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WHAT'S IMPORTANT TO US

by William J. Simms
Richmond Station

I would like to take this opportunity to express my opinion on a situation that exists at this time. This situation being that twenty members of the CSTF have signed a petition to recall their Director, Theodore A. Schlink III, and presented that petition to the Board of Directors, on April 17, 1979, for a recall election.

It seems that this recall effort is a direct result of Ted's campaign to allow members of this entire police department, to determine their personal choice in relation to the grooming of facial hair. Granted, this is a controversial issue, but it seems that certain members of the CSTF have taken it personally.

As we all know, Ted successfully lobbied the Police Commission to accept the concept of beards. That concept being that the wearing of beards was a personal choice of some people. And that those people should have the right to make that choice for themselves. The Police Commission agreed with that concept and instructed Ted to draw up the rule change guidelines for their approval.

All of a sudden, certain people in this department became totally enraged and solicited approximately 685 signatures to petition the Police Commission to reverse their opinion, which the Commission did. Their statement to the Commission being that, we did not know that Officer Schlink was going to do this, or we would have come to the initial session to protest the concept. I find this hard to believe in that Ted's campaign for beards was widely publicized within the department. Also the agenda for Police Commission meetings is public information and posted well in advance of the meeting. Obviously these people did not take Ted seriously, or there would have been an organized opposition effort, before the initial Commission meeting.

So now we come to the point of recall. These certain members of the CSTF feel that if Ted's for beards, then he is neglecting his duty to the CSTF, and brings

dishonor upon the CSTF. I find these statements totally absurd. What is really being said is that, we don't agree with your personal opinions, therefore we don't want you around. This smacks of prejudice and suppression of basic human rights to free choice and personal opinion. We can all learn something here and that is, when we start to force our personal opinions on a larger group of people, we are not progressing but regressing. Beards are a matter of personal choice and should be left up to the individual.

If the members of the CSTF vote to recall Ted, they are doing this Association and themselves an injustice. Ted is one of the hardest working members we have. Our entire Board of Directors is exceptional and productive at this time and Ted is an integral part of that Board. Ted is involved in numerous activities within the Association and working very hard at each one of them.

I personally had the privilege of working with Ted on the POA's recruitment effort. Ted was one of the reasons our campaign was as effective as it was. I don't know too many people who are as dedicated and concerned about the direction that this department is going in. This man is definitely an asset to this Association and all its members.

All I ask is that the members of the CSTF reconsider their recall effort, and put the objectives and goals of our Association above the issue of beards. I think our goals and objectives are a far greater concern to each and every one of us. At least they should be. Ted Schlink's personal opinion about beards does not affect his ability to help this Association and its members move forward and receive the benefits due us.

In conclusion, I find it very interesting that we can get approximately 685 people to sign a petition about beards, and at the last General Membership Meeting, which was regarding pay raises, we got approximately 35 people to show up. I think some people in this department should realign their priorities and get behind the issues that are really important.

SHRINERS NEED HELP

Strong legs run, so little afflicted ones can enjoy the same.

Year after year, Islam Temple Shriners put on the East-West Football Game and the Shriner's Circus, for the purpose of gaining money so as to keep the Shriner's Children Hospital in full operation.

Now, we have a problem. We have a fifty bed ward which is half full, yet the million dollar budget goes on whether or not we have a full ward. The hospital is staffed with the most competent medical men and staff, to aid those in the ward.

The reason for the above plea for help, is to fill the fifty bed ward. We know that the San Francisco Police Department has entry to most homes in San Francisco by virtue of their patrol duties. If in the course of your patrol duties you come upon a family wherein there is an afflicted youngster with either a burn, a birth defect or a withered limb, you can refer that family to an Islam Temple Shriner or any Masonic member who will sponsor that youngster without any financial responsibility. The family desiring this help need not be connected in any way with a Shriner or a Mason.

During my career in the San Francisco Police Department, I had numerous opportunities to know of such families with afflicted youngsters. I knew from the

condition of the family that they could ill afford such medical treatment.

Now, for the past few years, space in the hospital has become available for the Islam Temple Shriners to offer a big hand so as little youngsters may lead a normal, healthy life.

The police department has been known in the past to be compassionate to the less fortunate and now the opportunity exists to further that trait, by referring families of afflicted youngsters regardless of race, color or creed, up to the age of 16 (sixteen) to the Islam Temple Shriners. Upon receipt of such referral, the Shriners or Masons, will sponsor such youngster into the Shriner's Children's Hospital, free of all financial obligation.

So once again — please help the Islam Temple Shriners find afflicted youngsters who need this service.

For further information, the Shriner's Children Hospital is located at 1700 - 19th Avenue in San Francisco. If for some reason a Shriner or Mason cannot be found, Islam Temple is located next door to the Hospital.

With kind regards to my fellow police officers, I am

Alan A. Rosenbaum
Retired Lieutenant of Police

SUPERVISOR SILVER ZAPPED

Honorable Carol Ruth Silver
Member, Board of Supervisors

Dear Ms. Silver:

In recent news reports, statements reportedly made by you have been a cause of great concern for me, and my contemporaries.

I am the wife of a San Francisco police officer. My husband is a veteran of more than six years; and, puts forth continuing effort to be effective and professional. He works "on the street" at night by choice; and, is a Field Training Officer.

I take great pride in my husband and his profession.

It is one of the great tragedies of our City that people like my husband are being used by ambitious politicians like yourself. Bill's bi-weekly check is for a gross amount of \$732.00, of which \$453.00 is taken home. This is the same check which all senior Q-2 police officers receive and have received for the last three years. Bill has three children from a previous marriage and half of his take home pay is committed to child support. His children are fourteen, nine, and six. We live in San Francisco and, last year had to pay over two thousand dollars toward medical expenses, over and above what was paid by insurance. My husband is 33 and I am 31. The fact is that without my income we would be unable to make ends meet. The prospect of our being able to own our own home is all but non-existent.

Bill loves his work and has no desire to do anything else; but, he is miserably underpaid when compared to members of other law enforcement agencies and/or other employees of the City of San Francisco. Other than retirement, police officers in San Francisco pay for their own medical insurance. They receive straight time for their overtime hours, have no dental coverage, and do without night differential.

You are quoted as saying that San Francisco's police officers are well enough compensated to accept without question the changes recommended by the Rose report. The attitude suggested by your remarks would seem to say that you "could care less" about the morale of our police officers; and, that you "could care less" about the stability of police officers marriages, or the well being of police officers' families.

Many fine people have left police work, here and elsewhere, because of the "stress", and the adverse effect that "stress" has had on their private lives.

I cannot help but conclude from your published remarks, that you are either a totally unfeeling human being or totally uninformed about the subjects on which you speak.

Yours truly,
Mrs. William J. Kelly

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WIDOWS & ORPHANS

Due to the illness of Pres .R. Kurpinsky, the April meeting was called to order by Vice Pres. G. Jeffery, Wednesday, April 18, 1979 at 2:10 p.m. in the Traffic Bureau Assembly Room, Hall of Justice. A sufficient number of members were present for a quorum.

Treasurer Barney Becker reported the following deaths:

BENITO ECOBAR — Born in 1905, Ben entered the Department as a Patrol Wagon Driver in 1938 at age 33. He served at the Ingleside and Southern Stations before leaving the Department in 1941 for employment in the Dept. of Public Works. Ben was 74 at the time of his death.

EDWARD HODGERS — Born in 1907, Ed was sworn into the Department in 1945. He was a member of the class of 1942 but was in the service when his class was called for appointment. He served at Northern Station until 1950 when he was transferred to the Juvenile where he served for 5 years. He was assigned to the Bureau of Inspectors, Burglary Detail, where he served until his retirement for disability in 1967. He was made an Assistant Inspector in 1959 and full Inspector in 1963. In 1947 he was awarded a 2nd grade meritorious for the arrest of three holdup men, in 1947 a 2nd grade for arrest of a laundry holdup man and in 1953, a Captain's Commendation for the arrest of three juveniles in a stolen auto. Ed was 69 at the time of his death.

EDWARD PAYNE — Born in 1893, Ed was appointed a Patrol Wagon Driver in 1929 at the age of 35 years. He served at Mission Station most of his time except for the last two years when he worked at Central Station. Ed retired in 1951 on service. He was 85 at the time of his death.

The Secretary reported the following donations:

Dirksen-Miller Productions — For services performed by members of Central Station

Dorothy G. Del Valle — She feels that the Department is deserving of support.

Mrs. Mildred Lange — Appreciates the problems confronting members of the Department.

The usual bills were reported by Treas. Becker and after motion by Hurley, 2nd by Parenti, were approved.

Trustees Report (Brother Sturken) — Slight gain in the value of our portfolio. Also reminded Trustees and Officers of evening meeting, Friday, May 4, 1979 at 6:15 p.m. with the Hibernia Bank Trust Department.


New Business — Suggested that Hibernia be queried as to the possibility of an increase in benefits, also as to an easier method of advancing funds to a beneficiary if requested. These matters to be discussed at the May 4th meeting.

There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:40 p.m. in memory of our departed Brothers.

MEMBERS ARE REMINDED THAT THE NEXT REGULAR MEETING WILL BE HELD WEDNESDAY, MAY 16, 1979 AT 2:00 P.M. IN THE TRAFFIC BUREAU ASSEMBLY ROOM, HALL OF JUSTICE.

Fraternally, Bob McKee, Secretary

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Our April meeting was opened by Johnny Strzykalski and his wife, Betty, who shared how their lives took on new meaning after coming to a "Cops For Christ" meeting a year and a half ago. Johnny, a running back for the San Francisco 49'ers from 1947 - 1952, related that it wasn't until he asked the Lord to take over his life that he was able to experience real happiness.

Jim Crain, an ordained minister and professional Christian musician, entertained us with song and stories about the joys of his Christian experiences. His Glen Campbell style was entertaining and his songs, many of which were taken from scripture, dealt with answers to every day problems. At the conclusion of the meeting, Jim Crowley announced that the San Francisco Chapter is sponsoring a Pastors Prayer Breakfast on Saturday, May 19th at the Red Chimney Restaurant.

Pastors from all denominations in the Bay Area have been invited to come together to pray for spiritual revival. Christians must be willing to cross denominational boundaries for as Christ said, "There are other sheep which belong to me that are not in this sheep pen. I must bring them, too, they will listen to my voice, and they will become one flock with one shepherd". (John 10:16)

All are invited to our next meeting on Tuesday, May 15th, at the Church Hall located at 2525 Alemany. Our speaker will be Jim Cameron, an Evangelist, from New Zealand.



POLICE POST #456 NEWS

First of all, thanks a million to the dolls in the P.O.A. office who insured that this column would make it to press on time. No need to mention any names but they know who they are. I refer to the last issue which got in a little bit late but was very efficiently handled in time to get out.

Bob Good didn't mention anything to me about "Montezuma's Revenge" on his recent trip to Mazatlan and points south. Did you carry your own bottled water, Bob?

Seems like the guys who retired in the last three years have, for the most part, taken up golf. Seen hitting a few recently was Al Alves. Keep the ball out of the gopher holes, Al.

Here's hoping that Joe Flynn, one of the best guys who ever wore a Captain's uniform, is well on the way to recovery after his recent accident.

I keep mentioning this and I will continue to mention your friendly Police Post #456 Credit Union. Good for any of your financial problems. No pie in the sky or over inflated interest rates but just good common sense solutions to most of your financial troubles. Drop in and see Al and Earl.

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John Russell



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Nature holds little beauty
Till viewed through another's eyes
No rapture fills the human breast
Till with another heart it lovingly entwines
And in the doing sings a heavenly hymn sublime
Oh! To talk with those who can love
And be loved in return
Those who's friendship is not like unto
Cheap Red Mountain wine
But rather bears the label vintage 1929
And as in '29 when things fell apart
That friendship framed in a noble heart
Loses not its rich bouquet
But bears midst trial and storm
And not without a measure of modest grace
Like a sentry at this appointed place
Those piercing pains that would otherwise
Break his brother's heart
This, and this alone is friendship
Real and true
Oh! How I loath that line in Kipling's famous poem
'All men count with me, but none too much'
For all of Rudyard's celebrated fame
He didn't have the damndest notion
Of the very meaning of that precious name.
A friend keeps no record
Of favors rendered, money lent, hours spent
But rather, with a singular disposition
Much like the plighted of the old school
Long since past
Bears a constancy capable of mending
The broken heart,
Maybe such kind are rare indeed
And hard to find in '79
Yes, capable of imparting to the near despairing
A new vision, a new beginning, a fresh start.

— Thomas Warren Powers

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IMPORTANCE OF YOUR DENTAL PLAN

by William McNeill President, Professional Dental Services

DMF? What does this mean to you as a member of the POA? You can eliminate DMF from your life if you utilize the dental benefits made available to you by the Professional Dental Services Dental Plan. DMF is a standard dental term which means, "Decayed, Missing, Filled." If you are alert to the importance of maintaining your dental health, you will tend to the prevention of dental disorders. Are you aware of the following documented facts?

- That 99% of all men and women over 50 years of age have some form of appliance in their mouths?
- That 80% of all men and women over 35 years of age experience some form of mouth disease?
- That the prevalence of mouth and gum disease in men and women 19 years of age and over is approaching epidemic proportions?

In view of the foregoing, the severity of the effect of neglecting your dental health cannot be overemphasized.


The PDS (Professional Dental Services) Plan is essential to you for those reasons. The main thrust of the PDS Plan is directed towards the maintenance of your dental health; so we stress to you the importance of your utilizing the comprehensive benefits offered to all of us by the PDS Plan.

The PDS Plan is affordable, which is important to all of us with the spiraling rise of the cost of living. The PDS Plan offers an exceptional number of benefits — services by qualified professionals in the fields of General Dentistry, Orthodontia and Oral Surgery. The added benefit of Optometry coverage further enhances the necessity of enrolling in the PDS Plan.

The Administrative Office of the PDS Plan is always ready to assist those enrolled in their Plan. If you require referral to a specialist on the PDS panel, there is no waiting involved. Simply call the administrative office for PDS and you will be referred to a Specialist in Orthodontia, Oral Surgery or Optometry. The PDS Plan was designed to be effective, yet simple. As you are well aware, there are no claim forms required, nor pre-authorizations for any dental work that needs to be done.

PDS recognizes the fact that the convenience of the location of your dentist is very important, so they are continually striving to accomodate those enrolled in the Plan by adding dental offices to their panel.

Obviously, there are currently two (2) plans that are now offered to San Francisco employees on a payroll deduction basis. The superiority of the PDS Plan is very evident in these comparison charts:



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COST COMPARISON CHART

These figures taken from a random survey in California

	DENTIST "UCR" CHARGES	
INDIVIDUAL	X-Rays & Examination -3 individuals (\$26 each).....	\$ 78.00
OPEN	Teeth Cleaning - 3 individuals (\$20 each)	\$ 60.00
	1 Crown @ \$195 each	\$195.00
ENROLLMENT	3 Fillings (\$25.00 each).....	\$ 75.00
	TOTAL	\$408.00

PLEASE NOTE: THIS COMPARISON IS BASED UPON COVERAGE FOR ONE (1) FULL YEAR AND AVERAGE WORK COMPLETED FOR A: HUSBAND, WIFE AND 1 CHILD.

	PDS	SAN FRANCISCO ENDORSED PLAN THAT YOU PAY FOR
X-Rays & Examination (3)	\$ -	\$ -
Teeth Cleaning (3)	-	-
1 Crown	120.00	70.00
3 Fillings	42.00	-
Premium	99.00	262.80
Total (out of pocket) Cost	*(261.00)	*(332.80)
Savings to Patient	147.00	75.20
% of Total Bill Patient Pays	* 64%	* 81.6%



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BENEFIT COMPARISON CHART

BENEFITS		SAFEGUARD
Knox-Keene Health Care Plan License	Yes	Transitional License
Optometry	Yes	No
Orthodontia by Orthodontists	Yes	?
Complete Oral Surgery by Oral Surgeons	Yes	?
Affordable Cost	Yes	?
Provider Offices	69 *	26
Pre-Existing Conditions Covered	Yes	Yes
Private Practice Doctors	Yes	Yes
Toll Free Number	Yes	Yes
Emergency 24-Hour Availability	Yes	Yes

TOTAL POSITIVES

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As you can see, whether you need a little or a lot of work to get your mouth to perfect health, the PDS Plan is necessary for you. Remember, you want to eliminate DMF from your life. A dental plan is not a luxury item any longer, but a necessity you cannot disregard. PDS encourages you to take care of your dental needs right away. Remember, "one of these days usually becomes NONE of these days."

If you are a City employee and you would like to have a PDS Dental brochure, just call 861-6020 and ask for one. Or, write to the SFPOA Dental Plan at 510 - 7th St., San Francisco, CA 94103.

"WALKAWARE"

Senator Milton Marks, as co-chairman of the National Council on Alcoholism, is sponsoring a "Walkaware" and he invites you to take part in this city-wide project that will take place from 10 a.m. until 12 noon on Saturday, June 2nd.

Joining Senator Marks on this city-wide walk to make the public aware of the early warning signals of alcoholism are people from unions, private enterprise, school districts, law enforcement groups, neighborhood groups, church groups, and youth groups.

Two hours of your time to hang informational packets on doors in your neighborhood is all that is needed. The purpose of the walk is to make San Fran-



Senator Milton Marks

ciscans more aware of the problems of alcoholism. Also planned for the "Walkaware" that morning is a number of booths set up throughout the City in key locations which will distribute information regarding early warning signals of alcoholism.

If you would like to help sponsor a booth, or walk through your neighborhood, please call the San Francisco Police Officers' Association at 861-5060.

Your participation in this most worthwhile walk could save the life of a friend, a relative, or even you.

Some Myths & Facts About Alcoholism

It is a myth that if you're intelligent, educated, and of good moral character you can't become an alcoholic. Intelligence, morality, and willpower are totally irrelevant to the disease of alcoholism. You can't think your way out of an illness, nor redeem involuntary behavior by an effort of the will alone. Alcoholics need help to recover.

It is a myth that if you still have your job, home, family, and social standing you can't be an alcoholic. Most of the 10,000,000 alcoholics in the U.S. are employed. Many are married and have children. Only about 3% have slipped as far as Skid Row; indeed, many are affluent and socially prominent. But it is a

fact that alcoholics who continue to drink lose most of those values, relationships, and possessions, and eventually their sanity or lives as well. The average life expectancy for alcoholics is fifty-two years.

It is a myth that family, friends, and associates help alcoholics by making excuses for their drinking, helping them lie about their absenteeism, assuming their responsibilities for them, and bailing them out of the trouble their drinking causes them and others. This "conspiracy of denial and silence" surrounding alcoholism simply enables alcoholics to keep on drinking by depriving them of a clear realization of the absolute necessity to stop!

It is a myth that if you drink only fine wines or beer you won't become an alcoholic; or that if you are having a drinking problem they won't affect you as seriously as hard liquor. Alcohol is alcohol and its chemistry is the same in expensive wine, choice whiskey, vodka, beer, "sneaky pete", or canned heat. The concentration may differ, but the chemical and its effect do not.

It is a myth that if you only drink on weekends and don't drink in the morning you can't be an alcoholic. Alcoholism is not how much you drink nor how often, nor at what time of day — it is what happens to you when you drink.

It is a myth that alcoholism is a physical illness; or that it is a psychological problem, or a moral or spiritual disability; or even a domestic or sociological issue. Alcoholism is not any one of those things but a complex combination of all of them.

But it is fact that alcoholism can be effectively treated. Hundreds of thousands of alcoholics are living sober, successful, happy, and creative lives through treatment. For information, private consultation, and referral call your local office of the National Council on Alcoholism. Services provided by the Council are confidential and free.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

by Al Casciato

... The P.O.A. Installation Dinner was a tremendous success and a very enjoyable evening for all that attended. Bob Barry had promised the Executive Board members a few seconds at the podium to deliver a short statement. But due to some long winded speakers, Paul Chignell, Joe Patterson and I were cancelled. Therefore I will put here what I had intended to say. "On behalf of the Board of Directors, I would like to take this opportunity to thank the membership for their strong support and participation in the Association, thus keeping it strong. It is they who truly deserve a round of applause" ...

... Bob Barry recently appeared on Channel 5's Newsmaker program with David Fowler. The interview was very good and the Association's position was presented fairly. But as Bob was talking about San Francisco he referred several times to the city as "this town". The error has been called to his attention and he promises not to let his Bostonian upbringing insult our city again ...

... The Mayor's open letter to the department is the latest in "beat around the bush" prose from City Hall. In one sentence she states "I have, as you know, asked that the department be brought up to full strength, for the first time in the history of San Francisco". Well, I disagree with her. The only reason the department is going to be brought up to full strength is because of the Consent Decree which was signed between the City, Federal government, P.O.A. and Public Advocates. If it were not for that Consent Decree, department strength would continue to drop steadily ...

... As for her analysis of the salary problems, here's my analysis. A 9.07% increase for 7 months of fiscal

78-79 equals about a 5.29% raise for the entire year of 78-79. Well how about that, a 5.29% raise equals \$84.00 per month, the first raise in 4 years. Sickening isn't it? Well if the mayor were truly "a strong supporter of the police department and the men and women engaged in the extremely difficult and often unappreciated task of law enforcement" as she says she is, she would be doing something concrete to increase pay and benefits ...

... Consumer Tip: Recently Mike Gannon Co. F and I were pricing tires for our old knock-around vehicles. Well after hearing quotes from \$144.00 to over \$300.00, we dropped by and saw Tom Fredrich at Metro Tire Centers at 10th and Mission. Tom inspected the cars and figured since they both have over 100,000 miles, a couple of used tires, balancing and servicing of the other tires would be more than adequate for our needs and got us out for well under \$50.00. It sure is nice to do business with someone that gives you the straight scoop ...

... Last year I failed to note a unique birth. Katherine Michelle McVeigh was the first, and to this date, the only child born to parents who are both police officers. Lee (Solos) and Jeanne (Personnel and Training). Well, Katherine, please forgive my failure and have a happy first birthday ...

... With all the news of a baby boom, Tim and Ellen Hettrich (CSTF) have opened a baby's clothing store in Walnut Creek. It's called "Room for One More" and there's a standing 15% discount for department members ...

... Para-medic Training is being offered to police officers, if anyone is interested they should contact

Adrian Moorman at 553-1574. The course is 120 hours and upon completion, a certificate will be issued. The certificate will allow the bearer to administer first aid at the advanced levels. It is anticipated that officers holding this certificate will be in demand for jobs in the medical emergency field ...

... Buying property in San Francisco for young police officers is next to impossible. Jim Strange (Co. A) has been shopping around and has found that more than half of a patrolman's monthly gross salary is needed for a San Francisco dump. Well, if you get a tip on a property, give Jim a call. He'd appreciate it ...

... For all practical purposes, the decoy squad has been abolished and here are the final statistics for the decoys. Mugged over 300 times was Lt. William Schefler. Mugged over 200 times each were Lt. Charles Beene, Off. Dorothy Jorgenson and Off. Bill Langlois. Mugged over 100 times each were Off. Dave Fontana, Off. Ted Schlink III and Off. Dave Roccaforte. A really tremendous job was performed by the entire decoy unit and they all deserve recognition from both their fellow officers and the public for their efforts over the last few years ...

... The morale problem is a leadership problem and leadership is a lot of people here in the city ...

DRESDEN OVERTIME

by Theodore A. Schlink III
Chairman, Overtime Committee

Mr. George Carey
Controller's Office
City Hall
Dear Sir:

Thank you very much for your outstanding efforts in assisting members of this Association to secure their overtime monies, derived from the Dresden Exhibit. Without your assistance and truthfulness, the situation could have resulted in both a cultural and political embarrassment to this City which is an outcome not welcomed or encouraged by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association.

For the future, we would like an assurance from your office that the police department overtime rolls will receive prompt attention, and that the expeditious payment of overtime monies to police officers will become a top priority within your office.

On a final note, the police department is experiencing a bit of difficulty obtaining a number to affix to the Dresden and Tut Overtime Rolls, and any help from you in obtaining that number would be appreciated.

Thank you again for your assistance.

WOMEN'S LIB — WHERE IS IT?

by Sgt. Tony Bell
Retired Representative

In newspapers, radio, television and almost in every magazine we see, hear, and are bombarded with what were once pleas, now have become demands, and even threats.

True, we police officers of today, and old timers of yesteryear have had serious doubts about women police officers, especially those whose details would involve them in physical encounters with thugs, muggers, rapists, purse snatchers, etc.

But much to our surprise, you have not only proved yourselves capable, but even the courts have included you in the total strength of the police force, and many male members who have ridden with you in radio cars and on other details rate you as excellent partners.

Of course, some of you have failed in the agility and physical tests, but so have many males. That is to be expected. But what surprises me is that though your sister

libbers in the private sector are very vocal in their demands of equality, you are conspicuous by your absence in the general membership meetings of the P.O.A.

In the nearly five years that I have been a director, I've seen one woman officer in each of two meetings. We want you ladies to know that we welcome you to our meetings, we need your participation in our deliberations and discussions, and we'd like you to express your comments and yes, your gripes right here at our/your meetings.

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During the years I have been associated with the Blood Bank Committee, the above complaint is one of the most frequent I have heard. As I recall the joys of working the midnights, I am hard pressed to refute the above logic except to respond to what happens to the pint of blood one donates.

During 1978, the SFPD Blood Bank Committee released 1024 units of blood for members of our department and their families. During this same period we collected 637 units. Without consulting a CPA, it is plain to see our blood needs are rising faster than our donations are coming in to our account.

In past years, we have been able to maintain between 300 and 400 units in our account at the Irwin Memorial Blood Bank. In the last year and a half, our account has dwindled dramatically. In spite of the lesser number of blood credits on hand, we have been able to survive due to the fact that policemen respond better than any other group to emergency situations. This is witnessed by the 537 units collected in two days for a fallen brother in 1977 and the recent blood drive held at Co. H for Brother Earl Wismer's son. At Co. H, 79 units were collected and the success of this drive goes to Joan Barrett, Station Officer at Co. H and the members of the night watches who donated at this late night drive. Thanks to all who gave and to those who made the drive possible.

I hope the below charts will show you that you are needed to donate as often as possible. The next important date to remember is Friday, June 29, 1979. On that date, the 2nd Annual SFPOA Blood Drive will be conducted at the Association offices. The hours will be from 1100 until 1600. Please plan on attending this drive. An added incentive will be the drawing for ten \$25.00 savings bonds for those who donate on this date. Although only ten will get savings bonds, all who participate will win.

1978 SFPD BLOOD BANK DONATIONS

MONTH	DONATIONS	UNITS USED	BALANCE
1977 Balance			
January	51	73	537
February	40	115	515
March	46	84	440
April	85	112	402
May	37	119	375
June	108	106	293
July	38	88	245
August	55	78	222
September	22	58	186
October	29	63	152
November	22	107	67
December	104	21	150
Totals	637	1,024	150

1979 SFPD BLOOD BANK DONATIONS (TO DATE THROUGH MARCH 1979)

MONTH	1979 DONATIONS	1978 DONATIONS
January	15	51
February	19	40
March	117*	46
Totals	151	136

MONTH	1979 UNITS USED	1978 UNITS USED
January	77	73
February	10	115
March	59	84
Totals	146	272

SFPD BLOOD BANK BALANCE AS OF APRIL 1, 1979 155

*Blood Drive at Co. H for Officer Wismer's 2 year-old son
by Tom Vigo
Chairman, Blood Bank Committee

TORN FRIENDS, OR DUTY

by Roy Sullivan
Rep. Richmond Station

I am writing this article, particularly because 1) it's something that bugs me, 2) it is a continuing problem and 3) now there is a great opportunity to alleviate this problem.

My gripe is that non-SFPOA members come to me and ask me questions concerning matters that the Association is handling such as pay raises, overtime, residency and others. "Why in the hell do you answer them?", you might ask. My problem is, and I'm sure many of you have experienced the same feeling, that most of the people who ask me those questions, well, I consider them my friends.

But some of these friends don't contribute anything through dues or assessments to help pay for the Association's efforts in trying to solve the problems. Therefore, these friends should not be entitled to any answers at all.

Point three above refers to the Moratorium just passed through a general election. Non-association members of the department can now join the Association without any penalty of past dues or assessments.

I can understand some of the reasons which caused officers to resign from the SFPOA in the past, but now

we have a new President and the strike is almost four years removed. I really can't think of one legitimate reason for one not joining the SFPOA, unless it is for religious reasons (humor), or someone just wants a free ride at the expense of others.

So, what I'm hoping is that all non-members will decide to join the SFPOA, so the Association can represent all police officers.

But, I shall not answer questions of non-members at the end of the Moratorium period, and I would hope all other Station Reps and YOU, the dues paying members, will not answer questions of non-members regarding Association business. FRIEND or NOT, be advised I will forever be polite and friendly, but I will also very politely refuse to answer any questions from these people when the questions deal with SFPOA related matters.

I don't wish my remarks to sound like a threat, but it's just that I can no longer justify my previous actions. I believe "What is fair is fair" to all persons.

Moratorium Passed 679 to 218. Only 52 days remain to join the P.O.A.

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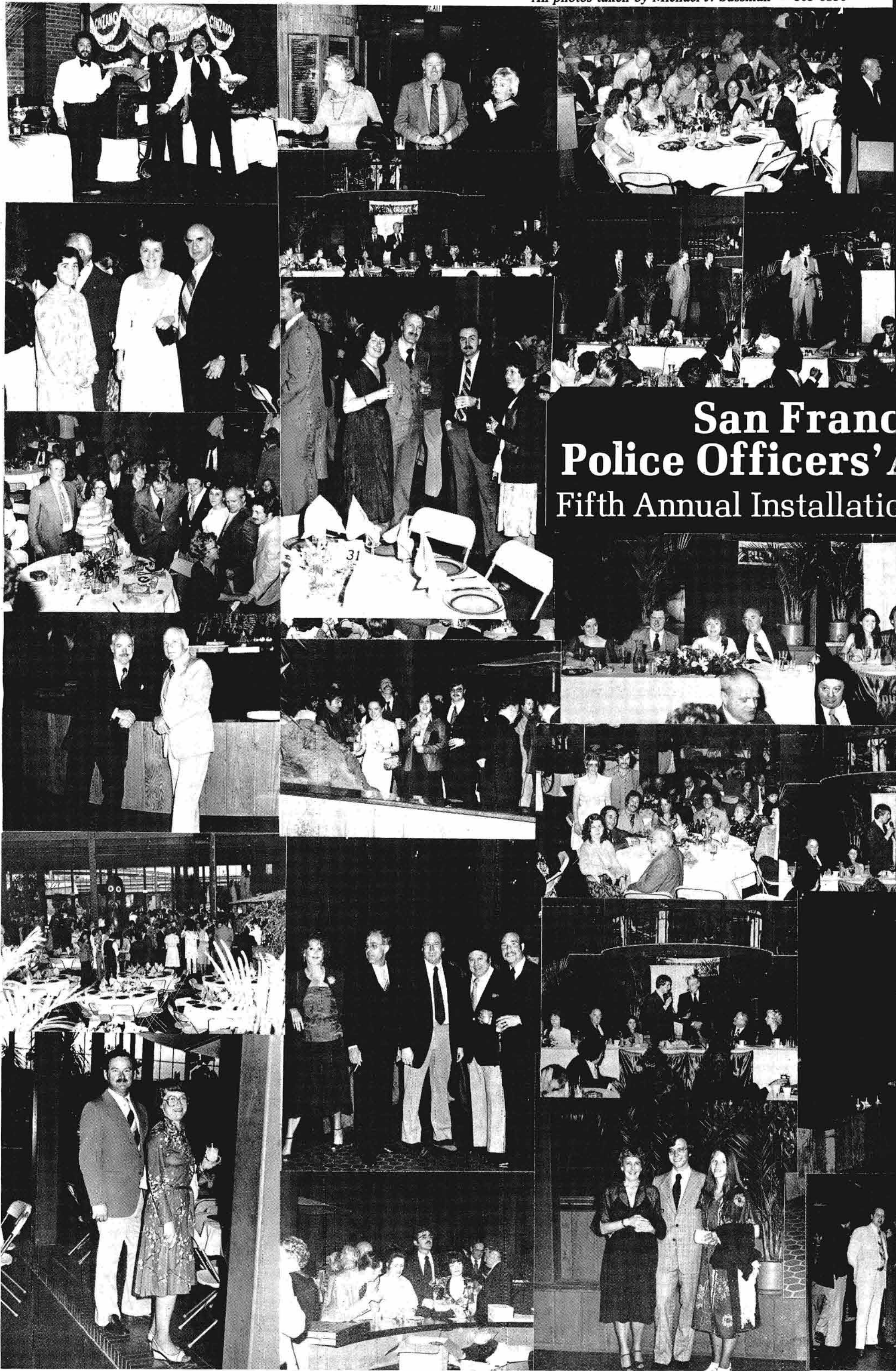
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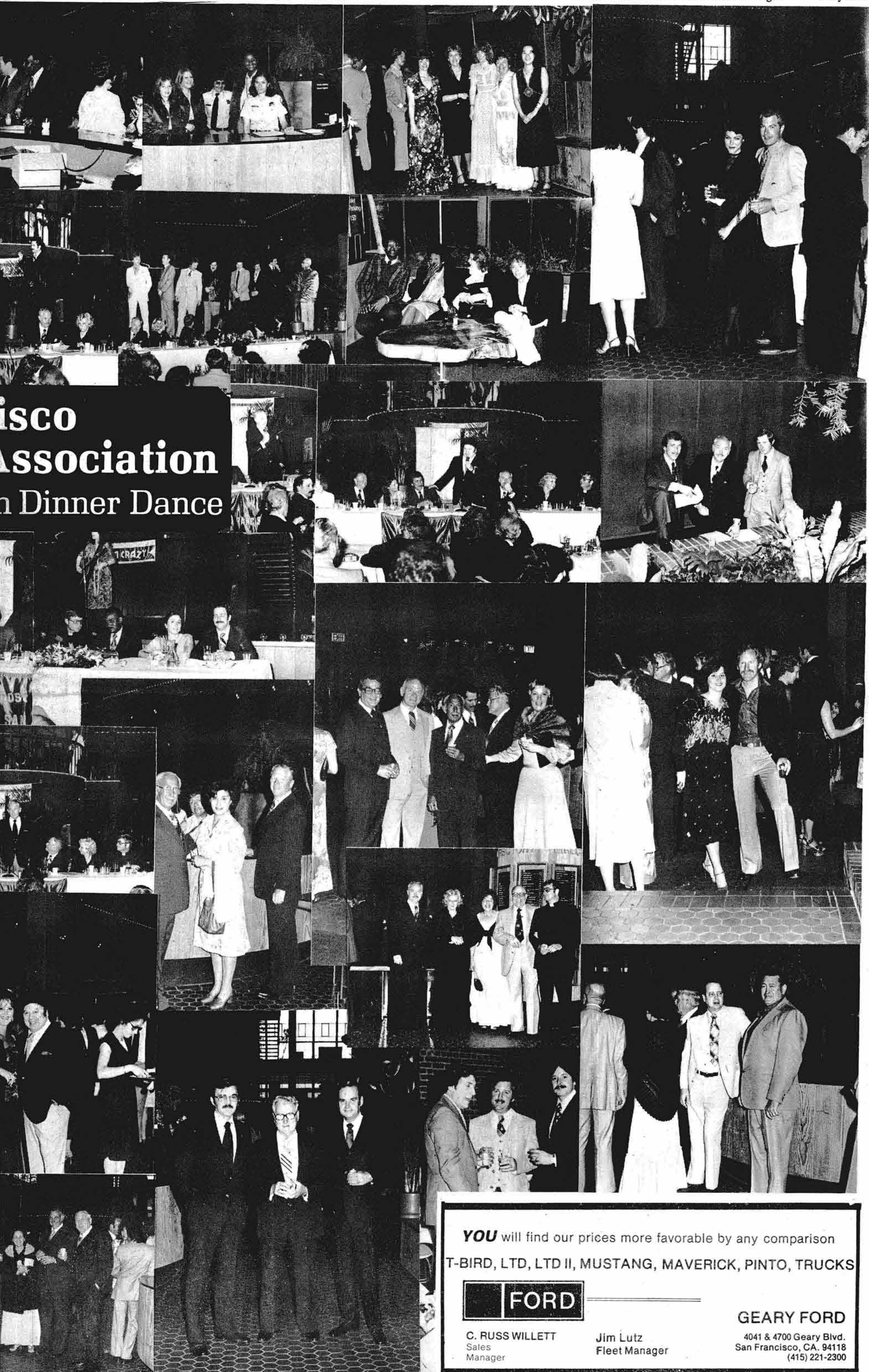
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RECALL PETITION

We, the signators of this Petition, all members in good standing of the S.F.P.O.A. and assigned to the C.S.T.F., hereby petition the Board of Directors of the S.F.P.O.A. to hold a recall election for the position of Station Representative from the C.S.T.F.

We cite our present representative, Theodore A. Schlink III, with violation of Article VI, Section 2 of the P.O.A. Constitution in that he has been willfully negligent of his obligations to the members of the C.S.T.F.

For example, without the approval of the majority of his constituency, Representative Schlink took it upon himself to petition the S.F. Police Commission for approval of the wearing of beards by uniform personnel. Even though he was acting as an individual, this controversial issue received national news media coverage which presented Representative Schlink as a member of the Board of Directors of the S.F.P.O.A. Representative Schlink has brought scorn and condemnation upon the members of the C.S.T.F. by his actions from members of our department and from outside agencies as well.

We believe that there are far more pressing issues at hand than whether or not beards should be worn. Representative Schlink has breached our trust and has lost our confidence to represent the majority of his constituency.

We, therefore, representing more than 25% of the members assigned to the C.S.T.F., demand a recall election as per Article VI, Section 5 of the Constitution of this Association.

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SCHLINK'S RESPONSE

Article VI, Sec. 6, of the Constitution and By-Laws of our POA, authorizes me to respond in this newspaper to the charges levied against me by members of the CSTF seeking my recall.

As you may or may not know, the justification used to support the recall stems from the petition I authored that would have allowed members of this department, uniform and non-uniform alike, the individual freedom to choose their own facial hair grooming standards.

The above was done on my own time, and at the expense of the supporters of the initiative and myself. Basically, my adversaries in the CSTF believe that I should have consulted with them on this non-POA issue prior to pursuing my own interests and desires. Well, be that as it may, but what I do on my own time is basically my own business and I look with a suspicious eye on anyone that purports to have the authority to infringe on my personal freedom of expression.

Furthermore, those members of the CSTF calling for my recall are the same members that expressed their opinion which resulted in your being denied a freedom now enjoyed by everyone else in this country, that being an individual's right to personal grooming. Think about your 2nd class status for awhile and hopefully you'll understand what was really lost.

Well, ladies and gentlemen, my opposition needs their numbers again in order to recall me from office. So at this time, I admit that I expressed, defended and represented my own opinion regarding the beards.

If I am to be recalled on that basis, so be it, but at least I am able to look my supporters in the eye and tell them that I did my best.

Election will take place June 11 through June 15, 1979 at the CSTF via mailed ballot. CSTF membership only will vote. Members assigned to that company and on extended loan will be eligible to vote.

OPEN LETTER

Dear Lt. Ed Epting and Fellow Petitioners:

Collectively you have expressed your opinions concerning facial hair before the San Francisco Police Commission. As an individual, I would now like to express my opinions on this subject to you.

In my eleven years experience as a member of this police department, I've had to contend with, and accept things that have made my job a difficult and trying one. Bad court decisions, absence of pay raises, late payment of overtime money, continual use as a political football and a ton of other frustrations, including a form of second class citizenship, have all been factors taking their toll on me, as well as you.

We, as policemen, have had to fight for almost every right and benefit we enjoy to date. Now you and your cohorts have taken, championed and won your position on the beard issue. That's right, Ed, won. Certainly something to be proud of. **Stop for a moment and reflect.** Have any of the problems or frustrations that we are all so aware of been solved or rectified? Or is it that you and your group have been placated? I happen to think the latter, Ed.

You see, all that you have accomplished in this case is that the will of one group was imposed over the will of another. This brings us to the root of the issue. The question here is not whether I desire facial hair or you do not, but whether you or any other fellow officer has the right to deny other officers a granted right. **Never in my wildest dreams would I have imagined that a group of my brother officers would conspire to take away any right that has been granted to us.**

Make no bones about it, that is exactly what your position before the Police Commission has accomplished. Terms such as: "POLICE IMAGE", "LAUGHING STOCK OF THE ENTIRE COUNTRY" and "VAST MAJORITY" or "DEMOCRACY IN ACTION" were used to justify your position. I reply to those terms by asking you: whose police image are you and your group concerned with? Yours? Certainly not mine nor the community in which you serve.

Next, we come to "laughing stock of the entire country". Even you, as the long respected and admired member of this department, can in no way use this glittering generality to describe a police department that is actively and openly recruiting perverted individuals into its ranks as if they were the norm. . . . And last, but in no way least, the terms "vast majority" and "democracy in action" — need I remind you, Ed, a lynch mob could answer to those descriptions.

Think about it. Perhaps you and your friends can put forth the same effort to help the entire department achieve meaningful goals, instead of working to satisfy the wants of one group of officers over that of another.

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SHOVELING AGAINST THE TIDE

Horse & Buggy Police Work in the Jet Age! *by Don Brewer*

Approximately twenty years ago, the Chicago Police Department, under the leadership of O. W. Wilson, consulted the leading experts in the field of Police Communications, who, along with Motorola and Bell Telephone, designed and installed the most advanced Police Communications system in the world!

Needless to say, this design has been available to any Police Department, including ours, willing to take advantage of it. Strangely enough, we have chosen to ignore this opportunity, thus continuing to operate at the mediocre level.

We have spent a good deal of money on our communications system during this same period of time for so-called improvements. However, we are still without such fundamentals as a three-way capability, which allows the radio dispatcher to remain in contact with the complainant as well as the responding police units simultaneously.

This single, very basic lack in our system, is without question, primarily responsible for our failure to apprehend suspects at the crime scene, or shortly afterwards, in a large percentage of cases. My major gripe as a San Francisco police officer has always been the fact that most of the time we must wait for a unit to arrive at the scene to ascertain the pertinent information and descriptions needed immediately, which the radio dispatcher could have obtained more quickly under an advanced system.

How many times have responding police units unknowingly passed a fleeing suspect on their way to the crime scene because of this lack? How many officers have been injured later because of this same lack? How many more will be?

Police Communications is the most vital, basic need of any department; the very nerve center! Therefore, the most advanced system available is absolutely mandatory if we are indeed serious about doing a professional job. Any difference in this principle is detrimental to us all to the degree of that difference. Our own communications system has been treated with a great deal of contempt over the years and often manned by members serving "punishment tours" a good deal of the time. Is it proper that this most vital of departmental functions be used as a sort of "purgatory"? This type of assignment, under those conditions, cannot be considered conducive to a good performance by any personnel thus temporarily condemned.



A computerized system, such as the one pictured, would increase our suspect fingerprint identifications ten-fold. It would hold our complete felony print file and make an identification in a matter of minutes. In addition, it would take a poor print that we are unable to use, re-define it, and then identify it. Of course, this system offers numerous other capabilities too lengthy to mention here. I shall only add the fact that the identification of a suspect by fingerprints shortly after a crime has been committed, saves an enormous amount of investigative time.

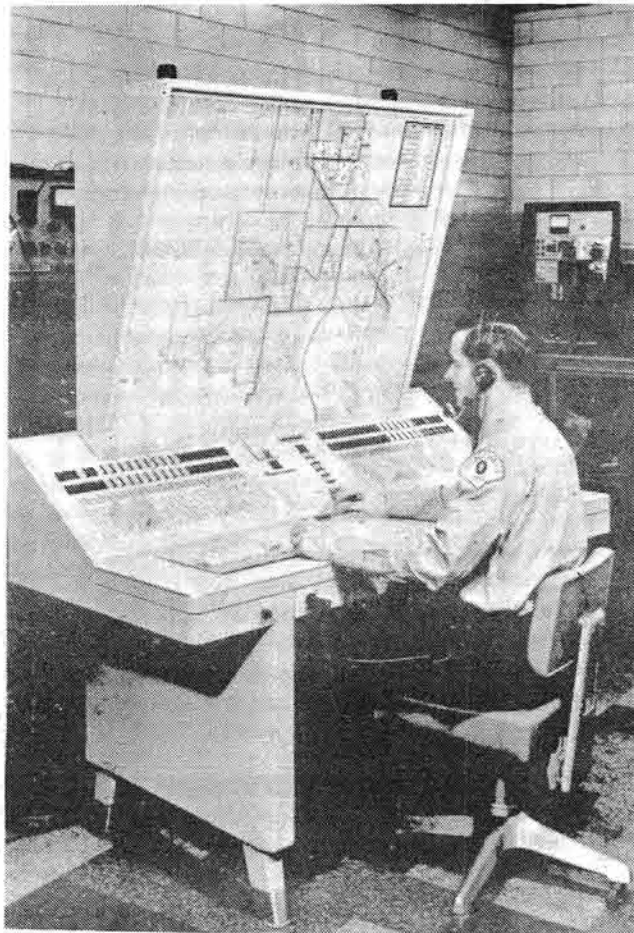
Now then, since this advanced technology is available, why are we stumbling along without it? The argument pertaining to cost is not a valid one. Both systems pay for themselves and then some. This cannot be said of the equipment purchased with Federal funds that is either gone, or standing idle, collecting dust. Primarily, if we are sincere about performing top-grade police service for the taxpayer, we must have the proper capability regardless of cost or end up perpetrating a fraud upon said taxpayer and ourselves.

So, who is to blame? The City Fathers — Mothers — Others? . . . the departmental brass? I believe the responsibility falls in the lap of both. The City has always held back on granting funds for needed equipment. I well remember engaging in high speed chases on ten-dollar retreads and to this day, our vehicles are not properly serviced; the same repairs often being done repeatedly. Of course, then again, one may suspect manipulation of funds as part of the story in view of the inappropriate termination of the District Attorney's investigation of the Corporation Yards.

On the other hand, the departmental brass in a position to make some long, over-due improvements, are either unable, or unwilling, to stand up and "tell it like it is".

Instead, they deluge us with "paper", stating on four pages what could easily be said on one. The content of which is often fundamental and self-evident, but appears to be paramount to those who prefer to shuffle maps, charts, and stats in an effort to replace police officers with clerks, instead of zeroing in on all of the criminal elements, which, I like to think, is still our job. The first, great push in this effort was to replace traffic officers with traffic control persons which was really alarming. The taxpayer is still paying for this so-called "economy measure". There is almost a total lack of "police presence" for taxpayers, tourists and criminals in the downtown area; the latter quite content to the arrangement. Many tourists mistake these traffic control persons for San Francisco police officers, and it is not a favorable impression — unfortunately!

In closing, I shall relate my first memorable experience of the "Horse and Buggy Syndrome". My recruit class consisted of forty-four persons, eight or nine of which were former police personnel from other jurisdictions. Near the end of the course, I suggested a symposium in a year's time to ascertain if any new ideas could be gleaned from these few persons from "outside" so as to improve our own lot. I was informed that the information would not be welcomed, no matter what the input might have contained in the way of betterment. In other words, there is the right way, the wrong way and the San Francisco Police Department way, and whatever the latter happens to be at the time, or whatever political line it happens to be following must be right because it is OURS! This was the "reason" given — as you can see, I am searching for others.



If we are serious about combating crime with all the restrictions now placed on us, we must take advantage of every advancement that modern technology has to offer. Fingerprints are the best in physical evidence and offer the best chance for prosecution in most cases, especially those involving burglary. Therefore, we should be second to none in this field. But, what do we have in the way of a fingerprint search and file system? At the risk of infuriating the taxpayer, I must state that it is limited to a hand-search and file system with three people available to perform this function. When you consider what is available to make the use of latent prints one of the most important crime fighting tools available, and then compare it to our feeble approach in this field, it is indeed maddening! If a department is determined to apprehend and be prepared to prosecute criminals successfully, it cannot afford to be without this modern technology.

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Mission Station

With all the hue and cry regarding recruitment of gay personnel (homosexual men and Lesbian women) and with the rumors of consolidating the various district stations into 3 large stations with the alleged quote of "fiscal savings" to the city, I wonder if the powers have considered the following items.

Because of the differences between men and women, male officers only strip male prisoners and thus, female officers likewise do the same with female prisoners. This is a historical and national trend that is backed by a legal opinion in case law. Therefore, where do we the officer, male and female, stand when we have a partner who is an avowed homosexual or Lesbian and it becomes necessary for a male or female suspect to be searched?

Do we, the straight officers, make all of the strip searches or do we ask the sexual preferences of the

suspect and if he/she minds that a male/female officer who is a homosexual/lesbian look at his/her body. I would think at this point that a suspect, male/female being stripped and searched by a homosexual/lesbian officer would have a good law-suit against the city. I know if I were a private citizen I would not stand for such an occurrence.

My second thought revolves around the locker room facilities. We are now segregated into two separate locker rooms, one for male officers and one for female officers. Now then, when we have the homosexual/lesbian officer among our ranks, do we have two more separate locker areas, one for the homosexual male officer and one for the lesbian female officer?

I don't know how you feel but I don't feel I should have to dress or undress at work in a locker room with a homosexual officer standing next to me at his locker,

possibly looking at my body, I grant it may not be the best looking one after all these years, but it's mine and I feel I have the inherent right as to who looks at it, as much as the homosexual has to his sexual preference.

However, have the powers to be considered the costs of all the separate but equal locker facilities? Oh yes, if one really wants to cause havoc then we should not forget the locker facilities for the bi-sexual male and female officers.

Looking back on what was just proposed, do you realize that we are now talking about 6 locker room areas, but also to be considered are these just for the patrolman or should we also have 6 sergeants locker rooms, and 6 lieutenants rooms and 6 captains rooms and commanders rooms and, well just where would it all end? Probably the only people to benefit from all of this would be the manufacturers of urinals, toilets and toilet paper.

NATIONAL POLICE WEEK

May 13 —
May 19

92 OFFICERS SLAIN IN LINE OF DUTY

FBI Director William H. Webster announced that, according to preliminary figures, 92 local, county, and state law enforcement officers were killed feloniously in the United States and Puerto Rico during 1978. Ninety-three officers were slain in 1977.

"Regardless of the seemingly routine nature of certain law enforcement duties, officers must exercise extreme caution in all facets of their work," Mr. Webster said. "Utilizing proven safety measures is imperative in the handling of all situations no matter how trivial they may appear."

During 1978, 45 officers were killed in the Southern States' 20 in the Western States; 12 in the North Central States; 11 in the Northeastern States; and 4 in Puerto Rico.

Sixteen officers were slain while enforcing traffic laws. Fourteen were killed while attempting to thwart robberies or in the pursuit of robbery suspects; 3 while attempting to apprehend burglary suspects; and 20 while attempting arrests for crimes other than robbery or burglary. Twelve officers were slain in unprovoked or premeditated ambush-type attacks; 10 while handling disturbance calls; 8 while investigating suspicious persons; 6 while handling or transporting prisoners; and 3 while dealing with mentally deranged persons.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING April 17, 1979

The meeting was called to order at 1620 hours by President Barry and opened with the Pledge of Allegiance. Present: Geary, Toomey, Schmidt, Amiot, Gannon, Sullivan, Hammel, Wright, Schlink, Hebel, Bell, Patterson, Casciato, Chignell and Barry. Absent: Dempsey, Carlson, Hardeman, and excused were Minkel, Huegle and Pera.

Resignation of Reno Rapagnani, Co. I received. Reno resigned because of transfer to SCU at his own request. Stan Hammel then presented a petition containing thirty (30) names of Co. I members requesting that he be appointed Director. President Barry then appointed and swore in Stan Hammel as the Director of Co. I, Taraval Station.

The Board then listened to an address by Mr. Arlo Smith who intends to run against District Attorney Freitas in November. No action taken on endorsement at this time.

The Board was also addressed by Captain Ernest Raabe who will be running for Sheriff in November. No action taken on endorsement at this time.

Secretary Casciato then presented a report on the Federal Litigation situation. A motion was made by Casciato/seconded by Schlink to approve the Federal Auditors Plan for monitoring, passed by voice vote.

Motioned by Casciato/seconded by Wright to compensate P.O.A. members Ballentine, Fulton, Griffin and Simms for donating their time on April 7th at the

Audio Visual Exam: Compensation would be for eight (8) hours even though they spent twelve (12) hours on the job. Passed by voice vote.

Motioned by Toomey/seconded by Schlink to approve the minutes as printed in the newspaper. Passed by voice vote.

President Barry then orally presented a report on the salary report which was printed in the April issue of the Policeman.

At this time Secretary Casciato had to leave and the duty of the minutes was taken over by Vice President Chignell.

Brother Glen Pennebaker of CSTF then presented a recall petition to the Board. The petition calls for the recall of Director Schlink of the CSTF. The Board approved by voice vote, the petition and scheduled the election for June 11th through the 15th. After much debate it was motioned by Geary/seconded by Hebel that the Board of Directors oppose the move to recall Director Schlink. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote with Brother Schlink abstaining.

Motioned by Geary/seconded by Chignell that a plaque be granted to Rich Moreno of the C.O.R.O. Foundation for his work on behalf of the P.O.A.'s salary survey during March 1979.

Meeting was adjourned.

Croce A. Casciato
Secretary

PROPOSED BUDGET

July 1979 — June 1980

INCOME		DUES	
Active		601	\$264,000.00
EXPENSES			
ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES			
Accounting	701	\$	5,000.00
Annual Election	703		1,375.00
Bank Charges	707		50.00
Board of Directors	709		350.00
Dues Collection	723		1,500.00
Equipment Rental	728		500.00
General Membership Meeting	740		400.00
Insurance & Bonding	744		2,700.00
Janitorial Service	753		1,500.00
Maintenance (Equipment)	761		420.00
Mailing	771		1,500.00
Mortgage	773		16,000.00
Salary - Office	776		22,700.00
Salary - Executive	777		27,590.00
Supplies - Office	781		2,500.00
Supplies - Admin.	782		1,500.00
Administrative Expense	782A		3,000.00
Personnel Property Tax	784		154.00
Federal Payroll Tax	785		25,000.00
State Payroll Tax	787		
Utilities	792		7,320.00
Building (510 - 7th Street)	794		4,700.00
TOTAL			\$125,759.00
COMMITTEE EXPENSES			
Blood Bank	805	\$	300.00
Board of Supervisors	810		200.00
Civil Service	815		200.00
Grievance	825		200.00
Health Service/Retirement	830		7,585.00
Uniform & Safety			200.00
IUPA	840		18,900.00
Legislative	845		10,000.00
Legislative-Charter Revision	845C		200.00
Labor Relations	850		3,500.00
Screening	860		30,000.00
Screening	860A		20,000.00
Publications	863		9,000.00
COPS	870		15,000.00
Insurance - Life	872A		9,804.00
Federal Litigation	875		5,000.00
Political Contribution			5,000.00
Overtime Committee			100.00
Public Relations			1,500.00
Sports Committee			800.00
TOTAL			\$137,489.00
TOTAL EXPENDITURES			\$263,248.00
Budget Committee:			
Joe Patterson, Chairman		Paul Chignell	
Gale Wright		Victor Wode	

SPORTS

Golf Club News

On Monday, April 23, 1979, sixty-nine players teed off at "windy" Alameda Golf Course.

After the treat of rain for the twelve hours proceeding our tee off time, the wind was almost welcome.

Except for Ed Garcia who shot 75 for Low Gross, the course played tough. There were only two other players in the seventies. Even Lammers had a seventy-seven and yours truly had a seventy-nine.

Low Net winner was Bill Cunnane who shot a ninety-five and with his thirty-two handicap had a net 63.

The flight winners were: first, Dave Minner; second, Bill O'Connor; third, Nick Eterovich Jr.; and fourth, George Jeffery.

The hole-in-one was won by Pat Paxson at 14'6", followed by Nick Eterovich Jr. at 16'11" and Ronny Rhodes at 22'5".

The guest flight was won by the Petaluma Flash, Ray Romez, who after many attempts finally made it to the top. John Schmolke was second, followed by Tom O'Connor, A. James and Bob Loll.

In May we play Franklin Canyon, followed in June by a return trip to Bennett Valley. The last time we tried Bennett Valley, it rained and since it's such a nice course, we decided to return.

The membership is up to 121 with still eight months to go in this year's schedule.

We are having a barbecue tournament in July at Richmond Country Club against the Oakland Police Department Club. We are also combining with Oakland for a Reno trip in September. There are still some spots open, so anyone interested should contact me right away.

The club is open to all active and retired San Francisco policeman. Anyone interested call myself as below or Lt. Vic Macia (553-1321) at Youth Services for further information.

Jerry Cassidy, Secretary
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Co. K, E&I Solo's (553-1245)
Room 150, Hall of Justice OR
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NEW! UNLIMITED RIDES EVERY DAY!

Now, you can receive a discount on unlimited rides wristbands, any day of the week at the Santa Cruz Beach-Boardwalk! The Pay-One-Price arrangement was only available on weekdays last year.

Any operating day, present your Beachcomber Club card to save \$1 on the price of unlimited rides. Pay only \$4.95 per person (regularly \$5.95) and ride all of the Boardwalk's 20 major rides, including the Giant Dipper Roller coaster and Logger's Revenge flume ride, as many times as you wish from 11 a.m. to scheduled close.

Or, if you prefer, purchase special Beachcomber Club ticket books with your card for only \$4.00. These books (which are not available to the general public) contain \$5.60 worth of ride tickets, plus coupons good for discounts on food, merchandise and entertainment.

In addition to the exciting rides, the Boardwalk features 20 games of skill, such as Skee Roll and Milk Bottle Toss, and a miniature golf course. There are also hundreds of Arcade machines and electronic games such as pinball, foosball and Uncle Charley's Electrified Shooting Gallery.

Also, be sure to catch the Boardwalk's spectacular magic show, which will be performed four times daily (except Mondays) on the beach bandstand, beginning June 9th. Admission to the circus-themed magic show is free.

So, take advantage of Beachcomber Club discounts! And while you're on the Boardwalk, look for Wellington the Pelican and Captain Carefree, the park's two lovable costume characters.

The Boardwalk fronts a mile-long, safe beach, and is open daily in the summer, weekends throughout the year. There is no admission charge!



RUNNING THROUGH MY MIND

by Walt Garry

The normally quiet Richmond-San Rafael Bridge was swarmed over last Sunday by approximately 3,000 runners. Starting at the Marin Rod and Gun Club, the race crossed the upper deck of the bridge into the City of Richmond, up and down some impressive hills, ending in a seashore park on San Pablo Bay. Another "First Ever Run" for those who made the event.

The Golden Gate Bridge will open its roadway to racers for the first time this June 10th with a 10K run from the Presidio across the northbound lanes into Ft. Baker. If you're interested, get to bed early the night before. Starting time is sunrise, 5:47 a.m.

Last Sunday was also the Heart Association sponsored 5, 10 and 15K race in Golden Gate Park. Dennis Gustafson and Mike Mahoney Co. C finished the 15K in 48 and 58 minutes respectfully. Also running the 3.1 mile loop were Joel Harms Co. B, Jim Ryan Service Station and retired Capt. Bill O'Connor. Word has it that Bill is training for his first Marathon.

Dennis Gustafson again lead the pack and finished first in the "Run for a Nun" race held on the grounds of Dominican College. Also placing in their divisions were Marty Walsh Co. I and Dave Seyler and Tom Greene Co. K. This was my first experience at managing, instead of running, an event. I've gained additional respect and understanding for those persons who promote, administer and provide for the runners before, during and after a run. These are the people who make my efforts more enjoyable and the event more memorable. I thank them for their efforts, but I'd still rather be running.

Any member of the Athletic Club who wishes to compete in a long distance event at the Olympics (Cross Country, Marthon, 10K) contact me with your size. The uniforms are being ordered. Any questions regarding the 1979 Police Olympics, an information number is 351-5666.

Up Coming Events:

- May 20 — Rose Run, Santa Rosa, 7.3 miles
- May 28 — Pacific Sun Marathon and 10K, College of Marin
- June 3 — "Around the Runway", Moffet Field, 7.6 and 3 miles
- June 3 — "Statuto Race" held in North Beach, 4.2 or 8.4 miles
- June 23 — Y to Y Benefit run, Pinole, 5.3 and 2.1 miles and many, many more.

With the gas crunch, many of us will be doing our running close to home. If you are looking for a fun run near to where you live, call me and I'll see what races are coming up.

ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

For employees of the City and County of San Francisco, the month of May is the annual sign-up and change of plans time for health plans.

There are three choices available. You may get plan comparison sheets and other descriptive material at the Health Service System Office at 450 McAllister Street when they are available.

Plan III, the Children's Hospital Health Plan, was added last year and will be available again this year. If you need any information about this relatively new choice you may telephone the Children's Hospital Health Plan office at 387-8700, extension 777.

WOULD YOU BELIEVE IT?

The following are some excerpts from accident reports filed with the Canadian Royal Mounted police:

"As I approached the intersection, a sign suddenly appeared in a place where a stop sign had never appeared before. I was unable to stop in time to avoid an accident."

"The guy was all over the road. I had to swerve a number of times before I hit him."

"I had been driving for 40 years when I fell asleep at the wheel and had an accident."

"An invisible car came out of nowhere, struck my vehicle, and vanished."

"I was sure the old fellow would never make it to the other side of the road when I struck him"

"I was thrown from my car as it left the road. I was later found in a ditch by some stray cows."


"I was on my way to the doctor with rear end trouble when my universal joint gave way, causing me to have an accident."

"The telephone pole was approaching. I was attempting to swerve out of its way when it struck my front end."

"I thought my window was down, but found it was up when I put my hand through it."

"The indirect cause of this accident was a little guy in a small car with a big mouth."

LOYD YEARGAIN,
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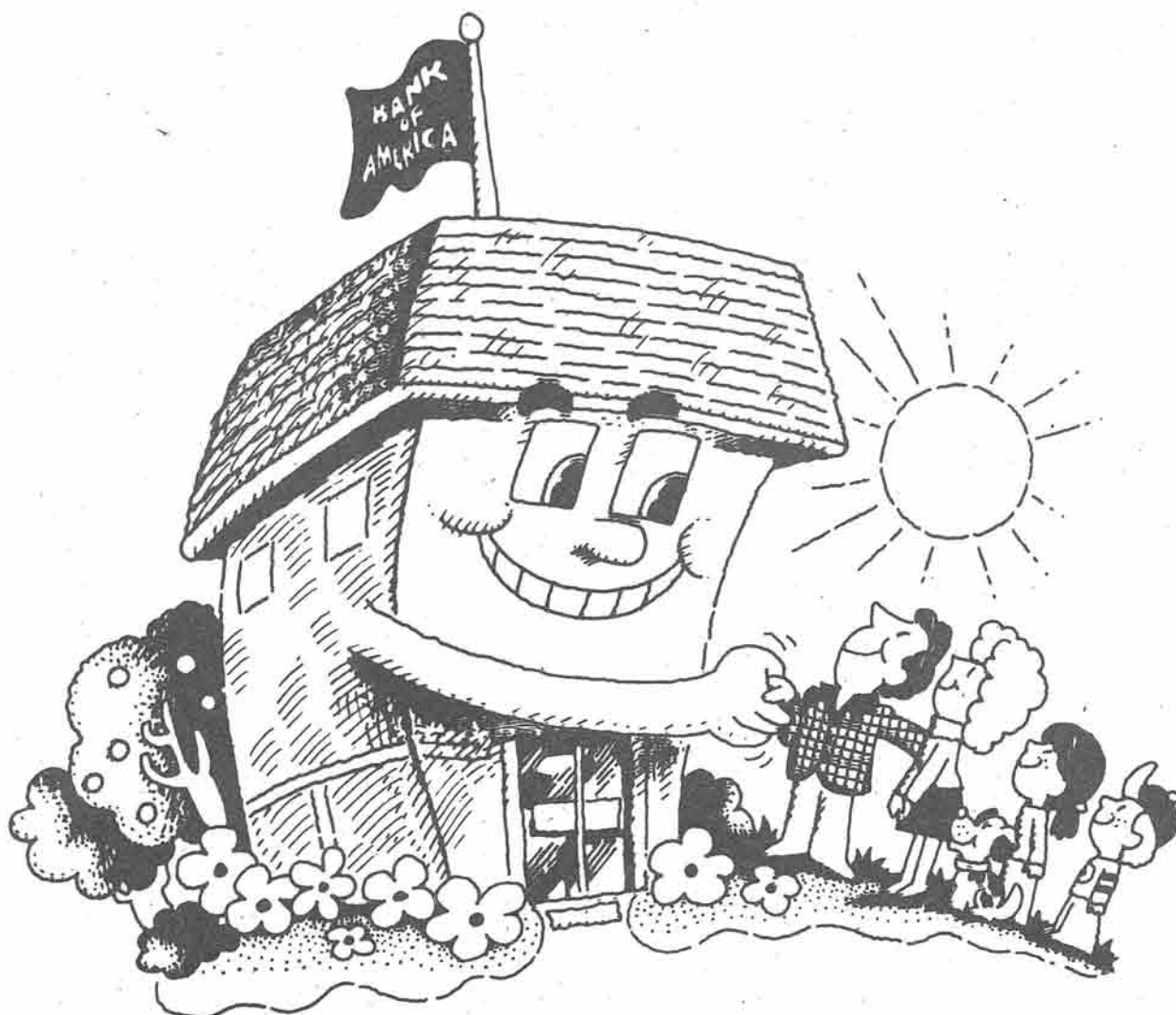
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