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### We're Losing Backbone Of Old S.F.

## Generation That Formed City's Fabric is Dying Off

Ken Garcia  
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San Francisco — A group of men carried a rain-sprinkled coffin and a lifetime of memories out of St. Emydius Church the other day. They did so with mannered precision, a trait of most police processions, although except for the sea of dress blues, there was nothing uniform about it.

The 500 or so people who gathered in the mist near the corner of Ashton and De Montfort avenues in the Ingle-side were witnessing more than just a funeral of a celebrated friend. They were seeing another link to San Francisco's past silently drift away, like ashes in the wind.

In this case, the connection centered on the life and times they shared with a man named Peter C. Gardner, a character in this town of some repute and a citizen of some standing.

Gardner was the former head of the Department of Administration of Justice at City College, the former president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, a graduate of Mission High School and the University of San Francisco, and a Navy veteran. His proudest title, however, would be that of a longtime city cop. A policeman first and always.

I had met Pete Gardner, though I did not know him. And I have had only faint acquaintance with two of his sons, Dan and Matt — both San Francisco police officers — largely through shared friends and the fact that my daughter and Matt's happen to play on the same basketball team.

But if you've lived in this city for a few decades or so, you've met people like Pete Gardner, a working-class guy from a neighborhood once known as Eureka Valley who toiled for most of his 72 years to make a better life for himself and his family. They formed the foundation of this town during the past half-century, gave the neighborhoods their distinct flavor and were the parents of the generation we call Boomers.

Gardner and his wife, Joan, herself the daughter of a San Francisco cop, raised six children on a modest salary. And like so many people of their day, whose formative years came between the two world wars, they never strayed far from the neighborhood they called home.

"He used to say that he never had a lot of money or a big stock portfolio,

but he had a great family and it kept him happy," said Larry Lawson, a long-time police officer, fellow City College teacher and a friend of Gardner's since they attended high school together in the '40s. "He left the Police Department for a lot less money to teach because he cared about preparing young officers. He was totally dedicated to it."

Gardner spent 25 years at City College, teaching criminology to would-be police cadets, including four future police chiefs — although he might be quick to add that he was not responsible for how they ran the department. Literally hundreds of city cops went through his class, and at his funeral Tuesday, there were several police officers in attendance who were the sons of cops he taught.

After he graduated from Mission High during the war, Gardner and many of his classmates enlisted in the service, their youthful exuberance convincing them that the only thing better than being out of school would be fighting in combat on some imagined shore. He was assigned to an aircraft carrier and nearly got his chance, but Japan surrendered right before they shipped out.

"His story was that they were all anxious to go, but they only got as far as the Farallones when the war ended," said Martin Kilgariff, a former police officer and firefighter who still teaches in the department Gardner once headed. Their bond goes even further than the 43 years they called each other friends: Kilgariff's son married one of Gardner's three daughters.

Do I need to tell you his son is also a police officer?

But if Gardner was never a war hero, he had his moments on the streets of San Francisco, including one, in December of 1954, when the young patrolman responded to a call of an armed robbery in progress. Gardner arrived



Pete Gardner, circa 1950

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### A Message from the President

## Let Me Add to That Thought...

By Chris Cunnie,  
SFPOA President

Ken Garcia's poignant article, reprinted here, highlights some thing that seems inevitable: that with each death of an old San Franciscan, we lose a vital component of the city's character and tradition. I suppose that's true. Mr. Garcia personified his point with the telling of Pete Gardner's untimely death, a loss to the city, the Department, and to our Association.

Abiding by that same premise, a parallel comparison can be made of the Police Department. With each retirement of a veteran officer, our department loses a career-

worth of resource and experience. The knowledge and gut-level sense that each retiree takes with them at the end of their career seemingly leaves a void in the overall effectiveness of the department. Such is the nature of developing careers that require hands-on, intuitive techniques for solving crimes and placing felons behind bars. It is something intangible that cannot be taught in our Police Academy. It cannot be wholly passed along through field training. It can only be acquired through years and decades of beat work, resourcefulness, and case-making.

The good news, however, is that the void always gets filled. For each man and woman who walk out of our door

with their pension in their pocket, there comes along a bright, fresh recruit to take their place. As I just said, those recruits have a long



way to go before they can match the wit and resource of these retiring veterans. Yet, in time, they will.

The recruits of today are no less enthused or dedicated than their esteemed predecessors. Indeed, the young men and women I see entering the Academy are smart and confident. No one can deny that they face a whole spectrum of new challenges, many of which were never at issue in the budding careers of older veterans. Today's new officers, by necessity, are more computer literate, multi-lingual, and socially diverse than most of their seniors. Many have come from other career backgrounds. Most have some training or education beyond the high school level. College degrees are common. Aspirations are high.

It can be argued that today's recruit enjoys a more comprehensive regimen of training. The advent of POST and its rigid standards, of advancement prerequisites, and of education premiums has done more to professionalize law enforcement than any other single factor. Today's young officer endures more than nine months of formal and evaluative training before he or she earns the right to shed the moniker of "rookie". The training of old pales by comparison.

Then again, few of the new breed officer has served any time in the jungles of Viet Nam. That was a different kind of education, but a valuable one, and one that prepared that gen-

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### Condolences

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends condolences to the family and friends of retired SFPD Sergeant Peter C. Gardner. Sgt. Gardner died February 14, 2000 in San Francisco. As well as being a very respected and decorated police officer, Sgt. Gardner was a former President and Treasurer of this Association. Please read the accompanying articles for more tributes to this great San Franciscan.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association also mourns the death of Officer Patrick Yick of Central Station. Pat died on Monday, March 13, following a long battle with cancer. A well liked and respected officer, Pat served in the department for 21 years. We extend our sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of Patrick Yick. May he rest in peace after such a noble struggle.

# WIDOWS AND ORPHANS AID ASSOCIATION

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Joe Garrity at 1:00 PM in the conference room of Ingle side Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Garrity.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President Garrity, Vice President Fontana, Trustees: Jeffery, Crosat, Aguilar, Kurpinsky. Excused Kemmitt. Also attending past Presidents Duffy and McKee. Junior past president Hardeman. Treasurer Sturken, Secretary Hurley.

**MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING:** Motion Hardeman, seconded Crosat that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Mr. Tom Abbott of the Bank of America gave his report on the condition of our account. The Executive Summary for 2000 slowing real growth and moderately declining interest rates. We are in a inverted market with better return on shorter held bonds than longer held bonds. The Market is not expected to have the gains we had in 1999. Our Asset Allocation remains at 35% Stocks, 61% Bonds and 4% Cash. Mr. Tom Abbott also stated that he has resigned from Bank of America, He thanked us for allowing him to work with our account, The President also Thanks Tom for his work on our account over the past few years. Mr. Gary Joe also with the Bank of America stated they will be looking for a replacement.

**APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS:** None at this time.

**SUSPENSIONS:** The following members are delinquent in paying their dues. (Section 3, Article 11, of the Constitution) Lisa Frazer, Gary Lorin and Paige Markham. Svetlana Chukreef and Tim Wong for failure to complete Probationary Period. (Article III, Section 3 of the By-Laws)

### The Following Deaths Were Reported:

**JAMES (Jim) KANE.** 76 years. Jim was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Richmond. Jim attended Poly High before entering the Marine Corps. Upon his return to San Francisco he worked in the ship building and repair business. In December of 1945 he entered the Police Academy. His first assignment was the old Potrero. In 1948 he was assigned to AIB unit of the Traffic Bureau. He then moved to the Solo Motorcycle detail where he remained as a Sgt. until his retirement in 1975. Jim made his home in the Santa Rosa area.

**CLARENCE CONNELLY JR.** 64 years. Clarence was born in Galveston, Texas. After his schooling in Texas he joined the U.S. Army. Upon his discharge he moved to San Francisco and worked for the San Francisco Housing Police. Clarence entered the Police Academy in 1964. His first assignment was the big lights of Central. After a few years he was transferred to Mission. He then went to the Intelligence Unit where he remained for several years. He was appointed full Inspector in 1978 and worked the General Works detail. He retired in 1985 with a D.P. Pension. Clarence was a very active cop and was awarded two Bronze Medals of Valor. He passed away in San Francisco.

**ARTHUR M. CHRISTIANSEN:** 82 years. Arthur was born in San Francisco and lived in the Taraval District. Arthur was in the Import Business before entering the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Richmond for a few months before going to Central. Then to the Bureau. He was a very fine inspector and worked on several important cases during his time in the Bureau. He spoke and understood Spanish and often would go undercover posing as a drunk to gain information that made some very

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## What Has Become of the POA Notebook?

### Notice to our membership, readers, Subscribers and advertisers:

As you can see, we have changed the name of our association newspaper to the *POA Journal*. We feel that the new name more accurately represents the regular content in our paper.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word *journal* as "a record of experiences, ideas, or reflection . . ." and as "a periodical dealing especially with matters of current interest. . ." As we see it, that more accurately represents the contents found in a typical issue. Since the POA publication is printed as a monthly, we would be hard-pressed to claim that we are timely with breaking news and current events. Rather, our content tends to be retrospective, reactive, opinion-based, amusing, or topical.

Our masthead has a new look as well. Again, it was felt that the new look more expressly represents the contents of the paper to our readers, and readily identifies the paper as that of our police association. We believe it also adds an air of sophistication and professionalism to our official publication.

We hope you like our new look, and that you will soon recognize the name *POA Journal* to be synonymous with the San Francisco Police Officers' Association.

We will continue to acknowledge and respond to correspondence, remittance, or communication addressed to the *POA Notebook*.

- Ray Shine, Editor

### San Francisco Veteran Police Officers' Association

On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit with other retired police officers at the Veteran POA meetings. We meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good in the lower yard. Arrive by 11:30 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

Call the Secretary to join at (415) 731-4765,



or write to us at P.O. Box 22046, SF 94122.

The Veteran POA has 982 members. Stay in touch!

# POLICE-FIRE POST 456 NEWS



## Dedicated to the memory of Kate Hallisy

By Greg Corrales

*"At the grave of a hero we end, not with sorrow at the inevitable loss, but with the contagion of his [her] courage; and with a kind of desperate joy we go back to the fight."*

Oliver Wendell Holmes, Jr.

His right hand halved by an exploding mortar round, Navy Lt. Vincent R. Capodanno nevertheless continued to administer last rites and anoint the dead as enemy fire rang around him. Then 27 bullets from a machine gun ripped through his back while he kneeled to help a wounded corpsman on the Vietnamese rice paddy. The "Grunt Padre" was dead.

Capodanno, a Navy chaplain and Roman Catholic priest, died 4 September 1967, barely a year after arriving in Vietnam. The Staten Island, N.Y. native posthumously received the Medal of Honor, only the third Vietnam-era chaplain to receive the nation's highest honor. His name was given to a frigate, eight military chapels, numerous memorials and a street in his hometown.

Captain Joseph Lamonde, the chaplain of the Marine Corps, led a Mass 13 February at Camp Pendleton's Father Capodanno Memorial Chapel to mark the namesake's birthday, he would have been 74, and honor his memorable military service. Those attending wondered: Would the chaplain one day be a Catholic saint?

A small but growing grassroots movement is in the earliest stages of trying to declare Capodanno a saint. But that's no easy task. There are three steps to sainthood:

**1. Nomination.** A grassroots group researches the candidate and even begins praying to him or her. Eventually the nominee is further investigated by a board appointed by the local bishop

**2. Beautification.** Once convinced the nominee is worthy of review the local bishop petitions the Vatican's Congregation for the Causes of Saints to review the case. There, religious and medical experts typically look for evidence that the candidate performed a miracle after death. That requirement, however, is waived for martyrs, those who died for their faith.

**3. Canonization.** The candidate is added to the Roman Catholic Church's list of saints. Father Capodanno's actions during a firefight more than 32 years ago could prove the priest is a martyr. On his last day on earth, Father Capodanno sat in a crater on a hill near Dinh An village in Que Song Valley. A firefight was raging on the other side of the hill and the chaplain could hear the cries of the wounded and dying men of the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment. He ran from the relative safety of the crater, not once, but several times, into the firefight to minister to the men of his battalion. A mortar round exploded, severing several fingers on his right hand, but the priest continued his work. He pulled a wounded sergeant to safety, then gave the sergeant's rifle to a corporal whose

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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



### ...Rest in Peace:

We've lost a lot of our history recently. Pete Gardner, Clarence Connely Jr. Jim Kane, Ken Davis and Rudy Milon all passed having left us with a world that is better because of their contributions. Education, Credit Union, Community Action, Department, Quality of life for retirees are but a few of the areas these men influenced, developed, and nurtured. Thank them by remembering their contributions...

### ...Politics:

Everyone seems to complain about "POLITICS". While we are on a break from the election cycle, we should remind ourselves that politics may be a terrible thing — but it is a fact of life. We have politics within our families, work, church, clubs, and the world at large. Politics are everywhere affecting our individual life experience. Just a reminder...

### ...Burrrrr:

Tom Donohoe has retired to take the Assistant Directors Job of the Minneapolis Police Department's 911 System. Tom says hello to all, and if you want to keep in touch his addresses are; Via the net [Thomas.Donohoe@ci.minneapolis.mn.us](mailto:Thomas.Donohoe@ci.minneapolis.mn.us) or snail mail 350 South 5th Street, Room B911 Minneapolis, MN 55415-1318. A retirement dinner will be held for Tom March 31st at the Spanish Cultural Center on Alemany Blvd. Tickets are \$30 and available from Bruce Lorin, Permit Bureau, 415-553-9550 or Marita Spes, Investigations, 415-553-1485...

### ...Birth:

Steve and Jackie Thoma (Mission Station) are the proud parents of a new son, their 5th child, David George Thoma 8 lbs. 13 oz. 21 1/2 inches long — born February 8, 2000 at 5:56 PM. David joins brother Steven age 9 and sisters Stephanie 9 years, Kelly 6 years, and Carlie 3 years as the joy of their parents. All are doing fine. Congratulations to all and our best wishes for the future...

### ...St. Patrick's Day:

The annual St. Patrick's Day luncheon was held March 10 at the Police Athletic Club on the Hunters Point Naval Base. Hosts Mark and Jeannie Hurley did their usual terrific job with the aid of several leprechauns. About 250 persons enjoyed the food and music. The Athletic Club is one of the best-kept San Francisco secrets. Plenty of parking and a great facility that will soon become a hot commodity because of its location in the about-to-be-redeveloped shipyard. Hopefully Mark and the crew will be able to hold on and keep the club alive. A lot of our history resides there...

### ...Of What Value:

Recently the semi-annual Performance Improvement Program (PIP's) evaluations were completed. The most often asked question was; "What is the value of a PIP?" Good question. No good answer here...

### ...Open Enrollment:

The Health Service System will begin sending out Open Enrollment material on April 17. All material will be mailed to the address you have on file with the department's payroll office. This year open enrollment should be real interesting in view of the crisis at the Health Service System...

### ...Pulling the Pin:

Gordon Taylor of the Airport Range worked his last day on Feb. 28, 2000. Gordy is retiring after 26 years having served 22 years as a range officer. We wish Gordy a long and healthy retirement...

### ...Softball Season:

Opening day of the Police Softball League is Tuesday March 14. Get out and support your team. Most games are played on Tuesday mornings. Check the schedule in the sports section...

### ...Gossip:

Is gossiping out of control within the department? Don't know, but was asked to pose the question to you.

### ...Wrong Side:

Recently a boss charged in to an office, zoomed around obviously a bit out of control, and stormed out. A young patrol officer was obviously intimidated by the display but the veteran Sergeant leaned over and said, "Don't worry. He just got out on the wrong side of the bed, and his bed is against the wall."...

### ...CVC 22111 Hand Signals:

Recently Solo John Fulwood observed a motorist honk at a slow moving motorist give the middle finger salute and immediately make a right turn. John stopped the aggressive driver and cited him for 22111(B) improper hand signal. John expected a protest. The violator paid the \$104 bail without protest...

### ...Old Problem:

Bob Crosat (Legal Division) recently found the following order in the archives:

"Complaint comes to this office that subpoenas issued for appearance of police officers in court have not, in some instances, been properly served. As a result the officers involved have not appeared as witnesses, in some

very important cases. Company Commanders and Heads of Bureaus shall see that all such subpoenas are properly served and entered in the record book provided." Signed: May 21, 1951 Michael Gaffey Chief of Police — When did you last hear that there was a problem with subpoenas? Some prob-

lems never seem to go away...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to [AlCasciato@lycosmail.com](mailto:AlCasciato@lycosmail.com), faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to Around the Department, 510 - 7th St., S.F. CA 94103.

## Annual Police/Fire Memorial Service

The annual Police/Fire Memorial Service, hosted this year by the San Francisco Police Department, will be held on Sunday, April 30, 2000, 10:30 a.m., at St. Monica's Church, 23rd Avenue and Geary Boulevard, in San Francisco. A reception with food and refreshments will follow in the lower church hall. There is ample parking provided behind the church off 23rd Avenue.



Officers and their families of all faiths are invited and encouraged to attend this service in a show of respect for our honored dead. Chaplains of all faiths will be celebrating the service. This is a wonderful opportunity to build a strong sense of community among all Police Officers, Fire Fighters and their families. This year's service is especially meaningful due to the recent loss of two of our own. Please plan to attend with your family and friends.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the service and the reception which will immediately follow. We'd really like to see some new faces this year. If you are willing to be a uniformed usher (of any faith) or a Eucharistic Minister or Lector (must be Catholic) please contact Lt. Larry Barsetti at Northern Station (614-3400/Days) or Lt. John Bisordi at Fiscal Division (553-1120/Days).

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**Triggerlock II: SFPD/ATF Join Forces To Combat Gun Violence In San Francisco**

The San Francisco Police Department, in conjunction with the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms (ATF) and the United States Attorney's Office, has established a gun task force known as Triggerlock II. Triggerlock II is committed to disarming violent criminals and reducing gun violence by identifying the most dangerous offenders and referring them for prosecution under state and federal firearm violations.

The task force is a coordinated effort among inspectors from the SFPD, agents from ATF, and prosecutors from the United States Attorney's Office, augmented with resources from the DEA, FBI, HUD and the U. S. Marshal Service.

Since its inception ten months ago, the SFPD patrol force has submitted 813 firearm-related incident reports to the Triggerlock II for review. From these reports, 110 cases qualified for presentation before the U. S. Attorney's Office. To date, approximately 45 of these cases have been prosecuted and the offenders indicted under federal firearm violations.

With this ongoing cooperation between the San Francisco District Attorney's Office and the United States Attorney's Office, the Triggerlock II task force will continue to enforce firearm laws aggressively.

Patrol officers can obtain booklets that explain the Triggerlock II program and outline the applicable federal statutes by contacting SFPD Inspectors Michael Hamilton, John Loftus, or Steven Murphy at 415-436-8020.

Fred H. Lau  
Chief of Police

Board of Director's spring meeting

**International Association Of Women Police Convene In San Francisco**

By Robin Matthews  
FTO Office

On Saturday and Sunday, March 4th and 5th, the Board of Directors and the Board of Trustees of the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) held their annual Spring Board Meeting at the Marriott Hotel at Fisherman's Wharf.

Most members arrived in San Francisco a day or two early to enjoy the sights and sounds of the City by the Bay before settling into their two, half-day sessions of meetings. Twenty nine members attended the meeting, coming from California, Florida, Illinois, Indiana, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, New York, Oklahoma, Pennsylvania, Tennessee, Texas, Washington, and Wisconsin, as well as from Australia, Canada, and Ireland.

For many, it was their first visit to San Francisco, and by the smiles on their faces and the shopping bags in hand, everyone had a wonderful time exploring, eating fabulous meals, and helping stimulate our economy!

Lynette Hogue, Dolly Casazza, and myself spent all of Thursday and half of Friday shuttling folks from SFO, Oakland International, and San Jose International Airports to the Marriott. Friday afternoon was spent sight-seeing with a number of people, followed by dinner and later, a wine and cheese party that we hosted as a welcome to San Francisco. Several S.F.P.D. members of the IAWP joined the party and had a wonderful time reconnecting with old friends and making new ones.

Saturday morning, I opened the Board meeting by welcoming everyone to San Francisco, and officially presenting the president of the IAWP, Laura Goodman-Brown, our Letter of Intent to Bid on San Francisco hosting the IAWP Conference in the fall of 2003. (The formal bid will be presented at the conference in Toronto in September). Everyone was thrilled at the prospect of San Francisco hosting the conference, and was very impressed with our theme for the conference — A Bridge to Uniting Nations — which comes from the United Nations being formed in San Francisco some 55 years ago, and in keeping with the international theme of the organization. (More information concerning that will be appearing in future issues of *The Journal*!)

Lynette then introduced Deputy

Chief Pengel, Commander Fong, and Officer Michelle Jean, who was representing Chris Cunnie of the POA. (Chris had some last minute child care issues and was unable to attend). Deputy Chief Pengel welcomed the participants to San Francisco, spoke a few words about women in law enforcement, and announced that this year was the 25th anniversary of women in patrol in the San Francisco Police Department. She then presented a framed, Chief of Police Commendation from Chief Fred Lau, acknowledging the IAWP's contributions to women in law enforcement and welcoming the group to the City.

The Commendation stated: "Chief of Police Commendation issued to the International Association of Women Police Executive Board in appreciation for your contributions to women in law enforcement around the country and around the world. On behalf of the entire Department, we wish to extend to you our welcome and thanks for choosing San Francisco for your 2000 Spring Board Meeting. Awarded on the 4th day of March, 2000."

All were surprised and impressed by the award, which remained prominently displayed throughout the weekend.

Commander Fong then extended her greetings and appreciation for all of the support the IAWP has given to women in law enforcement over the years, and reminisced about when she had been honored by the organization in the early 90's at the Milwaukee Conference, and how much the award had meant to her.

Finally, Officer Michelle Jean gave her greetings, as well as greetings from the POA, which included a formal letter of welcome from Chris Cunnie on behalf of the POA and the bringing of 150th anniversary pins, POA 2000 pins, and S.F.P.D. coffee cups to all in attendance. To say that went over big is an understatement and was greatly appreciated by all.

Thanks to everyone mentioned in this article for helping make the IAWP's Spring Board Meeting a success.

For more information on joining the IAWP, attending the Toronto Conference in the fall, or getting involved with plans for San Francisco hosting the conference in 2003, please contact me at the F.T.O. Office at 333-5797, or write me on the internet at RLM2214A@aol.com.

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# Palm User Group Started For SF Criminal Justice

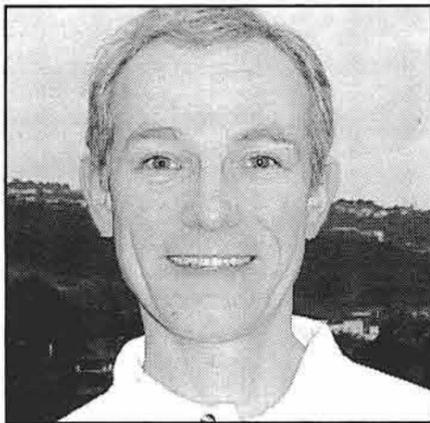
By Tom Feledy, Fraud

The reaction was very positive to the article I wrote espousing the merits of Palm Pilots, Handspring Visors, and other devices using the Palm Operating System. I concluded that there must be a hundred of these handy little things out there now, in the hands of various officers, sheriffs, DA's, probation officers, and others at the Hall of Justice or throughout the City.

There's got to be a better way to share what we know about all the cool new things coming out for these gizmos. So, how about we start a users group for all of us San Francisco law enforcement and criminal justice folks?

For now, the users group will only exist online, as an e-mail list, so where you're located doesn't really matter. Maybe later, if there's enough interested people, we might actually have a non-cyber meeting.

But for now, just send an e-mail to "Palm@sfpoa.org" to get yourself on the e-mail list. Be sure to include your name and where you work, plus a telephone where I can verify your existence, if needed.



POA Webmaster Tom Feledy

If you have news about Palm Pilots you want to pass along to others in our group, send e-mail to the same place: Palm@sfpoa.org.

I plan to send about one message a week on this list, so the traffic will stay pretty light. My first message will likely be the release date (I hope) of the new fold-up, "Stowaway" keyboard, by Think Outside, in Solano Beach, CA. Go to <http://www.thinkoutside.com/> if you want to see this amazing device in action!

# Which Palm Pilot is Best?

By Tom Feledy

With Palm dropping prices on all models by \$50, and coming out with several new models, the time has never been better for buying a Palm Pilot electronic organizer. And, a lot of people have been asking me what model to buy. So here's my advice, and the latest cool shareware I've found for your Palm. Palm Pilots come in two basic models: the III and the V.

The III is the one to get if you value ruggedness and durability. Its plastic case is slightly larger than the V and easier to hold. Plus — and I think it's a big plus — the screen cover is also hard plastic, flips up and completely out of the way, and is designed not to press any buttons. Why is that important? Read on.

The V is the one to get if you value looks and extremely small size. The people that own these also carry Motorola Startac cellphones — nothing but the smallest will do. The V is so slim and small that you may have trouble holding on to it. Also, the screen cover flips sideways and seems in the way no matter what you do. Further, the cover presses on the V's buttons, and can even turn it on and off if pressed the right way — a real design error, in my book. The V's brushed aluminum case looks cool, but it doesn't bounce as well as the plastic case used for the III series. And there is no protection for the hotsync connector in the rear of the V, like there is for the III.

Oddly enough, there are a number of 3rd party cases made for the V, to try to address the above problems. Once your Palm V is safely inside one of these cases, you end up carrying something bigger than a Palm III, which makes you wonder why you didn't get a III in the first place.

The Palm VII is their first unit with wireless capability. It is limited in the kind of service it provides, and due to competition from Novatel's Minstrel series of CDPD wireless modems for the Palm III and the Palm V, the VII may be redesigned in the future. I'd wait before buying a Palm VII.

My vote, for people doing police work, is the Palm III, with as much memory as you can afford.

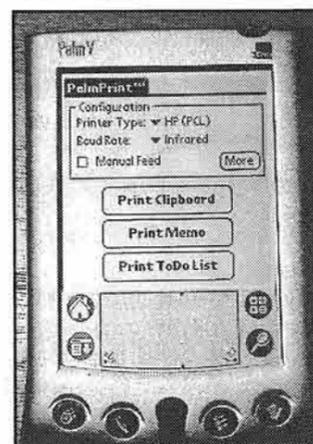
Now, for my Palm shareware of the month: PalmPrint and Snailmailer. Imagine if you could walk up to any of those new laserprinters used for printing police reports, and print out Memos, To Do items, or anything on the Clipboard of your Palm Pilot? Well, that's what the clever folks at Stevens Creek Software have done.

Load their shareware from the website onto your Palm Pilot, and you can point your Palm at any IR-equipped printer and get hardcopy within seconds. The first time people see you point your Palm Pilot at an HP laser printer, and make it print with no wires, they think it's remarkable.

But, if that's not enough, add the companion application "Snailmailer". This little application will not only organize your mailing lists, such as Holiday card lists, but it will also let you print that list as labels or envelopes. It even supports "merge-print", so you can print out form letters directly from you Palm Pilot! Finally, Palmprint is supported by other Palm software, so having Palmprint loaded will permit you to access Print functions available in some 3rd party software.

The price for these phenomenal little programs is only about \$40, but as shareware, you get to try them before you have to pay — so how can you lose? Come by and see me in Fraud, and I'll be happy to beam you this shareware to try out. Otherwise, go to their site at [www.stevenscreek.com](http://www.stevenscreek.com), and you can download the manuals that come with the programs, that explain all the nifty features included.

By the way, I'm still interested in forming a Palm Pilot Users Group. Send e-mail to Tom@sfpoa.org if you want to join.



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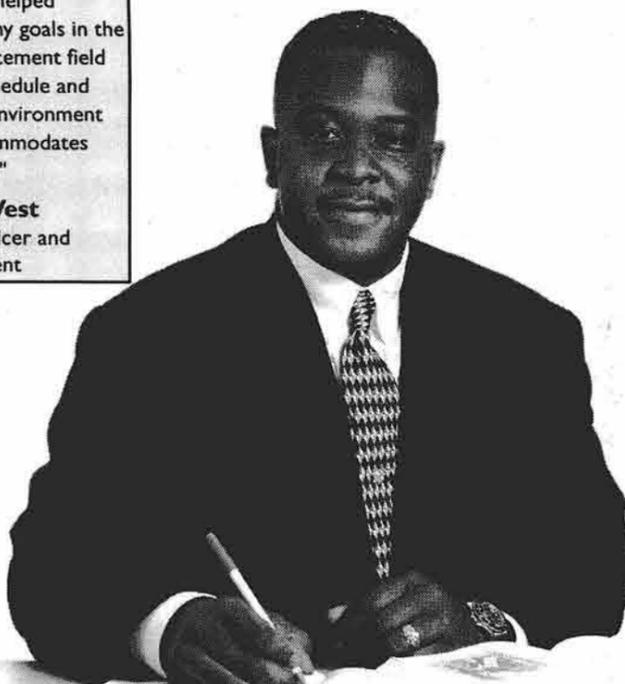
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# The Baldies Are Coming!!

By Rene LaPrevotte

year to Australia for the Aussie head-shave.

Do you remember a year and a half back when certain members of the police department were spotted with shaved heads? Well the Y2K version of the charity head shave is just around the corner. As you'll recall from these very pages of the *Notebook* (now the *Journal*), we raised over one hundred ten thousand dollars for the "Wish Upon A Star Program" by doing little more than getting a haircut and having a couple of outrageous parties! We're doing it again with the aim of tripling the proceeds and building a camp for kids undergoing cancer treatment.

### What can I do?

The first thing you need to do is contact one of the District Station Reps listed below and get a contract that says for the right to get your head shaved, you'll raise a minimum of \$1,000 from members of your station or from the community. You'll be joining such department luminaries as Alex Fagan, Keith Sanford, Walter Cullop, Mary Stasko, and several other "Baldie Brass". You'll stand proudly shaved with cops from Australia, Canada, Hawaii and numerous other departments around the State. The two officers who raise the most money will be sent next



### What Do I Get?

A lot of satisfaction, that's what. And the opportunity to fly free-of-charge to Australia. This year is the first that we are doing the reciprocal with Honolulu, so this year's baldies will have an opportunity to fly free to Hawaii for Honolulu's fledgling headshave.

### What About the Parties?

Did somebody say parties? How about a pre-Baldie Bash at the Irish Cultural Friday night, May 19th with celebrity head-shaves and dinner, to be locally televised?

The big Headshave is the following day, Saturday May 20th at Treasure Island, Building #227 (Avenue of the Palms) from 1100-1600 hours. With a BBQ prepared by the pride of Northern Station, Steve Canniglia.

That evening, all the baldies and their guests will be invited to attend the "Baldie Bash" at the Fillmore Auditorium where we will dance to our own department band "RWS" followed by renown fifties band "Butch Whacks and the Glasspacks" and M/C'ed by San Francisco's own Bob Sarlatte. Where else can you have so much fun, doing so much for so many sick kids?



Last year's "Baldies" pose on a Cable Car.

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get your application, hound the guys and gals at the station for donations, hit-up the merchants on your beat, collect your \$1000 minimum (more, if you are trying for the free trips to Australia or Honolulu) and get your head buzzed by our celebrity barbers. What could be easier?

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While Jolene has a long recovery ahead of her, she knows she is not alone because she has the hundreds of Polaroid photos sent by SFPOA members wishing her well.

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just as the gunman was running out of a store at 17th and Shotwell, and as he struggled to wrest the suspect's gun away, the pistol went off, killing the robber.

A shaken Gardner filled out his reports and then headed straight to Mission Dolores, where he sought the counsel and solace of a parish priest. He said prayers for the dead man and his family. As was the case with the more scoop-minded news bent of the day, a reporter found out about it, which is why there exists in the morgue of at least one city newspaper a story headlined: "Cop Kills Gunman and Prays for His Soul."

Those times are gone now — courtesy of the modern age of the official department spokesperson. Gardner received a Medal of Valor for his bravery, although he chose not to talk much about it. Humility was also a trait of his generation, a characteristic that unfortunately has not been carried on. And that's a particularly sad fact, since many of our new "celebrities" and "leaders" have so much to be humble about.

It's a change that has also affected San Francisco — Joe Alioto used to stop in local bars and restaurants just to shake hands, letting people know that he cared. We now have elected officials, many of whom shame the titles they hold, who fight over things like who gets introduced first at public events. I could name names here, but the point would get obscured.

That's why it's important to stop occasionally and note another transformation in the city, a shift from families quietly building communities

to another, more transient populace shouting about political empowerment and change. Real change requires real work and time, another lesson often lost in the shuffle.

Consider this small list of people who have died in the past year or so, people who were little-known, yet made great contributions to the fabric and character of this city: John F. Paul, a local port captain, naval hero and community volunteer, who, with his wife, Catherine, raised six children in the Sunset; Frank P. Reilly, an immigrant who turned plastering into an art form and raised six children with his wife, Ann; Patrick Dowling, a self-made man and author, who chronicled the Irish influence on the city and raised six children with his wife, Maureen.

And also, with an exclamation, Joan Buick, who would have been called a housewife — as if that would have adequately described a remarkable woman who raised 10 children from cradle to college in the avenues with her husband, Jack.

There really are no adequate descriptions for these folks, except to say that they were San Franciscans, a term that is also losing its luster. They were regular folks who steered and often steadied the direction of the town, without regard to sexual preference, political affiliation or job title. But the city would not have been same without them — and in fact, it's not.

You don't need a Scottish bagpiper to note the sorrow in their passing. Pete Gardner's funeral had one, but the mood had long been set.

You can reach Ken Garcia at (415) 777-7152, fax him at (415) 896-1107, or send him an e-mail note at garciak@sfgate.com.

## A Tribute to Peter C. Gardner

# A Man of Mythical Proportion

By Mark Hawthorne

Words cannot properly convey the enormous impact Pete had on all of those with whom he came into contact. His commanding presence accentuated by his powerful, throaty, baritone voice was his hallmark. To the law enforcement community, he was worthy of beatification. To the academic community, he was worthy of the many accolades to be bestowed on one who possessed a sense of professionalism and integrity. Wherever Pete went, whatever task he undertook, he had a lasting impact on those who were influenced by his actions.

As with many of us, I first met "Mr. Gardner," as we called him, when I was a young lad of eighteen, in the fall of 1969, attending my first semester at City College. I was in awe, as were most of my classmates, with this instructor who was so keen on the law and the Criminal Justice system.

As time passed, and more classes with Mr. Gardner became a main stay, I did a little research on the man. I found that he had a stellar career with the San Francisco Police department rising to the rank of Sergeant. I found that he was instrumental in building the Police Officer's Association into what it is today, serving as the President and Secretary.

I also found out he was instrumental in the creation and building of the S.F. Police Credit Union and it was rumored he had account #1. I did not personally confirm the account number but I believe that information to be fairly accurate.

A turn of fate in the 60's landed Pete a position on the faculty at City College, what I believe was his true calling and the beginnings of a legacy that would impact hundreds, if not thousands, of law enforcement officers throughout the state of California and at the Federal level, the era of Criminology according to Gardner and Lawson.

As I continued my educational pursuits under the tutelage of Mr. Gardner, I as well as many others had visions of emulating his style and ability of not only teaching but also educating others as an instructor at City College. During class breaks, I would often use Mr. Gardner as a sounding board for my visions. Never once did he discourage me but rather always encouraged me to pursue the dream.

As I graduated City College, I did not realize that our paths would become intertwined time and time again until I found myself fulfilling my dream of being a faculty member at City College. Our paths seemed to continually cross from the police academy where he taught criminal law, to many other social settings. In 1985, I met with Pete in a more formalized setting, he was now Chair of the Criminology department at City College and he was interviewing me for a position as a substitute instructor. During that interview, I expressed some concern about my ability to which he responded, "If I didn't think you could do it, you wouldn't be here." Simply put, that was Pete, confident in his ability to instill confidence in others.

Pete soon hired me as a regular instructor and consciously or unconsciously became my Mentor and confidant for which I am ever grateful. During our many meetings as Master and student, we would exchange many thoughts of personal accomplishments. Conversations would range in a variety of topics, but when the topic of family would present itself, a glow of happiness would appear on his face.

He also spoke fondly of his many exploits as a resident Deputy Sheriff during the summers at his Russian River residence. As one can see, Pete was a man of multi-talents, but his greatest talent was educating others.

Mr. Gardner has impacted the essence of all that I do. I also know that many others who have had associations with Mr. Gardner have also had their lives impacted by his influence. The attendance at Pete's services should serve as a testimony to the many scores of lives he's touched during his brief, yet productive life with us.

I do not want to say good-bye to such an accomplished Statesman. Rather, until we met again in another setting in which we may again share those special feelings: Grandfather, Father, Brother, Colleague, Educator, Mentor, until we meet again. Peter C. Gardner, born: July 30, 1927 Departed: February 14, 2000.

cepts of crime fighting have, and will continue, to change dramatically. Today's new officer must be a guiding participant in the social order, not merely a force that controls it.

Absolutely, it will take years to turn these recruits into seasoned officers. Sure, some will fail. Of course, street savvy and wisdom come with time. But, it will happen. Tomorrow's public safety leaders are sitting today at desks in the academy. Future chiefs, captains, and top-notch inspectors are up on the hill learning the basics, honing new skills, and adjusting their lifestyle for a career of public service.

Therefore, we can rue the loss of the old guard, of the Peter Gardners, of the old neighborhoods, of the "backbone of the city". It is honorable to do so, to remember and cherish our heritage and traditions. But the next generation is coming along just fine. New cops will come along and pound old beats. The San Francisco Police Department will not only survive, it will continue to evolve. Certainly, the young talent is there.

Now, we just season it with time.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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**A Golden Age**

By Daniel Hampton

Chief Fred Lau will be nearing a milestone when he completes another four years at the helm. His tenure as Police Chief will become one of the longest since Tom Cahill. He has strong family values for the Department. Some of his programs emphasizing this are: reinstating the Annual Police Family Day Picnic at the range; instituted the special retirement ceremony at USF for retirees; implemented the Mentor Program for prospective law enforcement officers, and help support the celebration and group picture of the Department's 150th Year Anniversary. Other highlights of his career: swore in the first woman chaplain, Sister Lilian Repak; instrumental in organizing BA degree in Criminal Justice at the Academy; established Community Police Resource Centers (first one in the Sunnydale housing area); citizens patrol expanded; expanded the Domestic Violence Unit; working with AAA in a child car-seat giveaway; working with the Rotary Club to revamp the children's playground in Boeddeker Park; supporting Operation Dream in its various programs; instituted the Misdemeanor Offender Community Program; and implemented the Environmental Crime Unit, along with special environmental education program. Whew!!!

*You can see where the heart of our Chief is. He also brings his family values to the community at large, to the citizens of San Francisco.*

You can see where the heart of our Chief is. He also brings his family values to the community at large, to the citizens of San Francisco. If the Lord is willing, I believe the past four years and the next four years of Chief Fred Lau's tenure will be known as a "Golden Age," for our Department. Mayor Willie Brown chose wisely, the next four years will be smooth sailing.

Chief Lau will be our next guest speaker on April 13th. Watch for his flyer and please attend the next luncheon.

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Inspector Sandi Bargioni's luncheon was a great success. I expected 36 persons to show up, but 56 attended. To say the least it showed great support and respect for Sandi. Sandi's expertise on hate crime hit us at the core of our

hearts. She emphasized that in our hearts we really want to be loved and express love towards others. But hate has to be taught to children, which involves the intellect and the use of our minds. Those that are different from us or don't look like us or have a different culture tend to threaten us. This can turn to fear, anger, jealousy, and hate.

What she did next was get us out of our comfort zone. She specifically told everyone to stand up where they were seated. She wanted officers who were clumped together and civilians who were sitting together to specifically mingle with one another and create conversation. Conversation such as asking, what do you do for a living?; where do you live?; do you have any children or grandchildren?; and what brought you to this gathering and why? Though we had more officers than civilians the experiment set the tone so that all would familiarize themselves with each other.

Sandi advised that this is a great tool for community meetings. It breaks down barriers and shows the human side of opposing factions. It reveals that we have common interests and want to team together to solve the particular problem that brought the group together. What a great exercise this was for all that attended. She emphasized that we are our brother's keeper and that we need to "love our neighbors, as we love ourselves." The feedback from those attending was very positive. Sandi gave us all an insight into ourselves. We came away with something tangible to do in our lives. Thanks for all of you who supported Sandi. She advised us this would be the last group she would address in the field of her expertise. She plans to retire in July and will reside out of state. We will pray for you Sandi as you begin a new life away from the Department. God bless you.

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At Church of the Highlands in San Bruno, Pastor Rick Miller, is going through a "Purity Series" for those in high school and college. The series started about two weeks ago and will last through the end of March. The message is that the Lord wants youth to save sexual relations for marriage only. That being a virgin is not something to be embarrassed about, but it's a special gift for that special person God brings into your life. The series of classes culminates with the youth presenting themselves in the worship sanctuary one Sunday night in March, asking God to help them remain "pure" for marriage. If they have engaged in premarital sex they also present themselves at the sanctuary rededicating themselves to refrain till God brings into their lives that Christian man or woman they will marry. Everyone in the congregation is wearing white ribbons on their lapels to show the youth we support them in this endeavor.

Heavenly Father, I pray for all of our youth. They need you desperately in their lives to walk in purity. Infuse and empower them with your Holy Spirit because all things are possible with the help of God. Amen.

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The next four years for Chief Fred Lau will be significant to our Department. His tenure as Police Chief will become one of the longest since Tom Cahill. During his leadership racial and gender diversification in the rank and file has been achieved, he has been an advocate for all of our pay and benefit packages, which has vastly improved, his emphasis that we are a "Family" has taken solid root and moral has significantly improved. Needless to say Chief Lau has been there for us during tragedies and his faith in the Lord, when addressing members and family members, has brought us comfort.

I believe, if the Lord is willing, that during the course of his next four years, the Department will be experiencing a "Golden Age," because of the programs and values he has brought to it. "Please attend and support Chief Lau at this luncheon."

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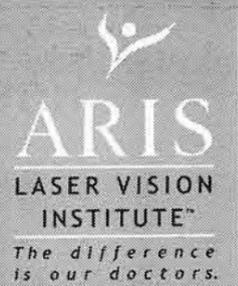
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# Personal Safety on the Internet

By Lon Ramlan,  
Police Academy

Many of us use the Internet everyday. It has dramatically changed how we do a number of things. From research to shopping online to email and video conferencing, technology impacts us everyday. But in the wrong hands this Internet technology can also be used to lie, steal information, forge messages, eavesdrop, and defraud organizations, or individuals.

This happens because the Internet is inherently uncontrolled, anonymous, and public. Most users get hurt because they forget common sense at the keyboard, and trust that some agency is going to protect them- Caveat Emptor. With the recent headlines about system attacks, this is probably a good time to review some safety tips for personal computing.

*"The Internet is simply a new space for old scams."*

Think of the Internet as a door to your home or a telephone system into it. Do you welcome strangers into your home unchallenged? Would you answer questions for an unknown salesman or a stranger on the phone? Why would you do that on the Internet? The Internet is simply a new space for old scams. We must still use common sense to protect our families- especially in cyberspace. With a few precautions you can protect yourself and

your family from some of the most common problems Internet users face.

### Question everything you find on the Internet

Do you know whom you are communicating with on the Internet? Vet out your source as well as the data. In most cases, you know which email addresses you should recognize. But if you do not know them, be careful. If you get mail from an address you don't know, be cautious when you open it or consider deleting it right away. It may have a virus or other unwanted material. Generally, it is unwanted "spam" mail so don't waste time on it. If you are doing research remember to cross-reference your data to ensure the integrity of your research.

### Run a virus protection program

Do you remember tetanus shots? Your virus protection is like that. They help to protect you, but they have to be maintained. You should regularly update the virus library your protection uses to check for new "malicious code" (viruses). And remember, without getting too technical, singing cards and animated files are a simple way to introduce a problem into your home system. You should really trust the person you accept it from but be careful. Understand how your virus protection works and keep it updated. If you don't know how to do this, have a friend who does help you.

### Strangers on the Internet are just that

Remember personal ads? Imagine the difference between ads and reality. Think of the Internet as the mean streets where others will hurt you if

you let them. Fakes on the Internet are all too common. Don't trust the folks you meet on the net until you can confirm with other sources that they are who they say they are. This is a

some reason, people forget this when they are using a computer. It's the same scams in a new medium. Information is a key to your money. If a crook has the right information, they can assume your identity and use your good references to your accounts, to go shopping, or to create other problems for you. Don't answer any questions if you are uncomfortable, and always know to

*"Be sure to talk over safe computing practices with the every member of your household using the Internet."*

typical ploy by pedophiles in chat groups. This may be a serious problem for children, so discuss this with them and follow-up by monitoring their activity. "Young friends" on the Internet may not be.

### Don't forward messages with everyone's addresses on it

Have you ever received mail with a list of addresses that it has been forwarded through? Everyone has. If an unscrupulous person gets those addresses you will be "spammed" or worse. If the kids are doing this, and a cyber-predator gets it, you can bet it will be added to their "buddy list." Now they have a target for instant messenger chat and addresses to trade with friends. Practice sending mail with only your address to protect the privacy of those who sent it to you. This protects them from possible problems, and is good "netiquette". Know and use the cc and bcc functions of your email service. CC is the "carbon copy" or open address viewable in headers. BCC is a "blind carbon copy" that does not show the address in the header and keeps the addressees invisible.

whom you are releasing this information.

### When you have a problem know where to report it

Who do you call with problems? Know the reporting policy and security features of your service provider. If it is unwanted or inappropriate mail, typically you forward the whole message to your Internet service provider with all the address (header) information and a note indicating what the problem is. You should check this, but most problems can be reported to abuse@ (fill in whoever your provider is). If it is a criminal problem, call the police in your area to report it, and hope they have someone in the agency who knows what they are doing.

Everyone is concerned with how to secure his or her home computers. While the Internet may seem like a dangerous place, for a majority of users it's generally safe if you follow some of the simple precautions above. Computer security is not simple. Everyone has issues about their systems. That is a complicated question that depends on the type of machine you are using (PC or Mac), the operating system (Windows or other), the Internet service provider (AOL, Netcom, Pacbell, etc), the type of connection you are using (dialup Modem, DSL, ISDN), what services you are using (FTP, Telenet, IRC, etc.). The short answer is to do some research. You should learn more about your system strengths and vulnerabilities and get together with someone who can answer your specific questions. Computers are here to stay, so you may as well learn something about them before you have a problem with them.

Be sure to talk over safe computing practices with the every member of your household using the Internet. Ask the kids about scenarios and how they would handle them. Be sure they understand how to handle themselves in cyberspace.

The Internet is a complicated place that is wide open— for better or worse. If you want to learn more about safe computing at home, do the research, get some training, and practice. Caveat Emptor is still the rule of the day. There is no law west of the modem, so be careful out there.

### Don't send anything that you would not want to see as a newspaper headline

Do you know who is reading your mail? Messages are electronic post cards that anyone may be reading. Mail is sensitive, so be careful about what you write, and to whom. A slight typing error in an email address can be a very serious problem. Email and other postings are not secure unless you are encrypting them, and then you are trusting that the recipient will not be forwarding it in the clear. You must assume that everything you are sending is available to anyone who can access or capture it. Also, your writing is a reflection of you, so spell check and edit your correspondence before you send it. You don't have a chance for inflection of speech so you want to craft messages that convey the fullest sense of your communication.

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# I-Net Scams Are Real

If you don't think that Lon Ramlan's information about Internet scams is accurate, take a moment to read the following email that POA friend and supporter Ethel Newlin recently received.

Ethel is a local traffic safety activist who works closely with members of the department to promote safer streets. She received the following "Urgent Notice" after searching the web for information about pedestrian and traffic safety.

I have used bold-faced type to highlight some of the more interesting come-on language. I have also changed the name of the product, and deleted the address and email routes. So, just as Lon Ramlan warns, Buyer Beware! But, if anyone is really interested, give me a call. . .

— Editor

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— Ethel

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# Ped-Friendly State Law Puts Brakes On State's Rising Speed Limits

By Richard Marosi from the Los Angeles Times  
Submitted by Ethel Newlin  
POA Supporter

In a bid to make streets safer for pedestrians, an Orange County assemblyman Wednesday proposed a sweeping revamp of the controversial method California uses to set speed limits.

The legislation, authored by Assemblyman Lou Correa, would make pedestrian and bicycle safety the "primary factor" traffic engineers consider when determining how fast vehicles can travel. It would also make it harder for drivers to challenge speeding tickets in court.

Currently, state law requires limits be set at or near the speed traveled by 85% of motorists. It also gives drivers wide latitude to contest tickets if they can prove they were traveling at the average speed of traffic.

A Times computer analysis of state accident data found numerous streets in Santa Ana where speed limits were raised despite high pedestrian accident rates. In Orange, officials raised the speed limits on 75% of its streets in 1992. Over the next four years, according to the Times analysis, the number of serious accidents rose 21%.

Correa (D-Anaheim) said he introduced the bill in response to the situation in Santa Ana, which has the highest pedestrian fatality rate in Southern California. But if passed, his bill would have far-reaching implications for drivers across the state.

establish posted limits as the "absolute" rate that motorists must follow regardless of traffic flow. Police said this change would enable them to more strictly enforce speed limits. Santa Ana police, for example, traditionally allow a roughly 10-mph buffer before handing out tickets because judges sometimes throw out "border line" cases.



"It certainly would benefit the police," said Sgt. Raul Luna, the Santa Ana police spokesman. "We would be able to write more violations that in the past we were unable to write because there was always a gray area in the court over what was the safe speed," he said.

John Farris, a Santa Ana-based attorney who specializes in traffic cases, predicts many police will continue to enforce only the most egregious cases. He called the proposal unfair because many motorists who drive over the speed limit do not pose a safety risk.

"If you're driving safely, and over

*"A key goal of the legislation is to tighten what some police officers consider loopholes that enable speeders to successfully challenge tickets."*

"It's a law that injects into the formula some common sense," he said. "Speed limits should not be based solely on the speed of cars."

A key goal of the legislation is to tighten what some police officers consider loopholes that enable speeders to successfully challenge tickets. Under existing law, motorists can argue that the speed traveled, even if above the posted limit, was safe for the existing conditions.

Correa's bill would for the first time

the speed limit, now you're a criminal," he said of the legislation.

But others expressed strong support for the bill, which they said would fundamentally shift traffic policy from ensuring smooth traffic flows to protecting people.

Though the current law does enable traffic engineers to consider high vehicle accident rates when setting speeds, critics say the law does not provide a similar exemption for pedestrian and bicycle safety.



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# SFPD Lion Dance Team Chinese New Year's Parade, February 19, 2000



The San Francisco Police Lion Dancers posed for a shot before the Chinese New Year's parade February 19, 2000. The popularity of the team has grown over the years, both with the participating officers, as well as with the parade watchers — this year totaling more than 400,000. The colorful and elaborately decorated lion displayed in both of these photographs was recently donated to the SFPD dance team by the Republic of China. The dancers appear at many events throughout the year, and there are practice sessions scheduled in between. If you are interested in joining in on the fun and prestige of dancing or supporting the SFPD team, contact Sergeant Jones Wong at the police academy.



The graphic of the Golden Gate Bridge displayed on the sides of this new radio car is an idea that the managers of Fleet are floating. Fleet manager Loyce Tucker is interested in knowing how you feel about the look of the graphic on our cars. If there are enough positive and approving comments, he will move with the proposal to the administration. Let Loyce know how you feel by contacting him at the Fleet garage office via departmental mail, or by email at [tuck680@aol.com](mailto:tuck680@aol.com)



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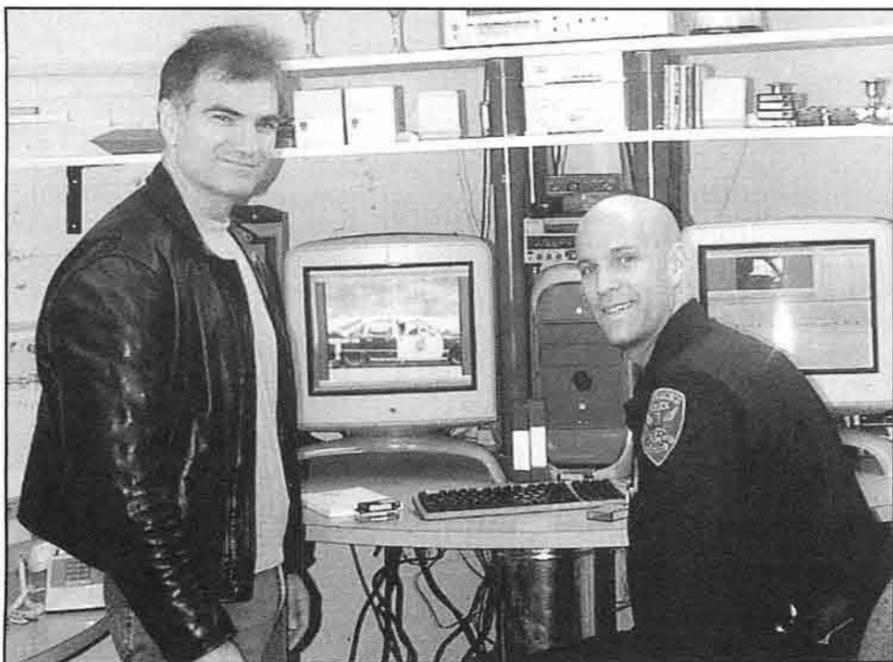
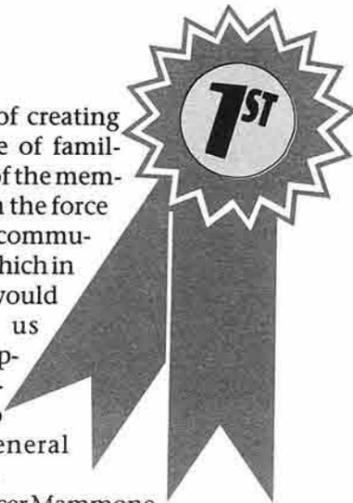
# Best of Show

By Michelle Jean,  
Legal

The SFPOA sponsored videos, "Hearts of the City," Part 1 and 2 were recently bestowed some high honors from the Commission on Peace Officers Standards and Training (POST). POST received and reviewed several video entries but chose Hearts 2, as "Best of Show" because it, "clearly stood out as the best in technical quality and content". Additionally, Hearts 2 was approved for use on POST satellite network, and finally both Hearts 1 and 2 videos will be listed in their annual video catalog.

tance of creating a sense of familiarity of the members on the force to the community, which in turn would make us more approachable to the general public.

Officer Mammone and Officer Cohen are currently putting the finishing touches on the "Hearts 3" video whose theme focuses on the issue and controversies of EVOC



Officers Bob Mammone and Andrew Cohen at work on their next project inside the POA video editing facility.

videos from POST is quite an accomplishment, considering the concept of making the videos was conceived only two years ago during a POA General Membership meeting. The idea of the videos grew out of frustration over media coverage of SFPD, which was either negative or non-existent. The POA wanted to produce videos made by our police officers that would specifically focus on the training we receive and to show a human side of police work that few in the general public had ever seen. I asked Officer Bob Mammone how he would describe the videos that he and Officer Andrew Cohen make. Bob, said "we wanted to produce these videos to teach the public about what we do so they can utilize us better". He also stressed the impor-

driving and training, and copies should be available for pick-up by April. They have also begun production on the next video that centers around the commemoration and celebration of the 25th Anniversary of Women on Patrol in the SFPD.

Chris Cunnie would like to personally thank Chief Lau and his administration for their cooperation on the "Hearts" videos, and he would also like to thank the members for their cooperation and participation in making these video possible.

If you have not seen the "Hearts" videos or would like to obtain a copy of them, they are available free to all members by contacting the POA.

## COMMISSION ON PEACE OFFICER STANDARDS AND TRAINING

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March 1, 2000

Mr. Chris Cunnie  
President  
San Francisco Police Officers' Association  
510 7th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Cunnie:

We are pleased to inform you that the San Francisco Police Officers' Association's *Hearts of the City, Parts I and 2* videos have been reviewed by the POST Video Review Committee and approved for use on our CPTN satellite network (*Part 2*) and listing in our annual video catalog (*Part I and Part 2*).

Additionally, *Part 2* of the series was recognized by the Committee as the "Best of Show" for this quarterly review. *Part 2* of the series was among at least 20 other videos that were reviewed for possible use by POST, yet it clearly stood out as the best in technical quality and content.

I would like to give particular recognition to Officers Andrew Cohen and Robert Mammone, the producers of the video, for their outstanding work. You are fortunate to have such talented video professionals among your ranks. I know that we join others in the law enforcement community in saying that we look forward to future editions of the *Hearts of the City* series, and we hope you will choose to share them with POST for possible broadcast and inclusion in our video catalog.

On behalf of POST, I thank you for sharing these programs.

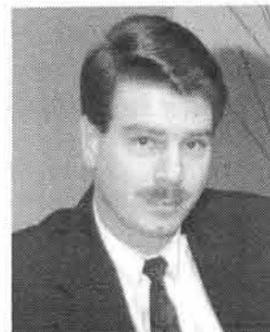
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# The Adventures of Rosie

We each have a fantasy of what we're going to do when we retire. If you're lucky, and start planning now, you might end up like recent retiree Greg Winters. Greg now lives with his wife Andi on a boat called "Rosie". For the past year, they've been planning to sail to Cabo San Lucas, located on the sunny shores of Mexico's Gulf of California. Here is the first in what we hope to be a series of Greg and Andi's adventures aboard Rosie, as she takes them on the journey of their lives...

—Tom Feledy

We tried to send you all a quick note to let you know we were leaving Alameda on Monday, 2/7/00 at 2000 hrs. en route to San Diego on the first leg of the next part of our journey. The e-mail gerbil ate that message and so now, for the first time, you know that we cast off from Slip A-14, Gate 8, Marina Village, Alameda, California on Monday February 7, 2000 at 2000 (8:00 PM PST or 0400 Zulu on 2/8/00).

We'd decided the day before that Monday night would be a good time to go as it should put us into San Diego in the late afternoon of Thursday, given our estimated speed.

Our Marina Village friends and neighbors, Chris & Jerry Hurd and Bill & Allison Fishel, cast us off and the Motor Vessel Rosie and her crew (Greg Winters, Skipper; Andi Winters, First Mate; Brennan Fernandez, Engineer;

and Ray Winters, Deck Ape along with Emily, Dog; Akeisha, Cat; and Sox, Cat) departed for San Diego on the end of an ebb tide.

As we passed under the Bay Bridge we rigged out and dropped our paravane stabilizers. The foghorn was activated as Alcatraz had been stolen and was nowhere to be seen. We were grateful for the invention of radar as visibility quickly decreased to tens of yards or less. We did see the Golden Gate Bridge (just the underside), closed our first waypoint (of four) as we passed under it and headed out to sea.

The hairiest part of the trip came next as a Pilot Boat, sitting dead in the water, loomed out of the fog. Subsequent evasive action nearly put us on Mile Rock as we (should say Greg as he was driving) billiard-balled back and forth across the channel and beyond in dense fog while avoiding hard places and the Pilot Boat that seemed to always be hovering off our starboard bow on a collision course.

Enough adventure already. The rhythm of watch and watch established itself.

Waypoint 2 was passed at 0331 on Tuesday, February 8, 2000 and course was set at 153 for the 241-mile run to the next spot on the chart. Except for some lumpiness in the seaway and a slower turn of speed than anticipated the run was easy and uneventful. Our



Motor vessel "Rosie"

old fuel problems resurfaced but were easily dealt with and on we went.

We occasionally wondered if we'd made a big mistake in our weather forecasting, as we encountered almost no other vessel traffic of any description until we closed on San Diego.

*The hairiest part of the trip came next as a Pilot Boat, sitting dead in the water, loomed out of the fog.*

Our last course change took place at 2340 on Wednesday, February 9, as we turned to 113 degrees for the 188-mile leg to the San Diego Buoy. As we left the open ocean for the Outer Santa Barbara Channel we also left quiet weather and easy seaway. Lumpy turned to bumpy for the next 24 hours with South to South Westerly winds and a West swell until we made the lee of San Clemente Island.

We learned that we could pick up storm cells on our radar and therefore knew in advance when we were to get wet. We also learned that we had done

one great job tying down everything loose in the boat. We lost one cat dish and a couple of suicidal items from the fridge that attacked the First Mate by throwing themselves at her as soon as the door opened.

Friday, February 10 dawned with scattered showers. The miles to go on the GPS ticked downward at the usual 5-6 knot rate and Point Loma rose with the sun. We fetched the "SD" buoy and entered the San Diego Channel at 1100.

Rosie and her crew arrived and were fast to the dock in Cabrillo Isle Marina, Harbor Island, San Diego, California at 1130 on Friday, February 11, 2000. A passage of 485 nautical miles completed in safety and relative comfort.

Rosie did her job well and was well served by her crew. On to Mexico come October. We'll stay in touch with occasional updates by e-mail. Drop us an electronic line if you like. You can find us at either Gwint10@aol.com or Andiwint@aol.com. Our temporary snail mail address for the next few months will be: 1450 Harbor Island Drive San Diego, CA 92101 Telephone: 619-291-7094

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own weapon had jammed. Shrapnel tore into his arms, hands and legs, but the chaplain continued on, always helping.

He died as the day grew dark. An enemy machine gun had the Marines pinned down. The chaplain ran to a wounded corpsman but was hit as he comforted him. The chaplain was killed with the corpsman.

"As he did so often, he was always with his men," Navy Lt. Daniel L. Mode said during the homily, recounting Capodanno's last hours. Mode, a Catholic priest, penned a biography of Capodanno, "The Grunt Padre," published by CMJ Marian Publishers.

Father Capodanno was on his second tour in Vietnam when he was killed. He spent his first tour with the 1st Battalion, 7th Marine Regiment, duty which earned him a Bronze Star with combat V for administering last rites during five combat missions despite heavy enemy fire.

After nearly fifty years of hiding out in a Camp Lejeune, NC, chapel, an original 17th century painting by Italian artist Giovanni Battista Salvi has been discovered. What is likely one of the four remaining major works of the

master has been hanging in the Protestant Chapel since the 1950s. The Marine Corps discovered the painting in January, while preparing to close the chapel for renovations. A civilian historian who was preparing to crate the painting for storage recognized it as a masterpiece.

Titled "St. Michael Slaying the Dragon," the painting would be one of the best-preserved samples of the artist's work. The chapel's painting is about five feet high; four feet wide and well preserved. St. Michael can be considered the patron saint of soldiers, sailors, Marines, and police officers.

The painting was donated in the '50s by art dealer and former World War I Marine Victor Spark and his wife in memory of their son, Pfc. Donald W. Spark, who was killed in action 16 June 1944 on Saipan. It was re-dedicated in 1976 after another son, Marine Col. Michael M. Spark, died in action 15 January 1969, near An Hoa in South Vietnam.

Having dedicated this month's column to Kate Hallisy's memory, I couldn't bring myself to write about anything but courage and saints. Rest in Peace Kate.

- Semper Fi, Jack.
- Semper Fi, Dale.
- Semper Fi, Kate.

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important cases for his fellow Inspectors. Arthur passed away in San Francisco.

**PETER (PETE) GARDNER:** 72 years. Pete was born in New York City. He grew up in the Mission and Attended Saint Ignatius High, and Mission High. After High School he joined the Navy. He worked as a clerk before entering the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment sent him to Taraval. Next was Mission Station and then to Co. K 3 Wheel Motorcycle detail. He then went to Central and Potrero. As a Sgt. he worked at both Potrero and Mission. Pete was very active in The POA as its president, working hard for the rank and file. He was a firm believer in the Credit Union and held card #1. Pete went on to teach at City College and was the chair of the Criminology Department. He taught several hundred current Police Officers Criminology, four of which attained the rank of Chief. Pete won all three medals our

Department offers for valor. GOLD, SILVER and BRONZE. He was truly a man that touched all our lives. Pete passed away in San Francisco.

**REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES**  
The Bylaws revision committee met on Feb. 7, 2000 in Bldg. 606. Mike Kemmitt (chair), Kurpinsky, Crosat, Garrity, Aguliar, Fontana, Hurley and Sturken. The first draft was made and brought before the membership. After discussion a motion was made by Hardeman and seconded by Fontana that we accept the changes as the first reading. Motion carried.

**BILLS:** The usual bills were presented. Motion Crosat, Seconded Kurpinsky that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION:** A moment of silence was held for our departed members.

**ADJOURNMENT** President Garrity set the next meeting for Wednesday March 15, 2000 @ 2 PM Conference room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 1345 hrs.

Voice Mail: 415-681-3660  
*Fraternally, Mark Hurley, Secretary*

**Traffic Cop Is Standing Ad. Why Not Extend Usefulness?**

Submitted by Al Casciato, Traffic

Staggering possibilities for reducing the tax rate to a minus quantity were thrust into the imaginations of San Francisco taxpayers yesterday. There has been a waste of the most deplorable kind, and the city was stunned when it realized it. Waste of space — waste of advertising space.

*Reprinted from  
The San Francisco Examiner,  
June 15, 1915*

Figures rapidly compiled by one mathematician who recovered from the shock of discovery more rapidly than other victims show that the traffic squad of the police department can be made into an asset sufficient to pay off the Hetch Hetchy bonds.

It all came about by the appearance of neat little pedestals for the traffic men at their stations. The stands are just high enough to carry on each side a clearly legible command to buy only: "L. McLuke's Anti-Skid Flour."

To confine such advertising possibilities to the mere pedestals is criminal waste. Is not the back of each traffic officer a mighty space of uncreased cloth? Why then leave it unlettered? A motley back, each piece contributed by some manufacturer who would pay handsomely for having his name on the cloth should bring in, considering the extraordinary advantages of the space, at least \$24,876.63 per back per annum.

**Higher Rates for Front**

The front, while convex to the conform with the deep chests of our police, would be more prominent than the backs, and should command higher rates. Multi-colored medallions might well take the place of buttons, each announcing the merits of different metals, and a high collar would be a coveted space for the linen manufacturers.

The top of the cap would appeal to passengers on the tops of Exposition auto busses, while the visors by little bending could well make known the latest style in Bond street headgear.

Each trouser leg has its possibilities, and one eager advertiser has already offered a large sum for the privilege of displaying the following sign on either shoe: "Wait Until It Rains," and having the exclusive advertising space on the traffic men's raincoats.

**Possibilities? Lots of 'Em**

But possibilities do not stop with the traffic squad. Why not make every patrolman a walking advertising directory? What about the ambulances and the fire engines? What about all the wasted walls in the Civic Center?

Imagination totters at the thought. If these suggestions be followed within one year there will be no taxpayer in San Francisco, instead they will receive dividends from the city.

**PET CORNER**

By Deborah Braden  
Background Investigations

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**Name:** Gracie  
**ID:** A116318  
**Age:** 1 year old  
**Sex:** Female/spayed  
**Description:** Gracie is a 1 year spayed female sable Pit Bull mix. She's very sweet and housetrained. Gracie's active and loves other dogs and you know what? She's a pretty great dog herself!



**Name:** Brando  
**ID:** A116394  
**Age:** 10 months  
**Sex:** Male  
**Description:** Brando is a cream and black Spitz and Husky mix. He's a 10 month old male and a real gentleman. he loves to go on long walks and loves meeting other dogs. He knows simple tricks and commands like sit and enjoys showing them off for you.



**Name:** Mickey  
**ID:** A116986  
**Age:** 7 months  
**Sex:** Male  
**Description:** Mickey is a 7 month male German Shepherd. As you can see he has the loveliest black and brown German Shepherd colors and those perked up black ears, a future police dog indeed! Mickey is very smart and obedient and loves learning new tricks. He's a great companion dog with the cutest most distinctive bark you ever heard.



**Name:** Matthew  
**ID:** A117039  
**Age:** 3 months  
**Sex:** Male/spayed  
**Description:** Matthew is a rad and white 3 month neutered male Pit Bull mix. He's very anxious to please, playful and loving. Matthew goes for back massages in a big way, and did you get a load of that freckled nose?



**Name:** Sheba  
**ID:** A116956  
**Age:** 4 year  
**Sex:** Female  
**Description:** Sheba is a 3 year female Samoyed. As you can see, she has a lovely gold and white coat and is as regal as the Queen of Sheba! She's people centered and has the hugest big brown eyes. She's looking for a home where she can share her heartfelt of love, a genuine sweet-heart!



**Name:** Molly  
**ID:** A116376  
**Age:** Sex: Female  
**Description:** Molly is a lovely white female Pit Bull with dark brown markings and a beauty spot on her side. She has the loveliest manners and moves like a ballerina. Her favorite pastime is to go to the park and fetch the ball again and again. She takes turns and brings it back to each person in the group, great park etiquette!



**Name:** Rainbow  
**ID:** A112704  
**Age:** 3 year  
**Sex:** Male/neutered  
**Description:** Rainbow is a brindle pit bull mix. He has a lot of energy and needs a special person he can shower with love and kisses.



**Name:** Maggie  
**ID:** A115710  
**Age:** 1 year  
**Sex:** Female  
**Description:** Maggie is a 1 year female Australian Cattle Dog, very high energy and loves to fetch. She is a classic herder and runs like a champion. If you've got any stray cows, Maggie's the one for you.



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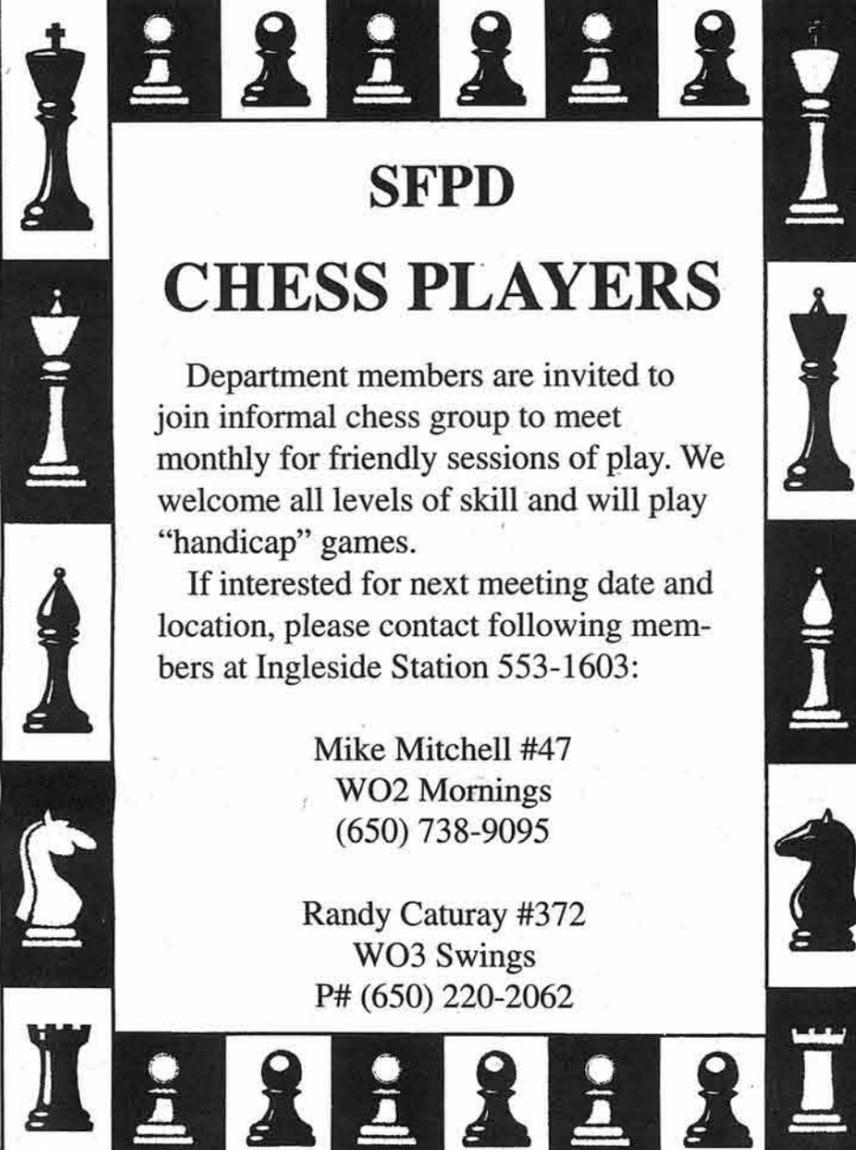
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By W. Hunt





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## Judge Lays Down the Law to Alleged Gang Member

Reprinted from the Daily Republic  
By Jess Sullivan

FAIRFIELD — On his 20th birthday, Isaiah Luna had to endure an unusually harsh and insulting tongue lashing from Judge Eric Uldall.

"You think you're a tough guy?" Uldall asked Luna of his alleged gang activities at the end of a probation revocation hearing Wednesday. "Vacaville - north side, south side. It's a joke, a big joke."

Luna, wearing a bright red sweatshirt and a scowl on his face, sat silently next to his attorney, Anthony Finkas, as Uldall continued.

"You kids get your hands on some guns and you think you're tough. I've got a nephew on the Tenderloin Task Force," Uldall said of the San Francisco police department's patrol efforts in the crime-ridden neighborhood. "How about if we put you out there at 9 p.m. and come back for you at 6 a.m.? You'd be dead."

"I don't know what your problem is. Maybe you've seen too many movies and you think you're a tough guy."

Finkas had arranged for a 6 month jail sentence for his client, who had just admitted violating his probation by joining a friend for a drive, following an unidentified man and then beating him in his driveway as he got out

of his car in December 1999.

"You're sitting there looking surly and acting like a punk. You want to go to the joint right now?" Uldall said challenging Luna.

As Luna began to respond, Finkas interrupted, trying to speak.

"No. I want him to answer me," Uldall said, glaring back at Luna.

Finkas cut in again, telling Uldall his client had moved from Vacaville to Fairfield and was now in a different gang.

Uldall was unimpressed.

"You're a little lightweight. You put on a mask and go over and beat some guy up on Circle Drive. It's a joke and you're a joke," Uldall said before telling Luna if he wanted to cast "hard looks" he should try it in the Tenderloin, where the real tough guys are. "Those guys have been to prison two or three times and every fourth or fifth one is packing."

"The way I see it here, you owe me two years and two months and you will do that time if you have another conviction," Uldall said of the potential prison sentence Luna had dodged when he originally received probation.

"Do you have any questions," Uldall asked Luna.

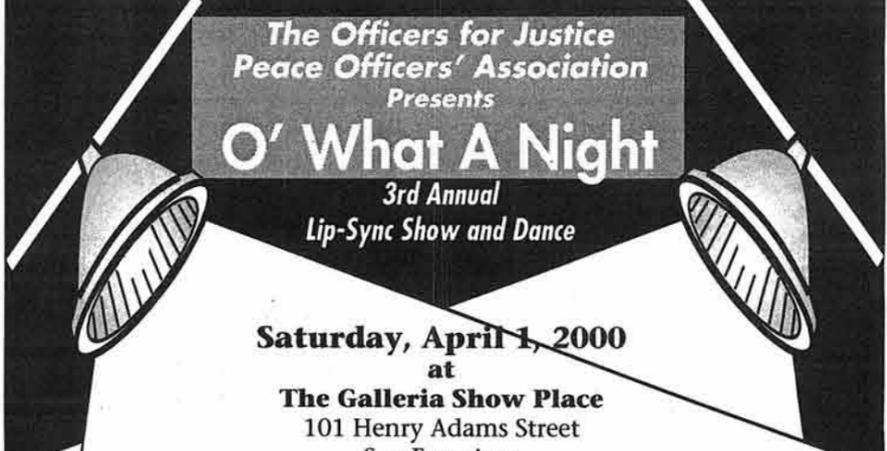
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"No what?"  
"No, sir."

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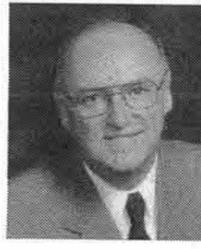
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### Massachusetts Police, Fire Subject To Mandatory Physical Fitness Tests

(from [www.boston.com/globe/](http://www.boston.com/globe/) Boston Globe)

It's an old image Massachusetts state officials are trying to erase: the doughnut-loving overweight cop who can be easily outrun by a purse snatcher. So for the first time, the state will require rigorous fitness and body fat tests for police and firefighters in nearly 200 communities, not only when they are hired, but every two years afterward.

Police officers will have to climb through windows, hoist themselves over walls, and pull weighted bags. Firefighters will have to carry ladders, wrestle with hoses, bash rubber pads with sledgehammers, and drag dummies through a low-ceilinged obstacle course.

However, after intense negotiations, many have won an exemption from the new law, which was signed by Governor Paul Cellucci last week. The requirement will affect only those police and firefighters hired after Nov. 1, 1996 - roughly 30 percent of the police and firefighters in 189 communities. Union leaders fought for the exemption because older officers never had to face such standards before, said John Coflesky, president of the State Police Association. "It wouldn't be fair to put a standard in for them now," he said.

Bob McCarthy, president of the Professional Firefighters Association of Massachusetts and a fire captain in Watertown, said with retirements, the whole force in the cities and towns should be taking the tests within 10 years. The tests will be no jog around the park, said Jim Hartnett, who heads the state Department of Human Resources. "It's an exact replica of what they encounter on the job," Hartnett said. "Being a firefighter is not an easy job. Being a police officer is not an easy job."

Those who fail will have 16 weeks to train and try again. If they fail twice, termination proceedings will begin. Police and firefighters in the 189 communities agreed to the tougher stan-

dards more than a decade ago, as part of a pension reform bill that passed the Legislature in 1987. But it took years to wrangle through the details, State House officials said, in negotiations among police and firefighting unions, officers, state officials, and the Massachusetts Municipal Association.

It wasn't always easy to hammer out the requirements, making sure they were rigorous, but not too rigorous, law enforcement officials said. At one point, a Department of Human Resources consultant devised a set of tests and brought in a gantlet of intimidating machines to try to establish the physical standards, said one union member who wished to remain anonymous. The consultant recruited a trio of young, fit officers — "Olympuses," the union member said — to try out the tests and even some of them failed.

Eventually, standards were set using a more representative group of officers, with a range of ages and physical abilities, said James Barry of the Boston Police Patrolmen's Association. Firefighters across the state range in age from 19 to 65, and police officers range from 21 to 65.

"It's a demanding job, and it's just a way to make sure they're taking care of themselves," McCarthy said. Most police officers are already in decent shape, Barry said. But the new law puts a burden on local departments to keep their officers healthy, often by providing physical fitness equipment, he said. It's also a way to boost police officers' image, he said, to tell the public that police are committed to staying lean, despite the stereotypes.

"There's no doubt about it," Barry said. "The Dunkin, Donuts joke? Sure, that plays to a certain audience."  
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### Report on scandal

### Are Big Changes In the Works for LAPD?

Referenced by Lon Ramlan  
Police Academy

This Internet link — <http://www.lapdonline.org/> — contains the Board of Inquiry Final Report on the Rampart Area Corruption Incident of the Los Angeles Police Department. The executive summary is about 27

pages. The full report is very long. The bottom line is that all of us in law enforcement should all be aware of this report. Take a look at where we are at and compare that with how this happened down in the Southland. This is really a must read.  
<http://www.lapdonline.org/>

### True Blue

For Silvia Cortez, now 5, the day was pure magic. Officer Steve Bertolino of the Los Angeles Police Department took the young cancer patient to meet Officer Pat Khouri of the mounted patrol. "Silvia's dream was to ride a horse," says Officer Bertolino.

Last October, Charles Holt's dream also came true. At morning roll call, the chief of police pinned a badge on the 5-year-old's custom-made police uniform. Afterward, Charles hopped aboard a police helicopter, then went on a ride-along in a patrol car. "I spent the day chasing him," laughs Bertolino, the policeman responsible for the Cop for a Day program that made these dreams-and many more a reality.

Officer Bertolino and Charles Holt met at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center. Bertolino was being treated for brain cancer; Charles has hemophilia. "As I was going through the brain surgery and chemotherapy, I became so impressed with the kids I met," says Bertolino, 47. After completing his chemo treatments, Bertolino often visited the children. The Cop for a Day program began during one of these visits, a year and a half ago, when cancer patient Iain Leslie, then 11, spied the uniformed officer. "He asked me, 'Can I be a cop, too?'" says Bertolino, who called a few of his fellow officers at the Newton station in Los Angeles for assistance.

A few days later, dressed in a pint-size police uniform (paid for by the cops),

Iain ran with the K-9 unit and rode in a helicopter. The goal of Cop for a Day is to give sick and chronically ill kids a unique experience, says Bertolino, who knows firsthand what cancer treatments entail. Recently, he and his fel-

*Cancer patient Iain Leslie asked me, "Can I be a cop, too?"*

low officers started a foundation called Angels on the Clock. "We called it that because these are kids whose time is short." Currently, Angels is working on taking a group of kids to Hawaii.

In November Bertolino and his wife took Silvia Cortez, her brother and her mother, Zaira, to Disneyland. "I'm grateful to the people who were able to give us a few days of happiness," wrote Zaira in a thank-you note. "I'm committed to this," says Bertolino, now a reserve officer with the Newton Division Community Relations Office. "As long as God gives me time, this is what I'll do with it."

For more info: Angels on the Clock, c/o Los Angeles Police Dept. (CRO), 3400 South Central Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90011.

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# Letters



To our Friends in the San Francisco Police Department:

On behalf of the entire Gardner Family we would like to express our thanks and gratitude for your kindness during our time of sorrow, with the loss of our father. The phone calls, thoughts, prayers, visits, flowers, Mounted color guard, and funeral procession escort touched each family member deeply. With a long family history within the San Francisco Police Department, we saw the members once again rise to the occasion in a time of tragedy.

Fraternally,  
Dan, Matt, and the entire Gardner Family



Dear Mr. Cunnie,

I continue to get reports of the great times that THIRD Fleet sailors had while in port San Francisco during Fleet Week this last year. I wanted to write and thank you for your wonderful support and friendship with the men and women of the United States Navy. The baseball game and barbecue that the San Francisco Police Department and Police Officers' Association hosted for sailors from USS ESSEX and the USS SAN FRANCISCO, were tremendous and kindled a great friendship between your organization and my young men and women. Events like Fleet Week are so important to us because they provide wonderful opportunities for interaction with groups like the SFPD. These exchanges teach us about one another professionally, but most importantly they create wonderful, lasting relationships and memories. I look forward to helping maintain these friendships throughout the year and during Fleet Week 2000!

Sincerely,  
Denny V. McGinn  
Vice Admiral, U. S. Navy  
Commander Third Fleet



Dear Chris,

I sincerely thank you, the Board of Directors, and fellow officers of the POA for the kind words and plaque that marked my retirement. There have been many fine officers and civilians who have been very important to me over the years and I value their friendship.

I support the efforts of the POA

and look forward to our continued friendship!

Sincerely,  
Gabe Harp



Dear Chris Cunnie,

I would like to thank the POA for the generous scholarship I received for this school year. I am a freshman and an undeclared Social Science major at The University of California Davis and have recently finished my first fall quarter. Thanks to the POA's scholarship I was able concentrate on my schoolwork and the transition from living at home to living on my own, rather than on fiscal matters. It has enabled me to buy the necessary books and school supplies so that I am able to participate in activities outside my financial budget, such as Christian retreats with fellow students and various clubs around the campus.

Besides the outside activities I am enjoying, I am receiving a top of the line education from one of the best colleges in the state. At this point my major is undeclared but I plan on double majoring in Psychology and Religious Studies or Political Science. With this degree I either want to be a counselor in the public school system or practice family law. I am also studying Italian and desire to study abroad in Italy my junior year with the Education Abroad Program. I have always been proud of my father and his profession so it means a lot to me, being a daughter of a San Francisco Police Officer, to receive a scholarship from the POA. Thank you again.

Sincerely,  
Erin McCann



Dear Men & Women of the San Francisco Police Department:

Just a note to express our sincere thanks for your support in helping with the loss of Kirk Brookbush. Apologies for the delay in sending our appreciation to everyone; it was a form of denial that he isn't coming home to us.

We were very grateful to Chief Lau, DC Santos, Commander Fong and all their Support Staff. Special thanks to the wonderful women who voluntarily took my family under their wings, Robin Matthews & Lynette Hogue, and helped us

through this ordeal. I think they must be tired of the excellent Filipino food cooked by my sister Marie (Elena). We were so impressed with the Solo & CHP Teams that assisted us, it was amazing seeing their expertise in the works. I don't know what I would have done without Inspector Pam Fitzgerald-Wermes and lovely Kim Fitzgerald-Wermes, holding me up and lending me their strength. It was a blessing Kirk had met such wonderful people. We give thanks to the SFPD Chaplains Mike Ryan and Sister Lillian Repak, and Monsignor John Heaney, Reverend Dr. Lawrence Au, Reverend Chang Soo Kim, and all the other dedicated folks of the Lord. The SFPD Academy class helped find Kirk's wedding ring, which was a miracle in itself, and it will be passed on to our son Andrew, when it is time.

Special thanks to the pallbearers, that were also true friends to Kirk. We wanted to thank the CSI management, staff and crew for being there for Kirk. He was honored to work with all of you. Liam Frost & Pam Fitzgerald-Wermes, thanks for having the patience in dealing with Kirk's out-of-touch relatives and any ignorance that transpired. Kirk was proud being a part of our San Francisco diverse family and his in-laws relatives in Hawaii. A legend was buried at the Presidio of San Francisco, and we thank everyone who assisted us in finding that special place and Dan Duggan's professional services.

A friend of Kirk's wrote he earned a different set of wings, and this is true. Our regrets and condolences are sent to all of Jim Dougherty's family. He was truly respected and was gold to the Air Support Unit, and a dedicated aviator also! We pray for some of the courage that Kirk and Jim had to move on with life and duty.

We love everyone,  
Sue and Andrew Brookbush



Dear San Francisco Police Officers' Association,

We recently received your generous gift of \$100 in response to our year-end Campaign. As the New Year approaches it is wonderful to know that with the help of donors like you Meals On Wheels will continue to meet the needs of homebound seniors in San Francisco. We hope to serve more meals in 2000 than ever before, your contribution will help us meet that goal.

Your support of our work is extremely gratifying. As you might expect, your entire donation is tax deductible as no goods or services have been exchanged.

Your donation will be used to provide meals to homebound seniors currently on our waiting list. Your continuing recognition and support of Meals On Wheels of San Francisco is greatly appreciated.

With heartfelt thanks from our Board of Directors, staff and most importantly the seniors we serve.

Sincerely,  
Meals On Wheels of  
San Francisco, Inc.  
Richard H. Lipner,  
Executive Director



Dear Police Officers' Association,  
Thanks so much for the check you sent at Christmas. I really appreciate it.

I'm saving towards something with wheels when I turn 16.

Thanks again,  
Mike Bloesch



Editor -

During our eleven years of working with the SFPOA, through the *Notebook/Journal*, it always saddens us to learn about the unfortunate losses of life within the SFPOA/SFPD.

We have the deepest respect and gratitude for all the officers who put their lives on the line every day.

Our condolences to the families of Inspector Kirk Brookbush and Officer Jim Dougherty.

Sincerely,  
David and Denise Dermer  
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Dear POA -

Thank you for your kind thoughts and hard work during the planning of my father's funeral.

Our family is very grateful for the fine attention to all of the small details.

The flowers that were sent were so beautiful. It is a great comfort to us to know that our police family cares so much.

May God bless you.  
Bridget Lyons  
(Jim Dougherty's daughter)



Editor -

Thank you for your gift of \$100.00 (received on March 6, 2000).

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On behalf of the 20,000 youth who will benefit in the Year 2000 from the generosity you have shown them through your support of CYO, please accept my heartfelt thanks for your special contribution to our young people. Your support of CYO programs provides a safe harbor for our children year-round.

With best wishes for good health, much happiness and prosperity,  
 Brian F. Cahill  
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Dear Mr. Cunnie:

Justice for Murder Victims would like to take this opportunity to thank the sponsors, players, volunteers and guests for their continued support and participation in our 1999 Golf Tournament.

Funds raised from this golf tournament will go directly to activities that support victims and their families and help raise the public's awareness of victim's rights. With your continued support, we will make a difference.

We hope you had an enjoyable day and will continue to support our efforts.

On behalf of Justice for Murder Victims and Harriet and Mike Salarno, we thank you again.

Sincerely,  
 Michael Daly



Dear Mr. Cunnie

With deep appreciation for your generosity to Kid Stock, I thank you on behalf of all the children we serve here in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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 Jane Anne Sullivan, Director  
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Dear Chris,

Thank you very much for your contribution of \$250.00 to Big Brothers Big Sisters of San Francisco and the Peninsula that we received this morning. You can be sure that your donation will be used directly to help match more children.

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As one of the vital members of our community, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association's interest in our program is very important to us. Please feel welcome to call me at any time or stop by the office and say hello.

Sincerely,  
 Karen A. Marki  
 Development Director  
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Captain Hom:

I would like to express my appreciation for the assistance of several police units at the termination of a Multi-Area pursuit in the Bayview district on March 1, 2000. The suspect vehicle had been attempting to evade arrest on the freeway from the city of San Jose. When he entered the city of San Francisco, he exited the freeway and after transversing through several surface streets, collided into an innocent party.

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collision report. They arrived on scene and displayed a professional manner while obtaining all pertinent information. Sergeant Godbois also responded to the scene and provided assistance and support.

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Dear Mr. Cunnie:

Re: CalPERS, Health Plans

Thank you for your letter of February 24, 2000. I agree with you that the CalPERS health plans deserve a closer look. So does the Health Service Board.

As you may recall, the Board heard a presentation from Donna Beaumont of CalPERS at its regular meeting on December 9, 1999. Further evaluation of the CalPERS option has, however, been precluded by the Charter-mandated annual setting of rates, benefits and City contribution levels. Many people do not realize that in order for the Health Service System to provide adequate open enrollment services to all of our members, the Board must make its final decisions on all of these matters by early March.

I am pleased to report that the

Board has succeeded in meeting this tight timeline. Indeed, the Health Service Board and as two standing committees (Rates & Benefits and Finance & Budget) will, as of today, have held a total of 11 public meetings since January 1, 2000, in order to meet this timeline. Believe it or not, the Board's Customer Service Task Force has also managed to hold four meetings during this same time period.

Fortunately, the Board has made it through this intense period and can now turn back to longer term planning issues, including the CalPERS option. Fortunately, there has never been the need for an RFP process in order for the Health Service Board to select the CalPERS option, given the exceptions contained in Section 21.2 of the San Francisco Administrative Code and the fact that CalPERS is a unique public entity. What you may be referring to is the possibility of an RFP process to find an alternative indemnity plan to those offered by CalPERS (whose option, by the way, is essentially a take-the-whole-package-of-plans or none-at-all proposition). There is still plenty of time for an indemnity plan RFP process to occur in time for the 2001-2002 plan year, but keep in mind that this would be an alternative to the CalPERS option; A would simply involve adding or substituting one indemnity plan in the current package of health plans offered by the Health Service System. Obviously, if everyone quickly becomes convinced that CalPERS provides the right option, then there would be no need to carry out this separate RFP process.

I hope this provides some comfort that the Board is preserving all of its options, and is acting in the best interest of its members.

Please do not hesitate to call me if you wish to further discuss this matter.

Very truly yours,  
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Check Participant's Event(s)  100 Meter  1500 Meter

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Gender:  Boy  Girl  
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Age Today: \_\_\_\_\_ Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_  
Proof of birth date must be submitted with this entry form. Proof of birth will be enforced. Month/Day/Year

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USATF Number: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Not mandatory to be a USATF member to participate)

**Waiver of Responsibility:**  
 In consideration of your acceptance of this entry, for heirs, executors, administrator, or myself, I hereby waive and release any and all rights and claims for damage I may have against all person, agencies, and any other sponsoring, coordinating organization of clinics, their agents or representatives for any or all injuries sustained by me in the 100 or 1500 meter championships or in any other activity, including transportation to and from such competition, related directly or indirectly to my participation in said program.

Signature of Participant \_\_\_\_\_ Signature of Parent or Guardian \_\_\_\_\_

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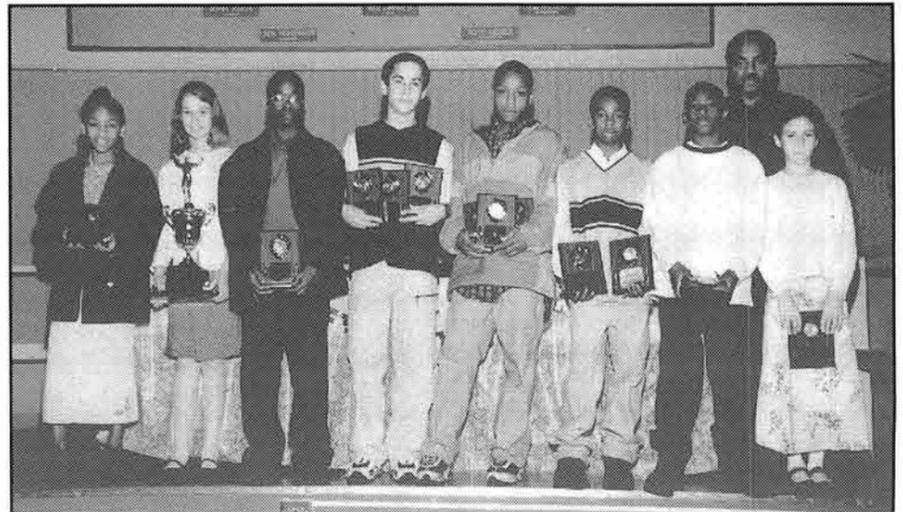
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**SF Striders results**

1999 USATF Track & Field Junior Olympic National Championship - Omaha, Nebraska and 1999 USATF Cross Country National Championship - Spartanburg, South Carolina

Left to Right:	Name	Place	Age	Event
	Victoria Humphrey	57th	9-10 Girls	1999 Jr. Oly. Cross Country National Championship South Carolina
	Eve King	1st	9-10 Girls	Triathlon 1999 Jr. Oly. Track & Field National Championship - Omaha ,
	Kelvin	6th	11-12 Boys	4x100 relay
		9th	11-12 Boys	4x800 relay
		13th	11-12 Boys	4x400 relay
	Josh Bornstein	9th	11-12 Boys	4x800 relay
		13th	11-12 Boys	4x400 relay
		13th	11-12 Boys	800 Meters Run
	Louis Johnson	6th	11-12 Boys	4x 100 relay
		9th	11-12 Boys	4x800 relay
		13th	11-12 Boys	4x400 relay
	D'Maurie Woods	6th	11-12 Boys	4x 100 relay
		9th	11-12 Boys	4x800 relay
	Kim Mitchell	6th	11-12 Boys	4x100 relay
		13th	11-12 Boys	4x400 relay
		21st	11-12 Boys	400 Meters Run
	Ibella King	17th	9-10 Girls	High Jump
	Janisha Christian	157th	9-10 Girls	1999 Jr. Oly. Cross Country National Championship - South Carolina (no photo)

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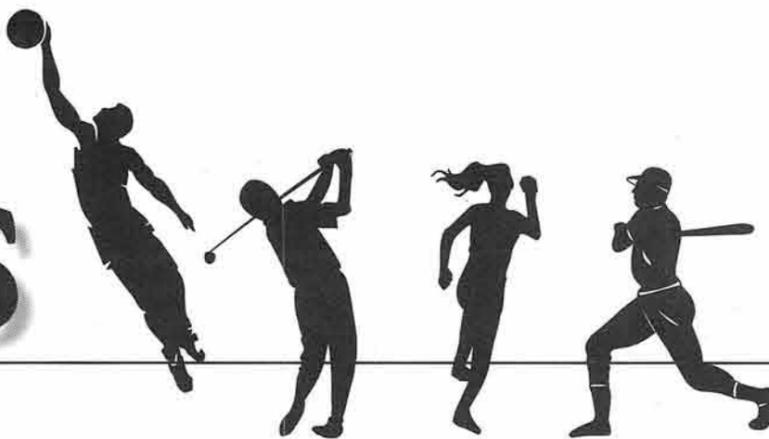
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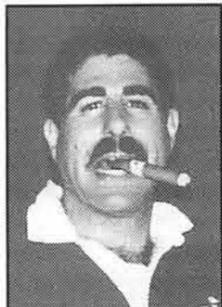


## NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

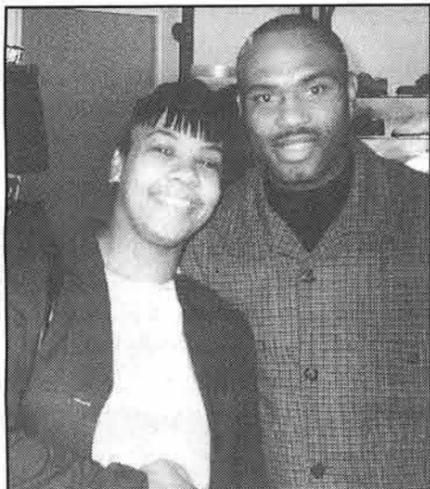
**CHECK IT OUT:** With the NBA All Star game taking place in the Bay Area last month, it was nice to see that not all cops were on the outside looking in while working 10-B events. I'm talking about Edie Lewis who is one of Park Station's school cars; she was able to attend a few of the hot NBA parties as a guest as you can see by the pics accompanying my column this month. Edie is close friends with former Golden State Warrior Tim Hardaway (they grew up together in Chicago), and includes former Cal Bear Jason Kidd and Seattle's Gary Paton in her circle of friends as well.

Accompanied by her Godfather John Greenberg (former NBA referee and presently one of the heads of the SF Park and Rec), Edie attended a major party that took place at Nike Town on Friday night Feb. 11. She was even able to rub elbows with other NBA stars such as, Allen Iverson, Vince Carter, Kevin Garnett, and Mitch Richmond, and even Shaquille O'Neal. It was a very exciting event that had a very laid back atmosphere, which in turn allowed the players to be in a relaxed



car" duties. Thanks to Edie for sharing her pics with the Journal, and keep up the good work as well.

When it comes to the department basketball league, it is now crunch time as the playoffs have gotten under way. At least they've started in the B Division. Post season play in the A

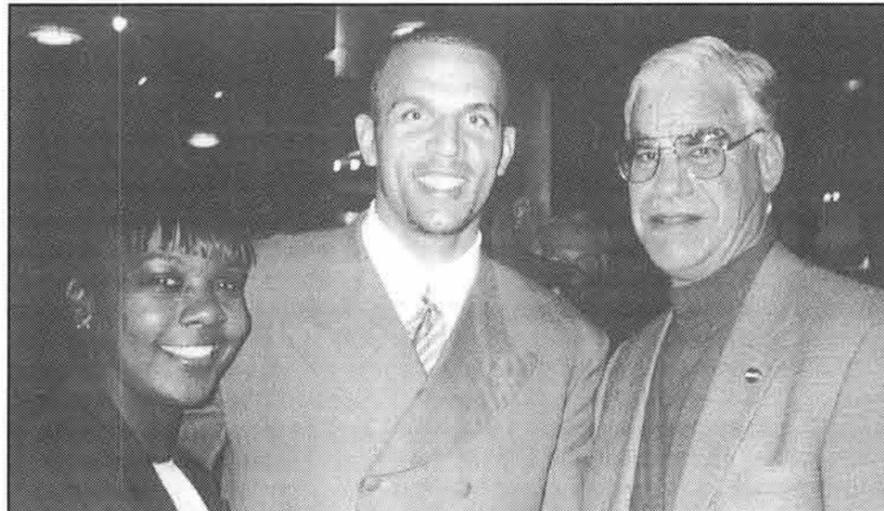


Edie with Tim Hardaway

Division was put on hold because certain teams thought it was more important to go to New York — this includes SF Fire Dept #1 and SF Fire #2 (the nerve of these guys).

In the first round of the B Division playoffs the week of March 6th: SF CHP defeated Park Station, Southern beat Northern #2, TTF prevailed over the Inspectors, and DPT won over Ingleside. The semi-finals took place on Tues. March 14th: SF CHP was again able to prevail with a victory over TTF 68-60 despite strong play from Jerry "I'm The Commish" Darcy, Lavante "Matador" Mitchell, and Rich "Huge" O'Reilly. One thing that everyone was asking though was: Where was Darren Nocetti?. Southern had their game won against DPT 51-48, but because of shoddy handling of the game clock by "someguy" DPT was able to throw up a three pointer at the end to tie it, send it into overtime and eventually win it by a score of 54-53.

When all was said and done in the Southern v.s. DPT game, no one could overlook the very bad conduct displayed by some members of the Parking and Traffic team. There were fla-



Edie Lewis, Park Station with Jason Kidd and Edie's Godfather, Jon Greenberg

grant fouls that included kicking players while they were down to go along with the very abusive language when doing their taunting. There is even a question of whether or not they will be invited back to participate in the league next season. In the meantime, the tainted B Division Championship will take place on Thurs. March 23rd at 10:00 am at Kezar Pavilion.

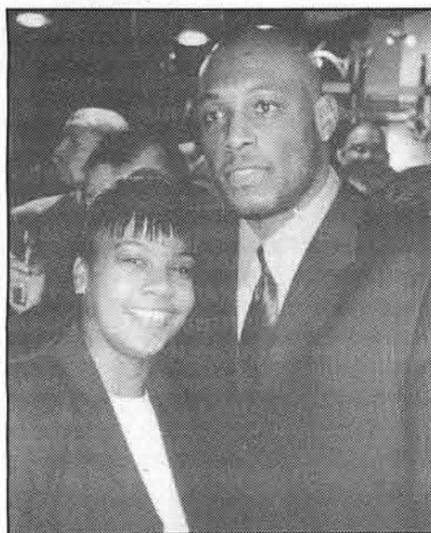
Hoops Commissioner Jerry Darcy would like the very important league fees to keep coming as the season is soon coming to an end. He also wants to start a department forty years and over league that could get underway soon. Anyone interested in participating should contact Jerry at TTF during the day shift.

Department softball was able to get under way on March 14th with great cooperation from the weather. Exciting games that took place included one between the Mission Chihuahuas and Daly City PD. After being down by 12-runs late in the game, the Chihuahuas put on a great rally in the 7th and 8th innings (with the help of two grand slams by Ed Robles) and were able to win it by a score of 25-22. Co-manager Russ Gordon was nearly in tears (a la Dick Vermeil) at the end of what may be considered the greatest come back victory in Chihuahua history.

Ingleside won a competitive game over TTF by a score of 24-16 due to the strong play of young stars Greg Lattus, Kevin Noble, Chuck Easton, and Brian Baron. A game that was not so close was the B Division match up between the Inspectors team and Taraval/Richmond. It wasn't even close as the Inspectors routed by a score of 23-2. This victory was keyed by Bob McMillan who hit for the cycle, and made a diving catch in right field as well.

In Division A, even the Park Station Islanders started the season with a victory when the Northern Bulldogs were forced to forfeit with not enough players. The real news here though is the decision of free agent Steve "Hoover" Roche to leave the Islanders and play with Northern. Sources close to the situation revealed that with Park's array of up and comers on the team, Roche, at his age probably wouldn't have made the club anyway. An unnamed former double play partner of Roche's while he was with the Islanders was quoted as saying, "I guess he couldn't hack it. Oh well, out with the old and in with the new." Steve Roche couldn't be reached for comments, and apparently Greg Kane had nothing more to say as well.

Oh well, that's all for this month. So See Ya next month.



Edie with Mitch Richmond

setting where they weren't being swarmed by fans and press. "They were nice, friendly, and outgoing at this party. They were able to be themselves," Edie said. "I had a wonderful time and it sure looked like they did too."

Edie Lewis has been a fan of the NBA ever since she was a kid when her favorite player was Nate Archibald of the Boston Celtics. She also grew up playing a good game of hoops and now plays with Park Station's department team. She is also a member of the SFPD women's team that will hopefully participate in the Cal Police/Fire Games taking place in San Bernardino at the end of June (anyone interested in helping out in coaching or managing can contact Harold "The Beave" Vance at TTF). Her knowledge of the game and her ability to play well is a great help when it comes to dealing with many of the teenagers she comes across while performing her "school

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The Mike O'Brien Match is fired ONLY with your DEPARTMENT AUTHORIZED PRIMARY DUTY WEAPON. It must be a semi-auto depending on what you are authorized to carry. This was done to encourage new shooters to participate. Entry Fee is \$10.00 Total rounds fired will be 48. Longest range will be 25 yards. Ammunition provided.

The SFPD DISTINGUISHED REVOLVER ex SEMI-AUTO MATCHES: fired with revolver, or semi-auto, department issue or personally owned. Caliber .38 special, S&W K, L, N frames, Colt Pythons, Ruger, etc. OK to 61' barrel. Semi-autos may be single action types. Caliber 9mm and above. The course of fire is identical to the O'Brien Match. Ammo provided will be .38 Spec. 158 gr. Round nose and suitable jacketed ammo for semi-autos. The awards will be either the SFPD Distinguished Revolver or Semi-auto Belt Buckle. No classes. Awards are presented to the highest scoring 1/6th of the Non-Distinguished competitors. All stages will be fired Double Action only. Iron sights only; no laser, electronic or scope sights. No compensators. Entry Fee: \$10.00 (includes ammunition)

**TEAM MATCH:** is NOT a separate fired match. It is based on scores fired by members of teams in the O'BRIEN Match. The team entries must consist of four shooters from the SAME unit. The team members must be declared prior to shooting. A unit may have more than one team. Each team will choose a Captain, who will be responsible for accepting the awards, etc. The AGGREGATE of the four members' scores fired in the Mike O'Brien Match will be the team score. Entry Fee is \$1.00 for each individual firing member. Shooters NOT on a team, may join a Wildcard Team, drawn at random. A TOP GUN award will be presented to the highest scoring member of each team.

**SKILL LEVELS:** ALL levels. You will ONLY compete with shooters in your scoring level, no matter which weapon you shoot. Prizes awarded evenly in each class. Classes based on possible score of 480 points. Based on the HIGHEST SCORE.



## MATCH INFORMATION

**COURSE OF FIRE** (Same for all matches with B-27 silhouette targets):

- Stage 1 @ 7 yards with 12 rounds within 25 seconds from the Point Shoulder position
- Stage 2 @ 15 yards with 12 rounds within 25 seconds from the Point Shoulder position
- Stage 3 @ 25 yards with 18 rounds within 90 seconds from the Kneeling-Left & Right barricade
- Stage 4 @ 25 yards with 6 rounds within 12 seconds from the Point Shoulder position

Revolvers fired DOUBLE-ACTION ONLY for all stages.

Double Action Semi-Autos: Weapon DE-COCKED at the start of each stage

Single Action Semi-Autos: The pistol's SAFETY will be engaged at the start of each stage

All Semi-Autos: Magazines will be loaded with SIX (6) rounds only

Magazines: A minimum of THREE (3) magazines or speedloaders will be needed to shoot the courses of fire

**Holsters:** Issue or competition, strong side belt holster only. For safety considerations, no cross-draw, shoulder, fanny pack, inside belt configurations. Tactical models OK if draw is from the strong side. Holster must fit correctly for the chosen firearm. Weapons do not have to be strapped in at the beginning of each stage.

**Distinguished Match Competitors:** The Distinguished Match must be fired PRIOR to the Mike O'Brien Match. The target will be marked with your name and designated as a Distinguished Match Target, either Revolver or Semi-Auto.

Each Shooter may elect to enter three distinct matches as follows:

1. The Mike O'Brien Match: with Dept. Authorized duty semi-auto pistol only
2. Distinguished Revolver Match: with issued or personal revolver with barrel no longer than 6"
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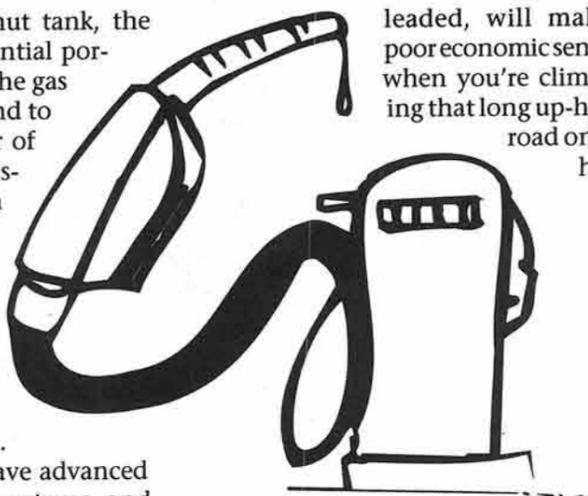
By Rene LaPrevotte

I thought I'd pass along a couple of tips that I added to my bank this past month. I was out riding with a Harley buddy (yes, I do have a few of those too) and after a spirited ride in West Marin, we stopped for gas. After filling-up, we rode on for a few miles, and I noticed the Harley was smoking out of the exhaust (more so than usual anyway). After we burned that tank of gas out and again topped-off, I noticed the Harley was no longer smoking.

As it turns out, we had gassed-up at a station that sells three grades of gas, plus diesel fuel out of the same pump with a single filler hose. It seems the customer just before us had used the diesel section of the pump, and when we came along, my buddy got about a quart of diesel fuel before the gasoline started coming from the hose. Now on your Toyota Land Cruiser with a thirty-five gallon tank, the diesel would be so diluted that you'd never notice the muck in your fuel system. On a Harley

with a two-gallon peanut tank, the diesel made-up a substantial portion of the contents of the gas tank. I would recommend to you that you steer clear of any gas stations that dispense all fuels through a single fuel delivery hose.

While I'm on the hot topic of dead dinosaurs, I KNOW that all of you use premium fuel (91-octane minimum) in your bikes. While most new cars have advanced engine management systems and "knock sensors" that detect detonation and automatically retard ignition



led, will make poor economic sense when you're climbing that long up-hill road on a hot

day and you melt the crowns off the tops of your pistons. And those of you who figure the "mid-grade" 89 octane is probably good enough, remember that the mid-grade fuels are the least popular, and therefore the gas sold in the lowest quantities. This means that the chances of getting stale gas or rain-diluted fuel out of the mid-grade pump are significantly greater than the regular or premium pumps. Again, a big chance for a savings of twenty-five cents a tank-full.

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Classes Of Competition: A person may compete in as many categories as he or she wishes:

1. Team Open (5 persons, either sex, from the same unit)
2. Team Senior (5 persons, either sex, 40 and over, from the same unit)
3. Mixed Doubles
4. Ironman Open (any age)
5. Ironman Senior (40 and over)
6. Ironwoman Open (any age)

Fees: \$10.00 per participant regardless of number of categories.

Protests & Decisions: Decided immediately by the Event Judge, whose decision will be final.

### 1st Event - Bench Press - 1000 Points

10 points per repetition to 100. The bar must touch the chest and be raised to full arm extension. The weight lifted will be 100 pounds for men and 60 pounds for women. Three five second pauses in the lock out position will be permitted.

### 2nd, Event - Sit-Ups - 1000 Points

5 points per sit-up to 200 in a 3 minute time period. A sit-up consists of lying supine, legs may be bent, hands must be touching behind the head. The participant then shall raise his body and touch both elbows to both knees. The participant shall then lower his body until his back touches the mat.

### 3rd Event - Pull-Ups - 1000 Points/Women Bar Hand - 1000 Points

20 points per pull-up to 50. A pull-up consists of a participant gripping the bar with hands facing outward at shoulder width; feet shall be together; arms extended fully; the body will rise until the chin is touching the bar; the body will then descend and the arms will lock out; feet shall not touch the floor. No swinging or kicking of feet. Women: Hang from bar, with hands facing outward; 3 points per second.

### 4th Event - Pistol Shoot - 1000 Points

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## San Francisco Police Youth Fishing Program Update

By Larry Minasian  
Southern Station

As the Police Youth Fishing Program is preparing for the 2000 summer season, a lot has been going on behind the scenes. To begin with, our program is in the final stages of combining with the Little People's Fishing Program to become the one and only program of its kind in the Bay Area. What this means for our program is a significant increase in the number of kids who will be participating in this year's activities. As of this time we are not exactly sure how many more kids we will serve over the summer but it should be quite a few.

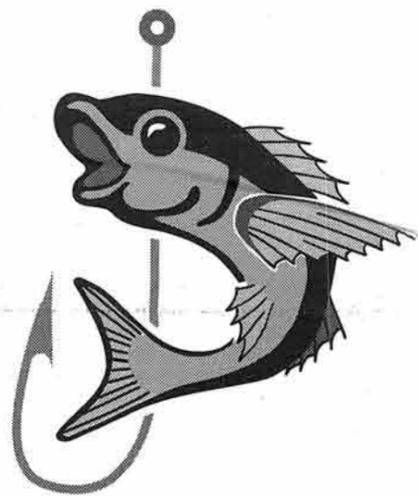
Last year saw one of the most successful fishing seasons in many years. The first half of our season saw banner fishing for monster-size salmon. Nearly every boat trip that went fishing returned with at least one fish in the thirty pounds or bigger range. We even had several fish that approached forty pounds. Quite a few police officers who volunteered to accompany these trips were awarded with a freezer full of salmon filets. Once again this year we will be asking for volunteer members of our department to spend a day with a boatload of deserving youngsters out on the beautiful Pacific Ocean.

In preparation for this summer's activities, our program is currently involved in raising the funds necessary to operate a full schedule. Of tremendous help again this year has been the Combined Charities Program conducted by the City. As a result of this program, nearly 25% of our operating budget has been raised through City employee contributions. For the second year in a row the Police Department led all other City departments in money raised through the Combined Charities Program. Many worthwhile programs within the Department were

the direct beneficiaries of our member's generosity. On behalf of our program I would like to sincerely thank all members who participated.

The Police Youth Fishing Program is currently in the process of putting together a great benefit golf tournament to be held at Peacock Gap on Friday, 06/02/00. The day will include golf, lunch, a great buffet dinner and many outstanding prizes and surprises. The cost for this day of fun will be \$125.00 and all profits go directly to the Fishing Program to help provide summer fishing activities. For further information on this great golf tournament please call either Larry Minasian at 553-9273 or Sandy Tong at 553-7925. Get your foursome together and join us for what should be a super day.

As we get a little further along into the year, any member(s) wishing to volunteer a day off to accompany a group of kids on a salmon fishing trip should contact either Larry Minasian at Southern Station or Bob Ford at Park Station to schedule a day. We have every reason to expect this season to be even more successful than last year. Who knows, you might even catch a thirty, a forty or even a fifty-pound salmon. Good luck and good fishing.



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When: Friday, June 2nd

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What time: 12:00 Noon

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# S.F. Police Golf Club

By Larry Minasian  
Southern Station

Okay folks, It's just about that time of the year again. Time to locate your bag of golf clubs in the garage under all of the stuff thrown on top during the winter. We are only a few weeks away (weather allowing) from the first tournament of the new year of the S.F. Police Golf Club. On Tuesday, March 14th, we kick off our season with a tournament at Paradise Valley Golf Course in Fairfield. This will mark the first of 8 monthly tournaments which will take us into November. As we did last year, we will take a break during the winter months as the rainy season always seems to put a real damper on the period of December through February.

This year, besides our regular monthly tournaments, we are scheduling three away trips which should prove to be great times for those participating. Our first road trip will begin on Monday, June 5th, when we will once again travel up to Carson City, Nevada. Last year we had 16 people join us on this trip and every one of them will attest to what a good time was had by all. This year we will be staying at the Carson Station Hotel which is the sister property to the Pinon Plaza where we stayed last year. On Monday morning we will be playing the Eagle Valley West course, on Tuesday we will play the new Sunridge Golf Course and on Wednesday we will finish up with the Silver Oak Golf Course. In between we will be staying at the Carson Station Hotel where everyone will enjoy a complimentary breakfast each morning, unlimited free drinks at either the Carson Station or the Pinon Plaza, a complimentary



prime rib dinner on Tuesday night and various other surprises. The cost for all this is only \$275.00 per person including a prize fund. Where else can you enjoy two nights hotel lodging, three rounds of golf and nearly all of your meals and beverages for such a low cost. We are hoping to have more participants this year and we are opening up participation to any of our Department members (club member or not). We currently have rooms for 24 people reserved so if we get more interested people we will have to make additional arrangements. The deadline for signing up for this trip is May 1st.

Our late summer couples trip to Reno/Sparks is still in the planning stage. We may look to go somewhere else for a change and as soon as we have made arrangements we will notify our members.

New this

year will be a fall trip to the Redding area. Just for golfers, this trip will center around playing golf on the Fall River Valley Golf Course. The trip will begin with golf at Fall River on Monday, October 2nd, at 12:00 PM. After

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golf we will be staying at the Fall River Hotel where everyone will enjoy a group dinner (included). The next morning, after a complimentary breakfast, it will be back to the Fall River Valley G.C. and after golf we will spend the night at a still to be determined motel/hotel. On Wednesday we will play golf at the Gold Hills G.C. in Redding. We should finish golf around 2:00 PM and then everyone is on their own to return home. This trip includes three rounds of golf, two nights lodging, a dinner and a breakfast as well as

a prize fund for only \$220.00 per person (double occupancy).

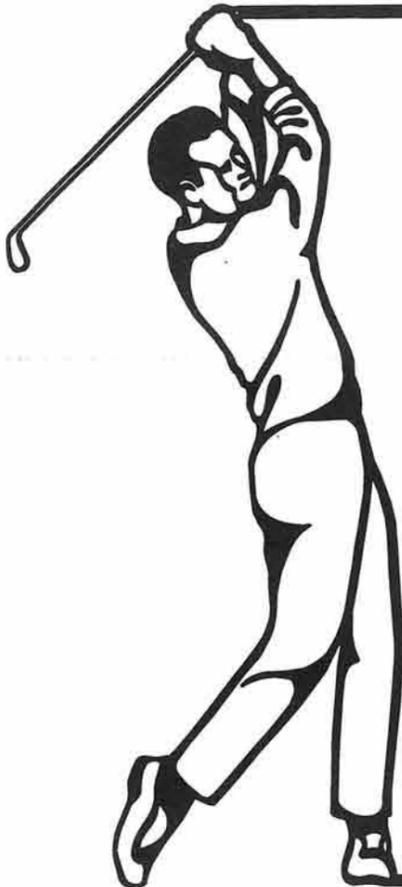
As you can see, we have scheduled some great golf outings this year and hopefully we will get a lot of people participating. The Carson City trip will be open to any of our club members, their guests or any other members of our Department. The other two trips will be available to our club members and their guests. Remember, our club is open to any current or former members of the San Francisco Police Department.

Club dues are only \$10.00 per year and for those who wish you can also join the NCGA for an additional \$30.00.

For further information on any of these trips or on our monthly tournaments, or for membership in our club please contact either Jerry Cassidy at (916) 771-5927 or Larry Minasian at (415) 553-9273



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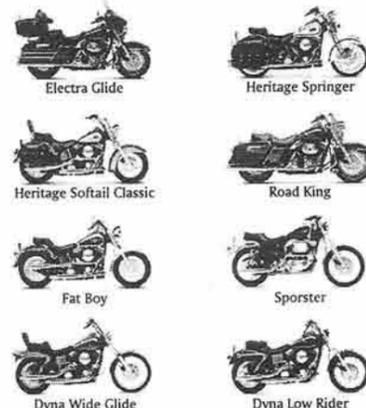
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# THE PROMISE

*Fides Publica — From the files of the SFPD*

By Matt Krinsky

When Steve Johnson was detailed from the SFPD to the Department of Parking/Traffic, he left behind a huge void. His column, "Close Encounters," has been enjoyed by members, as well as outsiders, for several years. Now, the popular column is retired from the POA Journal.

I would like to carry on with the chronicle of real life deeds and exploits of San Francisco police officers. I'd like to perpetuate the best of Steve's intentions with my own regular column, with my own slant, if you will, on how we, as law enforcement professionals, deal with the trials and tribulations of our job.

We, in law Enforcement, have taken an oath to protect. More than an oath, but a sworn promise to protect, with our very lives, if necessary. The solemnity with which we hold this promise cannot be understated. Thus, "The Promise — *Fides Publica*" will carry on with the "Close Encounters" theme.

There are things that we, as public safety officials, deal with on a daily basis which are not presented to the public by the mainstream media. I refer to the daily dozens of extraordinary deeds and services that our officers perform. The media thrives on the calamitous and controversial. They focus only on the things which make for great copy (The LAPDs "C.R.A.S.H. unit controversy of 2000), spine-tingling real-life drama ("What you are seeing is REAL") and things that generally pique the fascination of the public.

However, in the words of Darth Vader, there IS a "Dark Side" to the work we do.

Of course, I can't write about that which I am not aware of. So, I'll need help from all of you. There are three types of cases I'll be looking for from the membership. In addition to the "bread and butter" cases, I am seeking information and accounts of stories that will fit in one of three categories:

## Line Of Fire

Cases in which you, as the involved member, faced some SERIOUS crisis, which had you going toe-to-toe with an armed, violent, offender, or had to use force, violence, reason, or control, beyond that which is expected, to overcome, win, and SURVIVE.

If you've been involved in a shoot-out, a high-speed pursuit that involves death or injury, and the case has been closed, we, as fellow officers want to know what it was like, and hopefully, learn something that might help us survive ourselves. I emphasize case being closed. We have no desire to cause information to be released that would jeopardize anyone's rights, careers, or court proceedings.

## Oh, Wise Guy, Eh?

Cases in which you dealt with a crook so stupid that if breathing wasn't automatic for them, they'd simply collapse from forgetting to do so.

Suspects who do amazingly stupid things, like robbing a bank and putting the demand note on the back of their Parole Officer's business card; like the guy who walked into CO.C. In custody, and fell asleep (with a handful of rock cocaine stuck to his palm) before he could dispose of the evidence. (Thanks, BCD)

## When Hell Was In Session

Cases with an impact beyond what we normally deal with—EMOTIONAL

impact of such intensity that it changes your life, or the lives of others.

I am not referring to some Daytime Talk Show theme, either. There are cases, handled by members, especially in the Bureau, that are of such severe magnitude that they have profound and/or lasting changes upon those directly involved, despite all the training that cautions you to "Never get emotionally involved..."

If you have a story, anecdote, or case that falls under one of these three categories, send me a cover sheet with your story and additional information. I can be reached by sending mail to the Academy or by e-mail.

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But, I have to know about it first. By using these three categories, I'm hoping to include members of the Bureau, Traffic, and CPC/Tactical, in addition to Patrol. And what about all of you retirees out there? What volumes of untold stories that hit close to the heart can now be told?

Stay safe, stay well, and stay in touch.  
E-MAIL: ray@sfpoa.org

## When Hell was in Session

*Case File:*  
*Felony Aggravated Assault/Arson,*  
*23 September 1998*

At 0155 hours, officers of Richmond Police District responded to a report of a fire in a structure in the 600 block of 12th Avenue.

While nearing the scene, the officers assigned to 3G13E noticed a small glowing object in the roadway. As they stopped to examine it briefly before reporting on-scene, they saw that it was the smoldering remnants of a book, later determined to be a personal telephone book.

Once arrived, the Officers located the victim, a 20 year-old male, wrapped in a scorched quilt. Barely conscious. In agony.

The Fire Department's Arson Task Force became involved, and the Operations Center was called immediately.

The case was ruled as "incendiary in nature," and a suspect description was broadcast.

At 0230 hours, Inspectors from the Night Investigations Unit were notified and responded to St. Francis Hospital to obtain statements from personnel involved, and from the victim.

At the Hospital, a light complected black male adult was observed to have been burned severely. Over 70% of his body had sustained 3rd and 4th degree burns, so deep that in some places they were down to the bone. He was suffering from respiratory burns as well, and several fingertips were burned away.

Before being sedated and intubated, the victim named his attacker, a 19 year-old girlfriend and mother of their common child. Neither the suspect nor the 3-month-old baby was to be found.

The victim also gave a brief statement, wherein he had been in his overstuffed easy chair, a quilt around him, trying to get to sleep as the suspect sprayed charcoal lighter-fluid on him, and set him afire.

As he attempted to drop and roll, and swipe away the flames with his hands, he breathed superheated air, searing his lungs. He burned his hands and face terribly.

He rolled on the floor, screaming in pain and begging for the All Mighty's intervention.

His last words, before being put "under" were "Don't let her get away with it..."

At the scene, the Inspectors met with officers of the Arson Task Force and discussed their common findings.

The splay pattern and physical evidence, coupled with the victim's injuries, suggested that he had been maliciously burned by criminal means.

The problem now: WHERE IS THE SUSPECT?

The lead Inspector began the sort of footwork you don't see on TV Dramas...

Call the Cab companies; see if any young mother/baby pick-ups were made in the Richmond District between 2 and 2:15 am....

Call Muni. Any pick-ups?...

Notify the Media. Show pictures of the couple. Has anyone seen this woman?...

The CSIU technician at the scene, through professional diligence, hit the re-dial on the phone in the couple's apartment—GREYHOUND BUS COMPANY!...

Call the BART Police, CHP at the Trans-Bay Terminal, Amtrak Police, and Airport Bureau. Send Fax's to these places with a BOLO Teletype attached....

This went on well into the morning, as the early morning newscasts on Channels 2 and 5 broadcast photos of the suspect and calls began to come in. However, nothing would pan out.

For the next seven days, the lead Inspector became obsessed with the capture of the suspect. Sleep deprivation. Not eating. Calls from both the office and homes to ANYONE with information.

On 27 September the lead Inspector had the unpleasant task of meeting with the parents of the victim and explaining the procedures and steps being taken to apprehend the suspect. The victim's condition had worsened, and he was not expected to live. Notifications to Police Arson and Homicide were made.

On 28 September came a big break. For at times, a crowbar won't bend a cobweb, and at others, a raindrop will start an avalanche. In this case, it was the latter.

A phone bill from the couple's house provided out-of-state telephone numbers, and, through subterfuge, the lead Inspector was able to glean from the suspect's Mother the suspect's presence in a suburb of Chicago, Illinois.

More phone calls.

The local (Illinois) Police involvement.

More subterfuge... "Hi, this is the — Police, we need to check on the well-being of so-and-so, can you have her come by the station so we can make sure she's keeping care of the baby, please?"

30 September. SUSPECT IN CUSTODY. Moreover, just for good measure, the suspect's sister, who drove the suspect and baby to the local police station was also hooked up. A \$10,000 DUI warrant. (Ya gotta love it—)

13 October. The two Inspectors initially assigned to the case fly to Chicago to extradite the suspect. The victim is still, miraculously, alive, and holding his own. For another day, the lead Inspector will not sleep more than 4 hours in every 24, and will live on caffeine and adrenaline.

14 October. The suspect finally comes face-to-face with the 2 Inspectors assigned to the case from the beginning, and waives Miranda, giving a statement.

She admits to burning the suspect, and claims a long history of physical abuse.

Extradition papers are signed.

A well-being check is made on the baby, who will stay in Chicago with the suspect's Mother.

Social Services are notified to assist the maternal grandmother. The child's father is hospitalized and may never see his progeny. The child's Mother is facing 20 years+ in State Prison for attempted Homicide.

15 October. The suspect is booked into CJ-9 wearing a T-shirt emblazoned with "I caught fire at Harrah's".

Final reports are prepared.

After 96 hours of non-stop activity (including one of the best steak dinners on Earth in Chicago) the lead Inspector collapses into bed for 12 hours.

The smell of burned flesh and the site of charred skin remain fresh in his mind.

24 March 1999. The lead Inspector conducts follow-up with DAI, and a videotape of the victim is made for court presentation, if needed.

23 July 1999. The preliminary hearing is held. The suspect is held to answer on charges of Assault with a Deadly Weapon with Grave Bodily Injury, Attempted Homicide, and Domestic Violence.

01 September 1999. The District Attorney's Office accepts a plea bargain from the suspect, for ONE COUNT of 245 PC, one year in the County Jail, with credit for time served, and 5 years probation.

The Deputy DA assigned to this case did not feel they could win the case in court, feeling it was a "typical DV case" where the victim was now demonstrating reticence to place the suspect (a former lover) into prison for a good portion of her life.

15 October 1999. The lead Inspector learns of the case disposition through another source. On the one-year anniversary of the trip to Chicago to extradite the suspect, the lead Inspector tallied up the victims:

1) The victim of the assault, who has lost fingers, use of a lung, genitalia, and gives new meaning to the term "alligator skin."

2) The suspect in the assault, who will have to live with what she did to another human being for the remainder of her life, as well as having a serious criminal record.

3) The child of these two parents, condemned to deal with the horror of the consequences of his parent's misplaced passions and rage.

4) The parents of both the victim and suspect who will see their children and grandchildren suffer forever.

5) The people of the City and County of San Francisco whose taxes paid for the investigation, medical treatment, and extradition. A hit to their pocket-books in excess of \$350,000.00.

And...

6) The lead Inspector.

To this day, he has yet to hear from the Deputy D.A. assigned to this case. He was never told about the plea bargain before it was made. He did, however, wind up in a coronary care unit with acute onset Atrial Fibrillation, the same malady recently suffered by presidential hopeful Bill Bradley. It was a wake-up call.

And, it was directly caused by this hideous, incendiary case.

For that San Francisco Police Inspector, his Promise led him through a session in Hell.

Nevertheless, he's back on the job.