, our I-Team did a story about the San Francisco Police Department's decoy program. It's supposed to be improving the crime situation. But the I-Team found out that it's not really helping very much, and it might even be causing more crimes by tempting people to steal who might not otherwise do it.

Here's how it works. A police officer dresses up in ragged clothes with some money sticking out of his pocket. He shuffles along or lies down in a doorway, waiting for someone to pick his pocket. When that happens, he signals to other officers who have been watching the whole thing, and the pickpocket is arrested.

Now, that might seem like a good way to get a lot of criminals off the street. But that's not what happens. Of 132 decoy arrests this year, only three went to jail, partly because the judges thought most of these people weren't dangerous criminals. About half of them had no prior convictions. Two of them were mentally retarded.

The bottom line is that the decoy program isn't doing much to make the streets safer. One reason for this is that most real criminals can spot a decoy a mile away.

We think the city Police Commission should disband the decoy program and have those cops walk beats instead. A blue uniform and a night stick will prevent a lot more crimes than a decoy. I'm Pat Polillo.

REBUTTAL

by Bob Barry

In a recent editorial, the General Manager of KPIX mounted an offensive against the SFPD's decoy unit by stating. . . "the decoy program isn't doing much to make the streets safer", and "it might even be causing more crimes".

The decoy program was implemented 2 years ago with tremendous success in reducing crime. Primarily concentrated in the Tenderloin area, police officers set themselves up as potential victims of would be muggers or pickpockets; once a crime was perpetrated against the officer, an arrest was then made.

Since 1977, approximately 85% of all suspects arrested have had prior arrests — a substantial number of which were for violent crimes. Mr. Polillo would like you to believe that we are out arresting Boy Scouts.

Simply stated, the program is working very well. Criminals are being arrested, prosecuted and most importantly, they're being convicted.

If Mr. Polillo was disadvantaged enough to live in the crime ridden Tenderloin, maybe then he would appreciate the efforts being made to make this area safer — especially for the large number of senior citizens that are forced to reside there.



. . . Uh . . . No, I haven't seen him lately. I think he transferred to another station!

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Interested in volcanoes?

Because interest in volcanoes has increased since the recent eruption of Mt. St. Helens, an evening, slide-illustrated lecture by Dr. Wendell Duffield, coordinator of the Geothermal Research Program for the United States Geological Survey Station in Menlo Park, will be presented Saturday, July 19, by the Coyote Point Museum Association.

Dr. Duffield's comments are expected to explain the

cataclysmic events in Washington state as well as include predictions concerning activity elsewhere in the Cascade Range.

Lava punch will be served. Fee for members is \$1 per person; \$3 per family. Non-members are asked to pay \$2 per person; \$4 per family.

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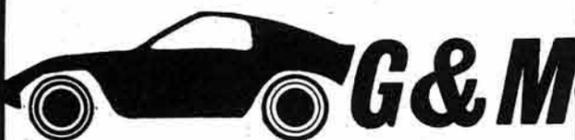
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EYESORE

by Gale W. Wright



The Car Wash located at the corner of 10th and Harrison Streets does a fair to middling business and has done so for a great many years. Yet the owners of this valuable piece of income seem to spend little time or money in keeping their eyesore in a clean and respectable manner.

Sure the walls of the building are going to get dirty from the dirty cars and trucks which are washed there by their drivers. Sure there is going to be debris and

other garbage from those cars, and the asphalt is full of chuck holes from water deterioration.

The question is, "What can be done about it?" Obviously the owners/operators of this car wash are not getting any pressure to clean up their act. Maybe Supervisor Doris Ward can verify the filthy appearance of this business and get the city licensing agency to "lean" on the owners to cleanup their property every week, whether it needs it or not (and it does).

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OFF...DUTY
by Jim Seim



I would like to thank those who have been kind with their positive comments about last month's column. Hopefully, it will help put you in touch with others in criminal justice systems that share a common interest of yours.

As I promised last month, I will now reveal who the mustery fire chief is and where he commands. That would be none other than Gene Reed of C.S.T.F. and he commands the force of 35 volunteers at the Mayacamas, Sonoma County Fire Department. Gene tells me that his house has two fire trucks, and is currently looking for donations of more equipment from other fire departments. So, if anyone out there has a spare fire rig just sittin' around gathering dust, call Gene. Gene tells me that his duties include the supervision of training, formulating a budget and managing operations. He has an assistant chief and three captains to lend a hand. Who says having an M.P.A. isn't worth having any more?

At the adjoining desk to Gene's at C.S.T.F. sits Al Lim. Al is a radio amateur who just happens to be contributing his time and talents in radio communications to helping the Mayacamas Department install their radio equipment. Contributing a helping hand is typical of members of the radio amateur fraternity. In addition to community service they enjoy pioneering new methods of electronic communication, with which they talk to people all around the world. If this sounds intriguing, contact Al for further details on how you might become a "ham", as members of the amateur fraternity are known.

Ever want to have your own business? Well, Mark Swendsen of Communications has a business he really has gone "ape" over. Mark calls his company, "The Happiness Box Gift Delivery Service". What makes his service unique is that the package is delivered by an employee dressed in a gorilla suit. Sometimes they dress the gorilla especially for the occasion in special costume. Such as when the monkey came dressed as a football coach to deliver a gift to Jim Plunkett at a recent birthday party for the local hero. One look at some of the linebackers in attendance made Mark worry that they might drag the gorilla (Mark) up a skyscraper. Then there was the party for Sally Stanford (a locally famous lady) that Mark had to cancel out on . . . but you'll have to get those details straight from Mark.

Next month: Someone who flies without spending a fortune.

COMPLAINT MEDIATION

— YOUR WAY TO USE YOUR CONSUMER RIGHTS!

by Laurel Pallock
Complaint Mediation
Consumer Fraud/Economic Crime Section
553-1814

The Consumer Fraud/Economic Crime Section of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office is the only city agency providing complaint mediation to Bay Area residents — to the frustrated consumers who feel they've been cheated, and to those who can't afford a lawyer or who've been shunted from one agency to another and don't know where else to turn for help.

The mediation services are free and performed by staff supervisors and volunteer students who handle over three hundred complaints each month. In the past four years, over \$550,000.00 in goods, services, and refunds have been recovered for San Francisco consumers.

The complaint mediators at Consumer Fraud will give you the attention you deserve, whether your problem concerns disputed auto repair work, mail order refunds, sales or credit practices, or any number of other consumer grievances. The student mediators are mostly undergraduates and law students from local universities and colleges, working for academic credit, legal experience, and for the intense charge of helping people. Their services provide relief to your pocket-books and to the over-burdened courts as well, since mediation offers a practical alternative to costly and time-consuming litigation. Everyone benefits from this personal service: the consumer, the court system, taxpayers, and legitimate businesses, too.

The complaint mediators try to deal with every complaint the office receives. There was the man who had bought a used car from a dealer and was having difficulty getting his money back after the engine blew up within two days of purchase. A mediator helped him to recover his \$1,800. There was the deaf resident who had sent away \$800.00 for a special phone answering machine that never arrived. A complaint mediator helped him track down the company's owner and get his refund.

Mediators have obtained refunds for people who ordered tickets from a theater that sold more seats than were available. They've recovered twenty cents for a child who tried unsuccessfully to get his money back for returning pop bottles, helped a woman in the Sunset District to obtain her false teeth from her dentist, and gotten precious manuscripts back for a group of writers

who had sent them to a publishing company that had stopped publishing. And then there was the unhappy dogowner who had purchased a special dog for breeding purposes, only to discover when she took the dog home that he lacked the fundamentals to get the job done. She called Consumer Fraud to see about getting her money b'vack and said she'd be delighted to get back the dog's fundamentals, too!

The mediation staff has been involved in many community outreach projects. Bilingual slideshows and workshops are regularly given to neighborhood and community groups on a variety of topics, including the Small Claims Court process and landlord/tenants rights.

The complaint mediators speak English, Spanish and Chinese. They'll help you fill out a complaint form in those languages if you come down to Room 320 in the Hall of Justice or will send you a complaint form if you call the hotline at 553-1814. They know that many complaints arise out of misunderstandings or confusion and are trained to impartially hear both sides of a story and remain unbiased when mediating complaints.

Nancy Simpson, Assistant-in-Charge of the Consumer Fraud/Economic Crime Section, hears from pleased consumers all the time who are grateful for her office's free mediation service. One consumer wrote, "Our compliments to you, your superiors, and the entire city government for a concerned response which was not only handled in a short span of time but with recognition of the frustrations so many of us 'little persons' are confronted with all too frequently."

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The Awards Committee met in Room 551, Hall of Justice, on Friday, 23 May 1980, at 0930 hours in regular session.

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SILVER MEDAL

POLICE OFFICER THOMAS M. HEFFERNAN

For services rendered on Tuesday, August 21, 1979, at 0035 hours, while off duty and walking on Van Ness Avenue between Geary and Post Streets, he was approached by a citizen who stated he had just been robbed. The citizen then pointed to the suspect who robbed him. The officer confronted the suspect, who was armed with a knife, and identified himself as a police officer. The suspect threatened to cut the officer's throat but the officer wrestled the knife from his grasp. At this time a second suspect in a green station wagon came up the street and ran over the officer knocking him to the ground. The 1st suspect then jumped in the vehicle and as the officer attempted to get up and stop them, the vehicle accelerated and ran over the officer's legs. The officer, writhing in pain, observed the license number of the vehicle and gave it to a witness who relayed it to a Northern Station officer. The suspects were then pursued by responding officers. Their vehicle wound up in a fiery crash wherein one of them had to be rescued. Both were then taken into custody. Officer Heffernan, faced with possible death throughout this incident, chose a course of action that ultimately led to the capture of these suspects. For his efforts in this arrest he was awarded a Silver Medal of Valor.

POLICE OFFICER BRUCE F. MAROVICH

For services rendered on Saturday, October 6, 1979, during the major hostage sniper incident that occurred at 1275 Market Street, when he volunteered to rescue a drunk man who was standing across the street directly in the sniper's line of fire. Using his personal vehicle, the officer drove into the area. At this time the sniper had already fired in excess of 50 rounds out into Market Street. Exiting his vehicle, he also was now in the sniper's line of fire. After some difficulty he was able to drag the drunk person into his auto. He then hurriedly drove out of the area and to safety. Officer Marovich showed bravery far above and beyond that expected in the line of duty. He evaluated the risk involved and was aware that the drunk person's life was in great danger. He accomplished his objective by rescuing a citizen from the possibility of being shot by a deranged sniper who later committed suicide in his jail cell. For his heroic actions in this incident, Officer Marovich was awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

BRONZE MEDAL

POLICE OFFICER PHILLIP D. BROWN

For services rendered on Friday, October 12, 1979, during the early afternoon when he and his partner observed two suspects wanted in connection with multiple armed robberies parked in the area of St. Mary's Cathedral parking lot. When he approached the suspects, one of them produced a handgun and pointed it at the officer. This suspect then ran with Officer Brown in hot pursuit. He periodically turned and pointed his weapon at the pursuing officer. The officer, realizing they were in an area where high school students were gathered, chose not to fire at the suspect. The suspect was subsequently captured and he and his weapon taken into custody.

POLICE OFFICER ROBERT S. BARRINGTON

For services rendered on Wednesday, September 7, 1979, at 1620 hours, while on radio car patrol with his partner, observed a house on fire with flames emerging from the front window to a height of approximately 40 feet. A neighbor informed Officer Barrington that a young woman and her pet dog were inside the burning premises. While his partner notified Communications, Officer Barrington entered the smoke and flames searching for the woman and her dog. He was driven out of the front of the premises after having his hair singed and lungs filled with smoke. Despite this, he went to the rear to enter once again but then saw that the woman in question was in the back yard. Making sure there were no other occupants inside, he then escorted the woman to safety.

POLICE OFFICERS JOHN W. BOURNE AND MICHAEL T. GANNON

For services rendered on Sunday, September 30, 1979, at 1550 hours, when they were dispatched to the intersection of 8th Avenue and Judah Street, on a report of a female attempting suicide with a knife. As the officers approached her she warned them that if they came any closer she would kill herself. The officers then lunged for the knife but despite their efforts, the mentally disturbed woman slashed Officer Bourne on the right hand and arm. After a tremendous struggle, the woman who was 5'8" and 300 lbs., was disarmed and handcuffed.

POLICE OFFICERS MICHAEL A. KEYS AND REAGAN E. HOWE

For services rendered on Wednesday, October 31, 1979, at 0815 hours, while in plainclothes in an unmarked vehicle, responded to a call of a man with a gun complaint in the 1800 block of Sunnysdale Avenue. The officers spotted the suspect and ordered him to halt. The suspect then ran into the Sunnysdale Housing Project with the officers in hot pursuit. He then turned and attempted to draw a bead on the pursuing officers but the officers took cover. They then separated and with their weapons drawn, ordered the suspect to drop his gun. After a momentary pause, the suspect complied and was taken into custody.

POLICE OFFICER JAMES T. DEELY

For services rendered on Saturday, October 20, 1979, while investigating a vehicle accident at the corner of Eddy and Taylor Streets, observed a vehicle drive onto the sidewalk in an attempt to run over two pedestrians. When Officer Deely approached the vehicle, he observed the driver draw an automatic pistol and point it at the pedestrians. The officer drew his weapon and ordered the suspect to drop his, but instead of complying he then pointed it at Officer Deely. Bringing his gun up to the suspect's face, he again ordered him to drop the gun. The suspect then placed the pistol on the car floor. The pistol was found to be loaded with a bullet in the chamber, cocked and ready to fire.

POLICE OFFICERS GARY P. DELAGNES AND DANIEL R. TOOMEY

For services rendered on Wednesday, November 7, 1979, shortly after midnight, when their attention was drawn to a fire coming from an alley adjoining 1334 Stockton Street. Closer investigation revealed flames were engulfing the occupied building. Without hesitation the officers entered and commenced kicking in doors and awakening people from their sleep. Many of the residents were elderly and feeble and had to be bodily carried to the street. The officers entered twice more checking all rooms of the three story structure, closing as many doors as they could in an attempt to contain the fire. These officers, at great personal risk, led and carried some 25 persons to safety.

POLICE OFFICER JEFFREY C. LINDBERG

For services rendered on Saturday, October 27, 1979, at 0215 hours, when he responded to #10 Cashmere Street on a report of a man firing a gun into that location. Officer Lindberg located the suspect and ordered him to drop his weapon. The suspect, with his gun pointed at the officer and waving it in a threatening manner, stumbled and fell. In the process, he dropped the gun. Officer Lindberg with the assistance of Officer Daniel McDonagh, immediately jumped him, subdued and arrested him.

POLICE OFFICERS RICHARD H. VAN WINKLE AND JAMES S. GERVASI

For services rendered on Tuesday, October 30, 1979, at 0115 hours, when they went to investigate an onview auto accident. The vehicle and occupants had struck a parked vehicle. Upon seeing the officers approach, the suspects suddenly reversed the vehicle and sped off. The officers immediately pursued. The suspect vehicle crashed, leaving one of the suspects in a dazed condition. The officers alighting from their vehicle wrenched open the suspect vehicle doors. The other suspect pulled a .22 caliber revolver and pointed it right into the face of Officer Gervasi. The officer immediately grabbed the cylinder of the weapon and the suspect's wrist. Officer Van Winkle also grabbed the suspect from the rear and pried the gun from the suspect's hand. Both were taken into custody.

MERITORIOUS CONDUCT

POLICE OFFICERS BRUCE F. MAROVICH AND JOHN D. BRANDT

For services rendered on November 9, 1979, after having conducted a successful investigation of a serious felony where the victim was raped twice, sodomized, forced to commit oral copulation and robbed. They identified the suspect, pulled his rap sheet and found that he had been arrested on October 17, 1979. A check with the Clerk of the Municipal Court revealed that he was scheduled for an appearance on November 9, 1979, in Department 19. He was apprehended on that date as he attempted to leave the courtroom.

POLICE OFFICERS BRUCE F. MAROVICH AND JOHN D. BRANDT

For services rendered on Tuesday, November 13, 1979, at 0231 hours, when they conducted an investigation of two people who were acting suspiciously while standing in the doorway of 2417 Polk Street. As the officers approached from across the street, the suspects immediately boarded a bus which interposed itself between the officers and the suspects. The officers pursued the bus, stopped it, and entered. Further investigation of the suspects at this time revealed that they were in possession of 19 handguns, ammunition and other articles stolen from the trunk of an automobile at 2550 Van Ness Avenue. The male suspect, upon arrest, was revealed to have been just recently released from prison and had a prior of 20 felonies and 14 misdemeanors. The female had 5 felony and 7 misdemeanor arrests.

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The AAA-affiliated club, which provided free fuel economy checks for the general public at the Chamber of Commerce energy fair at Fisherman's Wharf, through its Community Gas Savers Program, tested over 1000 cars in May. The tests were designed to indicate the presence of problems that affect engine performance and fuel economy by examining exhaust emissions. Results showed that, even though one out of three vehicles had malfunctions, over 80 per-

cent of these problems were minor, in most cases requiring only simple adjustments or replacement of modestly priced parts such as a spark plug wire, etc.

More specifically, 30 percent of the vehicles in San Francisco had excessive carbon monoxide (CO) readings when the engine was run at curb idle speed, indicating improper air/fuel mixture settings of the carburetor. Correction of this problem is usually very easy for a qualified mechanic to perform without the need for part replacement. It does not require any replacement or rebuilding of the carburetor assembly.

High hydrocarbon (HC) readings at idle speed, another minor problem, were found in 11 percent of the cars. This malady is

usually caused by malfunctions within the ignition system such as bad spark plug(s), spark plug wire(s), defective distributor cap and such distributor parts as points and condenser. Again, repair is usually at modest cost, but requiring replacement of the defective parts by a qualified individual.

A more serious problem, high CO at cruise speed, requires rebuilding or replacing the carburetor. It was found in only 10 percent of the vehicles. These defects, which are more costly to correct, will cause poor performance and fuel economy until rectified.

Overall, it was found that the majority of cars in San Francisco are operating efficiently. It should be emphasized that most of the vehicles that

did experience malfunctions DID NOT require major work or a full "tune-up". Most needed only MINOR adjustment or parts replacement to correct the maladies.

CSAA has found that the cause of most auto maintenance problems is due simply to the lack of regular car care by drivers and normal wear and tear.

The Community Gas Savers Program's appearance in San Francisco is part of the 1980 summer campaign being conducted throughout Northern California and Nevada to inform motorists of engine malfunctions that affect fuel economy. CSAA has found that there would be an average increase of 12 percent in fuel economy for motorists who do correct the kinds of minor malfunctions found in these tests. The positive response to the program indicates that motorists, being made aware through CSAA's efforts of the correlation between emissions levels and poor fuel economy, are willingly taking steps to reduce gas consumption and save money.

The recent Supreme Court decision in regard to the funding, or rather, non-funding, of abortions for welfare women may delight the right-to-life groups, but not those who have sense enough to realize the long-range effect of the decision.

Unwanted teenage pregnancies already account for a large number of illegitimate births, and, as any criminologist can tell you, many criminals, especially the hardened, incorrigible types, begin life as unwanted children of disadvantaged people.

As a result of the Court's decision, there will be a huge increase in illegitimate births among the poor, with the subsequent effect of a substantial increase in crime, juvenile delinquency and mental illness.

The future costs of anti-abortion ignorance are staggering: Instead of spending \$300 for an abortion, society will end up spending \$30,000 or more for the care, education and, quite probably, the incarceration of the products of illegitimacy.

The do-gooder right-to-life politicians are not too concerned about the huge cost of illegitimacy because they know the money will come out of the taxpayer's pockets, not theirs.

Certain groups harp about the "right to life;" of the unborn. What sort of life? How moral is it to force people to breed unwanted children and then condemn the children to a hostile, unloving, psychologically damaging environment?

Organized religion wants children born, but when it comes to supporting these children it draws the line, forcing the people to foot the bills. If the churches wish to increase the numbers of unwanted children, they should be made to use their enormous tax-free wealth to support them.

It is all well and good to talk about "morality" and "saving life" until you stop and realize a very chilling fact: Today an unwanted child is being born who could someday be your murderer.

— OPINION — CRIME AND ABORTION

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He picks them close to the roots from this hillside
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Vase, as she gazes down in love at his proud
Beaming face.

Oh! why must the poppies wane and fade as the
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His little friend with cup in hand — the rags, bottles and
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Oh! gather those poppies and lupens too, little one with
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by Theodore A. Schlink III
Family Summer Picnic Coordinator

It has been a long time in coming, but we finally are going to have a fraternal event. Since I have been in, I don't recall any summer family function sponsored by our P.O.A. and just for a change, no politicking will be allowed.

As the coordinator for the event, I anticipate the need for a little help in getting our function off the ground and, if anyone would like to assist, please give me a call at the P.O.A.

Last Saturday I surveyed Crow Canyon and believe me, the place is the full 20 acres that they had advertised. The best aspect of the program is the fact that we have the **entire park to ourselves**, and we won't have to share the place with any other group. In other words, if you need some space, your picnic will surely offer that to you.



BBQ Area #1 contains the swing sets, grassy area and the large swimming pool. The area is totally fenced in, so you won't have to worry about your tottlers walking away and rustling one of the horses grazing outside the park. The pool area is also fenced in and the park management supplies a lifeguard. For those of us who have long hair, the management request that bathing caps be worn or the hair tied back.

For the teenagers, there is an arcade, complete with pinball machines and juke box. I might also add that the arcade is indoors and air conditioned.

BBQ Area #2 is secluded and beautiful and will probably end up being for lovers only. The area has two large BBQ pits and is shaded by the huge oak trees that surround the area. (Note: Hanky panky at your own risk.)

BBQ Area #3 is the main area. It too is surrounded by oak trees that will add to your privacy from the intramural games and also from the activities of those in BBQ Area #2. Also, this area is the closest to the keg beer hut and soda fountain.

There are 3 volleyball courts, 1 baseball diamond, 2 large grassy areas, horse rentals on either end of the park and much, much more.

The date is Saturday, August 30, 1980, 11 to 5 p.m. at the Crow Canyon Park, 8000 Crow Canyon Rd., Castro Valley, CA. Adults \$5.00, children \$2.50. Food, utensils, games, soda and whatever will be there waiting for you at no additional charge. Exception, 14 oz. keg beer 25 cents per cup. Buy your tickets when you can and I'll see you all out there.

Crow Canyon Park is located approximately 35 minutes from San Francisco, midway between Danville and Castro Valley. The summer temperature will be in the 90s, so cool, casual dress is recommended.

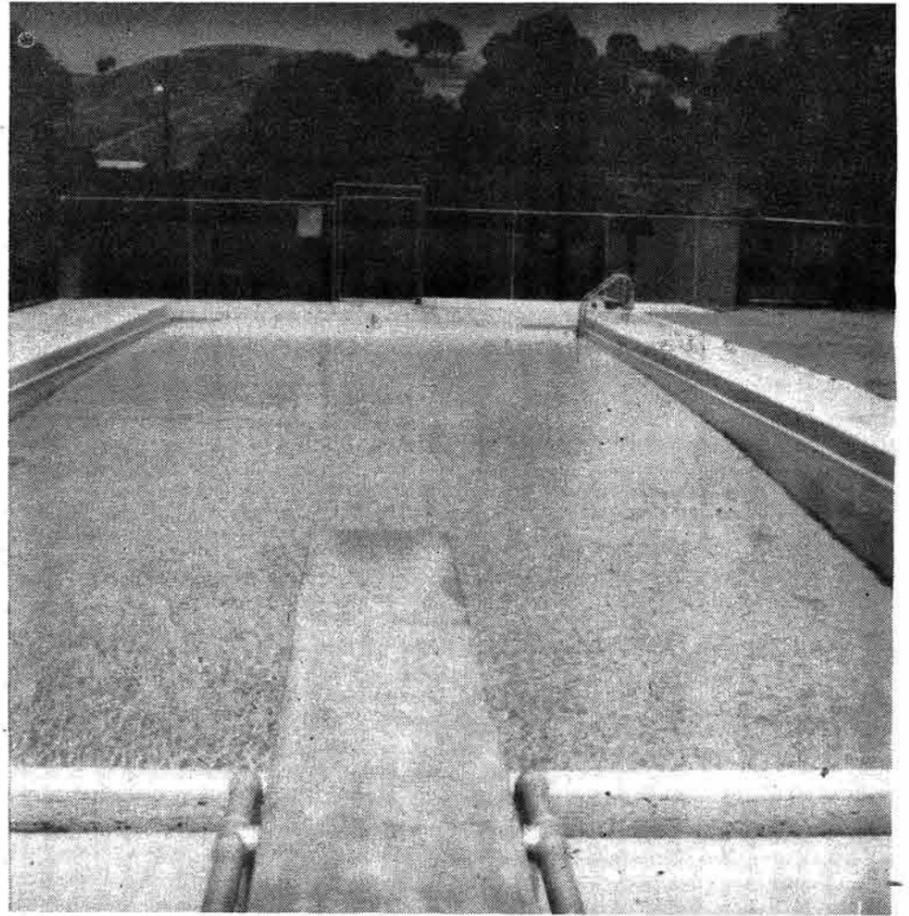
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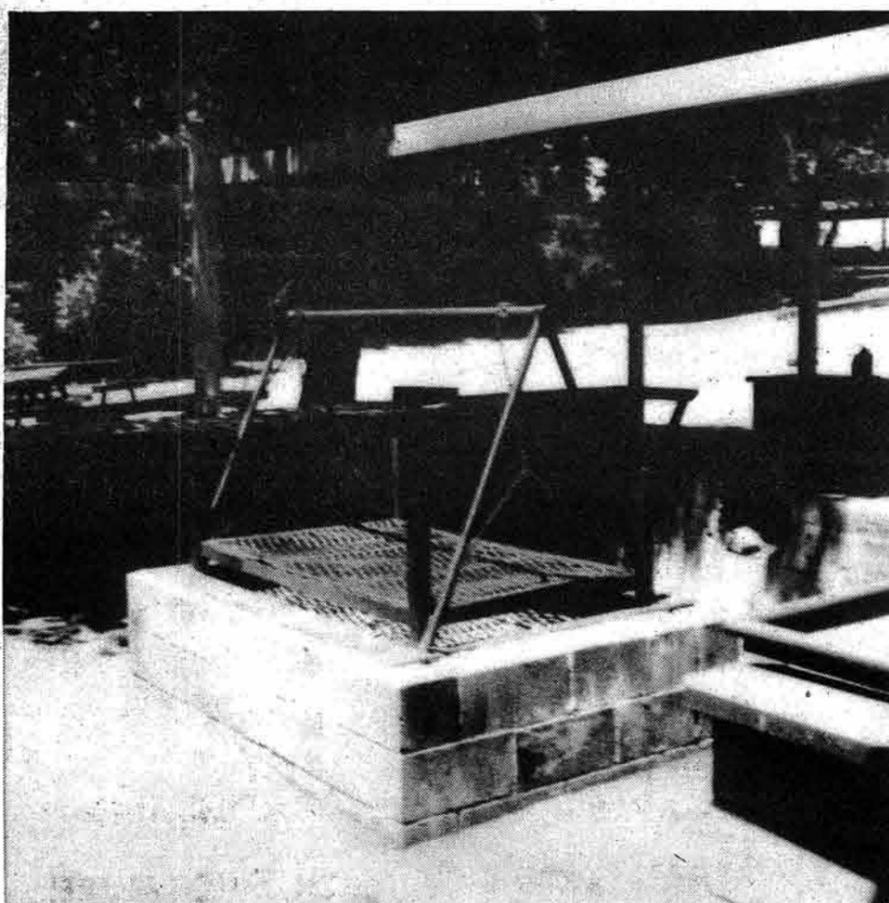
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from the Department of Justice

The number of prisoners on death row increased by 103 during 1979 and reached a near record total of 567 men and women, the Bureau of Justice Statistics announced.

The execution of one prisoner each in Florida and Nevada during 1979 marked the second and third times that the death penalty has been carried out in the United States since 1967.

Three women were condemned to death during 1979, according to the advance report on capital punishment for 1979, and one was removed from death row, bringing to seven the total number of women under sentence of death at the year's end — one black woman and six white women.

The greatest number of persons held under the death sentence — 620 — was recorded at the end of 1971, just prior to the U.S. Supreme Court's Furman vs. Georgia decision, which invalidated most state death penalty laws. Last year's figure came closest to the 1971 total.

The number of jurisdictions with capital punishment laws in force was 38 at the end of 1979, which is also close to the record of 42 at the time of the Furman decision.

In all, 25 states imposed the death penalty during the year, and 29 held one or more prisoners on death row last December.

There were 25 Hispanics awaiting execution last December, an increase of seven during the year. About 40 percent of the total number of prisoners awaiting the death penalty were blacks.

Florida with 138 death row inmates and Texas with 117 such prisoners accounted for 45 percent of all prisoners awaiting execution at the end of 1979.

Illinois almost quadrupled the number of its death row inmates, and Arizona and California almost tripled the number of such prisoners in their respective states.

Single copies of "Capital Punishment 1979: Advance Report" are available free of charge from the National Criminal Justice Reference Service, Box 6000, Rockville, Maryland 20850, as are detailed findings in the report "Capital Punishment 1978."

LETTERS

Bravery

Dear Sgt. Martinez:

All of the personnel in this court were especially pleased to read in the San Francisco Examiner that you received a Gold Medal of Valor for disarming and subduing the man in an apartment on Oak Street who had threatened to kill you and other fellow officers.

Upon hearing the testimony in the preliminary hearing concerning the incident, we all were extremely impressed with your outstanding bravery.

We congratulate you on receiving this great and well-deserved honor.

Very truly yours,
Frank E. Hart, Judge
Municipal Court

Basketball

To the SFPD & Sheriff Dept. Basketball Teams:

I would like to thank all the players, coaches and members selling tickets of admission who participated in an evening of basketball for the benefit of the Westport Volunteer Fire Dept. on Saturday, June 21st at Riordan High School.

Your participation helped make this evening a big success.

Thank you,
Leo Martinez

Arata Re-election

Genlemen:

The endorsement of the POA in the latest Judicial campaign was, in my opinion, a significant factor leading to my success at the polls. Your financial support was also greatly appreciated.

San Francisco has a great police force and deserves the highest praise. You have mine.

Best regards,
Raymond J. Arata Jr.

Lighthouse

for the Blind

Dear Mr. Barry:

Kermit Sheets, Director of our program at the Lighthouse Center, has passed along a note to me about the San Francisco Police Officers' Association's \$500 contribution to the Lighthouse in support of the rehabilitation of the Center building on the corner of Grove and Buchanan.

I believe Kermit said you had had occasion to tour the building, and if that is correct, you know that it has been maintained very well but is beginning to show signs of its 55 years of use. One of Kermit's particular concerns has been the deteriorating linoleum in the hallways that connect the various rooms in the Center. I understand that his target date for that particular phase of the project is August, as the Center program is at a virtual standstill that month.

The Community College classes that form the core of our day-to-day activity at the Center will be on summer vacation at that time, and the adult session at our Enchanted Hills Camp will draw most of the remaining Center members out of the City.

If everything comes off as planned, the returning students and clients will have quite a surprise waiting for them in September, thanks in part to the very generous support of the S.F.P.O.A.

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by William Louis Fazio
Assistant District Attorney

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You may be subpoenaed by either the defense or the prosecution. A defense subpoena may be served on the individual officer personally or through his immediate superior, or through the liaison office of the police department. Section 1328 of the California Penal Code provides that if the immediate superior knows that he will be unable to deliver a copy of the subpoena to the peace officer within such time as will allow the peace officer to comply with the subpoena, he may refuse to accept service. The Penal Code further provides that if service is tendered less than five working days prior to the date of the hearing and the immediate superior empowered with accepting service is not reasonably certain he can complete the service, he may refuse acceptance.

Anytime that you receive a defense subpoena, complete an intradepartmental memo and forward a copy to the legal office and to the District Attorney's office. The memo should include the name of the defendant, court, time, date, and what you believe will be inquired of you. Remember that anything you say to counsel for the defense may and will be used against you; there is no obligation for you to speak to the defendant's attorney. You will testify in court and need not engage in any conversation with the defense attorney prior to taking the stand.

The vast majority of subpoenas will issue from the District Attorney's office. On the subpoena will appear the court, the date, the time, and the defendant's name. The deputy district attorney should include the police report number and his/her name and office number.

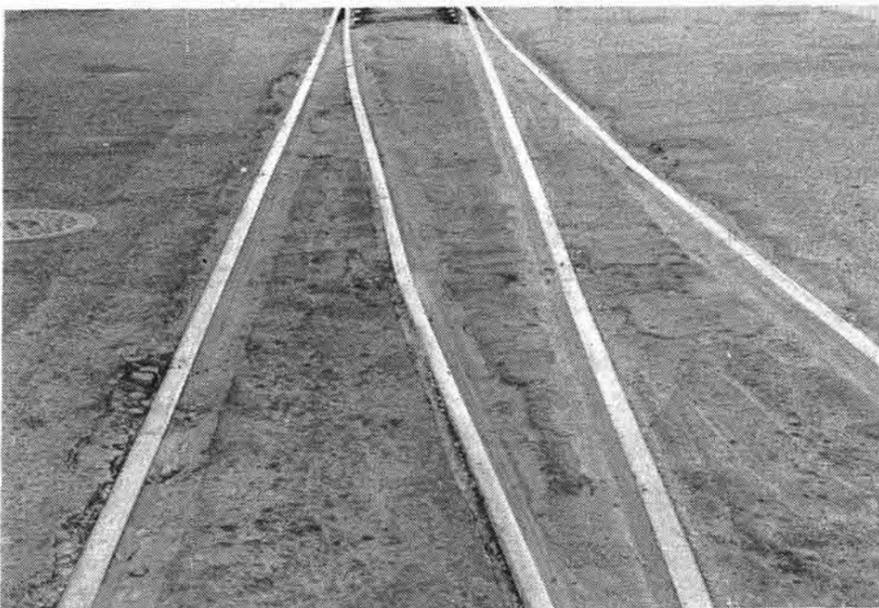
It is important to understand and appreciate that testifying in court is just as much a part of your duties and obligation as a peace officer as rounding up suspects and effectuating arrests. Strict compliance with the terms of the subpoena will, therefore, be expected of you. It is equally important that our office recognize that you are not a police officer twenty-four hours a day; that you are also a father, mother, or parent with outside interests and obligations. Our office cannot and does not expect that you will drop all and come running at our beck and call if not given proper notice.

This, of course, should not be construed to allow you to ignore the honest legitimate demands of a prosecutor calling during the heat of trial when unexpected events materialize. We should be able to treat one another as the professionals that we are by showing understanding and compassion towards the ultimate goal of seeing that justice is done. In that vein you should expect the prosecutor who calls you at home because of an emergency development in the case to also be the same prosecutor who will take the time out to call notifying you of a continuance or disposition in the case, thus saving you an unnecessary trip to the Hall of Justice.

Since civilian witnesses are seldom compensated for their testimony and because the courtroom is foreign to most of them they will generally be called to testify prior to police witnesses. When possible the deputy district attorney will attempt to schedule your testimony to least inconvenience you. An explanation of your testimony on any given case is only a phone call away. You may find that you can save an otherwise necessary trip to the Hall of Justice by calling the prosecutor and discussing your proposed testimony. Often times your testimony may be unnecessary, cumulative, or irrelevant; this cannot generally be determined by the prosecutor reading the police report. If you do not make contact when calling the District Attorney's office leave a number and time where you can be reached. It is nearly as uncomfortable for a district attorney to wake an officer from a sound sleep after a particularly grueling sixteen hour shift as it is for you to be disturbed.

Our office wishes to make a positive impression with your testimony before the jury; it is therefore our obligation to assure your comfort and clarity in testifying. Since we are generally not privy to your shift schedules advise the deputy if you are just getting off the midnight or some equally demanding detail or watch.

By working together towards our common goal our office will be more effective because of your understanding, cooperation, and alertness in seeing that the bad guys are put where they belong, i.e., behind closed doors.



REALIGNMENT SPECIAL

by Gale W. Wright

At the intersection of 15th and Treat Streets, in addition to the railroad crossing sign, there should be more signs which state, "BEWARE — Not safe for cars".

While this area of town is not on the scenic route, the intersection gets its share of traffic. Railroad cars, full of tons and tons of cement for the Lone Star Cement Company, wreck the asphalt roadway, and motor vehicle traffic from the drayage company dig out the loosened asphalt.

The solution seems simple enough. Just have the Lone Star people pour fast setting cement next to the spur tracks just like they have done next to their mixing plant at 16th and Harrison. After all, it is the railroad cars bringing in materials for Lone Star which have kept the intersection in disrepair for at least the past five years that I know of.

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THE FIELD EVIDENCE TECHNICIAN PROGRAM

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by Kenneth Moses
Crime Lab

The nature of police work has changed dramatically in the last ten years. Traditional means of apprehending criminals have been drastically effected both by judicial decisions concerning testimonial evidence and by social revolution in the area of civil rights.

If the strictures applied to admissions, confessions, statements, stop and frisk, and search and seizure have changed, our goal of solving crimes has not. Every recent court decision and occupational study that has addressed the problem has emphasized the need for police agencies to replace old methods with new by placing greater emphasis on the utilization of physical evidence from crime scenes to secure convictions.

The most common and useful type of physical evidence is latent fingerprints. The recently published Rand report on *The Criminal Investigation Process* went so far as to conclude that improving the fingerprint processing capabilities of a department is the single most effective weapon which the police can use to improve its crime clearance rate.

To this end, the San Francisco Police Department in the past two years, spent approximately \$33,000 (excluding salaries) to train and \$30,000 to equip twenty-two Evidence Technicians. The Technicians were selected on the basis of their qualifications and enthusiasm to perform crime scene tasks. The Laboratory field operations staff was directed to expend hundreds of hours of time training the new technicians and preparing procedural guidelines for implementation of the program. This time, money and effort now appear to have been wasted.

A target date of October, 1977 was set for the transfer of the Technicians to the Crime Lab. That date and several others came and went until August, 1978 when

six of the Technicians were finally assigned to the Laboratory. This number brought the laboratory field staff back up to approximately the same number of officers we had nearly a decade ago.

The remaining Technicians who were not transferred were told to sit tight for an indeterminable period of time. Slated for eventual transfer, many of these officers have sacrificed permanent cars and choicer assignments at their stations and are still waiting. The very quality of enthusiasm for which they were selected has been seriously eroded by broken promises. Many have become disgusted and have expressed a desire to drop out of the program. Meanwhile, much of the training and education they received has been lost through disuse over time.

At present, due to a shortage of manpower, the Crime Lab does not respond to an estimated 70% of the burglaries, 90% of the robberies, and 99% of the auto thefts and boostings in San Francisco. Evidence that is most definitely present is not being collected, analyzed, and used to convict offenders. Such a situation is absurd in a city that professes to be truly concerned about crime.

With the transfer of the already trained eighteen Field Evidence Technicians to the Laboratory, the administration would achieve the following objectives with a minimal cost in manpower:

1. Necessary and immediate collection of physical evidence in all felony cases before that evidence is lost or destroyed.
2. Six additional line-type units on the street during the day and evening shifts (two additional on mid-nights) available to respond to emergency runs.
3. Twenty-four hour on-duty Crime Lab service to the patrol force.

4. Elimination of overcrowding in the Hall garage due to a backlog of vehicles towed there for processing.

5. Most importantly, more convictions in all types of criminal cases.

Suspect's fingerprints are found at 40% of the crime scenes to which the Laboratory responds. Any increase in the collection of such evidence must be coupled with an improved ability of the Department to analyze that evidence. With no increase in laboratory personnel, the fingerprints of all previously arrested felons could be computerized and any latent prints found at the crime scene could be matched against the data bank in a matter of minutes.

This, in turn, would lead to rapid identification of the criminal, the recovery of a greater percentage of stolen property, and the prevention of many crimes committed by undetected offenders.

The cost of automating our fingerprint files would be roughly equivalent to the cost of two of the new street-cars which the city is purchasing for Muni.

In spite of the benefit-cost analyses showing that fingerprint automation would pay quickly for itself in saved man-hours of investigation time, the administration has turned down this budget item three years in a row.

In conclusion, our Police Department is investigating crimes today in the same way we did in the 1950's, except with more constraints. We are not meeting the demands of the citizens of San Francisco for more effective law enforcement.

The implementation of the Field Evidence Technician Program and the automation of our fingerprint files would do much to correct our shortcomings without compromising the civil rights of any of our citizens.

The Crime Lab Fund, Inc., is a newly formed community based non-profit corporation whose purpose is to provide the latest in scientific crime detection equipment for the police department and Coroner-Medical Examiner's Laboratories. The first priority of the fund is to automate the criminal fingerprint files of the police department.

Funds for these improvements will be solicited from major corporations and the general public through correspondence and a media campaign.

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Promotion and honors for hero cop

By Malcolm Glover

Sgt. James Frank Martinez remembers the night of April 10, 1969, when he looks at the scars on his wrists and shoulder.

The scars are from bullet wounds received when Martinez was shot three times while chasing an escaped mental patient. Fortunately for Martinez, the gun was a small-caliber weapon. The mental patient was killed by other officers.

For that incident, the sergeant received a Gold Medal of Valor, the San Francisco Police Department's highest award.

He also spent six months doing special hand exercises so his ability to use a gun if necessary would not be impaired.

Ten years later, on July 9, 1979, Martinez responded to a call of a "family fight, possibly involving a gun" on Oak Street.

Barricaded inside the apartment was a distraught man. By calmly talking to the man through the closed door, Martinez succeeded in getting him to open it, only to have it slammed with the warning that the man would "kill him and any other officers who arrived." The man was holding a revolver.

Martinez, who has had no specialized training in hostage negotiations, continued his calm but reassuring talk with the man through the door.

Once again the door opened and the armed man stood there momentarily before slamming it shut.

When the door opened a third time, Martinez quickly stepped inside.

"I'm going to blow you away," Martinez quoted the man as saying as he raised his cocked gun.

The officer deftly stuck his thumb between the hammer and the frame of the gun, preventing the firing pin from slamming into the live shell in the chamber.

Other officers rushed in and subdued the man, armed with a powerful .357 Magnum revolver, loaded with highly destructive, hollow-point bullets.

For this heroic act, which appears to come naturally to Martinez but which he says "is something I have to work at," the Police Commission last month awarded him a second Gold Medal of Valor.

Although he is one of the most decorated officers in the department, Martinez doesn't consider himself a hero.

"I feel I'm just doing my job," he says modestly, adding he can think of many officers just as deserving.

During his almost 30 years as a cop, he has received more than 40 Captain's Commendations, three Police Commission Commendations, two Bronze Medals of Valor and two Silver Medals of Valor in addition to the gold medals.

Martinez has passed up several chances for temporary promotions because he "didn't want to be tied down to a desk job inside the Hall of Justice," but he's in line again and this time he'll take it.

Martinez is the son of a couple who met and married here shortly after World War I. His late father, Francisco, was a longshoreman here.

Before that, Francisco and his wife, Manuela, were migrant farm workers, living in San Francisco but following the work into the Sacramento and San Joaquin valleys.

It was on July 22, 1922, during one of these "farm working" trips that Martinez was born.

"Although I was born in Marysville, I have always considered San Francisco as my home town," he said during a recent interview. "As a matter of fact, I've never been back there since," he added.

For some unexplained reason, Martinez went through the first 20 years of his life, attending Garfield Elementary, Francisco Junior High, and Galileo High schools, being called "Frank," a name he still uses.

"As a matter of fact, it wasn't until 1942 when I got a copy of my birth certificate so I could enlist in the Navy that I discovered my full name was James Frank Martinez," he explained.

Martinez returned to San Francisco some three years and seven battle stars later after serving with the 7th Fleet in the South Pacific. His ship accompanied the battleship USS Missouri into Toyko Bay for the signing of the surrender treaty.

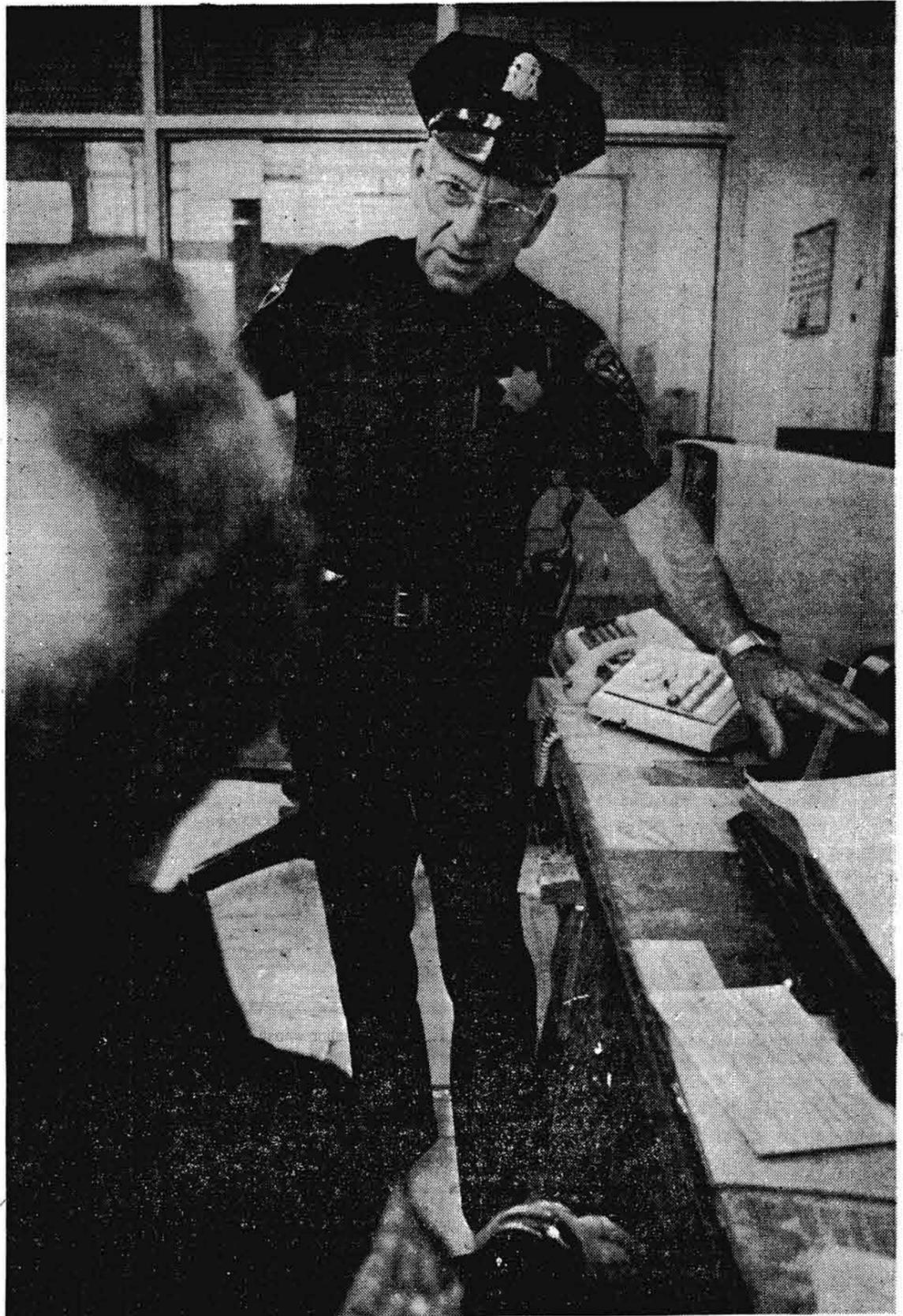
Returning to civilian life, he became manager of a warehouse. The thought of becoming a policeman "was the furthest from my mind," he recalled.

But Martinez liked baseball and he pitched in a semi-pro league that included "a lot of San Francisco policemen. We got to be very good friends," he said, "and the more I heard them talk about the security their job offered the more I liked it."

On Sept. 5, 1950, Martinez was sworn in as a police officer. His pay was \$285 a month, and he smiled as he remembered that his first paycheck — he got paid twice a month — was less than he made in one week at his former job.

Martinez's training at the Police Academy was brief compared to what is required now. In less than nine days, he and other recruits were rushed through the transformation from civilian to police officer. Today training lasts 19 weeks in the academy and 14 more weeks with a field training officer.

From the academy, Martinez was assigned to Richmond Station. He patrolled the relatively quiet residential area there for two years and on Sept. 1, 1952, he was transferred to Northern Station. Northern covers an area that ranges from the posh Marina and exclusive Pacific Heights districts to the Western Addition and Fillmore districts, two of the high crime rate areas of the city.



Examiner/Dave Randolph

Sgt. James Frank Martinez, one of The City's most decorated police officers

Martinez has been at Northern longer than any of the other 129 officers assigned there.

"He is a highly respected officer by both his subordinates and superiors," his commanding officer, Capt. Ford Long, said.

Other executive officers, under whom Martinez has served at Northern, agree that Martinez can evaluate almost any situation at a glance and handle it, no matter what or where it is.

He was appointed a sergeant in October 1969, and according to a surprise announcement made recently by Chief Con Murphy, will be elevated to lieutenant in the near future.

Although he has had to draw his gun on many occasions, Martinez has never fired it, "except at the range."

He is skeptical about some of the changes that have been made in the department since he came in, but shies away from giving credit or putting the blame on any one person.

He says the morale since Murphy became chief in January has improved tremendously and that the officers "don't feel alone out there anymore."

He feels that community relations is the biggest problem and thinks that all officers — from the chief down to the beat cop — need to get involved.

"One of the best contacts there is is between the cop on the beat and the store owner, or business man, or street people who see and get to know each other every day," he added.

"This job has treated me real good," he said.

Martinez was honored at a luncheon recently by the Golden Gate Kiwanis Club which gave him its Distinguished Service Award.

Speaking before the group at the Golden Gateway Holiday Inn, Murphy said Martinez "does these things routinely and doesn't think anything about it."

Murphy then surprised Martinez by announcing that he was on the list of sergeants who would be promoted "within a very short time."

The beaming sergeant said he would accept this time.

Martinez and his wife, Lillian, have been married for 37 years. They have two children, Frank James, 29, and Marilyn, 28.

He says he "never takes his work home with him" and enjoys gardening and walking his two Chihuahuas.

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POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE

by Herbert P. Lee
Director of Activities



FOOTBALL

The Police Activities League (PAL) will hold its annual youth tackle football sign-ups for boys 11 through 14 years of age on Saturday, July 26, 1980 at 10:00 a.m. at the following locations:

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Boys must sign-up at the designated geographical area nearest their home. The PAL will field four teams in the Midget Division. Boys must weigh between 95 to 130 lbs. All uniforms, helmets and pads will be provided by the PAL at no cost.

The PAL Football Program will cover two weeks of physical conditioning and training, one month of drills and contact work followed by a schedule of competitive games which will carry into the month of November culminating in the City Football Championship at the Sergeant Joe Lacey Memorial Bowl Game.

Off duty police officers and adults interested in coaching are requested to contact the PAL at 567-3215.

SAILING

The Police Activities League Sailing Program is currently underway at the Lake Merced Police Pistol Range. The classes are held under the direction of Lieutenant Mario Tovani, Commissioner of Sailing, each Thursday at 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. For signups, call PAL Headquarters (567-3215).

BOXING

The Police Activities League Boxing Program, once headed by retired Inspector Earl Gonsolin, recently underwent a major expansion. The facilities, which include the main ring, speed bags, punching bags, and other equipment, have been relocated to the first floor of the National Guard Armory located at 14th and Mission Sts. According to Co-Directors Jimi Sosa (Senior Division - Boys 15 and older), and Bob Weibel (Junior Division - Boys 11 through 14 years), special emphasis will be placed with new beginners. A rigorous program of physical conditioning and boxing fundamentals will be stressed. Director Weibel also promises to develop some good talent for next years Junior Olympics, while Director Jimi Sosa's three PAL Golden Gloves Champs portend more of the same.

The PAL Boxing Program, the only free boxing program of its kind, is open to all boys 11 years and up. Call PAL Headquarters (567-3215) for sign-ups. New classes begin the first Monday of each month. The next class begins Monday August 4, 1980 at 3 p.m. The facilities are open Mondays through Fridays from 3 p.m. through 7 p.m.

PAL GOLF TOURNAMENT

The Police Activities League's Benefit Golf Tournament is scheduled for Friday, September 19, 1980 at 12:00 noon at the popular Peacock Gap Country Club in San Rafael. The \$150.00 tax deductible donation fee for civilians include golf, power carts, tee prizes, lunch, great game prizes, and a sumptuous steak dinner at the Peacock Gap Country Club. Any active SFPD police officer may participate for a tax deductible fee of \$40.00. Because entries are limited, any police officer who signs up a civilian, is assured of participation. All proceeds from this event help support the PAL Law Enforcement Cadet Division by providing training within the Police Department during the summer months. For sign-ups and further information, contact Lt. Vic Macia or Sgt. Ken Davis of the FTO, Steve Spelman or Insp. Herb Lee, PAL, or Off. Ed Cassidy, Solos. Remember, first come, first served.

LAW ENFORCEMENT CADETS

Sign-ups are being taken for the fall class of the PAL Law Enforcement Division Cadet Program. This program is open to all boys and girls going into the sophomore, junior and senior high school classes. Classes begin in October and end in May. Classes meet each Monday night from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. According to Co-Commissioners Jeff Levin and Laura Carroll, Co. D, the Cadets will be taught the basics of patrol duties, investigations, firearms safety and be treated to a wide variety of law enforcement related lectures, tours and ride along programs. Because of class size limitations, all interested persons are urged to call PAL Headquarters (567-3215) as soon as possible.



On the right is Officer Jeff Levin, Co. D, Co-Commissioner with Officer Laura Carroll of Co. D, of the PAL Law Enforcement Cadets, teaching the fundamentals of firearms safety to PAL Cadet Reggie Hamilton. Firearms Safety Commissioner Officer Ed Collins, Academy, states that this new innovative firearms safety course will be included in the PAL Law Enforcement Cadet Program beginning in October, and was made possible through the generosity of Mr. Nate Posner of the San Francisco Gun Exchange.

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RUNNING THROUGH MY MIND

by Walt Garry

Who gets hurt, where and how? **Running Times** March 1979 issue carried an article that discusses data compiled from 1500 completed questionnaires turned in at the 1978 Bay to Breakers. Asked to list those injuries they had experienced which they directly related to running, the 10 most frequently reported in order of rank were: 1. knee pain, 2. muscle tightness, 3. shin splints, 4. ankle pain, 5. low back pain, 6. arch pain, 7. tendonitis, 8. hip pain, 9. calf pain and 10. toe nail problems.

For many runners, both the number of miles and the number of workout runs per week have become fetishes. All the data collected on mileage and frequency of workouts boils down to the fact that it is how far you run, not how often, that is the single most important factor in determining the probability of injury.

The surface you run on is another important consideration. The study showed that runners who experienced the least number of injuries were those who ran on grass, while those with the higher injury rates trained in sand, on concrete sidewalks and indoor wooden tracks.

As for the best surface, any runner will tell you there is nothing to compare with running on a bed of well-packed pine needles. A good trail through an evergreen forest is both firm enough to be fast and soft enough to be a pleasure to the legs and feet.

I've come across some common sense training rules, put out by a Marin County podiatrist, that would assist the runner in continuing their conditioning program rather than nursing injuries or becoming discouraged due to injury.

Proper Running Form: Short stride, run erect, run smoothly, don't hop. Proper Training: Increase mileage slowly, long runs not to exceed 150% of the shortest run done during the week. Stretch leg muscles, don't bounce. Participate in alternative sports, e.g. bicycling, racquetball. Take rest days, you don't have to workout every day. Terrain: Minimize hills, run a flat surface. Avoid streets that are raised in the middle and use soft surfaces whenever possible. Shoes: Wear name brands. Use shoes that feel good to you. Don't rely on the ratings and repair and replace your running shoes as soon as their shape changes or the sole becomes worn.

Golf Club News

On Friday, June 27, 1980 eighty-two players went to Sonoma National Golf Course for our monthly get together.

After the weather we have been getting lately it is nice to report we picked the hottest day (so far) of 1980 to play. The wind was at a minimum and except for a few complainants about running out of gas (energy) on the back nine, a good day was had by most everyone.

The golf course was in excellent condition which unfortunately wasn't reflected in the scores.

Our resident 'Pro', **Steve Whitman** was once again the low gross winner with a one under par score of seventy-one. The only other sub eighty score was by yours truly who is trying to start a "kick Steve out of the club" movement so the rest of us would have a chance.

The low net winner was **Harold Schwartz** who had a ninety-five and with his twenty-eight handicap had a net sixty-seven.

The flight winners were: First, **Jerry Cassidy, Tom O'Connor, and Tom Gordon**; Second, **Bill Mills, Ken Barton and Charlie Bates**; Third, **Homer Hudelson, Don Scott and Ed Castiglioni**; Fourth, **Lou Sevenau, Mike Barling and Joe Allegro Jr.**

The hole-in-one winner was my good friend **Al Gallegos**, the former owner of Estrada's on outer Mission Street, who came along an hour after I hit a shot 6'10" from the seventh hole to put one 4'4" from the same hole. Nice shot Al! The winner on the seventeenth hole was **Tom Zlatunich** who hit one 6'4" from the hole.

The guest flight was won by **Harry Puscucci** followed by **Dennis McClellan, Pat Paxson, Bill Lede, Frank Seput and Mario Amoroso.**

Our next outing will be Monday, July 28, 1980 at Richmond County Club against the Oakland Police Officers Golfing Association. This will be the sixth year in a row we have met their club in friendly competition. The series is tied two wins apiece with one tie.

By the time this article is in print, thirteen S.F. Police golfers will be in San Diego, or at least on their way, to compete in this year's Police Olympics. Last year we captured four medals. Hopefully this year we can do as well even without the help of the two best golfers in the department. Both **Steve Whitman** and **Grant Fahs** will probably miss being there as much as we will miss them.

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FTO-RECRUIT SOFTBALL GAME RESULTS

A beautiful day at Funston Field as the Central FTO's (coached by Gile Pursley) and the members of the 133rd Recruit class (coached by Ron Dinslage), took their 14 weeks frustrations out on the softball field.

Although it was a long (20 plus innings) game, no final score was determined. A good time was had by all! Several awards were given out to some of the more outstanding players of the day.

Lois Kwan-Leong was awarded the wet T-shirt award by the respective teams. Frank Lee was given the award for the best relationships with his FTO as he carried Louette Colombano off the field to parts unknown!! (Has anyone seen Frank since?) The nicest legs award was given to Kevin Dillon and Al Bernardi. Tony Fotinos was awarded the most passive resister award by the women FTO's. (Tony, we have your blue jeans if you want them back.)

The day was complete with a final show of gratitude as the FTO's and their respective recruits showered each other with beer. It was indeed a game in the spirit of the olde Central. Good LUCK to the 133rd.

P.S. Brookbush, Kevin needs help explaining to his wife the bite mark on his cheek!

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THE SAN FRANCISCO POA SOFTBALL TEAM

by Bob Del Torre
Honda Unit

Coach Jim Drago has put together probably the best softball team ever fielded by the SFPD. Let their record speak for itself:

- San Jose Police Tournament
— First Place
- Sacramento Law Enforcement Tournament
— First Place
- Santa Clara Law Enforcement Tournament
— First Place
- Lake Tahoe Law Enforcement Tournament
— First Place

After competing in San Jose against 7 other law enforcement teams and coming in first place, the POA team travelled to Sacramento on April 26th and 27th. The Sacramento Tournament pitted 37 teams in a 2 day affair. Top teams from Northern California competed, with the SFPOA Team defeating every team they played to win First Place Honors.

The scores were as follows:

- 1st Game SFPD 13
Alameda Co. Probation 12
- 2nd Game SFPD 16
Golden Gate CHP 9
- 3rd Game SFPD 7
Richmond PD 3
- 4th Game SFPD 13
Santa Clara Sheriffs 1
- 5th Game SFPD 9
Sacramento Co. Probation 6
- 6th (Championship) SFPD 7
Sacramento Co. Probation 0

An All-Tournament Team was selected with SFPD placing 4 players on it — Dave Herman, Jeff Barker, Jack Minkel and John Mino.

On June 7th and 8th the team went to Santa Clara to play in the 2nd Annual Mission City Law Enforcement Tournament with 20 teams competing. Once again, the SFPOA Team prevailed with a first place finish, displaying an awesome attack of hitting and fielding.



1980 SACRAMENTO TOURNAMENT CHAMPIONS

Kneeling L-R: Jerry Donovan, Mike Keyes, John Mino, Jim Drago (Coach), Bob DelTorre, Jeff Barker, Dave Herman. Standing L-R: Gary Fox, Gary Delagnes, Jack Minkel, Kevin Hicks, Warren Hawes, Tom Taylor, Ross Laflin. Missing: John Schmolke, Al McCann.

The results are listed below:

- 1st Game SFPD 18
San Jose PD 4
- 2nd Game SFPD 19
Monterey Co. Sheriffs 7
- 3rd Game SFPD 24
Sunnyvale PD 6
- 4th Game SFPD 11
Antioch PD 3
- 5th (Championship) SFPD 14
Antioch PD 2

Total Runs for SFPD — 86
Total Runs against — 22

All Tournament selections were Kevin Hicks, Jeff Barker and Dave Herman.

Most Hits: Barker - 14, Keyes - 13, Herman - 13, McCann - 10, Hicks - 10.

Most Runs Scored: Herman - 13, Barker - 12, Keyes - 11

Most RBI's: McCann, Barker, Herman, Hicks

The Championship Game vs. Antioch P.D. marked the SFPOA Team with its 15th win in a row against no losses.

Recently, June 28th and 29th, the team travelled to Lake Tahoe in their highly competitive tournament with 20 teams playing. On the first day, SF played 4 games beating Contra Costa Probation, Sacramento Sheriffs and Whittier P.D. Their only loss that day came from LA Sheriffs Office (SF first loss in 19 outings). The next day, SF was defeated by LAPD and came home with a 3rd place team trophy. Special Note: In game #3 vs. Whittier P.D., Jerry Donovan blasted a 3 run homer over the right field fence that travelled 300 plus feet to ice the win.

All in all, this team has played magnificently together and is presently working out for the San Diego Police Olympics scheduled July 16 - 20. The team's success comes from many things, namely Jim Drago's coaching, the team's unbelievable bench strength and of course, the team's talent.

The team instituted a pre-game warmup called "The Flip Game". "Flip" loosens up any pre-game jitters and sharpens the players hand-eye coordination, endurance and batting skills. "Flip" may or may not be instrumental in the team's success but will continue to be played if the team keeps on winning the way they have been.

SAN FRANCISCO POLICE OFFICERS' ASSN. 1980 SOFTBALL TEAM

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| Jeff Barker | Jim Drago |
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WHY?

by Paul Chignell
Vice President

1. Why is Mr. Robert Byrne, ex-civilian head of the prosecutorial arm of the Chief of Police (Legal Office) resigning from the department?
2. Why does Chief Murphy's reorganization plan for Community Relations call for a police officer of a lower rank to supervise one of a higher rank in violation of the City Charter?
3. Why does the Department seem to do everything in its power to force officers out of patrol?
4. Why doesn't Harvey Rose move to another state?
5. Why do San Francisco police officers complain about a lack of fringe benefits and then don't show up to work on a political campaign to change the Charter?
6. Why did Governor Ronald Reagan veto the time and one half overtime bill for police officers in 1973?
7. Why do some officers get their hands held and released on their own recognizance in criminal matters and then never bother to say thanks?
8. Why is it that when I ask any officer who the best Patrol Captain he ever worked for, the answer nine times out of ten is Joe Lordan?
9. Why doesn't Harry Britt move to Berkeley?
10. Why doesn't Harry Britt move to Oakland?
11. Why does George Agnost, the City Attorney, appeal all POA lawsuits and lose?
12. Why did I forget Charlie Gain so soon?

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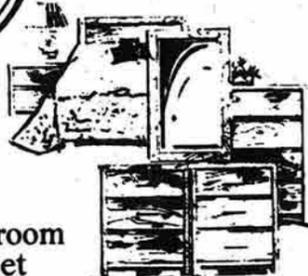
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