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Celebration '94

by Al Trigueiro, President
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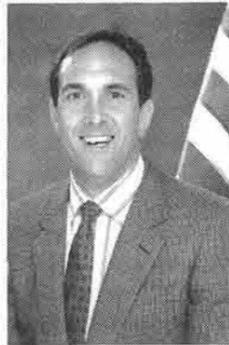
Once again the Association is about to hold its annual celebration. Last year we had reason to celebrate since the jobs of 85 newer officers had been spared. This year there have been several significant developments which need to be recognized and celebrated.

First, the Association through recent negotiations with the Mayor and certain members of the Board of Supervisors has been able to maintain collective bargaining with binding arbitration without waging an all-out costly campaign. The terms of that agreement included a wage freeze for fiscal year 1995/96, but it also included an understanding and agreement with the mayor's office that our next contract which will hopefully be in place by July 1, 1995 will be a multi-year agreement which will include reasonable economic improvements provided for in the later years of the MOU. Also, it is our understanding that with this agreement, the Association is beginning

the process of negotiations for the benefits which will be implemented at the expiration of our current MOU (6/30/95). Stay tuned!

Secondly, the Association would like to formally welcome as members in good standing the Airport Police Officers' Association who voted to join with Local 911 and become members of our Association on July 1, 1994.

Lastly, the membership recently endorsed candidates on the local and state level as well as local propositions. The membership for the most part voted the recommendations of the Board of Directors, but not in every case. It is important that the membership be allowed the opportunity to voice their recommendations through the ballot box rather than rely solely on an endorsement vote of



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IRS Attacks Tax Advantaged Pensions

by Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

The Internal Revenue Service wants to eliminate the tax free status of pensions received by disabled public safety officers (police & fire) who have reached service retirement age. Public safety officers who have been retired for the effects of a disabling job incurred injuries have traditionally looked to Section 104 (a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code to exclude pension payments from their taxable income. That section provides that monies received under a workers' compensation act or under a statute in the nature of a workers' compensation act which provides compensation for injuries incurred in the course of employment are excludable from gross income.

Mabry v. Commissioner

In 1985 the Tax Court issued a decision (1985-328) involving an Oakland firefighter who had been awarded an industrial disability retirement for a heart trouble injury.

The tax court held that payments received by a previously disabled firefighter upon reaching normal retirement status were taxable. The court reasoned that Ted Mabry was no longer paid purely on the basis of his disability, but started to receive new and different payments based on his age and years of service as a fireman.

The Oakland Police and Fire Retirement Board awarded him the industrial disability retirement effective July 1, 1960. He began receiving a retirement allowance equal to 75% of his pay. He continued to receive this benefit until he attained the age of 55 at which time he became eligible for a regular service retirement. His benefit was then recomputed and the allowance was reduced from 75% to 50% of his final compensation.

Ted Mabry argued, in contending for nontaxability, that the change in retirement benefits made by the City

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Sylvia Courtney - A Breath of Fresh Air

The Police Officers Association has joined a long list of supporters of Sylvia Courtney's campaign for the Board of Supervisors. Courtney, a newcomer to city politics, is a strong proponent of public safety with sound ideas on how full staffing of police district station can be achieved at minimal cost to taxpayers.

She has proposed, for example, that the City attempt to reduce City retirement costs, not by cutting benefits, but by having the California Public Employee Retirement System compete with the City system in order for us to determine which agency can best provide retirement benefits for police officers and other city employees at the lowest cost for taxpayers. Currently, there is no such competition.

At a recent community meeting, Courtney explained that when 140 airport police officers were transferred to the state of retirement system, the City saved millions of dollars without reducing employee benefits, because of the state system's ability to provide retirement benefits at less cost than the City.

In addition, she has suggested the City look at the possibility of having the San Francisco International Airport pick up the costs of police and other City services at the Port of San Francisco. The City's Airport is accumulating high surpluses and currently has approximately \$300,000,000.00 in surpluses and currently has approximately \$300,000,000.00 in unrestricted assets, while other City departments are cutting services due to inadequate revenue sources. "Before raising fees on city residents or reducing city services we should make sure we are using those resources we already

have, and we simply are not doing that." Courtney said. While federal law requires airport revenues be used at the airport, Courtney suggested that we consider re-configuring the San Francisco airport to include the Port of San Francisco, or at least significant portions of it. It has long been suggested that hovercraft be used for transporting passengers to from the airport to the port and that use might justify some airport expansion. When asked about the idea, City Attorney Louise Renne said "...that's just the kind of innovative idea we need and it should be explored."

Courtney's support cuts across the political spectrum. The civil rights and labor attorney has been endorsed by both Democratic and Republican clubs, by Nancy Pelosi, Delores Huerta, the Police Officers Association, the Teachers Union and the Black Leadership Forum. Public Defender Jeff Brown had high praise stating "Sylvia would be an excellent addition to the Board of Supervisors. She is truly like a breath of fresh air. As a member of the Juvenile Justice Commission she demonstrated intelligence, common sense and an ability to develop a consensus amongst competing interests. And she gets the job done." Sylvia resides in the Lake Merced Hill neighborhood, is the mother of Vin Courtney and Chris Hallinan and the proud grandmother of Courtney Hallinan.

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association was called to order by Pres. R. Huegle at 2:10pm, Wednesday September 21, 1994 in Conference Room, Ingleside.

Roll Call of Officers: V. Pres. J. Sturkeb, Tr. R. Milon excused. P. Pres. M. Duffy among others present.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as corrected.

New Members: After Motion McKee/2nd Jeffery the following were approved as new members: Jimmy Chan, Michelle Lindicott, Eric Caracciolo, Gregory Neal, Ray Salvador, Raj Vanani, William Scottii.

Communications: Following donation received and acknowledged by Secretary Jeffery Evans - in memory of William Marcus, Glenn Hardin, Jeanne Wilson, Mrs. Frances Newland, Pauline Boffi, Jim & Peggy Garran, Veteran Police Officers in memory of Lt. Mortimer Considine; M/M. David Pitts, Mrs. Frances Pitts in memory of William Murphy; M/M Ray Wing, M/M. Dwight Nunes, Layton Duffy in memory of Charles Maggioncolda; M/M Thayer Bragg in memory of their son Allyh Bragg.

Treasurer Parenti presented the usual bills - benefits, salaries, taxes etc. Approved. Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths: Efreml Delgado, Born in Honduras in 1935, Efreml joined the Department in 1966, age 31 after working as a Parking Controlman. From the Academy to Mission for 4 years, Community Relations for 8 years, back to Mission for 5 years, then to Ingleside 3 years. Then to Medical Liaison until his

retirement on Service in 1991 age 56. Efreml received the following awards - 1967 3rd Grade for arrest of armed man want for robberies; 1968 3rd grade or arrest and disarming of robbery suspect who had stuck a gun in Officer's stomach; 1968 C/C for arrest of 2 armed men who had just robbed a man at gunpoint; 1970 3rd grade for arrest of armed robbery suspect. Efreml's luck changed for the worst when he attempted to defend himself from an armed robbery in the country of Colombia. He was a young 59 at his death.

John F. Long: Born in San Francisco in 1923 he became a member of the Department in 1947, age 23, after graduating from College. He was assigned to Richmond, remaining for 4 years: Chinatown Detail 3 years, returning to Richmond for 7 more years. Transferred to Ingleside, Jack was there for 6 years, then went to the City Prison from where he retired for service in 1975 at age 52. He received the following awards - 1949 2nd Grade for arrest of armed holdup suspect; 1950 S/S arrest of 2 burglary suspects carrying burglary tools. Jack was 70 years old when he passed away.

Charles Maggioncolda: Born in San Francisco in 1915, Charlie worked as a teamster before joining the Department in 1949, age 34. From the Academy to Richmond, then after a year, he was transferred to Police Range for 5 years. Charlie then went to the Traffic Bureau, School Traffic Control until his retirement for disability in 1963, age 48. Charlie was operated for brain

tumor, which caused him to be in a wheelchair for the past 20 years, in spite of which he always had a smile on his face. He was 79 when he passed away.

Charles Murray: Born in San Francisco in 1916, he worked as a motorman for Muni until becoming a member of the Department in 1942, age 26. From the Academy to Richmond a year. He was granted Military Leave from 1943-1946. He returned to Co K, Accident Bureau staying there for 11 years, before being transferred to Headquarters, Garage Detail. In 1962 he was appointed Inspector of Motor Vehicles serving in that capacity until his retirement for Service in 1977, age 6. Charlie was awarded a C/C in 1971 for arrest of holdup man using a toy gun. He was 78 at the time of his death.

Jay Rogovoy: Born in Fresno in 1938, he worked as a tile setter before he joined the Department in 1968, age 29. From the Academy to Ingleside for 4 years, Jay was assigned to Bureau of Inspectors where he remained until his retirement on Disability, the result of a gunshot wound while attempting an arrest. He received the following awards: 1971 Meritorious for investigation and arrest of 5 suspects who were indicted by Grand Jury for kidnaping and 4 counts of rape; 1971 Bronze Medal for arrest and disarming of person armed with an automatic rifle, while attempting to service an arrest warrant; 1972 Silver Medal while attempting to arrest an escaped felon he was shot, the suspect killing himself after wounding Jay. Jay was also wounded while

servicing in the Armed Forces, survived there, but fell prey to cancer being only 56 at the time of his death.

James Runnels: Born in Camden, Arkansas in 1917 he became a member of the Department in 1949, age 28 after his discharge from the Navy. From the Academy to Co K for 6 months, then to Park for a year, Central for 9 years. Jim then went to Taraval for a year, back to Central for 3 years. Transferred to Potrero. Jim remained there until his retirement on Disability in 1968 at age 49. He received a C/C in 1947 for the arrest of an armed ex-felon. He was 77 when he passed away.

Unfinished Business: Motion McKee/2nd Hardeman - Tired Accty. be inscruited by Treasurer to proceed with forms necessary to comply with Erisa. Also that Attorney be contacted and asked to write Dept. of Labor to see the least amount of forms are needed. Approved.

New Business: Morion Jeffery/2nd Kurpinsky that the benefit be increased to \$14,000 effective January 1, 1995. Approved. Dissent McKee. 1st Reading.

Good of the Association: Pres. Huegle set next regular meeting for 2:00pm Wednesday October 19, 1994 and reminded Trustees of meeting with Bank of America 6:00pm October 23, 1994 at B of A Offices.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45pm in memory of above departed Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary

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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



Farewell to Quantico:
The 11 weeks spent here at the FBI National Academy has been a once in a life time experience. The classroom experience taught us that our world and profession are changing, and evolving at breakneck speed...Within two weeks of leaving the computer lab my instruction will have become dated. We worked with DOS, yet when the industry meets in Chicago later this year, a new operating system will be introduced that is expected to replace DOS. Both the Forensic and Computer Instructors spoke about scientific and computer developments that made us sit in awe. Just as those who had sat and listened to Jules Vern must have, when he spoke about man reaching the moon and travelling in boats that could go under the water. Our whole profession and world is on the verge of great change similar to those of the early years of this century. Will the changes be for the good? When radio cars were introduced they were touted as making us more efficient. We were removed from the beats and put into the cars thus losing our contact with the citizens. Today the community is screaming for beat cops to be in contact with the citizens. Administrators are embracing the Community Policing model which in reality is a step back in time...Our Community Policing Instructor, and guest lecturers, pointed out time and time again that law enforcement agencies are at a great crossroad. Will privatization of policing create the police of the haves (rich) and will public policing agencies become the police of the poor similarly as to what has happened in education????? To quote Behavioral Scientist Joe Harpold: "... **public employees are at ground zero and where they go from here is mainly up to themselves...**" Can we, in the SFPD, market ourselves? Already we have seen private security firms offer patrol services on Powell St. and Union Square area. Are the security firms the future here in the City or is the SFPD? Maybe, but in some small towns public police have already been replaced by private firms. There was much discussion in this area but the main point was; If as a department we are to succeed, we must control and direct every function that reflects on us, i.e, 911 operators, dispatchers, parking control officers, code inspectors...

The social aspects: Though the theoretical discussions were intense, they were more than balanced by our social and recreational opportunities. At the Academy there was a softball league, volleyball league, and even a mini soccer camp while the

Columbian students were with us for four weeks. Off campus there were tours to New York City, Washington DC and a host of other locations along the Eastern seaboard. The group of adventurers I ran with managed to sail for three days on the Chesapeake Bay aboard a 32 footer. Tube down the Shenandoah River. Organized a (very successful thanks to the S.F. Giants and S.F. Gun Exchange) golf tournament, and run the Washington DC 1/2 Marathon, 13.1 miles. I still can't believe I did the later!...I hate running!

It Pays To Advertise:
Mission Station Lt. **John Kelly** was up on Market Skeet when he was almost run down by a subject riding a bicycle, and trailing another right next to him. Upon stopping the fellow, John noticed that he was wearing a shirt with the logo "Department of Corrections". A clue.- Investigation determined that both the bicycles were stolen, and our thief was quickly en route the Department of Corrections with no need for a clothing change.

Isn't It Interesting:
Seems that every time the F.R.E.T teams come together and conduct an operation there are no 666 bookings the next day. Why is this? Can anyone explain? Maybe the right people are going to jail...

Is Three Strikes Working?
Lt. **Mike Puccinelli** of the Tenderloin Task Force reports some very stiff prison sentences are being imposed on those who have arrested by the TL's Robbery Abatement Unit.

Retirees:
Co. F's **Al Phillips** recently ran into retiree **Frank Woomer** at a chili cookoff in Lake Tahoe. Seems that in retirement Frank has turned his passion for cooking into a new career as the owner-operator of "Hillbilly Chili".

Many retirees are moving back to the City. **Marty Walsh, Joe Vigil** and **Vic Wode** are among the latest to do so. It's great to see this trend. We need their votes and support in the neighborhoods...

Sick Call:
TTF's Lt. **Mike McNeill**, 45, suffered a massive heart attack on Oct. 4th while hunting near Redding, California. As of this writing, Mike is stable, and will be recuperating in Redding for some 8 to 12 weeks. Cards and well wishes can be mailed to the Department, care of the Tenderloin Task Force, and they will be forwarded to him.

Births:
Jennifer and Michael Dudoroff, Co. E, proudly announce the birth of their second child **Alexander Michael** 7 lbs. 11 oz. 20 inches long on June 10, 1994. Big sister **Katie**, 3 years old, is helping with all the chores, and is very proud of her lil' brother.

John Matthew Gardner 9 lbs. 4 oz. 22 inches long born July 28, 1994 is the first arrival for **Matt and Shannon**, Co F. John is already being spoiled by **Uncle Dan**, General Work.

Donna and John Loftus, Investigations, welcomed their third child **Daniel** 8 lbs 2 oz on August 26, 1994. Big sisters **Laurie**, 5 yrs. and **Karen**, 3 yrs. are competing with Mom and Dad in seeing who can lavish the most attention on the new arrival.

Congratulations to all and best wishes for the future.....

Victorian Anyone:
FBI Agent **George Grotz** will be moving from Washington DC. to San Francisco in approximately nine months. This will be his last duty post and he will be retiring in San Francisco. George is looking to purchase an old Victorian so he and his wife can refurbish it during their retirement years. If you want to get in touch with George drop me a line and I'll put you in contact with him.

Retirement Board Election:
Mike Hebel and **Al Triguero** have asked me to run for the retirement board seat that will become vacant this upcoming February. I have agreed to run and especially remind the retirees that this will be the first election that they will be eligible to vote in. Some very critical retirement issues will be facing all city employees both active and retired over the next several years and it will be important to have a strong city employee team on the board. I hope to join Firefighter Joe Driscoll and Retirement System Employee Herb Meiberger on that team. The only way I will be able to do so will be with your help.

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Potrero Speaks

Dear Chief Ribera,

We the members of Potrero Station are tired of being jerked around by you and your administration. Potrero Station has the majority of City owned Housing Projects and also the H.U.D. subsidized low-income housing developments located in San Francisco. Most of the officers assigned to Potrero are hard working and to say the least very conscientious about the work that they perform. It is very amazing that the work does get done however, due to the lack of operational equipment at our disposal. For example, our P.I.C. radios rarely work for a distance of more than 100 feet. And our fleet of vehicles is poor at best, although this is the most operational and newest vehicles in Potrero's fleet since the late 70s and in actuality probably the late 1950s. However, today vehicles are not the is-

sue at hand. We would like to confront you about the disgusting conditions in which we must work day after day and we are sure that if the Feds found out, Potrero station would be shut down in a moment's notice.

First:

We have a P.S.A. who, unfortunately, is a double amputee and is now wheelchair bound. For over three months when he would arrive at work he was damn near unable to gain entry into the station if someone wasn't in the back to help him up onto the threshold so he could begin his shift. But this man never complained about the "inconvenience." Also now that he is wheelchair bound, he has no place to go to the bathroom because our station has no handicapped toilets. (I think that is against the law somewhere in the American Disabilities Act.) The wheel-

chair ramp was just put in because one of our officers worked a deal with a D.P.W. worker he knew.

Second:

We were guaranteed by now Commander Holder that we would have a new station before Mission would. (Rich, it looks like you owe us a big one.) I don't recall the year that the bond initiative for the retrofitting of police stations was approved by the voters but as part of the campaign Northern Station would be completed first and then Potrero Station would begin construction. Well I guess Northern isn't done yet. However every other station except Central and Southern has either been redone or a new one built. (And I heard the other day the site for the new Central has been located.)

Third:

You came out and addressed our line-ups and said that the problem was that if a minority contractor wasn't used the community threatened to burn down the building while under construction and to continue to damage the site so it would not be able to be built. You then said you were working on something, and if the next proposal was met with the same community uprising you would not stand for it even if it took 10b assignments and you had to post cops on site 24 hours a day. Why didn't you stand up for us the first time the threats were made; instead of saying they won't get away with that again if they try. Have you ever spent any time at the station, other than other than to deliver that speech to the troops?

Well I know you haven't so let me try to explain just a few of our problems. The roof leaks but not bad. If it rains one day it rains for 3 days in the middle of the men's locker room. Also when it rains the copier machine needs to be moved because the roof also leaks over the copier machine, and in case you didn't already know, electric equipment and water don't go together too well. It's a good thing that major crimes don't occur too often in the

Potrero in which an interview of a witness or a suspect may have to take place because there is nowhere to perform any interviews, so we kick the cops that are on 10-7m out of the kitchen and just use that. The lights in the locker room rarely work but who needs to see. Our emergency generator in the basement only turns on a quarter to half the time it is needed, and since we got the Merlin phone system if you have no power you have no communication with the outside world. The bathroom in the males' locker room is also disgusting. The station's garbage is emptied maybe once a week.

Fourth:

We are forced to let unknown city workers into our station to use our bathroom without being searched or anything else. One of these days they are just going to walk into the station with a brief case, walk out without anything and ten minutes later there will be no Potrero station. Then you can call all our families and say because we didn't care about your loved ones they're now dead.

Fifth:

You put the Commanding Officer of Potrero Station in a bind because he hears these things all the time and then says, "Please just do it for me." It gets done and he moves on and it happens again. But now we are tired and want action or results; not the same old crap about we don't have the money or "just this time for me," What are you going to do when we do stop doing it one more time for you. We won't look bad but you will take the place of Judas because you sold us out, because you don't care, because you can't see it from your house. "WE ARE THE BEST YOU HAVE ANYWHERE FROM CAPTAIN ON DOWN."

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H.R. 1277, The "1993 Community Protection Initiative"

by Robin Matthews

Many of you may remember the article that I wrote for the Notebook last year concerning a bill that was being introduced in Congress to allow off-duty and retired law enforcement officers to carry a concealed firearm throughout the United States. I have had two experiences while on vacation - one in Hawaii and one in Wyoming - where citizens have approached me and identified me as a police officer. It's a very unnerving experience. Fortunately, these people meant me no harm and were just being friendly. It could have just as easily been someone I had arrested who had a long time to think about pay-backs while sitting in a cell, in which case, I very well may not have been around to write this article.

I was approached recently by an officer when I was taking the high rise training and was asked for more information concerning this issue, as he had remembered that I had written an article about it last year. I was really glad he had, too. As is so often the case, you get angry about something and if you get past the point of ranting and raving and actually write a letter (whether to the editorials, the Notebook, or your representative in Congress), you frequently don't pursue the issue because of feeling better after "saying your piece". We all have busy schedules and somehow we just don't get around to it. The officer who approached me, though quite inadvertently, reminded me of how important this issue is, and that if we don't take care of ourselves, no one is going to do it for us.

On March 10, 1993, Randy "Duke" Cunningham (R-CA, 51st District/ San Diego) introduced H.R. 1277, the "1993 Community Protection Initiative. The bill is so important, I'm typing it in its entirety: 1993 COMMUNITY PROTECTION INITIATIVE - H.R. 1277

(National Concealed Carry for Law Enforcement)

In the House of Representatives, Mr. Cunningham introduced the following bill, which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary.

A BILL to amend Title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled, SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This act may be cited as the "1993 Community Protection Initiative."

SECTION 2. EXEMPTION OF QUALIFIED CURRENT AND FORMER LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM STATE LAWS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED HANDGUNS.

(a) IN GENERAL - Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926A the following:

"926B. Carrying of concealed handguns by qualified current and former law enforcement officers

"(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law of any State or any political subdivision thereof, a qualified current or former law enforcement officer who is carrying appropriate written identification of such status may carry a concealed handgun.

"(b) As used in this section:

"(1) The term 'qualified law enforcement officer' means an officer, agent, or employee of a public agency who —

"(A) is a law enforcement officer; "(B) is authorized by the agency to carry a firearm in the course

"(C) is not the subject of any disciplinary action by the agency;

"(D) meets such requirements as have been established by the agency with respect to firearms.

"(2) The term 'qualified former law enforcement officer' means an individual who "(A) retired from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer, other than for reasons of mental disability; and

"(B) immediately before such retirement, was a qualified law enforcement officer;

"(C) has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency;

"(D) meets such requirements as have been established by the State in which the individual resides with respect to training in the use of firearms; and

"(E) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

"(3) The term 'law enforcement officer' means an individual authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of any violation of law.

"(4) The term 'appropriate written identification' means, with respect to an individual, a document which —

"(A) was issued to the individual by the public agency with which the individual serves or served as a law enforcement officer; and

"(B) identifies the holder of the document as a current or former officer, agent, or employee of the agency."

(c) EFFECTIVE DATE. The amendments made by this section shall take effect 180 days after the date of enactment of this Act.

Not only will this bill give us the protection and peace of mind we deserve as law enforcement officers, it instantaneously puts thousands of additional equipped, trained, and certified police officers on the streets at no additional cost to taxpayers. How many of us would appreciate the assistance of an off-duty "roll-by" on virtually any call we handle; especially, if you're in the middle of a knock-down, drag-out fight with someone trying to take your gun away from you. I don't think any of us would give a damn what state they were from. An additional pair of hands and an additional gun could end up being the difference between life or death for us someday. It could also mean taking immediate action if you on-view a robbery in progress or other violent crime. Unarmed, you're frequently, at best, only an observer, getting the best description you can against the armed adversary. Armed, action can almost always be taken immediately.

Many lawmakers have signed onto the bill as co-sponsors (I've listed the ones I'm aware of at the end of this article). Although the bill is gaining momentum, the House Judiciary Subcommittee on Crime and Criminal Justice need to act on the measure, or it will languish in the subcommittee. It's still a long way from becoming federal law.

I urge everyone to write a letter to your representative. It should be short and to the point, telling who you are, why you back H.R. 1277, and why it deserves Congressional support. Personal accounts of how the bill would have helped you or someone you know are very effective. Lawmakers pay attention to personal letters, especially if they get a lot of them on the same subject. If your representative isn't supporting the bill, find out why not. (You can find out the name and address of your representative by calling the U.S. Capitol Operator at 202-225-

3121.) After writing a letter, send a copy of it to LEAA, the Law Enforcement Alliance of America, 7700 Leesburg Pike, Suite 421, Falls Church, VA 22043 (703-847-COPS or 800-766-8578). They maintain a file of every representative who has received a letter concerning this issue; and it is effective for the representative of LEAA to have an armful of letters when they petition Capitol Hill. (Membership in LEAA is \$10.00 a year.)

The sooner this bill passes, the better it will be for all of us. Please write your representative today.

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INTRODUCTION

Jim Mullan is unique that he has never tasted liquor, nor held a cigarette to his lips. He was adamant as to whether his life story should be told. He describes himself as a plain ordinary person with no world shattering accomplishments.

In our society there will always be people attempting to do the big things, but few people like yourself, who took the time to do the little things that brightened peoples' lives. Whether he was working with the highest class of society, or to its lowest form, made no difference. What was important was the compassion and love he put into his work.

James Arthur Mullan was born in Watsonville in April, 1923. A few months later his family moved to San Francisco. His dad opened a wood and coal yard business in Noe Valley. His mother passed away when Jim was four years old. He was brought up by his grandmother Ellen McCoe and his sister Caye. He began his schooling at Edison, then to James Lick Jr. High and continued his education at Mission High. He leaned towards the commercial subjects, and became proficient in typing and taking shorthand. Jim was the intellectual type student, with a curious mind. Some of his classmates referred to him as a walking encyclopedia. He received recognition of being a scholar by the school faculty upon graduating in January, 1941.

His first job was as a stenographer for a legal firm. He worked five and one-half days a week for a monthly salary of \$75. The United States was preparing for a war that was imminent. Jim left the legal firm and joined brother Phil at the Union Iron Works. In December, 1942, Jim was drafted. After receiving basic training at Camp Ord, Jim served overseas. He engaged and saw limited action in five European campaigns: (1) the ground combat England Anti Aircraft under fire; (2) landed in Normandy on "D" day, plus twenty; (3) the Northern France campaign where they holed up at General Patton, ran out of gas; (4) Rhineland - going into Germany; and, (5) Central Europe where the war was ended.

After all these campaigns, when he was discharged in December, 1945 he held the rank of private first class. A civil service lady clerk suggested that he should give serious thought to becoming a limited tenure police officer. All that was required was to

pass a simple written test. He took her advice and became one on the last day of the year. He spent two weeks at the police academy at 37th Avenue and Fulton.

The war had caused a clothing shortage. The rookies ended up having to buy used police uniforms. After receiving your assignments, it was customary to meet the captain of that unit. If first impressions are important, then Jim left a lot to be desired. There is Jim introducing himself in baggy pants, wearing a coat two sizes too large, saluting the captain and standing at attention. With alterations he made himself look half way presentable. He is teamed up with his life-long friend, Al Perry who received God's call this year. Jim becomes a permanent civil service officer in February, 1947. His Uncle John had been on the first one in 1900.

He was now entitled to two weeks vacation. Hardly enough for a confirmed bachelor. He would have to do something about it. He would plan his strategy like a master chess player. His first chess mate move would be to join the Army Counter Intelligence Corps reserves in 1948. That would get him a military leave of absence each year to report for maneuvers in Southern Pine in North Carolina and in Long Horn, Texas. Two of our departed brothers, Les Dolan and Frank Browne were officers in that unit. Frank Browne was a World War II decorated war hero. A lasting friendship existed between Jim and Frank Browne until his death. He enjoyed those weeks of freedom that he now had a plan that he felt would be beneficial in meeting his objective. It called for him to be tactful, cautious and discreet. It was a simple plan. He wanted to accumulate all the days off possible so that he could take them at a later date. Herb Caen got word of it and mentioned it in his column of November 14, 1949. Copper Jim Mullan has been going without in a big way, no cigarettes, no drinks, no new clothes, no entertainment and even a low cost diet. In that time he managed to save enough for three months trip to Ireland.

The true facts are as follows: Continuing his chess moves he received permission from the late Chief of Police Michael Mitchell to work five straight months without taking a day off. He convinced his superiors to allow him to work all the overtime allotted. He wasn't interested in be-



Jim Mullan just made P.F.C. Wintertime. Taken in France 1944. (Not one grey hair)

ing paid but wanted to build up his accumulated time.

In the 1950 June election, the people voted police and firefighters a forty hour week instead of the 44. It was retroactive which meant more hours were credited to Jim's account. Checkmate. The game was over with Him the winner. He was entitled to take off 116 days at his leisure, with pay. Considering the days off, it would be close to six months. He started his journey in the spring of 1950. Three months with his dad in Ireland, looking up relatives and checking into the roots of their family tree. Jim was looked on as a "odd ball" policeman. An Irish policeman that didn't drink.

His father returned home. His brother Fran met him in Rome. They continued visiting the beautiful cities of Paris, London, Madrid and spending the last two months in Ireland. Jim returned to Central Station in the winter of 1950. He is in for a rude awakening due to the Korean conflict that started in June of 1950 and ended in June of 1953. His C.I.C. unit was activated. Those military leaves would turn into a three year army hitch. He ended up in the deep south on intelligence gathering assignments. He was discharged as a warrant officer in October 1953. An incredible task. It only took Jim two wars to rise from private first class to warrant officer. Due to his achievements, my faith in the former high school scholar was somewhat restored. Jim returned to Central. He hit the books and made sergeant in 1954. His traveling days were somewhat curtailed and brief. He went from Central to Park and for a short stay at Southern.

In 1956, the late Captain Cornelius Murphy, Sr. was the commanding officer of the Bureau of Special Services. At that time the unit specialized in handling a variety of crimes. The department heads reported directly to Captain Murphy. The late Joe Hallisy, Sr. headed the Chinatown Squad. Robert "Bob" Davis took over the prostitution crew. Len Etherington was in charge of the narcotic squad. The captain needed a non-entity sergeant (one of no consequences or significance), to take over the bookie crew. Jim met the qualifications and not only took over the bookie crew but remained there for fifteen years.

As time marched on and the men became acclimated with one another, their curiosity was aroused. How come their leader, thirty three years old, was still single. Why hadn't some lady allured him into the bonds of holy matrimony. Jim would soon put their curiosity to rest. Catherine Ann King worked for the city attorney's office in Los Angeles. She was in the city visiting her sister, a nun who was in charge of the Morning Star Japanese Mission School. Jim and



brother Paul had done odd jobs for the school. Jim and Catherine met, fell in love and were engaged during the holiday season of 1956. The wedding took place on April 27, 1957 at St. Mark's Church in Venice, California. They have two wonderful sons. Jim Jr. is a San Francisco deputy sheriff for the past twelve years and Tom is in his 17th year as an operation manager at the Bank of America. His niece Mary Beth is married to James Escobar, a San Francisco police officer, so Jim still maintains current contact with our department. Regis Swettman was a close friend, an assistant district attorney and quite a teaser in his own right. He enjoyed calling Jim a "future benedict" so often that Jim had to look up its meaning. It is an expression used for confirmed bachelors about to get married.

Tricks and devices were commonly used by the bookie crew. Probably the oldest ruse still being used by present day police departments is the "good guy - bad guy" routine. Andy Balmy, Howard Bailey, Edward Johnston and the late Dan Nilan played the roles to perfection. It proved most effective as in over 700 bookie arrests, there was only one resistor. The other 699 were all likable rogues, even an 85 year old Scotsman. A classic example of flattery was used in the "Smitty the Birdman" case. He owned an apartment building and lived in one of the units, along with 80 birds of all sorts flying freely throughout the apartment. The bookie, being Russian, caused Andy to be the bad guy while Jim worked on building up his ego. Andy put his Russian curses to good use. Jim told his men that "Smitty" wasn't the stereo type bookie. He had brains and to continue their search would be fruitless. We should have gone ahead with our original plans. Get on the phone and request for the dog unit to respond. Without any hesitation, "Smitty" reached into the 80 pound bag of birdseed and handed Jim the marked money. They couldn't get out of the premises fast enough. The odor would eventually wear off. Their clothing required a special cleaning fluid used by professions of the trade. If they were looking for sympathy they could be thankful they weren't dodging seagulls.

Jim knew there would be problems in serving a search warrant. A clash of personalities existed between him and a certain bookie. Jim had one of his men standing by with a sledge hammer in the event they were refused entry. Just the opposite occurred. They were cordially invited into the premises. Andy Balmy suckered Jim into being the first one to reach the top of the stairs. The smiling bookie, along with his pet

(See RETIREMENT, Page 14)

Retired Officers In Nevada

On September 6th, Clifford Watts, Tom Wheeler and Ross Spinner of the Northern Nevada Chapter of Retired San Francisco Police Officers met for the first time at the Carson Valley Inn in Minden Nevada, had lunch and shared each other's company for the afternoon, a good time was had by everybody.

The next meeting will be held in Reno, Nevada, after the first of November. The date is to be set at a later time.

Anyone wishing to attend please call Ross Spinner at 702-265-2721.



Close Encounters

by Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

Officer Mitchell Lang, Central Station pushed the barricaded door of a downtown San Francisco Hotel open just enough to where he could start to remove some of the items preventing access when the man who had blocked the offers' entrance to avoid eviction suddenly appeared and ripped Mitch's right arm open with a butcher knife. **Officers Garret Tom and Leon Loew**, present with Officer Lang, eventually forced entrance at gun point and arrested an individual who had been released, to San Francisco after he had served 4 years in a San Diego Institution for the criminally insane! (Obviously the man had not been cured but, somewhere, authorities probably thought the subject would fit right in with our Matrix Program.)

Officer Alexis Goldner, Juvenile Division, did an outstanding job conducting an investigation involving the molestation of a small child by a suspect she had already put in jail for a separate offense committed against children and went to visit the incarcerated suspect at Santa Rita prison in order to serve him with the new warrant of arrest (Bail set at \$300,000).

Alexis was placed in an interrogation room with the suspect and told to push a nearby button when she was finished with her interview. Well, the interview didn't take long because the inmate refused to talk after being mirandized. Alexis pushed the button to exit the room and waited...Alexis waited one hour and 40 minutes until she finally gained her freedom by kicking open the locked interview room door.

I have worked my way up the Santa Rita chain of command only to learn that this was not the first time such an incident has occurred. I have also been informed that letters

of apology are forthcoming — but personally, I like the comments made by **Deputy Chief Diarmuid Philpott**, Special Investigations Division, in a letter he sent to Sheriff Charles Plummer of Alameda County. Deputy Chief Philpott states, "It doesn't take much imagination to consider the tragic events that might have occurred in that locked interview room considering the amount of time that a convicted felon and the unarmed police officer were together."

Officers Mike Robison and Michelle Henderson, Potrero Station, were on a "routine" traffic stop on 3rd Street when an intoxicated third party rammied into their police car. Both officers were extremely fortunate to escape the high velocity impact.

Officer Ray Austin encountered an individual resident of a quiet neighborhood thought looked "strange". Could be the reason the man's eyes were bulging out of their sockets was because he had been on an 8-day journey of methamphetamine, with no sleep!

Why do we continue to allow the parole system to exist?

A recent subject paroled to San Francisco on 8/14/94, committed robbery on 8/30/94 and will eventually be going back to prison when he is caught. We can only hope he won't kill an innocent person during the interim.

On 8/25/94, a young man in a residence at 24th/Harrison Street used his family as shields when he decided to kill himself with a knife. **Officers Adrian Castro, Valerie Matthews, Scott Lau and Herman Diggs** responded and, while Valerie and Adrian attempted to calm the young man and persuade him to give up his butcher knife, Scott and Herman were escorting family members to safety out a back door. Sud-



459 in progress!!

photo courtesy of Pete Thoshinsky

denly the young man ran to another area of the house and hid. The officers, utilizing their flashlights to find the crazed, suicidal and dangerously armed suspect, finally came upon him. Officers Lau and Diggs managed to restrain him but not before he had slit his abdomen with his knife. All of the officers were covered in blood trying to hold the injured subject until medical personnel could take over.

Officers Robert Leung, Brian Danker, Gary Constantine, Bart Johnson and Robert Hart were investigating an earlier assault of a woman on Connecticut Street and as they approached a residence where suspects might have fled, Officer Leung placed himself in a position near the front door, while the other officers were moving in at covered locations. The front door of the suspect's residence was suddenly pulled open and a sawed-off shotgun was pointed directly in Officer Leung's face. None of the officers had time to

react, but Officer Leung took immediate control ordering the suspect to abandon his weapon which, fortunately, he did.

Officer Leung came extremely close to losing his life. Officer Leung is a member of the Tier II Retirement System.

There were six (6) shootings on San Francisco Streets and two (2) homicides in just 2 days (Saturday, 10/1/94—Sunday, 10/2/94) and the police officers in the Ingleside and Taraval Districts were severely restricted in their use of their portable radios over the same weekend because of technical problems, placing all of the officers in jeopardy. Yet, the members of our Association will continue to place their lives on the line to protect and serve.

We would appreciate, in kind, your vote of the SFPOA endorsed candidates for the November 1994 election because the people we have endorsed have all of our best interests in mind!

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Down In The Hole

Six Weeks With The Police In New York's Subway Tunnels

by Edward Conlon
Reprinted from *The American Spectator*, May 1992

PART TWO

Most of the young cops and almost all in the specialized units tend to be "buffs," dedicated and enthusiastic. And the traffic of fare-beaters is so huge and regular that if a cop routinely comes home empty-handed the sergeant may presume that the officer is spending the day in the doughnut shop. When a call came over the radio of a robbery or an assault that was too far away to respond to, the cops would complain in a real sore-loser tone of voice, "Why can't that happen here?"

We began one day on the Lexington Avenue line and caught nine fare-beaters in just over an hour. The station was full of angry people: an old black man banged his can on the special-entry gate: four, four, and five sharp metal-on-metal cracks. "Would you open the door, you son of a bitch!" A young black man in a business suit went through the turnstile, cursing volubly. When John picked him up, he protested, "They wouldn't take my money! Look here, I got it, they wouldn't take it!" He paid his fare and returned sheepishly to the train. A drunken white laborer wandered around the station, growling "All's they do is rips ya's off!" We stayed close to him until he got on the train. And a young black woman in neat street dress paid her fare and waited by the turnstiles through two trains, calling out "Watch it, the cops!" To a number of people who might not have otherwise appreciated the presumption that they were petty criminals.

"She'll be the first to bitch when the fare goes up," John said. "If she stays through another train, I'll throw her out."

Keith Thomas, a white teenager from Queens, slipped through as John was writing up someone else. "What is wrong with you! You see I'm a cop, you see I'm right here, and still you go through!"

"Well, I had a token but I need another one to get home. I thought I could get through since your back was turned."

Tara, a tough, athletic blonde from upstate, is John's regular partner. Her generally cool demeanor was a few degrees chillier when she stopped a middle-aged man who squeezed in behind his friend, two-for-one on the token. A dapper dresser in black patent leathers and gray flannel slacks, oxford shirt and tweed cap, he responded to Tara and her badge as if she were a girl who was willing to go to absurd lengths to get his phone number. He walked up to the train, already in the station, and laughed as he called to her, "I'll give you one, two, three, four—there you go, see you later!"

Even after she stopped him, it was a few minutes before he could take her seriously.

"Step over to the wall. Let me see some ID, sir."

"Sugar, would you please... if you feel that way, I will just get a dollar. Sugar—"

"Do you have ID?"

"Bus sugar, sugar baby—"

Officer Sugar baby made no particular haste in writing that summons. Policewomen bear an additional set of burdens, from the fit of the vest—with their generally shorter torsos, the holster pokes up on the side—to the kind of disrespect described above. John, I think, has never been told that he was "looking pretty juicy today" by someone he was slapping the cuffs on. Like most cops, Tara takes it well enough but there is, perhaps, a gradual toll on the sympathies; in any case, her partner is a far softer touch. One afternoon, John worked alone in uniform and let three people through the gate in less than a minute: a homeless man, a woman who said her wallet was stolen at work, and a middle-aged woman in a housedress, who sobbed and chattered in Spanish as she proffered an handful of dimes.

Tara was never such an easy mark.

Miguel Duenas found that out when he went through the gate. A slender 30-year old with a childish aspect, he giggled at her questions and his eyes wandered up and down the platform. He was also, plainly, both sober and reasonably intelligent.

"Where do you live, Miguel?"

"On ah, on ah, on ah, Nealand. Lealand. You know."

"I don't know. You living there or me? What's the address?"

"It's ah, seventy-five, seventy-five, seventy-five, ninety, ninety-five."

The auction ended at ninety-five. Tara looked through his wallet until she found an address. I picked a business card from the paper-shuffle and took it from her; it was from a psychiatric social worker at the discharge planning unit at Bronx Municipal hospital. As it was the first day I had worked with her, a public contradiction was out of the question, but I told her he was a mental patient as soon as he was out of earshot.

"It's a tough call sometimes," she said. "Last week we got a big group of Hispanic girls for fare beating. While we were writing them up this white guy goes through, you could see he was retarded, and we just let him go. They made a lot of noise, said that it was race preference. Stuff like that happens a lot."

I watched uneasily the only time John showed some temper. A homeless black man went to hop the turnstile as the TA clerk was taking out the tokens, and the clerk chased him away. Startled, he left and went through when the clerk was back in the booth. He was tall and gangly, sweaty in his greasy, red down jacket. His cuffs were rolled up over the ankle to reveal an open, waxy red, baseball-sized ulcer. When John ordered him against the wall, he explained how annoyed he was because he mistook the clerk for a policeman.

"He challenged me, you know, and—"

John cut him off, barked back in his face:

"He didn't challenge you. He works for the Transit Authority, he tells you not to go through, you don't go through. It's that simple, you understand that? What's your name?"

"Donald Willis."

"What?"

"Donald Willis."

"Take your hands out of your pockets. If somebody tells you not to do something and you're wrong, you don't do it. It's that simple. You do not take it as a challenge. You understand what I'm telling you?"

"I know—"

"—because Donald, right now all I'm doing is kicking you out. If I see you again, because of what you just dit, the disrespect you gave this man, I will have you in jail so fast your head will spin till next week. Do you understand that?"

"But you know, what I'm saying—"

"Shut up. We are not having a discussion here. You are gonna give me the information and you're gonna leave."

"All right.... You know why they come down on freaks in Mexico?"

"Are you married?"

"Anybody that looks—"

"Are you married?"

"A freak is automatically discriminated against."

"Are you married?"

"No, I'm single. Just because of the way I look, and don't have any money, that's the only—"

"That's not discrimination, sir, what happened is you weren't paying

your fare. You're supposed to do it. He works for the Transit Authority, he told you not to do it. You waited till he turned his back, then you went through anyway. See what I'm saying to you?"

"Yeah, yeah."

"Okay. You're getting off with a warning this time. All I'm gonna do is tell you to get out of here. If I do see you again, Donald, I will lock you up. That is a promise. It's not a threat, it's a promise."

"I just want to say that in Nicaragua, the rich, they discriminate against all the poor."

"Okay."

"Just because they're poor. They could be a freak, too."

"Okay, Donald. Back outside."

I told John that I thought he been a little rough on him.

"He was sick, he was crazy—did you see his ankle?"

I was surprised to hear him agree:

"Yeah, and there was no way I was ever gonna get close to him. I'd rather break my own fingers before I'd touch that guy."

Though unpleasant to watch, it had been the right play: Donald was someone who could take advantage of a situation. Though he was likely physically weak, he was bigger than either of us and not of sound mind. He broke the law and got a browbeating for his trouble, and several million people were able to take the train that day without having to hear from the self-appointed spokes-freak for the oppressed south of the border.

After the steady activity of catching fare-beaters, the watch for more serious crimes was generally dull. We would go to a station, often near a school, and wait. The high-crime hours are between three in the afternoon and nine at night, which is to say between the final ball and "Doogie Howser, M.D." Though the students have free passes, we watched dozens of others hop the turnstiles without making a move.

"It'll blow our play for later," John said. "Every kid knows who you are once you start the summonses. It's tough enough as it is. I think they made us already, I don't want to give them any more breaks."

A few minutes later a group of teenage girls walked past, singing softly. "Undercover D's! Undercover D's!"

"They have to let you know they know, the wiseasses!"

We took the next train out. We rode for a few stops on the last car, the traditional after-school party car, and returned to the station. A dozen boys hung out at the end of the platform, waiting as a number of trains passed. Some left and others arrived, milling about. We took a seat at a hopefully discreet distance and watched them for half an hour. A group of four or five more boys passed us and joined them. John remembered that he had arrested one of them for robbery a month before. They took the next train and so did we, a few cars apart, and watched them. It was a downtown train, and as we rode John also recalled that the kid he knew lived in the Bronx. The group got off at Grand Central Station and waited, again at the end of the platform. We watched again as they drifted apart, with odd twos and threes taking separate trains, until the last stragglers departed.

Most calls like that end in lost trails and dead ends. More frustrating are the false alarms. One morning I worked the Lower East Side with

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Call The Wagon

by Kevin J. Mullen

The Police Patrol [Wagon] system is responsible for another general improvement in the Department. . . . Antecedently to the adoption of this system, street officers were compelled, and frequently with much trouble and many struggles, to convey their prisoners along the public streets to the nearest police station.

— Chief of Police Isaiah Lees, 1897.

One of the basic differences between the work of nineteenth century police officers and that of officers today is the extent to which the oldtimers were forced to work alone. Before the development of motorized patrol response—and more recently, instantaneous radio communication—officers were isolated on their individual beats most of the time, cut off from their headquarters and other officers.

Those with beats in the more densely populated downtown districts might double up for self protection, but in the outlying districts a lone officer had only his whistle to summon help, assuming there was someone within earshot to come to his aid. It was partially out of this condition that the culture of police force as a preferred method of social control evolved.

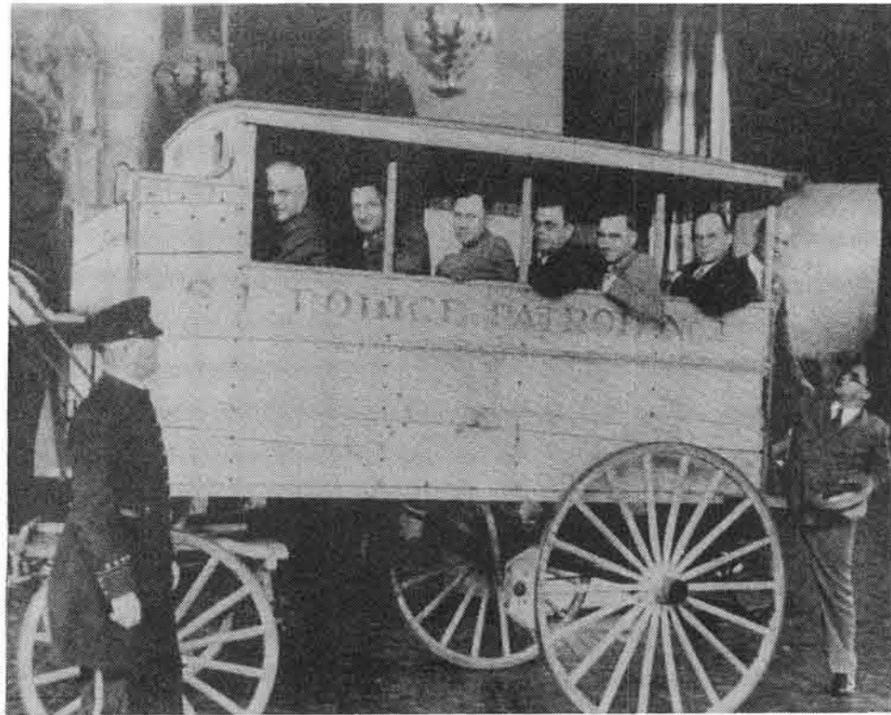
Knowing that an officer was on his own hook, neighborhood hoodlums were more than willing to test his authority. Beating up lone policemen came to be almost a rite of passage for urban toughs, and police officers often responded with preemptive force—swift and brutal—to assert their authority over those with whom they had to contend.

As Chief Lees pointed out in 1897, it was frequently difficult to get an arrested subject from the point of arrest to the lockup. An officer had to walk his man in, often struggling all the way and fending off the arrestee's friends who were bent on setting him free. If a man was particularly obstreperous or hard to handle, the officer might hail a passing cart or express wagon to haul his man to jail. (A fund was maintained at the stations to pay the commandeered teamster for his time and the court would assess cart hire as part of the penalty for the defendant at trial).

When an officer had a particularly messy drunk, he might grab a nearby wheelbarrow and trundle his man to jail.

If transport was needed to move large numbers of officers to a distant riot or other emergency, improvisation was the order of the day. In 1859, when Chief Martin Burke transported a group of officers from downtown to put a stop to the Broderick/Terry duel out by Lake Merced, he used the Coroner's dead wagon. During the great anti-Chinese riots in 1877, large furniture wagons were fitted out with benches to transport police officers and citizen members of the Public Safety Committee to trouble spots.

As the department began to decentralize into district stations in the 1870s to serve the needs of the ever expanding population, a horse drawn van was provided to carry prisoners downtown from the outlying stations. The officer assigned to the Mission



San Francisco version of "New York" patrol wagon dating from around 1896 when the first covered wagons were introduced in San Francisco. By the style of the officer's uniform the photo was taken decades later. Photo credit: Lt. Douglas Anderson, OPD.

was given a horse and wagon to patrol his 20 square mile beat and a couple of officers were mounted on horses to patrol the western reaches of the city. But for the most part, officers did all their work as individuals alone and on foot, separated from their fellow officers and headquarters.

Another cultural by-product of the officers' occupational solitude was the reluctance—now declining—of officers to call for help. In living memory, it would be an occasion for mild ridicule from his fellows for an officer—"unable to handle his own beefs"—to call for help except in the most extreme circumstances.

What finally started to put an end to the officers' isolation was the development of patrol/wagon call box systems. The first such comprehensive system, which for the first time connected beat officers with their headquarters and provided for a two way exchange of information and transportation, was organized in Chicago in 1880. (At least one local writer contends that such a system was pioneered in San Francisco in the 1860s. He is probably thinking of the telegraph system of the 1860s which, while for a time did connect the various stations, was a very different type of operation.)

The Chicago system consisted of two or more telegraph boxes on each patrol beat, connected to precinct stations and containing several coded messages by means of which officers could report riots or other crimes to headquarters, or call for prisoner transportation. On the other end of the line, a four man wagon team stood by in the station to promptly answer calls for assistance. The telegraph system was soon replaced by a net of telephones. Other eastern cities quickly followed suit.

In 1886, Police Chief Patrick Crowley began asking for the adoption of a patrol wagon/call box system for San Francisco. He was turned down at first and each year he continued to ask. In 1887 he appealed to civic pride by pointing out that even Oakland had a patrol system while San Francisco went without. Finally, in 1889, the Board of Supervisors appropriated \$20,000 to get started on a patrol wagon/call box system for San Francisco.

The following year, a sample wagon was acquired from Chicago at a cost of \$800 from which two more were made in city shops. The open wag-

ons, which were also intended for use as public ambulances, were designed to hold nine men on benches in the wagon bed. In emergency, two more men could join the driver on the seat and, with two additional officers on the rear step, the department could deliver a squad of 13 men quickly to the scene of a disturbance. A tarp was provided to protect injured passengers from the elements.

The first wagon was placed in service at the Old City Hall Police Station at Kearny and Washington streets on September 13, 1890. By the end of the year there were three more, assigned to the Folsom Street Station, the New City Hall Station (at McAllister and Hyde) and at the 17th and Howard Street station. On November 7, the first street call boxes went into operation making the service complete.

Later that month, a local news reporter was treated to a tour of the new system and immediately recognized the officers' safety implications of the new device. "The thief or hoodlum thug gets the wholesome conviction," he wrote, "that in any part of the city he is thus likely to have to encounter a heavy detail of picked officers within three or four minutes after an alarm has been turned in. "It will be no longer a question for a conscientious officer whether he shall risk his life in breaking up a hoodlum row in Brannantown, Tar Flat or out in the Mission. He will not be alone long."

By mid-1891, the city had 81 telephone call boxes hooked up with district stations and by the following year there were 166. As the population and police stations moved further out into the outlying districts, the number of call boxes was increased accordingly.

Oddly enough, despite the obvious benefits of the new system, it was at first resisted by the officers it

was designed to help. Some of the real oldtimers saw the wagon as a needless and expensive frill. If the existence of the system meant that help was only a phone call away, it also increased managerial control. Or perhaps it's not so odd. The same sort of thing occurred with the introduction of PIC radios not too long ago. But as with PIC radios, the wagon was soon seen as indispensable and all the resistance was dissipated.

As currently organized, the patrol wagon is used for the most part to transport prisoners or, on occasion, to transport groups of officers from one place to another. But in the beginning, there was more to it than that. From the start of American municipal policing, the concept of "called for services" was seen as an implicit part of the job. Most officers were assigned to beats but even in the very early days a number were held on reserve in stations to respond to complaints received from citizens who stopped by.

For a long time, until the introduction of the automobile to police work, the idea of police responding from the station to complaints at remote locations was a largely unrealized ideal. An officer might be dispatched to a problem within walking distance of the station but other than that problems were mostly left for the beat man to handle when he happened by.

With the introduction of telephone call boxes, an officer could be given an assignment when he called in. What's more, a citizen no longer had to walk all the way to the station to make a complaint. As originally envisioned telephone boxes could be placed in private homes so that when a call was made, said one advocate of the system, "of burglars, for instance, the occupants of the house can remain snugly in bed, with their heads covered up, while the policemen answering the call [in the wagon]. . . step quietly in at the front door, to the surprise and confusion of the enterprising burglars."

In practice, direct telephone calls by citizens for police service had to wait the general installation of telephones in private homes, and the introduction of large numbers of patrol vehicles. But the system introduced in 1890 did permit limited use of street boxes by private citizens. The street boxes contained telephones for the exclusive use of officers but were also equipped with levers which, when pulled by a private citizen, would presumably bring the officers running.

At first, there was little widespread inclination for citizens to use the system to call for help. After fifteen years in service, the patrol wagon service reported only 19,100 annual runs, or slightly more than fifty a day. And most of those were officer initiated. The vast majority of runs were for prisoner transportation al-

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Police-Fire Post #456 News

by Greg Corrales

"If a man who serves indolently and a man who serves well are treated in the same way, the man who serves well may begin to wonder why he does so."

Asakura Toshikage, Ideals of the Samurai

In the past month, Governor Wilson has signed two Bills which affect veterans residing in California. AB 2457 (Connolly) Observance of Veterans Day By School Districts, requires School Districts to recognize Veterans Day on November 11, regardless of what day of the week it falls on. No more using Veterans Day for another three-day weekend. AB 2597 (Statham), which was signed by the Governor on July 21, removes the California Department of Veterans Affairs from its current place within the State and Consumer Services Agency, and requires that the Director of the California Department of Veterans Affairs be a veteran. Governor Wilson, in order to complement this legislation, will in the near future issue an executive order designating the Department of Veterans Affairs as a member of the Governor's Cabinet. Governor Wilson stated, "I am deeply committed to those who so bravely serve our

nation." Governor Wilson is a former Marine.

In May, the Clinton Administration named former radical protester Charles Searcy to a sensitive post in the Pentagon POW/MIA Office. Searcy served with the U.S. Army's 519th Military Intelligence Bn. in Saigon, 1967-68. From 1971-73, he headed the University of Georgia's Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW) chapter on the Athens campus, and also participated in the left wing

The Vietnam Veterans Against the War, started in New York in 1967, was totally out of touch with most Vietnam veterans since it was based around university centers. Its primary audience was the media, and at its peak strength, VVAW enrolled 7,000 members (everyone from college students to professors were admitted). Membership represented only one fourth of 1% of Vietnam vets.

Searcy remained close to Vietnam issues ever since, making three trips to Vietnam in recent years, striving to "reconcile" relations between the U.S. and Vietnam's people and government. As a member of Georgia Veterans for Clinton/Gore, he raised \$160,000 in campaign contributions. This appointment was widely viewed as a political payoff.

Thanks to lobbying efforts by The National League of Families, Veterans of Foreign Wars, AMVETS, Jewish War Veterans, and the American Legion, in June the job offer was withdrawn by the White House.

In the same vein...Samuel W. Brown, Jr., was nominated in May to

become the new U.S. ambassador to the Conference on Security and Cooperation in Europe (CSCE). A prominent anti-war activist and Jimmy Carter's Peace Corps director, Brown has some unusual credentials for this position.

A promoter of unconditional amnesty for draft dodgers and "deeply moved" by Vietnamese statements excoriating America's role in Vietnam, Brown has a questionable record as head of Carter's ACTION Agency, to boot. His 1970s sentiments are most telling: He believed that "those who have waged this war really should be treated as war criminals." Brown wrote: "Most of us who have worked to end the war for some time believe that any semblance of a military victory in Vietnam would be disastrous for the United States."

Though Brown was not given the title of "ambassador" by the senate, he nonetheless is head of the CSCE delegation in Vienna, Austria. Brown's appointment is consistent with other Clinton appointments: He named the controversial Morton Halperin to the National Security Agency and Hanoi Jane Fonda ambassador to the U.N. Population Fund.

Benjamin O. Davis Jr., leader of the Tuskegee airmen who founded and led the first squadron of black U.S. aviators in WWII, was inducted 23 July into the National Aviation Hall of Fame in Dayton.

QUESTION: What would you do if you found yourself in a room with Hitler, the Ayatola, and a lawyer, and you had a gun with only two bullets? ANSWER: Shoot the lawyer twice.

Court Appointed Special Advocate Program

What is CASA...

Courts across the nation have been challenged to provide children with personal support while they are under court protection. Many courts have looked to community volunteers as a way to provide children with the additional support and representation they require. CASA is one such volunteer group that has been successful in this mission.

Founded in 1977 by Seattle Judge David Soukup, CASA recruits and trains community volunteers to serve as child advocates. Nationally, volunteers have helped thousands of children through more than 500 programs in 47 states. Volunteers provide independent information on a child's case in order to assist the court in making crucial decisions about the child's placement. They also remain a consistent source for the child throughout the court process.

CASA volunteers...

Volunteers in the San Francisco Court Appointed Special Advocate (SFCASA) Program have one thing in common - the belief that every child has the right to a safe and permanent home. Representative of the city's diverse community, volunteers come from all professions, all races, and all ethnic backgrounds. Each volunteer is thoroughly screened and must complete a nationally standardized 40-hour program of comprehensive training and continuing education.

A child's voice in court...

Because they usually handle only one or two cases at a time, CASA volunteers are able to spend time with a child's family members, friends and teachers to gather information that may provide additional insight into the child's case. But most of all, a CASA volunteer spends time with the child to understand the child's individual needs, and to help present this voice in court.

The SFCASA program, by acting as a friend of the court, enhances the team effort of the court and social services to make the system work better for children.

For further information..

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Moving on, don't forget to sign up for your Fitness Award Hours, the Program is still alive and well, all you need to do is show up. If motivation is still a factor, consider the miracle story of Officer Mark Donzelli. A Solo for the last 7 years, Mark was involved in an awful accident back in December of 1993. He went down on his bike, on duty, and ended up with many a broken bone (as in neck, shoulder, wrist), a concussion and a bed-ridden assignment for ten long weeks. Mark had a lot of support from friends, colleagues, and family. At no point did he believe his injuries would stop him from ever returning to his unit. Mark claims his successful return to full-duty status (check out the last transfer list, dated Sep-

tember 28, 1994 - now that is a MIRACLE) to a steady, progressive rehabilitation program that included Treadmill, Gymnastic Ball, and free weights. Progress was slow and steady but Mark never gave up hope. Of course, true grit and determination played an important factor as well. Instead of spending the minimum one hour at his Physical Therapy session, Mark would work-out for up to three hours per session. He also attributes his progress to losing about 18 pounds since his accident. Mark is a pretty humble guy but he did have some advice...

Donzelli's recipe for healthier living:

- 1) Take Care of Yourself; if there's excess baggage - get rid of it. Make a conscious choice of what you put in your body.
- 2) Have a plan. Make small goals, stick to them.
- 3) Mental visualization. Picture what you want and play it over and over in your mind's eye.
- 4) Don't ever give up.

There are lots of success stories out there, please submit articles/ideas/stories that relate to getting fit, staying fit and any other related topics. Don't forget to mark down October 12, 1994 on your calendar, until then yours truly will be back to pounding the pavement, of course, in the Marathon sense of the word. Yup, you knew it and I knew it, New York City's Race of Races is only a mere month away...okay, so now we're verging on marathon #21, I thought I could get away with stopping on an even number. Suddenly, life without 26.2 miles seemed dull, dim and dank. Then, the fated phone call; family pressure from 3,000 miles away is a strange bird...so, nu, there will be lots to write about, maybe even a better photo than that gawdawful thing from last year's race. Anyhoo, tootaloo...

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CELEBRATION

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the Board of Directors. A list of your endorsements is included in this edition. Several months ago the membership voted to give an early endorsement to several candidates including our own POA attorney and candidate for the Board of Supervisors, Sylvia Courtney. We hope that at the November 10th party we will be able to celebrate a victory for

Sylvia's election to the Board of Supervisors. The Association realizes that support at the Board will be critical if we hope to be able to maintain our bargaining legislation and other issues of concern to this organization. Please have your family and friends who live and vote in San Francisco pull the lever for the Association's candidate for supervisor, Sylvia Courtney, in the November election.

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Members of the San Francisco Police Department, Families, friends, union members and readers, I urge you all to support, and vote for Sylvia Courtney in her quest for a seat on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors.

Working San Franciscans and union members are under ever increasing attacks from an unsympathetic mayor. It is imperative for the Board of Supervisors to ensure that all people are given the opportunity for equitable wages, benefits, and working conditions. The Board can only accomplish this with members who understand that a strong San Francisco needs more than a big business community. It must also have small business and unions to guarantee the fair treatment of our neighborhoods, and the hard working citizens who are the backbone of our city. Together I am sure that we can attain this goal, but we need leaders such as Sylvia Courtney on the board of Supervisors so that this can become a reality.

The Board of Supervisors needs Sylvia Courtney. We need Sylvia on the Board to guarantee that the

Mayor will never again attempt to layoff 85 police officers, while crime continues to be a major concern of our citizens. WE need Sylvia to guarantee that our police officers will receive fair and equitable salaries and benefits. We need Sylvia to guarantee that all San Franciscans have a strong voice on the Board of Supervisors, not just big money and special interest groups.

It is imperative that we do all we can to encourage our families, friends and co-workers to turn out and vote this November. The choices are clear, so please join me in supporting, and voting for Sylvia Courtney on November 8th. Let us realize that labor and business can work together to once again make San Francisco an economic and social model for the whole country to follow. This will mean strength for our unions, workers, businesses, and a stronger and more viable San Francisco for all of us to share, love, and protect.

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POA Endorsement Vote Results

The results of the recent POA election for state and local endorsements are as follows:

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Secretary of State Tony Miller	Controller Tom McClintock	Treasurer Matt Fong
Attorney General Tom Umberg	Insurance Commissioner Chuck Quackenbus	
Super. of Public Instruction Maureen G. DiMarco	Candidates for Board of Supervisors Annemarie Conroy Tom Ammiano Sylvia Courtney Kevin Shelley Mabel Tang	
BART Board James Fang	Board of Education Mauricio E. Vela Anthony Chow Carlota Del Portillo	
Candidates for Community College Board		
Lee S. Dolson Lawrence Wong A. Porter Sumchai Robert Burton		

PROPOSITIONS:

A Support	San Bruno Jail Bonds
B No Position	Old Main Library/Asian Art Museum Bonds
C No Position	City Hall Improvement Bonds
D No Position	Sewer Revenue Bonds
E No Position	Commission on the Status of Women
F Support	Collective Bargaining
G No Position	Building Inspection Commission
H Support	Domestic Partner Retirement Benefits
I No	Rent Control
J Support	Official Newspapers
K No	Collection of Garbage & Recycling
L No	Elections Task Force
M Support	Sidewalk Prohibitions
N Support	General Assistance Payments
O Support	Downtown Transit Assessment Study
P Support	Ferry Building & Pier 52
Q No	Neighborhood Crime Prevention
R No Position	Youth Commission

Union News

Dunlop Report Shows Workers' Rights Eroding

The President's Commission on the Future of Worker-Management Relations issued a report this month documenting the need for reforms that will restore the rights of workers on the job.

At the same time, the panel warned that the United States is moving towards a two-tiered society, "with an upper tier of high-wage skilled workers and an increasing 'underclass' of low-paid labor."

The AFL-CIO said it would urge the Dunlop Commission to recommend legislation that corrects the problems enumerated in the report.

"We are becoming two societies and that is unhealthy," AFL-CIO Secretary-Treasurer Thomas R. Donahue told a press briefing after the committee, chaired by Harvard Professor John Dunlop, issued a fact-finding report.

"A shrinkage of blue-collar earnings, the loss of real buying power, and the dangerous disappearance of the American middle class have been linked to the decline in the number of workers represented by unions over the last 10 years," he said.

"The implications of this reduction in union representation go well beyond workers' rights and directly to the future of the American economy," Donahue said.

For workers who want representation, the Dunlop Commission noted a "dangerous trend" in which

it said the rights of workers are increasingly violated by employers.

The report said in one of every four union organizing campaigns, at least one worker is illegally discharged.

It also found that in one of three instances in which workers vote to form a union, they never succeed in securing even a single contract.

Donahue said, "The simple truth is that there can be no real partnerships between employers and employees without a fundamental respect for the rights of the other, including the right to choose union representation."

The report discussed several other major workplace problems including: the replacement of full-time workers who receive benefits with part-time workers who receive no benefits; the failure of women to receive equal pay for equal work; the replacement of older workers with younger, lower-paid workers; and an erosion of the rights of workers to seek representation on the job and to form a union of the majority of people in the workplace indicate that is their preference."

The Dunlop Commission released its fact-gathering report after holding 11 national and six regional hearings, and taking testimony from 354 witnesses while building a 4,000-page record.

In the next six months, the panel will make its recommendations.

PENSIONS

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of Oakland was simply a change in computing the amount of his payment and had nothing to do with the nature of the payment which remained, as always, a retirement payment on account of his industrial disability. The IRS contended that a change in both the nature and amount of payment took place. The Service said that Mabry's original payments were based solely on disability, and without reference to age or years of service; whereas the subsequent payments were based on age and length of service rendering them ineligible for exclusion under Section 104 (a)(1).

The Tax Court sided with the IRS. It stated: *We and other courts have consistently held that, in order to be excludable under the provisions of Section 104 (a)(1), retirement pensions or payments may not be based upon any factor other than disability and, where payments are based upon any other factor, such as age or length of service on the job, the retirement plan in question will not qualify as similar to workmen's compensation acts within the meaning of section 104.*

Oakland Disabled Police/Fire Respond

The Oakland Disabled Police and Firefighters Association has responded. They are now involved in a mighty struggle to challenge the Tax Court's holding in the Mabry case. The stakes are high. For disability retirees and those receiving a death-in-the-line-of-duty benefit/continuation allowance, a disallowance of tax excludability would significantly effect their quality of life given that many are unable to engage in gainful employment due to the severity of their job injuries.

The Oakland Association has hired a top rated San Francisco law firm that specializes in tax matters. The Association, over 400 strong, is prepared to go as far as they can to reverse the Mabry decision.

The City of Oakland has adopted

new reporting requirements for disability retirees. The City will report to the IRS on form 1099R the amount of pension that is subject to taxes. This will be done for all police/fire retirees whose pension has been recalculated based upon the age and years of service of the retiree. The net effect is that payments to these disability retirees will be taxed as earned income.

Prior Revenue Rulings

There are numerous Revenue Rulings prior to the Mabry decision which supported the tax exemption of all monies received by industrially disabled public safety officers and their survivors. These rulings (80-44, 80-84, 72-44, & 59-269) have been the legal support for San Francisco police officers and fire fighters who excluded their pension monies from the tax collector. In addition many have received permanent disability ratings exceeding their retirement percentage establishing that the industrial injury/disability is the source of their pension not their age and years of service.

Under the San Francisco Charter, industrial disability retirement and death-in-the-line-of-duty allowances are in lieu of and in the nature of a workers' compensation benefit. They are awarded solely on the basis of an established and demonstrated substantial inability to perform the job due to the job incurred injury/illness.

POA/LOCAL 798 Involvement

At the invitation of the Oakland Disabled Police/Fire Association, the POA and SF Firefighters Local 798 are monitoring the challenge to the Mabry Tax Court decision. I have met with members of this Association as well as their legal counsel. The Oakland Association realizes the implications of the Mabry decision for all disabled public safety retirees throughout the United States. They have asked for, and received, our support in their efforts. Stayed tuned.

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RETIREMENT

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bull by his side, started barking, growling and flashing those pearly white teeth. Jim became a mannequin, not a muscle moved. He appeared to be mesmerized. The bookie called the dog off, peace was restored. He received permission to use the bathroom. It would be for a different reason than to flush the evidence down the commode.

Jim learned his lesson well and would never again put himself in such a hazardous position. In the future his men would enter the premises, and when he received the all clear signal, he would go into his show biz act. He would strut in wearing his dark glasses, crop in hand (riding whip), giving orders similar to a movie director on a movie set. One of their best ruse that proved most effective was the fake warning phone call. In the event a legal entry couldn't be made, Jim would phone the bookie saying, "Mullan knows your location. Grab the stuff and get out". The bookie and his associates would dash out from the barricaded location into the waiting arms of Mullan and his men. Bingo!!! Probable cause.

Word came down that Jim was headed for the Bureau of Inspectors. He left the Bureau of Special Services where he spent half of his thirty years in the department with nothing but fond memories and treasured friendships. Jim reported to Lieutenant Raymond Canepa of the Fraud detail. He is teamed up with Paul Cavagnaro. They had an understanding. Paul could be the brains and Jim would be the brawn. Paul spoon fed Jim on the intricacies of check frauds and they quickly meshed into a well-oiled machine. Never a conflict in the five years they were partners. My faith in Jim is completely restored and at least I can see why he became a scholar at Mission High. The people in the white uniforms with those butterfly nets would have given him free transportation to Atascadero if they did have a conflict. Jim pays Paul a wonderful compliment. In his thirty years with the department, Paul was the best partner he ever had.

At age 52, Jim retired on a service pension. He went to work for the Hibernia Bank to qualify for Medicare. He had two wonderful careers filled with nothing but beautiful memories. In 1983, he underwent a heart problem that required him to rest for seven months. He returned

to the banking business and retired for good in 1986. In the fall of 1991, Jim suffered a stroke, but thank God it didn't cause any apparent damage. He exercises by taking daily walks. Jim looks forward to the monthly veteran police meetings as well as the ones in Santa Rosa. He feels it is the finest company available, and the true meaning of the word "peers". Jim also gets to see his pal from the first grade at Edison, Sergeant-at-Arms, Retired Inspector Frank Forencich. In Jim's family there were five boys and one girl. Being the last living son of his generation he can claim the title of "The Mullan" which is an Irish term. Let's lift our drinking glasses to honor Jim in a Celtic toast that is familiar to many of the Irish people.

May the road rise up to meet you,

May the sun fall gently on your

face,

May the wind always be at your

bank,

May the rain fall gently upon your

field and, until we meet

again,

May the good Lord hold you in the

palm of his hand.

COMMENTS FROM JIM MULLAN'S CO-WORKERS

Retired Inspector Edward Johnson: Ed had a severe heart attack. It is necessary for an aide to be with him constantly. In his weakened condition, he found the strength to express his admiration for Jim. He is one of a kind! The world could use a few more Jim Mullans. I feel privileged to call him a friend.

Retired Captain William Koenig: I have never met a more honorable, trustworthy and honest man as my dear friend, James Mullan. His spoken words were accepted as truth and this even included the defense attorney's. However, if the truth were known, he is still a lousy pinochle player.

Retired Sergeant Robert Davis: Had the pleasure of working with Jim for several years and his rave notices would be pretty much the same as anyone who worked with him. A quality gentleman, tremendous sense of humor whether it was 2 p.m. or 2 a.m. Treated everyone with the utmost respect, no matter what their station in life and probably one of the few who offended no one whether among his contemporaries or persons he arrested. The highest compliment I can pay him is to rate him in that special category of extra special people like Ed Hodges, Paul Cavagnaro and modesty forbids me

from naming that third person, as well as a few others who made the job enjoyable and the retirement memories pleasant.

Retired Inspector Howard Bailey: During our careers we meet many people, but of those only a few possess these characteristics that cause us to remember them fondly throughout our lives. Jim's honesty and fairness were unwavering and his word was truly his bond. In other matters regarding his crew, such as personal concern and emotional upsets, Jim was a concerned friend with a listening ear and sage advice. He was more of a partner than a boss but that did not detract from his leadership. He was a true leader, honest, intelligent, disciplined and never shirking from duty. Too bad the Lord made only one Jim Mullan.

Retired Inspector Paul Cavagnaro: Paul was wondering how he could find the proper definition of describing a remarkable human being. A devoted husband and father. Jim, in addition, was dedicated to his life's work — that of being a policeman. From the very outset, he displayed that little advantage that people of his caliber are gifted with — class! He is talented in many ways behind that quiet demeanor. Paul's admiration for Jim knows no bounds. Pride, courage and integrity are his trademark. He will forever be grateful that "lady-luck" drew them together as partners and buddies. To this day

they speak on a weekly basis. Paul resides in Elm Grove, Wisconsin.

EPILOGUE

Jim is an expert on baseball trivia. In October 1978, Donald Scott visited the Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, New York. Looking into the window he saw a beautifully mounted baseball. Immediately the signature of a San Francisco police officer caught his attention. The baseball was signed by members of the 1946 Philadelphia Athletics, managed by the immortal Mr. Connie Mack. Jake Caulfield's signature appeared on that baseball. Don Scott took a picture and presented it to Jake with the notation on the margin: "To Jake with very best wishes, Don Scott, October 14, 1978".

Jake has joined our other departed members but that photograph is now treasured by his son John. I thank him for trusting me with such a momento of his father. The question has arisen as to whether the photo can be reproduced. Regardless of its outcome, I wanted to let his many friends know a little insight on Jake Caulfield. How many police departments can say that one of their former officers' name appears in the Baseball Hall of Fame. A kind and compassionate person who always gave his very best in whatever task he undertook. Like Jim Mullan, the world would be better off if there were a few more Jake Caulfields.

A Cure For Retirement Shock

by Robert R. Quinn,
Retired Sgt. S.F.P.D.

In this article I would like to address two points. The first is a thank you, and the second is my view of a cure for the shock of retirement.

First, I would like to thank Gino Marionetti for his story about my police career in the July issue. I have enjoyed all the fine stories Gino has written about all the really interesting and heroic people our department has produced. I am lucky enough to have known all the people Gino has written about and had the pleasure to work with, for, or around all of them. No finer group of people or better cops ever carried a seven-point star. Keep up the good work, Gino. Second, I would like to give a little advice as to how to cure the shock of retirement. You start out as a young Peace Officer with a job you enjoy, a fair income and a loving spouse. Then bang-you have your first child.

Yesterday your life was one thing and next day it became totally different. Your whole life-style and attitude changed. You've become a very important person with new and very heavy responsibilities.

Today you retired. In my case, my grandchildren are 200 miles away. That means a once-a-year visit on Christmas and not much else. My responsibilities and purpose in life no longer seem as pressing as before. When you get older, hunting is too much work, fishing, golf and minor maintenance work around the house get very boring very quickly. I can tell you, that is one hell of a shock. Believe me, the psychological and emotional stress that hits you will be astounding. I will not belabor the point. My aim is not to describe the illness but is to show you a possible cure. Start a Family History Search for two reasons — to cure the shock of retirement, and pay the debt you owe your grandchildren. Yes, you do.

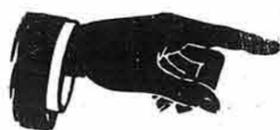
When they ask, "What did your

grandfather do in the big war," you can give them a better answer than Gen. Patton, who said, "Well son, he shoveled crap in Louisiana." If a child knows where they have been, they can get a better line of sight on where they are going. It will take you the rest of your life to put together your family history. I started fourteen months ago and now have 1500 limbs in my family tree I never knew about before. That is just on my mother's side. I found, to my pleasure, my lineal 25th great grandfather. He was Sir Walter Lindsay, Baron of Luffness and Lord of Crawford in 1180 in Scotland. He was a descendant of Baldrick deLindesay, member of the Council of Prince David of Scotland in 1072. In my search, I also found, to my utter dismay, two collateral cousins by the name of Frank and Jesse James. That's the chance you take, for as they say, "All that glitters is not gold."

The Bay Area has the best sources for Genealogical research in the country. The first is the Mormon Church's Family History Library in Oakland, with ties to the records in Salt Lake City. The second is the Sutro Library in San Francisco. The third is the National Archives in San Bruno. It is good for Census Reports. The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has military and pension records from the Revolutionary War on down. For California records, the Bancroft Library on the U.C., Berkeley Campus is a good source.

Any bookstore has the 'Ancestry's Red Book' or 'The Handybook for Genealogists.' Either one will give you all the information you need to get started. The cost of doing a family search is a lot less than the cost of a hunting rifle or membership at a cheap golf club.

Give it a try. Your grandchildren will love you for it, and it is a sure cure for retirement shock. Good bye, good searching, and may your God go with you.



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WAGON

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though 564 fire calls were logged, as were 114 calls to take persons home and 131 lost children united with parents.

In the beginning, no provision was made to provide cover for the wagon crews and teams. They were forced to stand in the street in front of the stations day and night, in all kinds of weather, awaiting calls. Finally, in 1892, facilities were acquired near the station houses where men and horses could wait for assignments out of the weather.

The same year, the press began to agitate for covered wagons. "It is considered proper," said one editor, "that men and women, whether criminals or drunkards, or sick or maimed or dead, should not be driven through the streets exposed to the weather or the public gaze."

On March 29, 1895, the ambulance service was separated from the patrol wagon function with the introduction of a medical ambulance service. In practice, however, most medical emergencies were still handled by police patrol wagons.

Finally, in January 1896, the Police Commission entertained the idea of acquiring covered "New York" style wagons. "The great objection raised to the wagons of the local department," commented one editor, "is that they are uncovered, thus exposing to the gaze of everyone those who are unfortunate to be forced to ride in them." Also, he said, the open wagons provided no protection from the elements.

It seems that there was the usual institutional resistance to the any new idea. According to Police Commissioner Moses Gunst, Chief Crowley was opposed to the idea of covered wagons on the grounds that officers would become sick if forced to sit in the enclosed wagon beds. Whatever the case, on November 1, 1896 the department accepted delivery of the first "New York" wagon at Central Station.

At first, the patrol wagons were

driven by civilian teamsters. Eventually the civilians were phased out and replaced by officers who could handle teams. In 1902, when Police Chief George Wittman was refused a fifty man addition to the force, he removed the officers from the wagons and placed them on patrol, which forced the Board of Supervisors to replace them again with civilian drivers. In 1907 the wagon drivers were placed under civil service and they continued to serve in that capacity until recent decades.

In 1912, with the assignment of the first motorized wagon to the recently completed Richmond Station, the old horse drawn wagons began to give way to the motor age. Since then, and until recently, except for model year changes, the function remained pretty much the same. Indeed, the very name patrol "wagon" evokes the image of horse drawn vehicles.

Until recently, patrol wagons stood by in stations, under the supervision of station keepers and exempt from regular patrol assignments. One man was assigned as driver and the other was designated as "back of the wagon." When transporting prisoners, the second man mounted the rear outside step, in the same way manner as his horse equipped predecessors, to prevent prisoners from escaping through the open rear door.

In the 1950s, officers concerned about their safety when fighting off prisoners attempting to escape through the open rear door of the wagon while bouncing through city streets hanging from the back of the vehicle, suggested that the department acquire wagons with locking rear doors like those used by military police. After due deliberation, the answer came back from down town: "Put bigger men on the back of the wagon."

Since then, in this case at least, reality has become congruent with reasonableness and wagons with locking rear doors have been acquired. Some things were ever so.

DOWN

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John, Tara, and Keith, another cop whose partner was on vacation. We were at Delancey Street and got a call for a robbery in progress at East Broadway, one stop down. It was a humid day, and the transmission came over like a cheap AM beach radio, a laryngitic croak through a cloud of white noise:

"Be advised . . . armed . . . Oriental male . . . tunnel . . ."

"Central, which way is he headed?" Two Oriental males, one in a black jacket, had robbed someone on the street and fled to the East Broadway station, possibly into the tunnels. One had a gun or a knife. If they headed uptown, they would run into us. We raced to the end of the downtown platform, and two uniformed cops waited on the opposite side in a similar attitude of anticipation.

"Central, which way is he headed? Either we're headed in the wrong direction, or they are. Jesus, we're in Chinatown, all they say is 'two Oriental males.' This is a situation where peoples' rights get violated."

The train came and we took it. We ran out at East Broadway to find an empty station. The call had come from the city cops, who do not use the same frequency as the transit police, and there is a three-to-four-minute delay in the relay of information. Central updated the story: it had not been a robbery but some kind of dispute on the street, perhaps a family argument, which ended

with one of the parties brandishing some kind of weapon before running away.

"It's a tougher collar down here," said Keith, a six-year veteran who is one of the most active cops in Manhattan. "The Chinese gangs, they go after their own kind. Other kids, too, they slip right back into the projects around here. Uptown, a lot of them come from the Bronx and they gotta get the train back home."

We grabbed slices of pizza and had lunch in Seward Park, a playground on Canal and East Broadway at the eastern edge of Chinatown. City Hall is a few blocks below. To the north and east is the Hispanic Lower East Side, to the west the mostly Orthodox Jewish business district that, while still bustling, has only a shadow of its former size and energy. Before this neighborhood was Chinatown it was Jewtown, and before that Irishtown, and earlier in the century it was part of the most densely populated square mile on the planet. Grace Hall, the tallest building in the area, has a row of Hebrew letters below the cornice in the front, a string of Chinese characters trailing down the side. A group of Chinese teenagers played a kind of human bocci game in the park; one would throw a basketball in the air, and the others would run till it dropped. Whoever caught it would roll it slowly toward someone, and if it hit them, they were "it." And so on. I began to understand the attraction of triads, tong wars, and opium.

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Dear Steve Johnson,

Thank you very much for your generous help, enabling me to purchase the custom cards for the children's tours and the hospital visits.

Sincerely,
Stan Buscovich, CPC/Mounted

Chief of Police Ribera
San Francisco Police Department

Dear Chief Ribera,

This letter is to commend your Department, and particularly Officer Steve Hutzler, for helping us.

My husband and I were in your city in August. On August 12th, we decided to go to Sausalito by ferry for lunch. We returned late in the afternoon. My husband has a medical condition and was experiencing heart and back problems. I couldn't put him on a cable car, and we couldn't get a cab by phone or by hailing. I talked to Officer Hutzler and explained our situation. Officer Hutzler couldn't get a cab either and called for his supervisor. That officer responded immediately and took us to our hotel.

I am so sorry I do not have the name of the second officer. Would you please relate to both officers our sincere thanks and appreciation for their concern and the respect shown to us. They were great!

Sincerely,
Theresa and Don Littler

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Dear John,

I would like to bring to your attention the professionalism exhibited by Officer DAN WYNNE, a member of your command.

On September 8, 1994, Officer WYNNE responded to the San Remo Gift Store located at 757 Beach Street. Store employees attempted to escalate a minor situation into a major altercation. Upon Officer WYNNE's arrival, he immediately took control and defused the situation.

Please convey my thanks to Officer WYNNE for his prompt response, dedication to duty and service to San Francisco.

You and your officers are deeply appreciated for your continuing efforts in behalf of the citizens and visitors to San Francisco.

Best Regards,
Craig S. Piro
Director — Security
Northwest Region

Police Association Notebook
Attention: Editor

On September 2, my father, Retired San Francisco Police Sergeant Robert G. Milo, was blindsided by what his doctor has since termed a "massive" stroke. Thankfully, his mental capacity was not impaired but we were not so fortunate with the physical effects of the stroke. Though Dad has made astounding progress, his rehabilitation will be a long, arduous journey.

Shortly after the stroke, Dad asked that we contact you about his health condition along with a note that cards and letters would be welcomed. We expect Dad to be in the Lodi Rehabilitation Center for another 6-8 weeks; however, it would be best to have any correspondence sent to his home — 3128 Otto Drive, Stockton, CA 95209.

During his 25 years of service, Dad was stationed at Park, Taraval and Northern Stations. Dad retired in December of 1979 and he and Mom (aka Betty) have lived in Stockton for the last eight years.

Please feel free to contact me at the above number if you need further information. We thank you in advance for your assistance.

Sincerely,
Donna (Milo) Taylor

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al:

I want to thank you and Inspector Bob Huegle for the donation to the 13th Annual Homicide/S.I.B. Golf tournament.

As always the day was a great success and a good time was had by all.

Thanks again.
Sincerely,
Mike Mullane
Special Investigations Bureau

SFPOA

Dear Members,

Your kind expression of sympathy is deeply appreciated and gratefully acknowledged by the family of Norbert Currie.

Jim, John, Joe and Julie

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

Thank you for your recent gift to Walden House on behalf of the San Francisco Police Officer's Association and thanks also for your lovely thoughts enclosed in your letter. You will find enclosed a receipt for your \$100 donation to use for tax-deduction purposes. Please note that IRS regulations have changed regarding tax-deductible donations; to comply with these changes, we are including Walden House's tax-exempt identification number: 94-1710103.

This year, we are celebrating our 25th Anniversary of providing human services to people in the Bay Area. We have been blessed with the opportunity to touch a great many lives — to see many lives renewed and redeemed. It is with gratitude that we recognize that our success has been made possible by the friendship of folks like you and the Community Services Committee.

Because of your friendship, we begin the next 25 years with optimism. On behalf of our President, Alfonso Acampora, and the rest of us at Walden House, thanks again for your support.

Sincerely,
Karen Chadwick
Project Coordinator
Walden House, Inc.

LETTERS

Tom Flippin, Editor
SFPOA Notebook

Dear Officer Flippin,

On behalf of San Francisco Court Appointed Special Advocates, I would like to thank you for your help in publishing our short article on SFCASA in the SFPOA Notebook. That article gave our program new and valuable exposure and has already started to pay off in the form of a call this morning from a Notebook reader applying to be a CASA volunteer.

I am enclosing some information about our program, which I hope you'll find of interest, and I very much look forward to working with the San Francisco Police Officers' Association in the future.

Thanks again for your help
Yours truly,
Karen Wood,
Director of Development
SFCASA

Al Trigueiro President
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

The board, staff and children of St. John's Educational Thresholds Center would like to thank you for your associations recent contribution of \$150.00. Over here every single penny goes a long way. Thank you for thinking about us.

We have just finished our annual summer school activities. This year's summer school theme was "Planning Our Perfect School." On August 3, the students held an exposition displaying their poetry, essays, and artwork. Their final field trip was to Lake Anza in the Oakland Hills. The activities that day included a barbecue, hiking, and-swimming. Now, the staff is busy preparing for the Community Bridges program at Everett Middle School which began with the new school year.

Enclosed are news clipping about some of the activities we are involved with.

Thank you for your interest and contribution.

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Hi "Beans"

Many thanks for the gratis copies of the Notebook. I foolishly let my subscription lapse many years ago, but now, thanks to you, my interest has returned. Last week I renewed my subscription.

That great article you wrote about Roy Mort was something special. It took someone like you to do that, and, you indeed are a very special person.

Thanks and continued success,
Your friend
Russell Woods

Al Trigueiro, President
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Dear Mr. Trigueiro:

Thank you for the recent contribution of \$150 from members of the Community Services Committee of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association for the 75 Men in Black concert. This act of kindness on their part well help provide food to many hungry in San Franciscans.

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With appreciation,
Paul Ash
Executive Director

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al,

I just wanted to thank you and the association for the generous donation made at my request to the Golden Gate Boys Choir. The community services committee, especially Dan Gardner, was very helpful and glad to have our association support such a worthwhile organization. The goodwill recognition will not only be limited to San Francisco, but will extend throughout the Bay Area.

I thank you for your assistance.
Sincerely,
Dennis J. Callaghan
Taraval Station

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your contribution to my fund-raiser for reelection to the State Assembly on September 29, 1994 at the Fairmont Hotel.

The "Roast" promises to be a fun-filled event as Father Guido Sarducci and friends take the opportunity to "turn up the heat" on me with their humor.

I appreciate your support and friendship and look forward to seeing you on the 29th.

Peace and Friendship,
John L. Burton
Member of the Assembly
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To whom it may concern:

Hi. Last month we were driving through San Francisco on our way to Marin County. We got terribly lost and confused because I turned wrong getting off the freeway. We drove around and around for an hour. Finally we saw a S.F. police car nearby. We had gotten several sets of bad directions and were sure we could get good ones from policemen.

The two officers that helped us were so nice and helpful. They listened to our woes and got us going in the right direction with clear, easy directions. We are so grateful. I wish I had gotten their names so a copy of this letter could go in their files. I am not even sure exactly where we were so I don't know which division they're in. It was somewhere around 7th or so sort of in the area of the wharf. One officer was really tall with curly brown hair and a mustache and glasses. The other one was smaller in stature, clean shaven with dark hair — possibly Latino.

We are so thankful for their help. It had been a very long day of driving. We had a fussy baby in the car and my mother. Tensions were starting to run high.

This incident helps to dispel the myth about cold big-city cops. Thanks again.

Sincerely,
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Inspector Gary Delagnes
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Dear Gary:

Enclosed are the judgments entered in the Bay Times case that pertain to you. The judgment in your favor requiring that the City indemnify you means that the City will be required to pay the \$5,600.00 judgment against you for coming up and the \$30,000.00 judgment against you for Kim Corsaro.

In addition, the indemnification judgment requires that the City pay for the costs of your representation. Because the POA has paid those costs, I will reimburse the Association when I recover attorney fees and costs from the City. I will keep you advised of my progress with respect to this matter.

Finally, I initially thought and still believe that your suspension was excessive, particularly since the City Attorney was most likely advising the Commission to impose a severe penalty against you in an attempt to minimize the City's liability. Nonetheless, I do not think the Commission would be likely to overturn or reduce your suspension, given the jury verdicts and the politics.

Finally, you should know that I was pleased to have had the opportunity to represent you in this case throughout both the administrative and judicial processes. Your willingness to testify candidly and unequivocally in favor of the other officers involved and in support of Chief Hongisto, even when it was against your interests to do so, was admirable and demonstrated again why as Vice President of the POA, you are a outstanding representative of police officers.

Very truly yours,
Davis, Reno & Courtney
Vincent J. Courtney, Jr.

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

On behalf of the throwers, jumpers and runners of the Billy Hutton Track Club, I express heartfelt thanks for helping to make this season possible for so many youngsters.

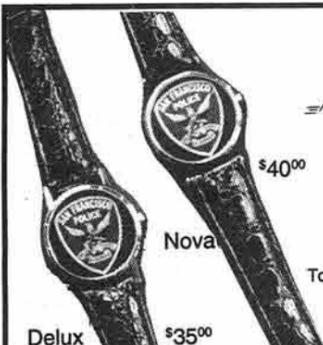
Every year we strive to make the program better, and every year we learn more about what makes the Club a meaningful influence in the lives of the young athletes. But none of this would exist were we not able to count upon the generosity and help of so many. Thank you.

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Fathers And Daughters

by Daniel Hampton

Fathers always show love and tenderness toward your daughters. They need to know and see your goodness, compassion, and kindness. Little daughters will be attracted to their fathers that have these virtues. We need to make a lasting impression on their minds that we will always be there for them and will provide for and protect them till God sends young men into their lives to take their hands in marriage.

It is normal and natural for daughters to be interested in and attracted to their fathers, and for this reason fathers have an enormous responsibility to reveal godly qualities to them. Now, showing love toward our daughters takes time and commitment. We need to show them what love really means. It is hugs, kisses, conversations with one another and even occasional dates with daddy.

Fathers, if we don't spend time developing relationships with our daughters, then they will find another boy or man outside of the family who will. We must control our tongues and make sure that the words we speak build up their self confidence and self worth. Tell them they're special gifts from God and precious to Him and you. Always listen to them with courtesy and patience giving value to their opinions. They will love you for your attentiveness and respect you because you respect them. Instruct them in the ways of God by reading the New Testament every night and discussing what the scriptures mean and how to apply them in our lives. Pray with them each morning and night giving thanks to God for them and bless them in Jesus' name.

Fathers, we have a mission to perform before our daughters. That mission is to reveal the characteristics and qualities of Jesus Christ who lives in us, if we have received Him as our Lord and Savior. If Christ lives in us He will give us the power to perform the suggestions I previously mentioned. You see, if we treat our

daughters with courtesy, kindness, mercy, and compassion they may naturally accept the Lord Jesus in their own lives. And many years later they may be attracted to young men who are "just like daddy;" they won't settle for less.

I remember when my daughter was born thirteen years ago. What an awesome responsibility I felt! A year before her birth I received Jesus Christ in my life and I was eagerly and diligently studying Jesus' teachings in the New Testament. I wanted the love of Christ that touched my heart to flow from me to my daughter. So, I decided to call her my "cherry blossom," a pet name that radiates love and endearment. The pet name has made my daughter feel secure and that my love for her doesn't change. Even now when I bless and pray for her in the morning and night she expects me to use her pet name within the prayer. Make sure the pet name you give to her will never embarrass her when she is older, or you may have to drop it.

Discipline is necessary but always let your daughter know that you forgive her and love her. Yes, when my daughter was young there were spankings but I always made an effort to forgive her quickly when she showed true remorse (never nag your children or be unforgiving). It is good to let your children know that there are consequences for one's willful disobedience and recklessness. But during the time when we punish our children, we as parents must not be indifferent to them. We must keep communication open and show love to them.

The last two times I took my daughter out to dinner I told her I was going to give her a ring on her fifteenth birthday. I told her that the ring would represent the idea that she would save her virginity for the Christian man that Jesus would send into her life. It would be a fourteen carat gold ring with an emblem of a cross and heart and with a setting of her birth stone. I've told her the real reason for marriage is to be united with a godly man, for the purpose of raising godly children who love the Lord Jesus Christ.

Am I dreaming? No, I'm praying to God that this will happen for my daughter. Father God, please keep our daughters first for Yourself. May their names be written in the Book of Life. Father, let them be devoted to the Lord Jesus Christ and His teachings. And Father, help them to remain pure, loyal, and committed to the Christian men you send in their lives for marriage. Amen.

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SPORTS



Call of the Wild

by Paul Morse

Chubasco Time

The Sea of Cortez is often called the world's largest fish trap. The numbers and quality of available game fish make this region a sport fishing Eldorado. Blue marlin, striped marlin, sailfish, occasional broad bill swordfish, yellowfin tuna, dorado and Wahoo cruise these waters, sometimes in the greatest concentrations remaining on earth.

During July, August and September, water temperature in the Cortez reaches its maximum. Huge schools of baitfish (mackerel, caballito and sardinia), migrate into the sea to feed and spawn. Swarms of game fish follow.

At times, the cooler waters of the Pacific react with the warm Cortez, and short, very intense storms (chubascos) result. These mini hurricanes bounce around the Cortez like pin balls. Spectacular electrical storms and violent winds lash both the Baja and mainland coasts. Huge upwellings occur bringing food to the surface resulting in frenzied feeding by bait schools, sport fish, sea birds and marine mammals.

A Cortez trip during these months is like a crapshoot. Sometimes (more often than not), you hit your number and think you have rediscovered Atlantis. Other times, you can sit at the bar for a few days and watch an awesome display of mother natures fury.

During the week of August 7 - 14th, Curt Cashen (Fraud) and his family, Reve Bautista (D.A.) and her husband Enos Johnson (Richmond P.D.) accompanied me to Los Barriles on Bajas east cape (halfway between Cabo and LaPaz). We stayed at the Hotel Playa del Sol (formerly Playa Hermosa). We would be joined by my gal Debbie Gott later in the week.

Playa Del Sol is a small (26 room) Hotel located on an almost pristine six mile beach. The sea is crystal clear and warm. The food is good, the fleet is above average with aggressive, experienced crews and adequate tackle.

We arrived on Sunday night in time for a late dinner, a few drinks and an early bed time. We were awakened at 0200 by a booming electrical storm, howling winds and pouring rain. This was the tail of a chubasco that was hovering off Cabo.

Morning dawned clear and warm with a typical east cape sunrise. (Everyone burns at least a roll of film per trip on this.)

Since we were not fishing, I spent the day assembling my tackle, and showing everyone around.

Los Barriles is a small, very friendly town. Most of the inhabitants fish or work at one of the four sport fishing oriented hotels in the area. Almost



Shaun Cashen battles his blue

everyone speaks some English, and two small stores provide about any supplies needed. I shopped for indispensable room supplies (Vodka, Clamato, limes and celery etc.).

After a lazy, laid back day, we enjoyed a good Mexican buffet and retired early. Ho hum, another awesome sunrise, flat calm sea and the promise of a great day. A quick breakfast (huevos ranchero), and down to the beach for a short panga (open boat) ride to the idling cruisers.

Reve and Enos fished on Mi Picado, Curt and Co. on Tio Arturo, while I fished on Whiskey as my regular boat Maria D. was broken down.

I told the skipper "billfish only" and spent a long day changing lures, scanning the horizon and getting skunked. Curt and Co. scored a blue marlin and a batch of dorado. Enos boated a real trophy, a 65 pound bull dorado, and he and Reve caught many smaller fish.

On Wednesday, I switched to Boracho 1, a sparkling new twenty eight footer with quiet Cummins power and a good stereo. The mariachi music didn't ease my anxiety much as I was again skunked until 1300 hrs., when Oscar (my skipper) asked if I was interested in some tuna. "I need a fish" was my reply.

We ran northeast for about forty five minutes and spotted a large bait boil. (Gamefish feeding drive the bait schools to the surface where sea-birds attack them from above). This is a spectacular sight that will make any anglers heart pound.

I grabbed my 20 pound live bait rig, hooked up a sardinia and dropped it back into the boil. I soon had a solid hookup with what turned out to be a 74 pound yellowfin tuna. Needless to say I undergunned, and spent thirty minutes cursing and sweating while the fish ran me around the boat.

During the next hour, I boated nine more tuna from 35 to 65 pound sixty five lbs. I was ready for a cold shower, cerveza and a siesta, so we headed in.

Enos scored a sailfish. He and Reve again loaded up with dorado. Carol Cashen boated a striped mar-



Reve with a 65 lb. bull dorado



Cashen and company with a nice stringer

lin, Shaun Cashen lost a blue and they all conspired to fill the fish box with dorado. There would be no empty coolers on this trip.

Debbie had arrived while I was fishing and moved us into a balcony beach front room. We spent a quiet evening topped off with a starlit stroll on the beach. Muy romantico.

On Thursday, Deb and I fished on Petunia with Martine and Abraham. We started at a shark buoy north of the hotel and quickly boated 16 dorado to 35 pounds (10 were released). We then began trolling for that elusive blue marlin. About 11, we were rewarded with one then two screaming reels, a double blue marlin hook up! Martine maneuvered Petunia like a formula one racer on a road course while Deb and I frantically changed sides, untangled lines, stumbled and screamed, and hooped and hollered the fish to the boat. I watched as the crew released mine, an estimated 300 pounder first, then helped release Deb's (Est. 250 pounds). A successful double hook up to release with blue marlin is about a 100-1 shot and we were ecstatic as we came in. Curt and Co. had been skunked while Reve had boated a 225 pound blue.

Only Deb and I were scheduled to fish Friday, but everyone had caught the fever. We scheduled Tio Arturo for the Cashens, (Curt, Carol and

Teresa) Reve and Enos, while Shaun Cashen would fish with Deb and I on Petunia. I was determined to see Shaun catch a blue.

Oh what a change a night can bring, with dawn arrived cold rain showers and a temperature drop into the sixties, but thankfully no wind. We headed out into a nasty, choppy sea, and soon we're soaked to the bone. About 10 a.m., something hit the lure on the right outrigger and I quickly set the hook into the nice blue and got Shaun into the fighting chair. He skillfully battled and boated the beast, 250 pounder in about 35 minutes. I leaded the critter than pulled the hooks, releasing it during a driving rainstorm. Enos scored a similar blue on Tio Arturo, and we headed in early just in front of another chubasco session that pounded us all afternoon and night.

Saturday was spent horseback riding, snorkeling and relaxing, cleaning gear and packing.

Sunday morning, on the ride back to the airport, we marveled at the now green landscape that was punctuated with red, orange and yellow wildflowers. During the trip I grinned from ear to ear remembering our experiences and thinking that once again I had rolled the dice and found my own personal Atlantis during chubasco time.

SFPD Soccer Prevails In North American Tourney

by "Nick At Night" Shihadeh

The department soccer program sent a combo team of "Old Boys" and "Killer Bees" to Seattle recently for this year's North American Police Soccer Tournament, and they did themselves proud by winning it all. This event took place the week of Sept. 5th in which a team of eighteen SF players made the trip.

The schedule would call for two games to be played on Thursday and two to be played on Friday which would determine who would qualify for the championship game on Saturday. SF would play Calgary in their first match.

With the unstable weather pattern in Seattle, no one was surprised when there was pouring rain throughout the game. The wet and slippery field would prove costly for SF early when Calgary was able to draw first blood with a goal ten minutes into the game. SF was able to bounce back midway through the first half when Captain Joe "Stretch" Boyle drove a penalty kick into the net to tie things up. SF was able to strike again before the half when rookie TJ O'Sullivan (or rather "RUN TJ RUN" O'Sullivan) scored a goal in what was his first game ever in department soccer.

Going into the second half the rainy weather would prove more costly for Calgary as SF would score two more goals early to take a commanding 4-1 lead. These were put into the net by a hustling O'Sullivan who with the three goals had a "hat trick" in this match. Calgary was able to put a consolation goal through late to make the final score 4-21 thus, SFPD was off to a good start in the tourney.

The second game for that Thursday for SF would be against Seattle' team, and it was a contest that was never even close. SF struck early and often in the first half to take a domi-

nant 6-0 lead at half time. Two goals were scored by Steve "Emmitt" Glickman, two were scored by Steve "Shake, Rattle and" Roche (each of them 30-yard well placed shots into the net), a goal was scored by Pete "Liverpool" Richardson, and one was even scored by Nick "Someguy" Shihadeh. The second half produced only one goal for SF, but it was a highlight in itself.

What made the goal special was that it was Dave Faingold's first score ever (when he was switched from his usual fullback position to play front line). Faingold, who has played department soccer for the last two years with great heart, was very proud when he put one into the net from the left wing position that he wasn't used to. That made the score 7-1 (Seattle was able to sneak one in earlier), with the SF defense again doing a great job.

Besides Faingold playing well when at fullback, other players doing a tremendous job to protect the goal were Mike "OB" O'Brien, Jim "Mr. Lunch" Miranda, Brian "Mongo" Olcomendy, and reserve Pablo Ossio. Goalie Brian Delahunty also played great using his hands to snatch many a soccer ball out of the air.

One fullback who was "missing in action" in this game (he literally didn't make it to the game) was Tim Dempsey. He had played very well in the first game against Calgary; but, due to a very strict liquid diet from the night before was reduced to his bed with an ice pack on his head the rest of the day.

Another near highlight that had occurred during the day for SFPD was the attempt to get a goal out of reserve Mike "Bert" Seibert (or Mike "Forrest Gump" Seibert). Earlier in the game against Seattle Seibert received a ball at the right wing position while near the net; he promptly turned with the ball and drilled a shot into the back of the net for a



SFPD team picture. Can you find the missing Canadian?



Pete "Liverpool" Richardson with the ball as John "J.C." Conefrey looks on.

score. He then raced down the SF sideline as if he had just scored a goal during a World Cup match; unfortunately though, "Bert was the last one to know that the referee had blown the whistle to call him off sides, and the goal was negated.

The rest of the game for SF and for the rest of the tournament, the aim was to get a goal for "Bert". He would "step and fetch it" as ball after ball was sent his way for a scoring attempt, and he even acted like a mindless drone (just like Forrest Gump) when trying to score; but unfortunately, "Bert" was just trying too hard and was unsuccessful in his dream to put one officially into the net. It became even more difficult to score as teams started double and triple covering him-opposing players would yell, "Stay with that 'Bert' guy; they always give him the ball!" It was never meant to be.

The first of Friday's two matches was against York, which is a city just north of Toronto. SF didn't have much of a problem with this team while scoring three goals in the first half to take control of the game. It was Glickman who scored the first one off of an assist from O'Sullivan, while Roche scored the next two goals on his patented 30-yard rockets into the net. The second half saw O'Sullivan on the receiving end of a beautifully placed long pass from Ossio for the fourth goal for SF, and the final score would be 4-1 as York put one in late.

Standouts for this game as they had been for the whole tourney were the SF halfback trio of "Stretch" Boyle, John "JC" Conefrey, and "Liverpool" Richardson (who with his young legs literally ran opposing players out of gas). Then there was Brian "Moose" Canedo playing his usual very steady game at his right wing position. Full-back additions to the team that also



Pablo Ossio fighting a Matsqui player for the ball.

played well were Don West and Jimmy "Sven" O'Shea. This complemented the excellent play of Dempsey who proved all detractors wrong and came back strong in this game. The SFPD squad was very happy to have Tim participate again as they were no longer "Dempsey-Less" in Seattle.

Another amusing side-light on this day was a verbal exchange that occurred between a couple of the York players. Having been constantly frustrated by SF's determined and enthusiastic play, the first player yelled out "What's wrong with these guys?! Don't they do any partying like everyone else?!" "You're forgetting that this is San Francisco," said the other player. "They party more than everybody!" SF captain and spokesman "Stretch" Boyle had to agree, "Our toughest opponent so far did come in a bottle."

At this point in the tournament with a record of 3-wins and 0 losses, SF had clinched a spot in the championship the next day but still had a scheduled game left against Saskatoon on Friday afternoon. SF did not want a let down in this game, so they continued their master full play on the way to a convincing 6-1 victory. The key in this match was another "hat trick" performed by O'Sullivan to give him a total of seven goals for the four games. Other scorers for SF were "Emmitt" Glickman (on a corner kick assist by Boyle), "Rattle and" Roche (on even another long left-footed shot into the goal), and "JC" Conefrey got into the act as well with an 18-yard blast of his own into the left corner.

Now SF had the championship game to play on Saturday against a team from Matsqui, British Colom-

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Thanks again, GO IRISH.....

SOCCER

(Continued From Page 20)

bia, which is a small town north of Vancouver. This was a squad of young, in-shape, very physical players who had a very cocky edge to them as well. Just getting to the final was not enough for SFPD; they badly wanted to take this match and win the coveted silver cup as the reward. This also was somewhat of a grudge thing for SF as they had lost in the playoffs 1-0 to Matsqui two years earlier when the tournament was held in Vancouver.

The game went well early for SF as they were able to take a 1-0 lead when Glickman tapped in a goal off of a cross from the right side by Roche. The defense, manned by Boyle at the sweeper/fullback, really had it's hands full holding off the attack from Matsqui. They managed at least 25-shots at the goal to SF's 5-shots in the first half alone. Boyle had been forced into back line duty when Dempsey was forced back to the Bay Area a day early because of a prior commitment.

The score remained at 1-0 going into the second half and for most of the game as the SF defense continually confounded the tough Matsqui assault. SFPD was finally able to finish off their worthy opponent when Glickman returned the favor to Roche (from the earlier assist) with a cross from the left side - Roche promptly drilled the ball into the back of the

net and championship would be won by the 2-0 score.

This was the consummate team effort by SF with every member playing with so much heart to represent the department, that everyone in the department would have been proud if they were there. Standouts in the game for SF on defense were Boyle (manning the back line), Miranda (who had the game of his life when defending at halfback), and of course there was Delahunty (who dealt a great shutout with excellent play protecting the net). Finally what needs to be mentioned is the great job that Frank Machi did on the sidelines subbing players in and out during the whole tournament. CONGRATS TO THE SFPD SOCCER PROGRAM!

SOCCER NOTES: The team was able to celebrate their victory at the annual NAPST banquet where their name was added to the silver cup; a team plaque was awarded as well as individual medals, and a good time was had by all. The SF squad also wanted to thank all the wives and girlfriends that attended the tourney for their wonderful support. The next event for department soccer is the Police vs Fire Game to support the Special Olympics held on Sat. Oct. 22nd at 11:00 am at Washington High School's new field at 30th Ave. and Balboa. See any soccer club member to purchase the \$2.00 entry/raffle tickets for the very worthy cause.

Swim Team News

by Don Matisek

The retired members of the SFPD swimming team recently participated in the International Law Enforcement Games, held this year in Birmingham, Alabama. The swimming competition was at the beautiful campus of the University of Alabama in Tuscaloosa, home of Bear Bryant. We will long remember the new friends we met and the renewed friendships with police officers from all over the world. Another long memory will be the southern cooking...ranging from grits to Dreamland's great ribs.

Team members came home with a total of 20 medals. They won medals in every race but one. Howard Kyle, swimming in the Grand Master Division, placed first in the 50-yard and 100-yard breaststroke. He followed up with second place finishes in the 50-yard freestyle, the 50-yard backstroke and the 100-yard backstroke.

In the Golden Grand Master Division, Frank Petuya took a second place in the 50-yard freestyle, and Don Matisek was right behind with a third place finish. Frank then won the gold in the 100-yard freestyle, with Don again right behind him to take home a silver medal. Frank also

won gold medals in the 50-yard and 100-yard fly. Don placed second in both the 50-yard and the 100-yard backstroke.

In the long races, Petuya swam one of his best races and took first place in the 400-yard freestyle. Don Matisek, swimming in the 100-yard individual medley for the first time, placed fourth.

The SFPD team once again enlisted retired CHP officer Norm Chavez for the 200-yard freestyle and 200-yard medley relays. As always, it was a good choice...the team finished first in both races.

Members of the team hope to continue participating, and they plan to swim next year in the California Games in Modesto.

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(Don't Forget Entries For The Games Close On November 18, 1994)

Official entries for the 1995 World Police and Fire Games are flowing in from all over the world following the international distribution of the entry book.

With the 1995 World Police and Fire Games now just around the corner, it's time that you and your colleagues get your entries in fast. Closing date for entries is November 18, 1994.

CONFIRMATION LETTERS

In the weeks prior to competition, each competitor will be mailed a confirmation letter, containing specific information and other general information pertaining to the Games.

PUBLIC AND MEDIA AWARENESS LAUNCH

On Wednesday August 31, 1994, the Deputy Premier of Victoria, The Hon. Patrick McNamara, launched the 1995 World Police and Fire Games at a function held at the Melbourne Hilton on the Park.

Mr. McNamara, who is also the Minister for Police and Emergency Services, Minister for Corrections and the Minister for Tourism, officiated at a mock Tug of War between the heads of Melbourne's eligible agencies including Victoria Police, Melbourne Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Country Fire Authority of Victoria, Customs, Corrections, Sheriff's Office and Australian Federal Police.

Speakers included our Chairman, Assistant Commissioner Graham Sinclair of Victoria Police, and Mr Bruce Mactaggart, Group Marketing Manager for Australian Unity Friendly Society. Mr McNamara told the media that it would be the biggest sporting event that Melbourne has seen since the 1956 Olympic Games. "The Games will provide Melbourne with valuable international exposure," Mr McNamara said.

MEDICAL COVER

It is strongly recommended that competitors and visitors take out medical insurance cover for any sickness or accident.

FIREARMS LICENSE APPLICATION

(Required By November 1, 1994)

This is just a reminder that competitors must obtain a firearms licence before they compete in any of the shooting events. The laws of Australia are very strict concerning firearms.

The Firearms Licence Application form is on page 120 of the entry book and must be completed and returned to the 1995 World Police and Fire Games office, Melbourne by November 1, 1994 to ensure shooters receive their licence before their intended travel date.

Please note that the date is before the closing date for entries. Failure to comply may result in firearms not being cleared by Australian Customs.

EMERGENCY SERVICES OPEN DAY

An emergency services open day will be held in the parkland surrounding the Melbourne Cricket Ground (the location for the Opening Ceremony) between 1000 and 1500 hours on February 26, 1995. The open day will give competitors and visitors, along with the public, an opportunity to view Victoria's emergency services including Customs, Sheriff's Office, Prison Service/Corrections, Ambulance, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Country Fire Authority, Victoria Police, Australian Federal Police and the State Emergency Service of Victoria.

SOCIAL FUNCTIONS

When registering their entries, the majority of competitors have taken the opportunity to pre-purchase their tickets for the three social functions which will be conducted during the Games. The cost of each function is AU\$16.00 per person.

Welcome Barbecue

Immediately following the Opening Ceremony, a traditional "Aussie" barbecue will be held at the Richmond Oval, adjacent to the Melbourne Cricket Ground (the venue for the Opening Ceremony), on Sunday February 26, 1995 from 1800 until 2000 hours. This affords the opportunity to renew old acquaintances, make new friends and enjoy our Aussie hospitality. Prebooking is essential.

Docklands Party

To be held at Central Pier, Victoria Dock on Wednesday March 1, 1995 between 1800 and 2300 hours, the Docklands Party is where competitors, families and friends can enjoy international cuisine.

Aussie Bush Dance

This function will include the closing of the Games as well as an opportunity to thank those who made the Games happen. There will be an opportunity to sing and dance your way through good old meat pies and Aussie beer and talk over the previous week's competition. To be held at Central Pier, Victoria Dock on Saturday March 4, 1995 between 1800 and 2300 hours.

TRAVEL AND ACCOMMODATION

The officially appointed Regional

Tour Operators (RTO's), as listed on page 76 of the entry book, continue to provide promotional support of the Games on a worldwide basis. The RTO's operate in conjunction with the officially appointed Inbound Tour Operator, General Travel Australia Pty Ltd, and form the perfect partnership by providing competitors with the best fully inclusive tour packages and effective coordination of travel to Australia and ground arrangements during their stay.

We would like to encourage all participants to utilize the RTO network to derive the maximum benefit which include:

* Welcoming, on arrival at Melbourne Airport, by your Melbourne Hosts and transport to your accommodation.

* Accommodation in an official Games hotel which has been selected based on their location and hospitable reputation.

* Access to the Games Hospitality Desk located within your hotel. Each of these Desks will be staffed by Melburnians with extensive local knowledge. A daily Games newsletter will be prepared, providing competitors and visitors with Games specific information, event schedules and day touring suggestions.

* Special Games "Public Transport Pass" at a discount rate.

Games participants are reminded that the official Headquarters Hotel for the 1995 World Police and Fire Games is the Melbourne Hilton on the Park. Games bulletins and updates on results will be provided on a regular basis throughout the duration of the Games at the Hilton.

If you are experiencing any difficulty obtaining information about the Games please don't hesitate to contact us.

OPENING CEREMONY

Without giving too much away, arrangements for a spectacular Opening Ceremony are progressing well and our local police and fire agencies are keen to participate. Apart from an emergency service atmosphere the Opening Ceremony will exhibit a uniquely Australian flavour.

It is now important to prompt competitors from each participating agency to begin making arrangements for their sporting parade uniform. Individual agencies are encouraged to march under their own identifying agency flag. Each participating team will also parade under their respective country's flag. Team uniforms will ensure that each country will make a splendid impact at the Opening Ceremony. Competitors participating in the Opening Ceremony will play a significant role as it unfolds into a family carnival atmosphere in the magnificent Melbourne Cricket Ground.

CHILDREN'S PROGRAM

The Children's Program entitled "Can you help me please?" is underway. Support for the Program has been enormous and your ongoing participation to make the 1995 World Police and Fire Games the best ever staged is very much appreciated.

The program has been designed to promote the 1995 World Police and Fire Games and a positive image of police and firefighters as role models to the children in our community. The program will also promote tourism in Victoria and provide information to children about productive leisure time activities.

The program is centered around the children establishing pen friend relationships with key contact people from police and fire services all over the world. Teachers have been provided with information to pass on to the children to reliably inform participants and visitors to the 1995 World Police and Fire Games, on all aspects of travelling to Melbourne and Victoria. It is anticipated that the children's letters will encourage participants and visitors to the Games to stay on in Victoria and experience our fantastic state for themselves.

Many key quality contacts are already included in the program, but more contacts from police and fire agencies are needed to communicate with the children. Please send details if you can assist. For more information please don't hesitate to call this office.

"WORKING TOGETHER" CONFERENCE

The conference precedes the 1995 World Police and Fire Games, and takes the form of a one-day program which will be repeated on the following day, on Friday February 24 and Saturday February 25, 1995.

It is expected to bring together senior representatives from the various emergency services and create a greater understanding of the interaction between disciplines. To achieve this, a number of world class international speakers will give presentations on events that have occurred in their jurisdiction, with special emphasis on their interaction with other agencies. Speakers and forum chairmen will include:

- DON MANNING, Chief Engineer, Los Angeles City Fire Department;
- TONY LAUER, Commissioner, New South Wales Police Force;
- FRANK DAVID, Commandant, Fire Service College, UK (previously Deputy Chief London Fire Brigade);
- RONNIE FLANAGAN, Assistant Chief Constable, Royal Ulster Constabulary;
- NEIL COMRIE, Chief Commissioner of Police, Victoria Police
- DAVE CHAMBERLIN, Fire Chief, City of Atlanta;
- MURRAY ADAMS, Superintendent, Victoria Police Displan Officer;
- RAY BARNES, Fire Chief, Aurora Fire Department, Colorado;
- JEFF GODMEDSON, Chief Fire Officer, Metropolitan Fire Brigade, Melbourne.

The conference will be held at the Training College of the Metropolitan Fire Brigade, 619 Victoria Street, Abbotsford, with registration commencing at 0830 hours. The cost of attendance is AU\$100 which includes lunch and morning and afternoon tea. A static display during the lunch break, and during the 1995 World Police and Fire Games, will include a wide range of Police and Fire equipment, providing an opportunity to overview new technology, current operating procedures and equipment. For further information please contact the Australian Fire Authorities Council, on telephone (613) 888 1644 or fax (613) 888 1557 or write to PO Box 713, Mount Waverley, Victoria, 3149, Australia.

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By Rene LaPrevotte

The weekend of September 9th through 11th beheld the United States Motorcycle Grand Prix, held at Monterey's Laguna Seca Raceway. A dozen riding companions, including Vince Rapetto of Vice, Mike Evanson of Northern Station, Mike Favetti of Potrero Station, as well as 2 couples I met two years ago on the Alpine Tour who flew in to SFO and borrowed a couple of my spare motorcycles. Sunday night after the races, we rode up hwy #59 to my house at Sonora, and got all the people bedded down for the night, when at 5:30AM a 6.3 earthquake hit chasing my four East coast friends out the door in their birthday suits.

With the temperature nudging 85 Monday morning we headed up Highway #108 for Sonora Pass. As we approached the 11,000 foot summit, the sun was gone and in its place was a blizzard. The jeans and cowboy boots that Evanson wore weren't up to motorcycling in the snow, but "Roofjob" toughed it out. Favetti

pulled up alongside me after about 20 minutes of slip-sliding with zero visibility, his face shield was covered with caked snow on the outside and totally fogged-up on the inside. Mike's gloves were completely soaked-through as were his shoes. With eyes the size of dinner plates, Mike announced; "++++ this, I'm going b-b-back!"

I suggested that once we start down the East side of the Sierras, the weather would clear, but Mike remained unconvinced. Favetti made a U-turn and about two minutes after he turned back we rode from driving snow to a light rain, then another five minutes later, sunshine! Favetti was headed back into the teeth of the storm and we were headed into Bridgeport where we stopped for several fortified coffee drinks while our clothing dried out.

Back on the scooters and we were off to Mono Lakes, where we briefly stopped at the Mono Lake visitors' center and watched a twenty minute documentary about the Mono Lake area. When we arrived at our cabins at June Lakes, we received a note from Favetti that he had made it back to the Bay Area none-the-worse-for-wear. That evening at June Lakes, we had an outstanding dinner and played pool until the wee hours. The next morning we arose and headed up highway #120 through Yosemite National Park. We lunched in Yosemite Valley and kicked-it in the 80 degree sunshine. I don't care how many times I see Yosemite Valley, the sight of half dome and El Capitan rivals the majesty of anything the Alps have to offer. Our East coast riding companions were suitably impressed, so we took off out the West end of the park where we caught Hwy #49 near Coulterville, then headed East on #49 for Mariposa. One of the riders pulled up to the hotel with some new abrasions on his fairing and jeans,

testament to having tried to keep up with my fifty-something buddy from Connecticut on my CBR 1000 Honda. A case of beer and a lot of hot-tubbing preceded dinner, and post-dinner debauchery included shots of

Jose Cuervo that we would regret the following morning.

Wednesday morning we headed into the South end of Yosemite and into the Mariposa Grove of giant sequoias. Some of us took a brief nap in the sun, nursing tequila hangovers while last night's party-poopers took of tour of the giant redwoods.

With temples thumping and still blood-shot eyes we headed out to return to the Bay Area where I had to shuttle the four Easterners back to the airport, and wash not one but four filth encrusted motorcycles.

We covered a little over eleven hundred miles in 32 days of riding some of the most beautiful twisties the country. With the exception of

the snow storm, the weather was perfect, and excluding the scuffed-up Yamaha and holed Levis we all came through the adventure in good shape. I don't know what I can do to improve the trip for the people next year, maybe get a volcano at Mono Lakes to erupt the day after the earthquake and the Summer blizzard, I don't know, you'll just have to come along and find out.

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1994 Ride for Kids

by Rene LaPrevotte

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This entire event is sponsored by American Honda Inc., and all donations that are collected by the riders are spent on pediatric brain tumor research. Brain tumors are the single biggest killer of kids in America, and last year the ride in Vallejo was the largest first-time event in the ten year history of the **Ride For Kids**. Over one million dollars in donations have been collected by the riders, and every penny has gone to research to find a cure for this cruel childhood killer.

If you want to attend, you must have a minimum donation of \$35.00 to participate; so hit-up your friends and family for a few bucks each. If you don't care to join the ride, but want to be part of the cure, send me a tax deductible check made payable to: **Ride For Kids**, in care of Rene LaPrevotte at the Crime Prevention Company, 350 Amber Drive, San Francisco, California 94131. I will then proudly present your donation in the name of the San Francisco Police Department on October 23rd.



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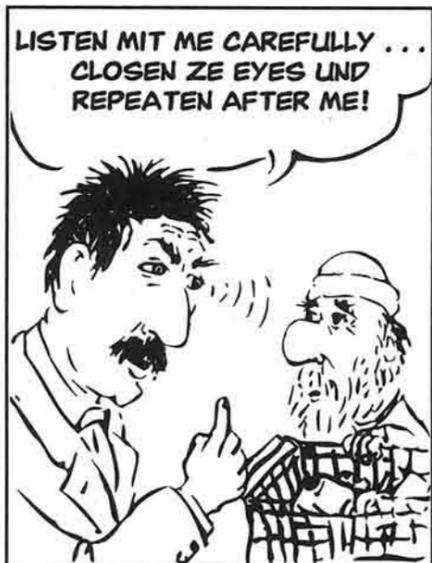
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ON THE STREET/ Tom Flippin



Funny . . . But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



O.K., Readers, this is a challenge! I want to hear from you about the funniest . . . weirdest . . . most complicated capers you've ever been involved in. You don't have to write the story out (Although, if you want to, that would be great!). Just send me a copy of the report. I won't use name of victims, suspects, witnesses, etc. I won't even use your name unless you want me to. I do want to hear about the crazy capers going on in this City. I know they're happening . . . as proof, I offer the following:

I recently transferred back to Park Station after spending a considerable part of my career . . . uh, my so-called career . . . at the Muni Transit Detail. I figured Park was going to be just like it used to be: a nice, quiet Station. Wrong!!

One of the first real incidents I got involved in was one for the record books. It all started out as a simple 418 call. Oops! First, let me set the scene. I worked four hours of overtime before my regular shift started then worked a typical Saturday night shift . . . fairly busy but nothing spectacular. O.K., so now it's about 0130, and I'm starting to think how nice it will be to get off and go home to a well-deserved sleep. A 418 call comes over the radio:

"Units, a 418 at St. Mary's Hospital."

I come up for the run, 'cause I'm fairly close to St. Mary's. This'll be an easy finish to my shift, I figure.

When I arrive, an older woman and her 30-year-old son are in the street arguing with security guards. I just know I can abate this one in 15 seconds and be on my way . . . knock-on-wood next time, Flippin!

The woman tells me that she came here to book in her son as a 5150.

When they got here, he began struggling and ran off . . . into Golden Gate Park, probably. I start to put out a description, when she tells me, "Oh, yeah. His girlfriend also stole my car!" Woops! Now I've got a felony working.

As I start to take down the info, the woman screams in my ear, "There she is! There goes my car!" I look up and see a 15-year-old kid driving by and waving at us.

I tell a Richmond unit that just showed up, "After that car! The kid just stole it!"

A chase ensues . . . Richmond and Park radio cars are flying all over the place! They finally manage to stop the car and catch the juvenile.

I go into the hospital to talk to security about this case. The guard casually mentions that he got hold of the doctor who owns the damaged car. Damaged car?! What the hell is he talking about. At this point, the woman's son . . . the sane one that she brought along to help book the insane one . . . says, "Oh, by the way, when my brother's girlfriend stole Mama's car, she ran into a few things as she drove away."

Suppressing a scream of frustration, I asked him to stop and explain exactly what happened before I got there. He tells me that when they got to the hospital, he went inside to get security to help control his brother. While he was gone, the girlfriend tells the 5150 that he has been brought to a hospital, and his mama is gonna put him away.

He becomes distraught, jumps out of the car and tries to flee. Mama jumps out to stop him. (At this point in the narrative, the brother . . . the sane one . . . mentions that his brother is 6'3" tall and weighs some 230 pounds. Oy vey!)

During the struggle, the girlfriend breaks away and jumps back in the car . . . in the driver's seat. She is 15-years old, doesn't have a driver's license and, in fact, has never learned how to drive. The neophyte driver throws the car into reverse and slams into a wall . . . puts it into forward and runs into a parked car . . . puts it into reverse again and runs into the wall again!

The two brothers and their mother scatter as the car lurches into forward. This time the girl runs the car up over the curb and pins her boyfriend against a concrete wall. She backs up just long enough for him to stagger away from the wall and into the roadway. Now she flips the shift, guns the engine and runs him over again. He bounces off the hood and sprawls beside the curb as she finally disappears into the night. As his stunned relatives watch, the 5150 gets slowly to his feet, and he runs off into the night.

This is where I came in. Now, my

sergeant arrives on the scene. As I look longingly at my watch, he tells me, "Well, you were the first unit on the scene, so I guess you've got the report on this one."

Slowly, I get into my car and head back to the station to try to make up some sensible narrative that will explain what I don't even understand.

But, wait!! The evening isn't over yet. First, the sergeant tells me that he's run the guy who has escaped . . . he is 10-30 Red; considered armed and dangerous. I tell the sarge, "I don't think he's armed tonight, . . . 'cause, during the struggle his shirt was torn off . . . he's running around Golden Gate Park half-naked!"

Then, HQ comes on the radio with the description of a car-jacker way out in the Taraval District: "The man is 6'3" . . . weighs about 230 pounds . . . has no shirt on."

This 5150 has gotten up after being run over two times, sprinted more than 30 blocks to the west and all the way across the Park, punched out some citizen and stole the poor man's car. He may be nuts, but he's in terrific shape! Have the 49'ers heard about this guy?!

I get on the radio and tell all units that the guy may try to go home . . . he lives out in the Ingleside District. Sure enough, he shows up several minutes later. Another hot chase

begins this time involving Ingleside, Potrero, Taraval and Mission units. After some 10 minutes of going all over the southeast part of the city, the 5150 heads for his girlfriend's house . . . she lives up on Hunter's Point. Again, our guys get there first. The chase is on again!

He finally turns into a one-way, dead-end street, the cops capture him and this caper seems to be over.

Well, not quite. While I'm in the station, trying to flog my tired brain awake long enough to write the report, the guy's mother shows up to recover her stolen car. (The car that her son's girlfriend stole . . . not the other car that her son stole.) Mama's mad as hell . . . not at her son . . . not at his girlfriend . . . no, she's mad at us . . . because we arrested her son for robbery, assault and auto-theft, instead of booking him into the hospital as a 5150! I try to tell her that a little bit has happened since she took him to St. Mary's originally, but she doesn't want to hear about it! Probably another OCC complaint coming.

So I'm sitting in the station writing, writing, writing . . . the girlfriend is brought in. She looks at me and says, "You all don't understand! I wasn't trying to hurt him. I was trying to keep his mama from "evaporating" him!"

