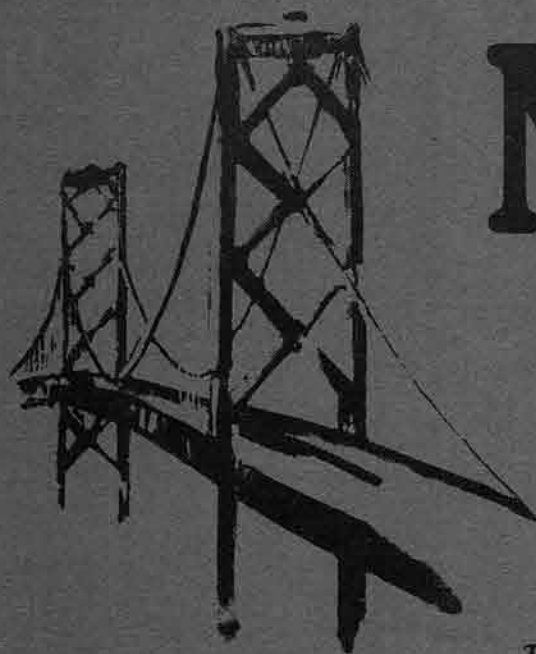


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## Giants To Honor Officer Who Died

The Giants baseball team has designated August 19 as "Isiah Nelson Day" at Candlestick Park in honor of the San Francisco police commander killed in a motorcycle accident in April, team owner Bob Lurie announced.

Lurie said the team will provide 2,000 tickets to local police and community youth groups for the game between the Giants and the New York Mets. The team will also make a cash grant to Nelson's widow, Dorian, for the education of her two sons, Anthony, 1, and Gabriel, 8.

In addition, the Giants, the Police Department and Major League Baseball have established the Commander Nelson Award to be presented every year to the San Francisco officer who best exemplifies "Nelson's spirit, dedication and professionalism."

## Don Brewer Retires

by Paul Chignell, Vice President

Sergeant Donald Brewer recently retired from the San Francisco Police Department after 27 years of service for the citizens of San Francisco.

It seems like a passing of an era when someone like Don leaves for retirement because he was a unique police officer blessed with the right mixture of common sense, loyalty, ethics and toughness that many of us in police work aspire to in our careers.

Many of us learned much from Don Brewer and because of that fact his legacy as an outstanding police officer will live on for many decades.

I first met Don in early 1970 at the Taraval Station when I had two months in the business and he took me under his wing.

He was the best that I have seen in teaching a young officer the principles of officer safety. He also had a knack of showing officers how to use their intuition to spot criminal activity. On so many occasions, I would watch Don interrogate a suspect or interview a recalcitrant witness and bring out the facts of a criminal incident.

Don is remembered by many for his famous "Brewer's Journal," which reported on issues that no one else would write about. Many of his articles made a few people squirm and he used a "tongue in cheek" writing style that brought a large following throughout the San Francisco Police Department.

My best memory of Don Brewer was his devotion to the rank and file police officer and his lack of hesitation in constructively criticizing the administration of the Police Department. Don Brewer was always a staunch supporter of the Police Officers' Association but not afraid to express his objections to the direction of the organization.

I miss Don Brewer and wish him a long and healthy retirement.

## Commission 'Gag Order': No Right To Free Speech

by Dennis Tomason,  
Legislative Committee

I have been a police officer in San Francisco for eight years, and while that is not so very long a span of time, it is apparently long enough ago that I must have forgotten the occasion on which I signed away all my constitutional and civil rights. It has long perplexed me that those of us specifically called upon by society to uphold the law fairly and impartially for others are not ourselves entitled to its protections... or so the Police Commission would have us believe, so flagrant have these infringements become that even the ACLU (who could have imagined!) has sided with us over the issue of First Amendment freedoms.

A few months ago, I complained at length regarding the Commission's position in the OCC video tape scandal. In the article, I challenged Commissioner Giraudo to justify his double standard of justice (i.e., the tapes could be used as evidence of police misconduct, but not civilian misconduct). The Commissioners have not seen fit to respond, personally or in print, and I still maintain that we as police officers are entitled to equal protection under the law without prejudice or bias.

Then there is the Collins matter... as swift as the San Francisco newspapers are to criticize the SFPD on any available occasion, they were unforgivably remiss in acknowledging the death in the line of duty of one of our own, John Blessing. Many of us were angry about that, but one of us put pen to paper and told the editor how he felt. The letter Ed Collins wrote expressed his frustration with the matter in blunt and unequivocal terms. So far, it all sounds pretty routine, but at this point, the story takes a very sinister turn. The editor apparently took offense and sent the letter along with a complaint of his own to the Commission. True to form, the Commissioners went off before putting their brains in gear, and threatened retaliatory action. To make a long story short, even the ACLU was astonished at this flagrant breach of Officer Collins' First Amendment rights and has offered (so we are told) to defend him if the Police Commission is so foolish as to press their threats. What I find just as insidious is that a newspaper editor (aren't our papers purported to be the greatest bastions of freedom of expression?) tossed over every professional ethic in an attempt to suppress Collins' civil rights. Even so, the commission still did not get the message, and the charade continues.

Just over a week ago, "Act Up" was very much in the news. As the International Aids Conference approached, their founder and "guru", Larry Kramer, publicly called for riots in San Francisco. Then in an interview with the *Sentinel* newspaper

(June issue), Kramer called for the formation of an "underground secret terrorist organization... for the purpose of burning buildings, destroying bridges, killing people, throwing bombs and things of that nature." Shortly thereafter, a rumor circulated in the city that "Act Up" might resort to throwing balloons of HIV-tainted blood at police during protests. Many of us heard these rumors, both inside and outside the Department. During a television interview on Channel 20, Officer Gary Delagnes, off duty and out of uniform, was asked how he might respond to such a threat. His comments have already become legendary but for those of you who may have spent the last month in Ethiopia... he basically said that he could not say he would or wouldn't shoot in self defense. The firestorm that followed had "Act Up" loudly denouncing this "threat" before the Commission, which again proceeded to insert ten and a half "D" adjacent to bicuspid. Without due process, Delagnes was removed from his regular assignment and put behind a desk answering phones for the week of the conference. Some officials blamed the Department, or even the POA, for the rumor. Apparently, no one was equally alarmed that "Act Up's" Kramer had made essentially public threats, in print, to do harm to people and property. No one may have stopped to think that such provocative comments had to be taken by the police as serious, and that the spectre of being intentionally splashed with HIV-contaminated blood was a serious threat in view of "Act-Up's" unabashed public statements. Why, then, would Officer Gary Delagnes' statement, which was not in itself threatening nor provocative, be blown out of proportion?

Once again, the commission has displayed no objectivity, it has failed to respect the constitutional rights of Officers Collins and Delagnes, and it has denied us due process by its reactionary responses to vocal special interest groups. The Commission has refused to provide us with the same basic protections under the law afforded any other citizen. How much further will we let them go?



Mike Keyes  
President  
San Francisco  
Police Officers Assoc.  
510 7th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mike:

This letter constitutes my endorsement of your initiative for impasse resolution between the City and County of San Francisco and the police officers, firefighters and the airport police. I believe the measure is fair and prudent and will protect the City's interests by providing that its "financial condition" and its ability to meet the costs of any settlement must be considered.

Sincerely,  
Dianne Feinstein

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## Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of The Widows and Orphans Aid Association was called to order by Pres. Otto Elvander at 2:05 P.M., Wednesday, June 29, 1990 in the Traffic Bureau Assembly Room, Hall of Justice.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: V. Pres. T. Burton excused. Trustees Hardeman & Kurpinsky excused. Among other present, Past Presidents M. Kemmitt and F. Pardella.

NEW MEMBERS: ROBERT CHEW, MATTHEW GARDNER, MICHAEL PHILPOT

COMMUNICATIONS: Following donations received and acknowledged by Secretary: POLICE COMMISSIONERS PIUS LEE & JOHN KEKER — Regular monthly donation of Commissioners; salary; PATRICIA KOASCH — in memory of Commander Isiah Nelson; PACTEL PAGING — for pagers found and returned by members of the Department (keep it up members, they pay \$5.00 for each return); DANIEL MAY — member Solo M/C.

Treas. Parenti presented the regular bills for payment — benefits, salaries, Soc. Sec. and withholding taxes, preparing of Income Tax return. APPROVED.

Treas. Parenti reported the death of ROY W. LLOYD — Born in Minnesota in 1907, Roy's family came to the Bay Area in the early 20's. Roy worked as a janitor for a few years before becoming a member of the Department in 1936 at age 33. There being no Police Academy in those days, Roy received his training working out of the Deputy Chief's Office on various details, one of which was Fixed Post Detail during the Holiday Season. After this train-

ing, Roy was sent to Taraval Station, worked there a short time and then did tours of duty at various district stations. Injured in an automobile accident, Roy was detailed to the Ring-in Bureau, rear of old Northern Station on Ellis St., working there until his retirement on disability in 1943 at age 40. Roy was 87 at the time of his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Sr. Trustee George Jeffery reported on the night meeting with the Security Pacific National Bank.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary read a letter from Attorney's Office notifying the Association that they had been named in a will as beneficiary of \$5,000.00. Subsequent phone call from Executrix of the estate revealed there was not that amount remaining. Will wait and see as to what amount is forthcoming.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Elvander set the next regular meeting for 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, July 18, 1990 in the Traffic Bureau Assembly Room. All members are invited to attend.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 P.M. in memory of our departed Brother, Roy Lloyd.

Fraternally,  
Robert J. McKee,  
Secretary

STILL LOOKING FOR ADDRESS  
OF WILLIE E. JOHNSON & LORI  
KAMLER. SOMEBODY OUT  
THERE SHOULD KNOW.

Bob

## San Francisco Veteran Police Officers Assn.

MEETINGS: The meetings are ALWAYS the second Tuesday of every month. July 10th is our next meeting. Arrive by 11:30 a.m. and visit our refreshment stand. The President starts the business meeting at 12:30 p.m. sharp. Enjoy lunch right afterwards, prepared by our fine Kitchen Crew.

SICK CALL: Bill Stanton is ill, but he is at home, 3030 Larkin, Apr. 309; Don Taylor is in Kaiser in Santa Rosa; Glen Swanson now has a pacemaker and he lives in Novato. Our Treasurer, Ray Seyden, wanted to be here, but his left leg is still giving him some trouble.

DEATHS: Joseph P. Touhy, we learned, passed away on January 22, 1990. Rest in Peace.

NEW MEMBERS: Kenneth R. Davis



and John F. Shine. Welcome!

BILLS: The bills for May were read by the Secretary and approved by the members.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Jim Cole reported the initiative petition sponsored by the Police Firefighters and the Airport Police needs your HELP! 70,000 signatures are needed by July 5, 1990 in order to qualify for the November 1990 ballot. If you are a S.F. resident, please circulate the two petitions sent to you...Pay Raises: We have a Long Beach P.D. retro raise coming and possibly a separate 2.15% raise due as of 7-1-90. Our Prop "E" will now work for us, i.e., when the actives get any raises, we will get them at the same time. Sol Weiner reported we should see an increase in our pay checks from retroactive raises at the end of July or August (we hope)...We need a volunteer to bird-dog the HSS, 1) to let them know we are looking out for our members and 2) to get answers which we can tell our members. Bob McKee said the Retired City Employees Assn. are asking for one specific HSS employee to handle all retirees calls. President Barbero directed the Secretary to write a letter to the Board of Supervisors to not cut the HSS budget.

GOOD OF THE ORDER: Any former and present members of the Bureau of Inspectors, are invited to attend a reunion/dinner dance on September 22, 1990 at the Apostleship of the Sea. Open bar at 6:30 p.m., dinner at 7:30 p.m. Cost is \$30 per person. Contact Sol Weiner at 2250 Irving, S.F. 94122, (415) 564-3800.

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## Right Here In River City

by Bill Hemby,  
COPS Legislative  
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### Feinstein For Governor

Delegates to COPS met in Sacramento in April, and selected Dianne Feinstein as our candidate for governor. As the primary election has proven, we made the right choice. But why did the delegates select Feinstein?

I think the biggest reason is she is the first candidate for governor in our history who will support both law and order and benefit issues. Dianne Feinstein supports the death penalty. She will help us push through much needed law and order legislation, she will appoint tough, fair judges and has vowed to work with us to free up the jammed court calendars.

On the benefit side, Dianne Feinstein has pledged to support a statewide binding arbitration law. She will protect our worker compensation benefits and will assist us to get better worker conditions.

Dianne Feinstein also has more presence. She responds to your questions with direct and truthful answers. COPS believes Dianne Feinstein will bring fresh, new, innovative and dynamic changes for California.

In contrast, Pete Wilson espouses the same old law and order rhetoric, but when it comes down to your benefits, Pete Wilson will vote against you every time. Wilson, as mayor of San Diego, left one of the lowest paid departments in the state. Pete Wilson will not support binding arbitration and has said he would veto such legislation.

If you want to see California deteriorate, as it has under the present Republican administration, well, Pete's your man! California cannot afford another "caretaker" governor. Our roads are falling apart, our schools need help, the environment is in danger and to go along with a "business as usual" attitude won't get the job done.

You can make a difference in this November's election because you, as a law enforcement officer, influence those around you. She deserves your individual support. She deserves the support of police officers and their families. You have an opportunity to make a difference in your career and your future, don't just sit on your hands! COPS and the SFPOA will be working hard for Dianne Feinstein. We will need your support and help.

### Wendy Nelder for Assessor

On the home front, the person who has supported police officers the most on the San Francisco Board of Supervisors is Wendy Nelder. She was the catalyst on the fingerprint computer, she has always supported the SFPOA. She has worked for your benefits time and time again. On her own time and at her expense she designed, wrote and published the only comprehensive drug booklet that warns about the dangers of narcotics. She then personally passed out thousands of them on street corners in the city.

Wendy Nelder is now running for Assessor. COPS endorsed her candidacy because we have to support those who stick their necks out for us. You, as a San Francisco Police Officer, have enjoyed better working conditions because of Wendy Nelder's advocacy in your behalf. Now it's your turn to help her. It doesn't matter if you live in San Francisco or not, you can donate to her campaign.

She is going to win in November, but now she needs your financial support. In my humble opinion, the powers that be at City Hall don't want Wendy Nelder in that position because they fear her in future elections. Art Agnos may be a one term mayor! Think about it!

## Standardized

by Chris Candidate

By now we've all heard the horror stories of the Q50/Q35 candidates whose performance based on raw scores was good, but who were "standardized" out of a job. I still laugh 'til I cry (or is it "cry 'til I laugh") at my friend who received a minus score in one area. The comment I heard was that the member "showed up, spelled Chris Candidate correctly and didn't drool". Wouldn't a zero have been sufficient?

I discovered that one could actually receive less than you would have gotten for not showing up. This piqued my interest, and I decided to look at the other end of the array (lowest score to highest score) and see if it was possible to score more points than the maximum. It was. If you do your math, you will see for example, that the Patrol Simulation exercise was worth 43.59% of a 1,000 point test. This translates to that section being worth 435.90 points. The high scorer in that section, however, got 479.88, 43.98 more points than the maximum allowed for the section.

The way I understand standardization (whether or not I agree with it) is that if a candidate has a particularly tough-scoring board or is assigned to a day that produced lower scores, then that person might require some "help" in achieving the maximum score. How, then is it possible to adjust a person's score to more than the maximum?

I added up all of the sections and discovered that in the 1,000 point Q50 exam, it was possible to score 1,094.33 points, and in the 1,000 point Q35 test, one could receive 1,020.36 points. Not bad! The way I figure it, given the wrong day (or the right day) and tough oral boards — a candidate could have shown up, registered, and then gone to the hotel bar for a Bloody Mary and still scored 94.33 points on the Sergeant's Test (Listen up, my friend with the minus score.)

All things considered; time spent studying; money spent on clothes, training courses, commute and parking costs; and 6 hours marching from room to room —

Next test, I think I'll opt for the Bloody Mary.



## FROM THE PRESIDENT

Good News! As you can read, Dianne Feinstein has endorsed our Initiative petition for Interest Arbitration. I hope the membership remembers her assistance when we endorse for Governor in November. I think as an Association, we endorsed her in the Primary and we should continue our support for her in November.

AIDS Week. Well, as I write this column, we're in the middle of AIDS Week and so far nothing dramatic has occurred. I'm keeping my fingers crossed for continued safety for our membership.

While on the subject of AIDS Week, I want to thank Gary Delagnes who spoke out on the concerns and fears many of our members have dealing with demonstrators who may be infected with AIDS or may try to throw or stick the officers with something contaminated. As you know Gary and I went public over this issue and took a lot of heat for it. But at least going public made the Administration and the public address the issue and deal with our concerns. I also want to thank Deputy Chief Lau, Commander Murphy, Woody Tennant and Lea Militello for addressing the POA Board and discussing AIDS Week. Crowd control was discussed as well as meals and reliefs, and it was a good questions and answer session which helped stem a lot of rumors and hysteria.

I have mailed to all representatives to Post a copy of a summary done by our Attorney Vince Courtney of what's called the "Weingarten Rule." It deals with interroga-

tion of police officers a decision that was handed down by the Supreme Court. What it says is any employee who insists on representation at an interview where he or she thinks may result in discipline is entitled to a rep. Great Decision. Please read Vicne's article in this issue of the Notebook.

Interest Arbitration as of this writing is moving along. Signatures are picking up but we're keeping all our options open to modification, if needed. We're still looking for the support of the Mayor over this issue.

Ray Benson of Community Services and Chair of the POA's Legislative Committee was selected POA Officer of the Month for June. Ray is a tireless worker for this Association without any compensation. A well deserved award.

A reminder to all members, get the Vote out for Wendy Nelder for Assessor.

**"GET THOSE PETITIONS OUT  
GET THOSE SIGNATURES"**

## On an average American day...

...11,800 homes are burglarized  
...2,433 automobiles are stolen  
...1,704 people are robbed  
...49 people are murdered  
...and \$2,191,781 is spent on home security systems

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### COPS FOR CHRIST LUNCHEON

The Cops for Christ Luncheon will be held at the Police Officers Association Building at 510 7th Street near Bryant Street.

The cost of the luncheon is \$6.00. As you know Donna has left for Virginia. We now have a new cook who was highly recommended to us by the California Highway Patrol. Her name is Fern King and she has had her own business for the past ten years. Fern can cook anything that we wish. Please notify one of the below of your intention of attending; that way Fern will have an idea of how much to prepare.

Jim Crowley 553-1500  
Ed Erdaletz 553-1145  
Dan Hampton 553-1101

### THIS MONTH'S SPEAKER

Lambert T. Dolphin  
Consulting Geophysicist

Lambert Dolphin received an A.B. with high honors in Physics and distinction in mathematics, San Diego State University 1954. Two years graduate study in physics and electrical engineering, Stanford University 1954-1956.

Mr. Dolphin became a Christian in 1962 after a long search through science, eastern religion, psychology, and philosophy. He is a popular speaker on Biblical Creation and is a member of the College/University Staff at Peninsula Bible Church, Palo Alto.

Mr. Dolphin's subject: "Jesus as the Fulfillment of Biblical Prophecy."



## RETIRED MEMBERS COLUMN

by Gino Marionetti & Mike Sugrue



### Retirement Life

What surprises me is the number of times I have asked someone how they are enjoying their retirement. The answer is always "just great, I should have done it a long time ago." Retirement can also be the worst time of a person's life. I am enjoying it now but believe me (even being in the right frame of mind) I would rather be working in law enforcement than be retired. It's no secret I hadn't planned for my retirement, so when I was just about forced to retire I really went through a rough period of time that led to a deep depression that I was hoping and praying the good Lord would give me his calling.

Now there must be someone out there who could use Mike's and my help. That is why we are here: to get you over the hump. I know that if you attend our seminars, that the information you will receive will be both informative and beneficial and go along way in preparing you for your retirement. Our goal is to make the transition of going from an active life to one of inactivity smoother. No matter how well we plan for our retirement, it will not always run smooth as it is made up of high and low periods and psychological detours along the way. Mike and I feel that the two most noticeable problems that one faces is the enormous amount of freedom and the inactivity that one faces on retirement. If you have nothing planned why not try doing some volunteer work. Voluntary people are not pious people who are in it for the praise

they receive. Contrary to what you may think, 45% of all respondent volunteers spend their time on whatever they wish and average approx. 5 hrs., a week.

I sincerely believe that the best retirement program, and there are several, for me is as follows: I have to be active, be productive, be stimulated, have a purpose and like myself. On Tuesday and Fridays, I play golf and in our group we have approximately thirty five members. On Thursday and Saturdays I work at the Cannery, walking around the fresh air and the exercise makes me feel good. On Monday and Wednesday's I work at the POA, answering the numerous phone calls that come in, leaving messages and doing research work and making preparation for our upcoming retirement seminar.

On Friday afternoon from 1300 hrs. to 1600 hrs., I respond to St. Lukes Hospital, report to the Nursery section, scrub, put on surgical gown and carry, feed and burp the babies whose ages are from let's say 8 hrs., to perhaps one or two days old. It may sound strange to you but I love it and my only question is why do all babies, at least in my opinion, look like Winston Churchill.

In closing, my last bit of advice I hope that you are enjoying your retirement but if there is anything we can do to assist you please don't hesitate to call either Mike or me at 861-5060 and once again anything said between us will be held in the strictest confidence. Remember all active and retired members, learn to live each day to its fullest as no one promised us a tomorrow.

## Fourth Reverse-Bias Lawsuit

Dallas Police Chief Mack Vines, former chief Billy Prince, Mayor Annette Strauss, City Manager Richard Knight and the Dallas City Council are among the defendants named by 24 white police lieutenants in a reverse-discrimination suit that claims that lieutenants were passed over for promotion to captain in favor of the highest-ranking black and Hispanic candidates.

The suit, filed in U.S. District Court on March 16, is the fourth filed since 1988 by Dallas police officers alleging reverse discrimination in the promotional practices of the Dallas Police Department. One of the suits, filed by three police officers who say they were passed over for promotion to the rank of sergeant, will go to trial in September, and the rest are in the pretrial discovery phase, said Joseph E. Scuro Jr., the lawyer representing the plaintiffs in all four cases.

At issue in the latest suit is a change in promotional policies ordered this year by city officials, which set up promotional goals for minorities in city agencies, including supervisory positions in the 2,600-officer Police Department. Previously, promotions were based on candidates' placements on a list that ranked candidates according to their scores on a written promotional exam and an oral assessment. Vines ordered the change in the Police Department's promotional policy to make it conform to that of city government. The revised policy says that 25 percent of all promotions are to go to the black candidates, while Hispanics are allocated 10 percent.

"The city said (the change) was implemented to achieve goals; the officers contend that goals are a pretext for quotas," said Scuro.

Scuro said the promotional list drawn up in January 1989 comprised 35 candidates eligible for the rank of captain. During a Civil Service hearing in February 1989, the top-ranking officer, who was white, was promoted, but officials then dropped down to the number-seven position to promote a Hispanic, and to number 33 to promote the highest-scoring black candidate. As a result, Scuro said, one of the minority candidates promoted to captain in 1989 ranked lower on the promotional list than 19 of the 24 officers who joined in the suit, and two other minority candidates ranked lower than five of the 24 officers.

The officers are seeking \$38 million in damages, along with promotions to the rank of captain with back pay and benefits. Scuro said the suit also seeks to have the plan declared unlawful.

Police spokesman Ed Spencer said the department could not comment on the suit since it is pending, but noted that the agency has met goals for minority promotions that it had set for 1989. Spencer said 26 percent of the promotions to sergeant, lieutenant and captain went to blacks last year, 12 percent to Hispanics, and 16 percent to females.

Assistant City Attorney Sam Lindsay said the affirmative action measures taken by the city are "defensible and we intend to show that in court" because the Supreme Court has ruled that promotions can be made on the basis of race or sex if there is a "manifest imbalance."

Lindsay said that all of the minority candidates were qualified for promotion, and added that no existing local, state or Federal rule compels officials to make promotions based on the order of rank on a promotional list.

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## Only One Responded

by Bob Swall, Co. A

Many police officers (regardless of rank) and many city officials should have responded to the possibility that ACT UP and/or other demonstrators would carry out acts of violence (such as throwing possible deadly objects) toward police officers and other citizens during the AIDS convention at the Moscone Center. Other areas such as hotels, halls, stores, etc...were also possible targets. This type of violence was reported to have happened in other cities where ACT UP demonstrated.

No one responded as to what police officers could or should do if this type of

violence was directed at police officers and/or other citizens. Only one person responded as to what a police officer might do. That person was Gary Delagnes. Only Gary pointed out what an officer might do to defend himself/herself. If someone else had spoken up, maybe Gary would not have had to. When Gary spoke, he was trying to protect every police officer who was going to be handling any part of these demonstrations. He was also trying to protect any citizen that could have had violence directed towards them from the demonstrators. Everyone should personally thank Gary for his statements. He was the only one who stood up when a response was needed.

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## POLICE POST #456 NEWS

by Greg Corrales

*"Let us now praise forgotten men...  
And some there be, which have no  
memorial; Who are perished, as  
though they had never been."*

*Ecclesiasticus*

I would like to start this column by praising all the members of the Department for the outstanding job they all did during the week of the Aids Convention. The only dark moments of the entire week were during Secretary Sullivan's speech. It is a disgrace that the entire nation observed our decision that Secretary Sullivan's freedom of speech was not as important as ACT UP's freedom of expression. I sincerely hope that we never again allow demonstrators to throw objects (even wadded paper) at members of the President of the United States' Cabinet! Other than that outrage, I think that the Administration must be praised also. The Department was extremely well prepared throughout the week, and everything was obviously well planned.

This year is the fiftieth anniversary of military parachuting. Being a Highly-Skilled, Professionally-Trained, Marine Corps Airborne Shock Trooper myself, I can't let this anniversary pass without comment. In August of 1940 a test platoon of 48 U.S. Army volunteers made the first military parachute jumps. On 16 September, 1940, the U.S. Army authorized the immediate activation of the first American parachute unit — the 51st Parachute Battalion. Parachuting for military purposes (Warriors descending from the skies) was envisioned long before 1940, however. It was Benjamin Franklin who said in 1784: "Where is the prince who can afford so to cover his country with troops or its defense, so that ten thousand men descending from the clouds might not in many places, do an infinite deal of mischief before a force could be brought together to repel them?"

This month I would like to recognize a female patriot of the revolution, Nancy Hart. In Elberg County, Georgia, there was a stream known as War-Women's Creek — derived from the character of Nancy Hart, an uneducated and ignorant woman, but a zealous lover of liberty. This female patriot could boast no beauty; she was cross-eyed, awkward, and ungainly, but she had the heart of a tigress for the enemies of her beloved country.

One day a party of loyalists arrived at her cabin, entered unceremoniously, and ordered her to prepare them something to eat. Nancy, assisted by her daughter, began to cook for them. As she cooked, she exchanged rude jests with her "guests," and appeared to be in tolerable good humor. The Tories invited Nancy to partake of their liquor, an invitation which she readily accepted. As the party had grown quite merry, the Tories stacked their arms before they set down to feast. While they were eating, Nancy managed, by pushing out "chinking" between the cabin logs, to open a space through which she was able to pass outside two of the five guns. She was detected putting out the third, however, and the whole party sprang to their feet. Nancy immediately brought the piece to her shoulder. All were terror-struck, for Nancy's obliquity of sight caused each to imagine himself her intended victim. One made a movement and she shoot him dead. Seizing another musket, she leveled it instantly. Her daughter arrived with information that her husband and several neighbors would soon arrive. This information increased the alarm of the Tories, but each hesitated in the belief that Mrs. Hart had one eye on him. They proposed a general rush. She fired again and brought down another. Just then her husband and neighbors arrived, prepared to shoot them

down, but Mrs. Hart swore "shooting was too good for them." They were bound and taken out and hung.

In the **Line of Duty**, a book detailing the lives of slain law enforcement officers and their families, is being sold to help establish a national memorial for the fallen officers. The book is sent for any donation. Checks may be sent to Kelly Lang, c/o National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund, 1360 Beverly Road, Suite 305, McLean, VA 22101.

There is no Post 456 meeting in July. The next meeting will be on Tuesday, 14 August, 1990 at 2000 hours. The meeting will be held, as usual, at the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. This will be the first meeting under the leadership of our new Commander, Al Aguilar. An additional treat will be the refreshments served at the conclusion of business. This year the food will be prepared by Chef Jacques O'Shea, who has vowed to make members forget the mouth-watering cuisine provided the last year by Mama Corrales. Please make every effort to attend the meeting!

One last thought on the activities during the Aids Convention. Wouldn't it be wonderful if we could generate that kind of enthusiasm for our veterans that were honorably exposed to Agent Orange? How long do these veterans have to suffer and die before the government's antipathy is overcome?

"The test of character is not 'hanging in there' when the light at the end of the tunnel is expected, but performance of duty and persistence of example when the situation rules out the possibility of the light ever coming."

James B. Stockdale

## Roberti Pledges Legislative Support For California War On Drugs

SACRAMENTO — Senate President Pro-tem David Roberti (D-Hollywood/Burbank) has pledged "the full support of the California Legislature in the fight against drugs."

Roberti's pledge came at the June 22 graduation ceremonies of the first graduating class of special agents who will be serving under the new Crack Down Task Force Program of the State Department of Justice.

The Sacramento event also honored Roberti, who authored the successful legislation that funded the Crack Down Task Force Program.

At the event, Roberti received awards from the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement of the Department of Justice and the Bureau of Organized Crime and Criminal Intelligence of the Department of Justice.

In honoring Roberti, the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement said:

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## It's In Your Court

by Bill Fazio,  
Assistant District  
Attorney



### Deadly Misdemeanor

In California a rowdy drunken patron of a bar illegally packing a concealed loaded .45 caliber automatic may only be prosecuted for a misdemeanor violation. On the other hand one simply possessing a blackjack, even in one's home, may face felony charges.

Section 12020 of the California Penal Code reads in part:

"Any person in this state who manufactures or causes to be manufactured, imports into the state, keeps for sale, or offers or exposes for sale, or who gives, lends, or possesses any can gun or wallet gun, ...any metal knuckles, any belt buckle knife, any leaded cane, any zip gun, any shuriken, any unconventional pistol, any lipstick case knife, any cane sword, any shobi-zue, any air gauge knife, any writing pen knife, or any instrument or weapon of any kind commonly known as a blackjack, slungshot, billy, nunchaku, sandclub, sap or sandbag, or who carries concealed upon his or her person any explosive substance, other than fixed ammunition or who carries concealed upon his or her person any

dirk or dagger, is guilty of a felony..."

When it comes to handguns the law reads in part:

"Any person who carries concealed upon his or her person [who carries concealed within any vehicle which is under his or her control or direction] any pistol, revolver or other firearm capable of being concealed upon the person without having a license to carry such firearm as provided in this chapter is guilty of a misdemeanor...." P.C. 12025 (a) & (b)

It likewise is a simple misdemeanor to carry any loaded weapon.

I believe it is clear to any rational person that a drunken lout carrying a loaded concealed weapon presents more of a social problem and immediate danger than someone who has a billy club or pair of brass knuckles in the back of a drawer in his house. The reason why the law treats the possession of certain weapons differently may be based in history. However, it appears that 12020 and 12025 both were enacted into law about the same time. Whereas 12021 was enacted into law in 1967 after certain groups engaged in demonstrations, including loaded firearms, legal at the time, upon Sacramento.

In any event all of the above sections have been amended and otherwise changed throughout the years. Perhaps it is time to amend the Penal Code to allow felony charges for those illegally carrying concealed firearms. I would propose a simple amendment to 12025 substituting the word felony for misdemeanor, thus allowing the prosecution of those particularly dangerous acts of possession of concealed firearms. Such an amendment should not distress those who strongly believe in the "right to bear arms." The legislation would not impose additional restrictions on the lawful possession of handguns; it would simply allow for a more realistic punishment for those who violate already established laws relative to the possession and use of handguns. Now all that is needed is a legislator who will sponsor such sane laws. After all, while it is not inaccurate to state "Guns kill people, people kill people", it is far more accurate (and truthful) to conclude that "People kill people...with guns."

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John Minderman has returned to San Francisco and has assumed the title of Chaplain for the San Francisco Veteran Police Officer's Association. After serving as a San Francisco Police Officer for a number of years John resigned and entered the Federal Bureau of Investigation from which he recently retired. Pictured above in the 1960's is Edward H. Hartman, John, and Solo Motorcycle Officer Ed McMills.

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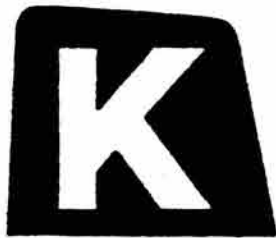
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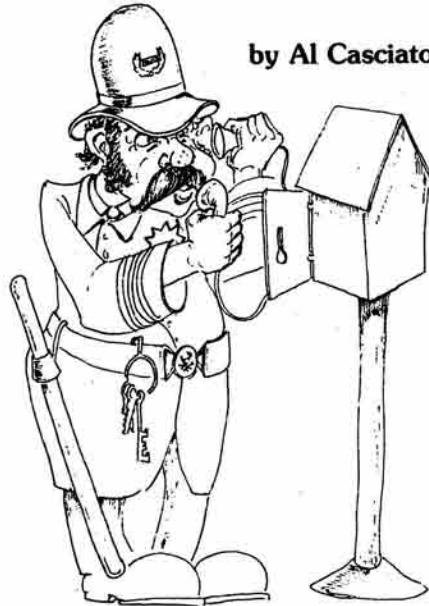


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## AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

by Al Casciato



A very successful and fun event was the dinner held June 14 commemorating the 25th Anniversary of the SFPD Softball League. Retired Chief Don Scott was joined by Retired Captains Tom Dempsey, Tim Curran, Bill Koneig and Legendary Chief of Inspectors Charlie Barca representing the core of administrators who helped start and build the league.

Retired Commander Ray Canepa was greatly missed as all present prayed for his speedy recovery from heart surgery. Well, as of this writing Ray is back on his feet, patrolling Chestnut St. and attending Giants games constantly. He sends a big hello...

Bob Puts has retired as the Commissioner of the SFPOA Basketball League. Bob's many years of dedicated service were acknowledged at the recent awards banquet. New Commissioner Steve Ortiz (recruited, trained, and appointed by Bob) is off and running in the new job having already contacted potential sponsors soliciting "T"Shirts and league fees. Good luck, Commissioner Steve. It's a tough job...

From an unknown author — "No greater diplomatic training than that learned while handling domestic disputes"...

### Birth

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Terry Mahoney led the rest of the clan in celebrating little Rachel's arrival. Congrats and best wishes for the future...

On the rumor mill, a certain Supervisor is alleged to be drawing up legislation to buy out all of the Tier I. If this is true the certain Supervisor should proceed with extreme caution and consult with some of those who negotiated the first trick... Oops, I mean buyout...

What do Don Carlson, Joe Perrone, Rafael Labutan, Layne Amiot, Tim Gaan have in common? All are avid baseball card collectors and appreciate all the help they can get. Sent info c/o of POA...

The recent promotions are great and long overdue, but where are all the radio car troops, AKA: the backbone of the department, going to come from?...

Still no answer to last month's question — "What is the career development plan of the SFPD?"...

**Our fleet of radio cars. Need we say more....**

**Attaway, D.A.**

Congratulations to Richard Hechler, an Assistant District Attorney right here in our own city. He recently captured a strongarm robbery suspect downtown and held him until police arrived. The suspect, a wonderful human being who injured a 73 year old woman during his exercise of the free enterprise system, went to trial in June. Mr. Hechler, who is more accustomed to asking the questions, had to undergo questioning by his courtroom colleagues. Hope he got everything right.

P.S. — C.A.D. nightmare: No one available to update or make corrections during evening hours, weekends, and holidays. Seems that if we are depending on interface between the P.S. and C.A.D. systems to maintain accurate records — then a technician or programmer should be on duty 24 hrs. a day 7 days a week 365 a year in dispatch to rectify problems and update information as needed...



# What's Goin' On?

## No More Mirrors, Mr. Mayor

On Wednesday, 6/27/90, a member of our department, operating as a **one-officer unit**, was severely beaten by a burglarly suspect. The closest back-up unit was also a **one-officer car**, and this member had **only 10 months service with our department**.

The injured officer is presently in stable condition at St. Francis Hospital.

The SFPOA Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, 7/3/90, at 1300 hours at the POA Building (510 - 7th St.) to determine appropriate policy statements regarding the Mayor's insistence on delaying future police academy classes as well as to address the continued charade that we have sufficient personnel to operate as a professional law enforcement agency.

Gayle Orr, Deputy Mayor  
Public Safety  
City Hall - Room #159  
San Francisco, CA 94102

Dear Deputy Mayor Orr:

We are having great difficulty in resolving two major issues dramatically affecting the working conditions of the members of our Association.

The issues referred to are:

- Platooning Concept in Division ranks, and
- Division utilization of Communication channels.

It is obvious to both the members of our Executive Board as well as our attorneys that your immediate participation in the regularly scheduled meeting we attend with Assistant Chief Willis Casey (each Wednesday at 3:00 p.m. — Chief Casey's office) is necessary in all future discussions over the issues mentioned as well as all other labor matters.

Sincerely,  
San Francisco Police  
Officers' Association  
Steve Johnson, Secretary

Gayle Orr, Deputy Mayor  
Public Safety  
City Hall — Room #159  
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Dear Deputy Mayor Orr:

Once again, I am petitioning you, on behalf of all the SFPOA members serving at Southern Station, to utilize the authority of your office to help rectify the outrageous and disgraceful working conditions the men and women officers of this unit endure on a daily basis.

The problems I brought to your attention in our phone conversation approximately one month ago, still exist:

— There is no holding cell for women prisoners (These individuals must be handcuffed to free-standing chairs in the business office area creating a serious officer-safety problem).

— There are no functional shower facilities for male officers in their locker area (There is no cold water access, only hot).

— There are no shower facilities for the women officers who share the men's locker room.

— There is no separate building entrance for escorting prisoners to/from the station for booking, leaving a grave potential for both escape and/or injury to citizens visiting the Hall of Justice on regular business.

— There are no bathroom facilities for prisoners. Officers must escort male/female prisoners to public restrooms off the main hall placing the personal safety of the officers and the public at risk.

Please accept this letter in the spirit in which it was intended, that is, as a formal request for assistance bearing in mind that the SFPOA will do everything possible to assist in resolving these serious problems that have a deleterious affect on morale.

Sincerely,  
San Francisco Police  
Officers' Association  
Steve Johnson, Secretary

## New Call Box System

by Rudy Wassersleben,  
Electrical Construction Superintendent

I would like to take this opportunity to get the word out regarding the changes in the Police Call Box Systems. Our department (Electricity & Telecommunications) has been converting the street boxes to the new touchtone system. The old manual switchboards are retired and have been replaced by an electronic switching system.

The advantages are that now it is possible to call in to the various stations, Hall of Justice, and locations, such as Homicide, Traffic, etc. The new phones have bells and can get calls back, something which was lacking in the old system. Each box is left with a condensed directory — each station has a full directory. You can also call fire stations, CHP, Central Emergency, MUNI, and Police from the street boxes.

Access to outside lines is restricted; however, in an emergency situation this feature can be programmed into any particular street box circuit. This only takes a moment and is done by our personnel at the Central Fire Alarm station. A good example was the recent Gorbachev visit, wherein the boxes in the vicinity of the Russian Consulate were permitted access to outside dialtone.

The conversion is almost complete (60 boxes to go as of 6/11/90) and another communication tool will be there for your use. It can help relieve congested radio lines and provide secure communications not accessible to outside people.

Equipment problems should be reported to DET operations, 821-5593, or Central Fire Alarm Dispatchers, 861-8000, x309, or METS no. 4059. Note the number on each telephone is the number the phone will ring back on.

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## Political Warfare II

by Paul Chignell, Vice President

Gary Delagnes hasn't gotten over the fact that he lost the POA election for Vice President, not once but twice, after a runoff. His colleagues were all elected with substantial margins but Gary was rejected by the membership.

Since that time I have been subjected to numerous forms of criticism and innuendo and have held my response. However, the latest salvo in the Notebook deserves a factual response because brother Delagnes went too far.

I hold no ill will against Gary Delagnes, but I would hope that Gary could understand that the world is not black and white, that the bad guys are not always lined up against the good guys, and that the truth is often times in the middle, a little bit of gray.

Gary needs to understand that he doesn't have a market on ideas when it comes to endorsing candidates for public office. I have espoused many candidates and have won some and lost some. Some candidates fulfill their political promises and others do not, and the factors that those politicians base their decisions on involve many perspectives. When I took a detail to the Mayor's Office in March of 1988, I did so with my eyes open and have learned a lot about city government in the intervening two years. And when I add up my record on behalf of city employees and proposals that I have worked on I am proud of the work I have done. Of course, I am not pleased with some of the policies that are espoused and have said so in an aggressive tone and will continue to do so. My critics can ask labor groups in the City and will find with few exceptions that labor leaders in San Francisco have an advocate within the bureaucratic confines that I have been working.

Gary Delagnes has chosen to criticize my involvement with Proposition K, the proposal that was defeated by the electorate that would have turned over the policing that the SFPD currently handles to the Office of the Sheriff. He conveniently forgot or did not know that it was Paul Chignell who helped get Assemblyman John Burton's opposition to the measure; that it was Paul Chignell who worked with other city department heads to get their ballot arguments against the measure — just ask General Manager Mary Burns of Recreation and Park, Dr. David Werdegard, Director of the Department of Public Health, Phillip Sowa, Executive Director of San Francisco General Hospital, and Chief Frank M. Jordan of the San Francisco Police Department (see ballot handbook of November 1989).

In addition, I was out in the Richmond District for nine hours over two days walking door to door distributing fliers against Proposition K and talking to voters asking them to defeat the measure. Ask the President of the Deputy Sheriffs Association and the Sheriff what side Paul Chignell was

on and what they think of his activity on Proposition K.

The other issue that Brother Delagnes mentions in his article is the Feinstein-Van De Kamp endorsement at the POA. Of course I opposed the Feinstein endorsement and would hope that Gary could understand that we all have a right to promote a candidate based upon the track record of those candidates. My involvement with the POA has been one of almost 20 years on the Board of Directors and I have had a unique opportunity to observe Feinstein's labor record. My criticism does not relate to personality, but rather economic issues and human issues of Feinstein's record. I pointed out that she voted to place Tier II on the ballot and support the regressive retirement plan that hundreds of our members must endure, that she opposed time and a half for overtime, opposed night differential, helped defeat binding arbitration as Mayor (we lost by a small margin), did nothing to defend our secondary employment rights when we were in danger of losing all secondary security employment, tried to ram through civil service reform in 1986 that would have abrogated the remaining civil service rights that we have (we defeated her 71% - 29%), opposed Tier II changes, opposed 20 year retirement, tried on two occasions to ram through the Board of Supervisors increases in the Chief's power to suspend and to demote officers (which we defeated), constantly stirred up the press during the Rathskeller "scandal" which resulted in officers receiving terminations when suspensions would have sufficed, supported the resolution against the Police Bill of Rights, displayed a distinctive lack of leadership in the White night riots that resulted in police cars burning in front of City Hall, kept the controversial Charles Gain as Chief of Police for 14 months, and took credit for increasing the size of the Police Department when in fact the Consent Decree mandated those increases.

I pointed out that John Van De Kamp had been supportive of us on all labor fronts, including allowing us to sue the City under a complicated legal procedure that he could have closed the door on to rectify Tier II, issuing an opinion mandating the Police Bill of Rights on San Francisco, supporting binding arbitration and having an open door to our issues in the Office of the Attorney General.

Feinstein was endorsed by the POA irrespective of these issues and recently sent a letter endorsing our local arbitration measure which is a credit to her for reversing her long standing opposition to this labor issue. The POA has now made that decision and I respect that decision and I will follow the wishes of the Board of Directors. But, a free discussion of the issues important to the membership based upon the facts and not conspiracy theories of my critics is the responsible approach.

The conspiracy theory that I am a lap dog for Mayor Agnos or any other politician is plain wrong and if he checked his facts, Gary would know that. I campaigned hard for POA-endorsed Arlo Smith despite the fact that the Mayor did not support him; I strongly supported Jerry Benson for the Superior Court when the Mayor supported Donna Hitchens, I opposed Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver when the Mayor supported her and there are many other examples.

Gary Delagnes has his perspective within the POA and so do I. By working together on issues and avoiding unfounded conspiracy theories, the membership would be better served.

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# What Really Happened to Police Chief Biggy?

by Kevin Mullen

Just before midnight November 30, 1908, while returning to the city from Belvedere, San Francisco police chief William J. Biggy disappeared over the side of the police launch *Patrol*. Two weeks later his drowned body was found in the Bay off Yerba Buena Island. The official verdict was that he had accidentally fallen from the boat and drowned. But there was evidence pointing to suicide, and some even thought he might have been done away with. In the circumstances surrounding his last few months in office, anything was believable.

The first decade of the century was a turbulent time in San Francisco, politically as well as geologically. When a group of monied reformers, charging corruption in the highest places, went after the city's governmental and business leaders, the town was turned on its ear. The trouble all started with a bitter teamsters strike in 1901, which was broken with the help of police who rode on dray wagons to protect strikebreaking drivers. Vowing never to have the police used against them again, the embryonic labor unions formed their own political party and elected their own mayor in the municipal election that November, "Handsome" Eugene Schmitz. At Schmitz's side, throughout his mayoral career, was his political mentor, Abraham Ruef, North Beach attorney and political fixer, who had done much to ensure his electoral victory.

From the start of the Schmitz regime, there were rumors of officially condoned police graft — not an uncommon reality in American cities at the time — and by mid-decade, many of the "better" element were also convinced that Ruef-controlled city officials had entered into a corrupt arrangement with public utility companies to control the award of valuable city franchises to a select few.

In December 1905, Fremont Older, the reform editor of the *San Francisco Bulletin*, went to Washington to see President Theodore Roosevelt, who had started his own political career a decade before as a reform police commissioner in New York City, and extracted from him the loan of Assistant U.S. Attorney Francis Heney and Secret Service operative William Burns to assist with a graft investigation/prosecution in San Francisco. Funded by former Mayor James Phelan and prominent citizen Rudolph Spreckles, and supported by an honest District Attorney who had somehow slipped into office at the November 1905 election, the graft hunters set about cleaning up the town.

Their project was put on hold for a time, however, when San Francisco was leveled by the great fire and earthquake in April 1906, but later in the year, at a specially convened grand jury, the mayor, his

political mentor, and the chief of police were indicted on felony graft charges, but not before Ruef audaciously tried to have the District Attorney removed from office and himself installed in his place. In March 1907, just as his trial was about to begin, Abe Ruef suddenly made himself unavailable, and when regular law enforcement officials, all of whom owed their jobs to him, couldn't seem to locate the lawyer, the court appointed William J. Biggy as *elisor*, a temporary court official, to arrest and detain the missing political boss.

Biggy was an old, if eccentric, hand at local and state politics and had previously filled a number of offices. In 1892 he had been elected to the state legislature where he gained a reputation for uncompromising honesty. Later he served as Registrar of voters in San Francisco and for a short time as a member of the Board of Supervisors. In 1900 Mayor Phelan appointed him to the police commission and when the chief of police retired, Biggy made himself temporary chief. A rigid moralist who followed the dictates of his own conscience, without paying much attention to the opinions of others, Biggy was soon in the soup. He began his term by raiding Chinese gambling houses and charging police officers with accepting petty graft. Within a month, Phelan — the self-same who was to lead the reform movement a few years later — removed Biggy from office on the grounds that he had appointed himself chief of police without authority and because he wouldn't work cooperatively with the other commissioners. (Shortly after Biggy's departure from office the mayor's office was implicated in an investigation by the State legislature into Chinatown graft.)

In August 1907, upon Mayor Schmitz's conviction, the entire city government, including the Board of Supervisors, which by then had been implicated in the wholesale corruption, and the chief of police, who had yet to come to trial on his own charges, were swept out of office. The police commission appointed by the new mayor, Edward Robeson Taylor, appointed William J. Biggy Chief of Police. Biggy brought his reputation for inflexible honesty with him to the office. But given the political climate



of the time, it is difficult to see how anyone could have succeeded in the job, Biggy least of all.

The graft prosecutions notwithstanding, turn-of-the-century San Franciscans were very much divided about the issues of vice and petty graft. Despite laws making the practices illegal, gambling and prostitution had persisted more or less openly since Gold Rush times and, as in many late Victorian American cities, it was the considered opinion of leading law enforcement officials that vice was inevitable and it was best to keep it contained in restricted districts. There were exposes from time to time, followed by the arrest of a few officials — usually resulting in no convictions — after which conditions returned to normal. (Officially and popularly sanctioned vice was not to be effectively ended in San Francisco until the mid-1950s administration of Mayor George Christopher.)

It was in such a moral stew that Biggy tried to enforce the vice laws. Along the way he made enemies of just about everyone. The first to line up against him were the Fillmore District merchants who, fearing a loss of business, opposed his efforts to move brothels out of the residential district and confine them to Chinatown. A few months later the Chinese Six Companies and Chinese Chamber of Commerce charged the chief with oppression when police officers enforced, orders against playing dominoes in Chinatown. Shortly thereafter, on the other side of the ledger, the pastor of St. Francis church in North Beach publicly accused Biggy of extending the limits of the Barbary Coast by

issuing a permit to allow women in saloons on the 700 block of Pacific street. By that time, it seems, the chief of police had a hard time pleasing anyone.

In April 1908, while examining potential jurors in preparation for trial, prosecutor Heney had exposed one potential venieman, Morris Haas, as having served a prison term for embezzlement in the 1880's. Haas, who had since mended his life, left the jury box in disgrace. For months he brooded, and on Friday morning November 13, as court was about to convene, he entered the courtroom, walked to the prosecutor's table and shot Heney in the head. Haas was seized by Burns and nearby police officers and placed in custody in the county jail. The suspicion immediately arose that Haas was part of a conspiracy to destroy the prosecution which was by then closing in on the wealthy owners of the transportation and telephone utilities who had participated in the boodling. That suspicion was lent credence when Haas, under close police guard, was found shot to death the next day in the county jail, a derringer in his hand.

The wrath of the prosecution immediately focused on Chief of Police Biggy. Investigator Burns accused the chief of being responsible for Haas' death for letting him obtain a gun in the jail. Biggy countered that Haas had brought the pistol in with him and that Burns himself was responsible for not searching the prisoner more carefully at the point of arrest.

In the spate of press accounts which followed there was a steady drumbeat of calls for Biggy's dismissal. The flavor of those articles is best captured in the closing sentence of the November 18 editorial in the *San Francisco Call*: "Biggy is unfit to be chief of any public department. Biggy

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# Board of Directors and General Membership Meetings

## June 12, 1990

### Call to Order

#### Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present: Rosko, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Maloney, Co. B; Coggan, Co. C; Fox, Co. D; Barsetti, Co. D; Paulsen, Co. E; Goldberg, Co. E; Gardner, Co. F; Ramlan, Co. G; Java, Co. H; Conway, Co. I; Doherty, Co. K; Shine, Co. K; Alves, Hdqts.; Sullivan, Inv.; Cole, Ret.; Keys, Pres; Chignell, V-Pres.; Johnson, Sec.; Trigueiro, Treas.

Excused: Fagan, Inv.; Flippin, Muni.

### President's Report

President Keys gave an update on all meet and confer items that are presently pending. The Performance Improvement Program (i.e. PIP folders) is currently the subject of meet and confer sessions. John Goldberg, a principal in the negotiation process, is reviewing how other law enforcement agencies determine individual performance based on agreed-upon standards.

Also the subject of the meet and confer process is the "24-hour Investigations Bureau". On Monday, June 25, 1990 there was a meeting held at the POA regarding this proposed change. The meeting was attended by many inspectors and an agenda was prepared for presentation before Assistant Chief Casey by Vice President Chignell and Bureau Reps Roy Sullivan and Alex Fagan.

### Vice President's Report

Vice President Chignell briefed the Board on pending arbitration and grievance matters. Please check with your appropriate representatives for further details.

### Secretary's Report

M/Alves 2nd/Friedlander to approve the Secretary's report for the month of May. Motion passed unanimously. Secretary

Johnson reported on the POA's current dealings with the administration in regards to "Platooning" and the communications problems we are experiencing. While "Platooning" is an excellent concept, it does not resolve the overall problems of staffing and equipment shortages.

**SFPOA Childcare:** The childcare issue (childcare provided for members at the POA building) has been deferred for one month as the position paper documenting costs and other concerns has not been completed yet.

Secretary Johnson said he would also follow-up on the Police Commission's endorsement of the POA's request to expedite the booking/admitting process at both SFGH and YGC.

The Needle Exchange Program, passed in the June, 1990 election was the subject of a motion to petition state legislators to oppose implementation. M/Johnson 2nd/Friedlander. Motion passed unanimously.

### Treasurer's Report

M/Maloney 2nd/Friedlander that the Treasurer's report for the month of May be approved. Motion passed unanimously. Treasurer Trigueiro then spoke in regards to our interest arbitration measure that we are attempting to place on the ballot in November 1990. He gave us a briefing on our petition count and encouraged all members to get as many signatures as possible on the initiative. The deadline for filing is **July 24, 1990**.

Treasurer Trigueiro also reported that there will be an informational meeting on interest arbitration scheduled at the POA building on Saturday, June 30, 1990 at 1000 hours. After further discussion on possible options for pursuing interest arbitration, a motion was made to allow for further negotiations between POA representatives and various political entities. M/Johnson 2nd/Fox that the Executive Board of the POA as well as the Labor Relations Committee be given the authority to negotiate with the Mayor, with the Board of Supervisors and with other labor council members within the City & County of San Francisco in order to attempt to reach an agreement as far as placing an interest arbitration measure on the ballot in November of 1990. Any agreement discussed would be brought back to the full POA Board of Directors for final approval. This motion was approved

unanimously.

Our Treasurer also reported that apparently the Controller's office failed to fulfill their obligations in honoring our assessment previously approved and, rather than having 10 pay periods to cover the \$100.00 per member charge, the Controller's office informed Treasurer Trigueiro that the only thing they could do at this time would be to assess our members over four pay periods (\$25.00 per check). The POA Board of Directors regrets any inconvenience this accelerated assessment might have on the members of our Association but it must be done in order to obtain an equitable process of negotiating our future.

### Committee Reports

**Police Services Committee** (Delagnes/Chairman): Gary Delagnes presented the SFPOA Officer of the Month Award for the month of June 1990 to Ray Benson, Chairman of the Legislative Committee. Ray Benson is a major principal, along with Treasurer Trigueiro, in furthering our attempts to improve the benefits of the members of our Association with our interest arbitration measure scheduled for the ballot in November of 1990. Ray is not a paid member of the Board of Directors nor does he ever request reimbursement for the work that he has done. Let's just say that Ray is a man behind the scenes for whom we should all be grateful.

**MOU Committee** (Trigueiro/Chairman): Chairman Trigueiro stated that he has met with his MOU Committee and that they have recommended the extension of our present MOU until November, 1990, pending the outcome of our interest arbitration issue. M/Trigueiro 2nd/Coggan that the MOU be extended to November, 1990. Motion unanimously approved. Chair Trigueiro also reported that the Labor Relations Committee has recommended that we look to other union affiliation possibilities. M/Trigueiro 2nd/Coggan that Al Casciato chair a committee for the union affiliation with other major organizations. This committee would meet with representatives of SEIU, AFL/CIO, etc. in order to ascertain whether or not it would be in the best interest of the SFPOA to enter in formal agreement a labor contract for the betterment of the members we serve. Motion was unanimously approved.

### General Membership Meeting

There was no quorum at 1700 hours so the regularly scheduled Board meeting continued.

**AIDS Convention Oversight committee** (Manheimer/Chair and Delagnes): Deputy Chief Fred Lau, Patrol Bureau, as well as Commander Thomas Murphy, Div. I, were present at the POA Board of Directors meeting to address any concerns the Board might have over the AIDS Convention. Various issues were discussed:

**Reliefs:** The Deputy Chief and Commander stated that they would do everything possible to ensure timely reliefs.

**Medical Staffing:** The Deputy Chief and Commander also assured the Board of Directors that there would be adequate medical personnel on hand as well as sanitation areas in order to provide officers with any cleaning equipment they might need and appropriate uniform replacement.

**Refreshments:** The MOU currently in effect states that as long as the depart-

ment's administration provides officers detailed to demonstrations a meal period, the administration does not have to pay for the cost involved. In this particular case, the Deputy Chief and Commander had made adequate arrangements with both the PT&T cafeteria, as well as various vendors that were at the Moscone Center in order to feed the officers on a pay-as-go basis. If officers are ever required to remain at their post(s) and not given the opportunity to break for meals, then adequate sustenance **will be provided** and paid for by the department.

**Crowd Control Training:** The Deputy Chief and Commander stated that the new Crowd Control Training Policy Manual was in effect and that they would ensure the members on line would be informed as to their (members') respective duties. The Chief, the Police Commission and the POA have agreed that whenever necessary changes must be made to this policy, due to relative experience, that the change will be accomplished making crowd control policy for the SFPD a continuous learning experience.

**Childcare Task Force** (FrankReed/Chairman): This report was deferred until further information could be obtained.

**Federal Litigation Committee** (Willett/Chair): The only information that we have at this time as far as the Sgt./Insp. promotions are concerned, is that the hearings of protests are taking place and that there will be subsequent auditor/monitor meetings to discuss conclusions and the number of appointments of sergeants and inspectors. The primary concern of the SFPOA will be the cross-over numbers and assurance that both lists will be of a 2-year duration.

### New Business

**Kennedy Equal Rights Amendment** (Calabro): This was deferred until next month.

### Financial Requests

Issue: Easter Seal Society Golf Tournament, June 25, 1990.

Cost: \$200.00 per ticket. Officer Tim Flaherty from Northern Station addressed the Board of Directors in regards to the POA's opportunity to participate in the Easter Seal Society Golf Tournament benefitting many young children afflicted with various illnesses. M/Paulsen 2nd/Barsetti that the POA purchase four tickets to the Golf Tournament for a total price of \$800.00. The tickets will be the subject of a POA raffle. Motion approved unanimously.

Issue: SFPD Youth Fishing Program — Request for funding to the amount of \$3,000.00 was deferred until further information could be gathered.

Issue: Fundraiser for Speaker Willy Brown of the Assembly.

Cost: \$500.00 per person. M/Sullivan 2nd/Barsetti that the POA purchase two tickets for this particular fundraising event. Speaker Brown has fundamentally supported our interest arbitration ballot measure and he will be a strong ally in the November, 1990 election. Motion approved unanimously.

Meeting recessed at 1900 hours to be reconvened on Tuesday, July 3, 1990 at 1300 hours.

Steve Johnson  
Secretary

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# And The Winner Is...

Doing a T & O before radio cars.  
Submitted by Jack Smoot, CWB

This was one of the most popular photos we've used. The number of entries submitted was astounding. However, most of them centered around the idea of reporting off watch and always included a specific identification of the recumbent officer. Jeez, guys, is everyone out there sleeping (or worse) on the job?

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# Let The Buyer Beware

by Elizabeth Rohrs,  
Broker/Property Manager

"Buyer's remorse" is an affliction suffered by almost all real estate purchasers. Niggling doubts usually start immediately following the signing of an offer to purchase and often rise to a crescendo in the middle of the following night. Did you pay too much? Is the house ready to fall down the instant you move in? Did you not look long enough, hard enough, for your dream home?

In this article we will review the steps you can take to protect yourself from a hasty and/or unwise purchase, so that you may avoid the worst of that dread remorse. The importance of knowing what you are doing cannot be overstated, since the purchase of a home may well be the largest investment you will ever make and one which, by its nature, you will have to live with daily. Also, most buyers are either first or second time homebuyers and so have little personal experience to guide them. Remember, the more effort and time you commit to mastering the process, the happier you'll be with your new home.

## Selecting An Agent

An agent who consistently directs you to 4-bedroom homes when you want a condo, or who shows you homes far beyond your budget, is wasting both his/her time, and yours.

As in the case of home sellers, I suggest that you work at selecting your own representative. A mere phone call to a local real estate firm or a stop by a local 'open house' will have you in the clutches of an agent before you know what's happening and the choice will have been made for you. Remember, you are dealing with professional salespeople who have honed their sales skills to a fine point, and they will not make it easy for you to resist. But the choice of the agent with whom you will be working should be your own.

Therefore, I suggest that you interview several agents by asking friends and/or neighbors for recommendations, and by inviting these prospects to your home in-

dividually. You want to find a representative who cares about your needs and with whom you have a rapport. Select one who asks you questions — including difficult ones like your earnings, savings, lifestyle, etc. — and who appears to sincerely want to help you, not just earn a commission. Select the agent who will, with careful questioning, narrow the market for you so that you will be shown only those homes that fit your needs and pocketbook.

## What Can You Afford?

Once selected, your agent will want to "pre-qualify" you financially. It may be difficult for him/her to ask, "and how much do you make?", so try to make it painless for both of you. One way will be to prepare a brief financial statement. Note earnings from employment, investments, rental income, etc. Offset this with your expenses — car payments, insurance premiums, installment debt, child support or whatever. Unless you are planning to purchase with all cash, the lending institution will need to obtain this information from you anyway, and it will greatly assist your agent in determining what you can afford (and qualify for!) in new housing.

Remember, however, that any information that you give your agent may be passed on to other agents, or even to the seller of a property. To avoid this potential problem, you can deal directly with your bank or other lending institution. The lending officer will assist you in determining the amount of loan you will be able to qualify for, the amount of down payment you will be able to make, and the fees or points involved. You can then pass the qualification amount on to your agent.

As a rule of thumb, you will pay about \$90 in principal and interest per month for each \$1,000 borrowed at today's typical 10.5% interest rate, amortized over 30 years. A lender will not usually allow you to commit more than 25% to 32% of your gross income in mortgage payments. A family income of \$75,000 will, therefore, support mortgage payments (interest and principal) of \$1,560 to \$2,000 per month, or a loan amount of about \$170,800 to \$218,700, depending on the lender's guidelines.

Once determined, this information can then be given to your agent to the extent necessary to narrow the market so that s/he will be able to concentrate on only those homes within that range, and save

you the disappointment of finding "just what you want" at a price you cannot afford.

Don't forget to figure in closing costs in your purchase decision. You can estimate about 4% of the mortgage amount (i.e., \$4,000 for a \$100,00 loan) for title insurance, escrow fees, points, inspections and appraisals, etc., to be paid at close of escrow. Your agent can provide you with a more specific estimate based on the customary fees and costs in your area. This amount will, of course, reduce your down payment if you are working with a fixed sum of available cash.

## What Do You Want?

As you determine what you can afford, you now want to discuss other requirements and wishes with your agent. The agent needs to know if you have preferences in neighborhoods. Do you want a large yard with a pool, or is that exactly what you are trying to avoid. Do you need a 4-bedroom home for a growing family, or are you "down-scaling"? Once you have determined, for instance, that you want a 3-bedroom home of at least 1850 square feet, with a small yard, formal dining room and attached garage, on the east side of town, your agent will be able to be of the most service to you.

Your choice of potential new homes at this point may be narrowed down to three or six or twelve, which your agent will then show you.

Presuming that your dream home is not among these, you may feel that you can contact another agent and get a whole new selection. This is not true! In a "hot" real estate market, some new listings may be withheld from publications for a few days (the so-called pocket listing) so that an agent may try to peddle them in-house. Generally, however, given your specific criteria, any new agent will have the same pool of listings from which to select — the multiple listings. Only a very small percentage of homes for sale are not included in the local multiple listing service and "shopping" agents will lose you the loyalty of an exclusive agent who knows that when you do buy, their work will be rewarded with a commission.

## Buying Your New Home

When you do find a home that meets your needs, ask your agent to prepare a competitive market analysis on the property, showing similar homes and their sales prices. This will help ensure that you don't offer too much for the home or, alternatively, antagonize the seller with a 'low-ball' offer. The analysis will also help your agent "sell" the deal to the homeowner.

Your offer to buy should include your right to have the property inspected. This inspection should include not only the usual "pest inspection" for termite and moisture damage, but a more complete contractor's inspection of the roof, foundation, structural integrity, lot drainage, etc. If the property is on a hill, you should also get a soil analysis to determine the stability of the land. Your agent should be able to refer you to competent contractors/specialists.

While such inspections may cost you a few hundred dollars, the aggravation avoided and the resulting nights of good sleep are well worth the price. The cost of necessary repairs can be negotiated with the seller, but often if you'll put in your offer that the seller is to pay for termite or other structural defects, the seller will agree and pay all costs.

The purchase of a 'home warranty,' available through most real estate firms, may also be worthwhile. A price of \$300 to \$500 will guarantee the new home's electrical/plumbing/heating systems for a period of time (usually one year) and may

be money well spent. Be sure to check the warranty carefully before purchase so that you know exactly what is and is not covered by the policy. Remember also that the seller will often provide a home warranty as part of the sale package, if asked to do so in your "Offer to Purchase."

Also, if part of your down payment will be realized from the sale of your present home, your offer to buy should have that sale as a contingency to your purchase. (However, that may also be a hindrance to your negotiations.)

## Making The Offer

Once you and your agent have determined the value to you of a piece of property and the terms and conditions under which you would be willing to buy, the "Offer to Purchase" can be drafted for presentation to the seller. Unless you have a contract with your agent, however, you should not disclose to that agent the extent of your flexibility in price or terms, in that your agent owes a fiduciary duty to the seller.

Typically, the offer will be presented to the seller by your agent and the seller's agent. If you are skilled at negotiating, or if you feel that your presence could be beneficial to the process (i.e., you are asking the seller to carry some or all of the financing and you want him/her to see what a prosperous, upright citizen you are), you could ask to be present. However, more offers have been botched by the presence of the prospective buyer than have been saved, so as a general rule you should let the professionals take care of it. They want to make the deal as much as you do.

A counter-offer, if any, will be the seller's offer to compromise. If the counter falls within your area of flexibility, you've got yourself a deal.

## Tax Angles

When you sell your home and purchase another, some or all of the tax on the "profit" on the sale may be deferred. If, for instance, your home, purchased for \$175,000, is now sold for \$375,000, your profit is \$200,000, less the expenses of the sale and any improvements (pool, etc.) made to the house.

If you purchase a new residence (within two years before or after that sale) for a price greater than your adjusted basis in the above home, the tax on your gain is deferred. If the purchase price of the new home is less, taxes are due on the realized profit portion only (i.e., sales price of old home of \$375,000; new home purchased for \$365,000; taxes due currently on a maximum of \$10,000 gain only).

If you continue to defer profit until you or your spouse are age 55 or over and you meet certain other criteria, the law allows you to realize \$125,000 profit tax-free. This is a one-time tax break. (If, however, the owning couple divorce prior to the sale, each may defer a like amount, or \$250,000 total.)

In preparing your tax returns for the year of sale, don't forget to deduct:

1. Home moving costs, if you are moving because of a job change;
2. Loan prepayment penalty, if you pay one. (Lenders cannot charge a prepayment penalty and enforce a due-on-sale clause; it must be one or the other.);
3. Pro-rated property taxes and mortgage interest figured into the escrow on the purchase;
4. Certain escrow fees, including transfer and recording fees;
5. Loan or assumption fees, if paid by check. Loan fees deducted from the loan at closing must be amortized over the life of the loan, so be sure to pay them separately.

## When To Say NO

- If your agent wants you to list your home before you have an accepted offer on another, unless you have the purchase of the new property as a contingency to the sale of the old.
- If the agent asks you to stretch your budget to an uncomfortable level to buy a home beyond your means.
- If the homeseller wants you to buy "as-is", without inspections.
- If the house is a "fixer-upper" and you've never owned a hammer.
- If the deal sounds too good to be true. (It probably is!)

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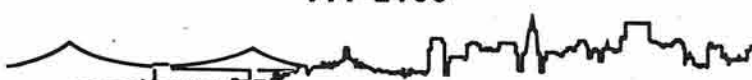
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# BIGGY

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is a blowhard. Biggy is chicken hearted and chicken witted. Biggy has no shame. Biggy has no honor, either in his public or his private relations. Nobody respects him — NOT EVEN BIGGY." By the 26th, it was reported that the Citizen's League of Justice, comprised of former supporters of Biggy, was about to ask the mayor for his ouster.

Beset from all sides, on the evening of Monday the 30th, Biggy took the police launch to Belvedere to submit his written resignation to Police Commissioner Hugo Keil. According to Keil's later account, he convinced Biggy that his retirement would play into the hands of his adversaries, and the chief withdrew his resignation before reembarking on the launch for the return trip to San Francisco. It was during this brief voyage that Biggy disappeared over the side.

Against the background of these events, there was immediate speculation about what had happened to the chief but the autopsy showed no signs of foul play and the verdict of the Coroner's jury was that he had fallen over the side and drowned accidentally. There were those who were not satisfied with that finding.

One theory — one that persists to this day in the lore of the police department — is that the chief might have been done away with. It is apparent from a reading of the contemporary accounts of the tragedy that in the aftermath of Biggy's demise public officials evaded or gave ambiguous answers to questions of the press. There was talk of a letter Biggy supposedly left in his office before departing on the launch. And Commissioner Keil reported that he had submitted a memorandum to the mayor of his last conversation with Biggy along with Biggy's letter of resignation. These documents were suppressed at the time and even later their contents were never revealed. And then there is the curious statement of William Murphy, the engineer who piloted the boat the night Biggy disappeared. Two years later Murphy was picked up wandering about in a downtown hotel muttering to himself. As he was being taken away to Agnew State Mental Hospital he is reported to have screamed, "I don't know who did it — but I swear I didn't do it."

It would take more than the ravings of a madman to support a finding of murder and there are other explanations for the actions of officials after Biggy's disappearance. The most reasonable explanation is that Biggy took his own life, unless one considers it murder to drive a man to his death.

Part of the explanation of what happened to Biggy lies in his own temperament. He had a rigid uncompromising personality. "Biggy was almost fanatic in his desire to satisfactorily police San Francisco," remembered Mayor Taylor after the chief's disappearance. And he had no ability to shrug off criticism. "He is too nervous and sensitive," reported his estranged wife at one point, "and he gets worked up too much over his trouble and newspaper at-

tacks." His was a personality that when confronted with real adversity was almost sure to break rather than bend.

As was indicated by his previous experience as chief of police in 1900 he was not much given to compromise. The tendency to play it close to the vest might be interpreted as good sense in a law enforcement environment where every time a vice raid is to be conducted the object of the raid knows in advance of the planned operation. But the suddenness of Biggy's departure suggests that he was out of step with the prevailing institutional ethos of that period.

When he was reappointed chief in 1907, he was not well supported by the officers of his department in his efforts at reform. As an outsider in a department, the large part of which supposedly opposed the graft investigation, he could have expected a certain amount of resistance. His efforts to clean up gambling in the Fillmore District came to nothing, and throughout his tenure, despite his best efforts, a highly organized syndicate of gamblers continued in operation with the quite obvious connivance of his subordinates and the courts. In enforcing his orders about gambling in Chinatown, his subordinates aroused the ire of merchant leaders by harassing innocent businesses while nearby gambling joints ran in full swing. The officers were careful to mention that they were acting on the orders of the chief. His captain of detectives, a man he had placed in office, was heard running him down in saloons around the Hall of Justice.

By the end of November, it was evident that the chief was beginning to crack. On the early morning hours of Sunday the 29th in a pathetic and perhaps alcohol induced effort to finally do something about the goals of his administration, Biggy took it upon himself to personally raid the notorious brothel of Tessie Wall at Larkin and Ellis street, which he had been trying to close unsuccessfully for months. Without informing his subordinates of his intentions, the chief stormed through the hallways of the whorehouse, ordering the inmates out into the street. (Thirty years later when Tessie Wall died, the principal beneficiary in her will was Biggy's chief deputy at whose home the chief had his last Sunday dinner and where he spent the last night of his life. Wall's biographer points out that the officer had never been assigned to a district in which Tessie had a resort. No, but...) One newspaper played the story of the raid mock seriously as the work of a drunken, bumbling imposter. All this must have severely distressed the rigidly moralistic chief of police; it must have seemed as though his world was coming apart.

By the final night of his life Biggy's actions suggested a man having a mental breakdown. For some reason or another he left his pistol in the lavatory of the Ferry Restaurant where he dined before leaving for Belvedere. And as he got on the police launch he pointed out two men on the pier as spies sent by Burns to watch him. He instructed the engineer to leave the dock as "quietly as possible" and not to blow the whistle if it could be helped. A witness to his departure later said that the two men

on the pier were longshoremen known to frequent the area. In the end, the object of ridicule, almost friendless and alone, feeling betrayed and misunderstood, and deluded into believing that he was being spied upon, Biggy probably took his own life.

As to the evasive behavior of public officials and the suppressed documents, that can perhaps best be understood as a belated attempt to salvage Biggy's name. The immediate and almost general belief when Biggy's disappearance was reported was that he had taken his own life. It was only later, as the implication sunk in that, as a suicide, he would be denied burial by his church, that officials started equivocating in their statements to the press. Perhaps they felt some responsibility for his death and that now he deserved some consideration; he certainly hadn't gotten much in the last days of his life. Finally, after a funeral with full police

honors at St. Mary's Cathedral, he was buried in the hallowed ground of Holy Cross cemetery.

After Biggy was put to rest, a search was made for a replacement chief of police. One leading contender turned the job down with the statement "I would not take the place if it was the last job on earth...No man can fill that position without sacrificing his reputation. He might be an angel, but if he took that office he would retire with the reputation of being a crook and I don't want that to happen to me."

If Biggy had more insight into his own nature and the environment in which he would have to operate, perhaps he would have come to the same conclusion himself. As things were, he just wasn't flexible enough to function in the extreme ethical ambiguity of the world in which he found himself. He was the wrong man in the wrong job at the wrong time, and that cost him his life.



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We wish to thank the members of your staff as well as everyone within the department's administration who participated in the functional implementation of the "10B" overtime account for their outstanding accomplishments over the past years in creating a computerized system to ensure a greater opportunity for off-duty employment for all members of our department.

We also feel that it would be an ideal time (end of fiscal year) to allow our SLES Committee members the opportunity to meet with your scheduling personnel next month (July, 1990) to further instill the confidence of all "10B" applicants that the endorsed procedures are fair to all.

Sincerely,  
San Francisco Police  
Officers' Association  
Steve Johnson, Secretary

## Thanks

Dear Mike:

My daughter and I want to extend to you our personal appreciation for your thoughtful concerns with regard to the loss of my late wife earlier this month. You should know that the support given us by the men and women of our Department, from Chief to 'clerk', has been very gratifying.

And, while I'm writing to all the known individual blood donors who gave in our time of need over these past two months, (two transfusions/week) I also need to thank those unknown men and women who stepped forward to make a gift of themselves. They should know that their sacrifice provided my wife with several weeks of conscious, comfortable living, time that was particularly important to us as a family. These people need to be assured that we'll be there for them when and if 'the shoe' should ever be on the other foot.

Also, along these same lines the membership should know of the dedication demonstrated by Insp. Tom Vigo, our POA Blood Bank 'coordinator'. Tom went to considerable length to alleviate our frustration and concern over the family's constant need for blood and platelets. The peace of mind provided is indescribable.

Take a bow Mike, the SFPOA's concern for the individual members is something for which we can all be proud.

Sincerely,  
Christopher W. Weld  
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To all the members of SFPOA—

Thank you all so much for the very beautiful flowers sent in honor of my son Jeff who had just turned 19. Had he not failed to put on his seat belt, he would not have been ejected from the vehicle and killed.

A terrible lesson, the results of which is a burden to us all. Your concern was most supportive and we thank you kindly.

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# Letters

To: The San Francisco Police Department

As both a mother and wife, I have had close association with the San Francisco Police Department. My son, Lloyd Enmark, and my husband, Lt. James Murray, were both S.F.P.D. veterans. Thus, I know that police officers must be hard working, dedicated, and courageous in order to protect the citizens they serve.

The dangerous and valiant actions make news, sometimes bringing accolades, sometimes criticism. However, the small acts of humanity mostly go unnoticed.

An incident which took place several years ago in Golden Gate Park has always reminded me of the human side of police work. A friend and I were enjoying the sunshine when a sweet little blond girl wandered over and sat down beside me. Even though she was about four or five years old, she didn't say one word, but listened politely and held my hand while I tried to question her regarding the whereabouts of her parents. The girl was dressed beautifully in a hand embroidered white dress. Because of her dress and the fact that she didn't speak, I had the impression that she might be foreign, and therefore, unable to explain where her parents were.

I thought about taking her to the police station, but didn't think it wise to leave the park with her. Fortunately, the Mounted Patrol soon came by. The officers were so kind that when the child was lifted onto the horse, she was complete unafraid and looked positively delighted.

The identity of the little girl has always remained a mystery to me. But the confidence I felt in handing the child over to the officers and the security in knowing the Mounted Police were and are to this day patrolling Golden Gate Park will always be remembered too.

I bristle whenever I hear talk of doing away with the Mounted Patrol. Not only does it provide assistance as mentioned, but I'm sure just the very presence of the Mounted Patrol is a deterrent to crime in the park.

My thanks to the S.F.P.D. for its fine work.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. James A. Murray

## More

Mr. Tom Flippin, Editor  
SFPOA Notebook  
510 7th Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Tom,

My article, "So You Wanna Be A Landlord?" looked wonderful in the last issue! I hope it will be helpful to your readers.

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##### JUST THINKIN

- The home run I managed to hit yesterday can't win today's baseball game.
- To me, the hardest thing about a diamond is paying for it.
- I know much too little about too much and not enough about enough.
- Takes too many tomorrows before we think about how great yesterday was.

Horse sense is what a horse has that keeps him from betting on people — W. C. Fields.

##### Summer Fun!!

"Kids on Tennis Courts, Not in Juvenile Courts" is the theme of the first PAL Tennis Clinic, August 6th through August 10th, from 9 AM to 12 noon at Dolores Park across from Mission High School. Officer Beth Pedrodalasol is the director of the program. She is looking for assistants.


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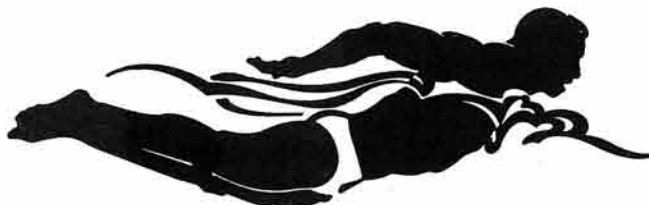
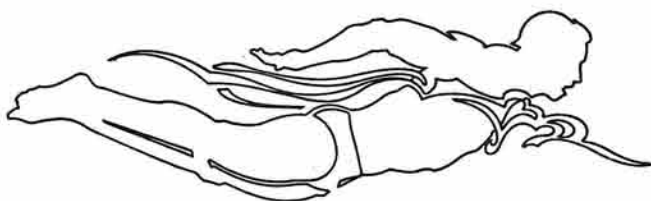
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## "Isiah Nelson Day"

The San Francisco Giants have designated August 19th as the Isiah Nelson Day at Candlestick Park, in memory of the San Francisco Police Commander killed April 14th in a motorcycle accident following a Giants game.

In addition, the Giants, Major League Baseball and the San Francisco Police Department have established the "Commander Nelson Award," to be presented each year to the SFPD officer who best exemplifies Nelson's spirit, dedication and professionalism.

"The Giants are proud to help the memory of Isiah Nelson stay alive, especially throughout the Major League Baseball Community," commented Giants Chairman Bob Lurie. "Isiah was the highest ranking police official ever assigned to Candlestick Park on a regular basis. He did an outstanding job improving security at Giants and 49ers games, and he was greatly responsible for the successful evacuation operation following the earthquake during last year's World Series. Most importantly, he was an outstanding person, a great family man, and a close friend who is missed by a lot of people."

For the August 19th Isiah Nelson Day game versus the Mets, the Giants will donate 2,000 tickets to local police officers and community youth groups. The team will also make a cash grant to Nelson's widow, Dorian, to be used for the couple's two sons, Gabriel and Anthony. Also at the game the Giants will be giving the PAL a check for \$2,500. Chief Jordan and Ron Exley (PAL) will accept the check.

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# Softball Anniversary

by James M. Curran, Retired

I recently attended the 25th Anniversary of the S.F.P.D. Softball League (1965-1990). During the evening many accolades were expressed by the head table to the many players who are "All Stars." All of the players mentioned, some of whom I played against and some whose reputation I'm well aware of, are deserving of this title. If you go back for the last 40 years (1950-1990) I would like to present a team of "All Stars" as seen through my eyes.

Sterling Weatherspoon	P
Ken Sanstrom	C
Greg Clooney	LF
Mike Keys	CF
Lou Fontana	RF
Bill Winters	SCF
Jerry Donovan	IB
Gary Bertucci	2B
Jeff Barker	SS
Charlie Sandoval	3B

On this team I have probably overlooked a few as the memory has a tendency to fade and I did not have the opportunity to play against or see many other fine players.

No matter if you're playing as "All Star" material or not the association, competition, and camaraderie binds everyone together not only on the playing field but also on the job which is what it's all about. Gentlemen, it has been a pleasure to have been associated with all of you.



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# SPORTS



## Physical Fitness and Daily Exercise

by Frank M. Jordan, Chief of Police

Physical fitness for everyone is very important, but for police officers it should be an essential part of our lifestyle due to the stress related nature of our work.

I encourage every member of the San Francisco Police Department to develop a daily exercise routine. By exercising daily you can alleviate stress related health problems such as high blood pressure, heart disease and excess weight.

Exercise facilities at the Hall of Justice, the Academy and District Stations are available for use by Department members.

Similarly the San Francisco Bay Club, located at 150 Greenwich Street, is offering Department members significant savings on group memberships.

The Bay Club has recently undergone a \$3 million expansion and remodel of their athletic club. The result is a 75,000 sq. ft., state-of-the-art club with all the latest equipment and wide range of workouts from which to choose. A partial listing of facilities includes:

- 2 indoor lap pools
- more than 85 aerobic classes weekly
- tennis
- racquetball
- squash
- basketball
- extensive weight training and cardiovascular equipment
- plus, full spa amenities, casual dining and social activities.

The Bay Club has long been known as one of the finest full-service athletic clubs in the Bay Area. For a complimentary workout or more information on the San Francisco Police group rate, please contact Steve Fryer at 433-2550.

It is important to check with a physician if you are planning to undertake a rigorous workout program or currently receiving treatment for a medical condition.

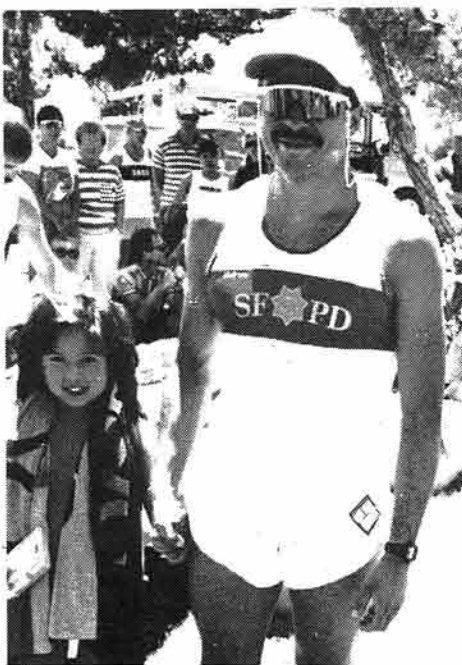
Exercise may not extend a lifetime; however, proper diet and daily activity can enhance the quality of your life.



by Dennis Bianchi

**R**unning provides a wide variety of rewards for those who have selected running as an exercise or leisure activity. June provided prime examples of this.

With spring in full blossom serious 10K races could be found almost every Saturday and Sunday, but on Thursday June 14 a run was conducted to raise money for the Special Olympics. This type of running is the heart and soul of the sport. Everyone was invited to participate and the purpose of the event was to provide a positive and healthful means of celebrating life.



Dynamic Lou Perez, California's Police Summer Games Triathlon Champ!

Sgt. Dennis Gustafson organized a team of several Department members, led by Chief Frank Jordan, and the group left Justin Herman Plaza en route to the Daly City line, where the Special Olympic torch was passed along. Chief Jordan and Sgt. Gustafson were joined by a new addition to this Department's running team, Pamela Hofsass. Pam is the first female distance runner to represent this Department in years. Her presence and ability is greatly appreciated. Pam plans on running the San Francisco Marathon on July 1, representing the Department along with Mike Mahoney, Stan Buscovich, Jeff Brosch, Bill Cooke, Nelson Lum, and Steve Venters. The last two officers will be running their first marathon. Good luck and thanks for giving it all you have while running under the S.F.P.D. colors.

### First Summer Games Report

Lucio Perez won the Gold Medal in the Open Division of the California Police Summer Games Triathlon. This is no surprise. Lou worked hard all spring and repeated his past winning performance by giving his usual all-out best. In addition to his Gold Medal in the Tri., Lou won a Bronze Medal in the two-mile open water swim, a Bronze in the cross-country 10K run and then on Friday, June 29, he put on one of the most exciting, gutsy shows of the Games.

By Friday Lou was competing in his fifth event and the 5000 meter track race was not his for the winning. The lead runner was fresh and fast, but Lou locked horns with a member of the L.A.P.D. for second and when the last lap came around, Lou was behind 30 yards with less than 150 yards to go. The L.A.P.D. runner never checked back as Lou began one of the greatest finishing kicks of all time. Lou slipped by the stunned runner in the last three steps. Twenty minutes later the L.A.P.D. runner was still wandering around with a stunned look on his face when the Silver Medal was presented to Lou. I spoke with him immediately after the race. Lou said he had won a medal for everyone in his family, even one for himself. Typical Lou. He's a champion human being that represents this Department in a first-class manner month after month, year after year.



(L-R), Bianchi, Rapagnani & Brosch, Bronze Medalists in the Masters Division Triathlon

Thanks, Lou and a giant congratulations.

Also competing in this year's California Police Summer Games Triathlon event was Bill Cooke (who finished seventh in the Seniors Division), Steve Venters (sixteenth in the Master Division) and John Newlin (eight in the Master Division), the five individuals who competed in the Triathlon this year, a record number of tough competitors.

These members were joined by two Masters Division teams that provided one of the most interesting and competitive stories of the whole Summer Games. Stan Buscovich, runner, and Dave Herman, cyclist, drafted Reno Rapagnani, Sr., out of retirement to swim for them. Only a few months short of his 70th birthday, Reno Sr. was more than willing and quite able. Jeff Brosch, cyclist, and myself as the runner, responded by drafting our own Rapagnani, Reno Jr., who also responded to the competitive challenge.

On race day the father-son duo were joined by numerous family members and the betting and guessing were going full blast. When the swim section was completed the excitement was damn near too much. Reno Sr. came out of the water at the end of the one-mile swim about 15 seconds ahead of his 28-year-younger son. Nice going to both swimmers! You were terrific.

The 14-second lead wasn't enough, however, as the "Master Blaster" Jeff Brosch blazed his way out and back about four or five minutes ahead of Jeff Herman. I managed to hang on over a hot course of rolling hills to give our team a Bronze Medal.

A word of advice to all of you cyclists who see 51-year-old Jeff Brosch as a guy who does okay for his age. If you think you can beat him by the lucky coincidence of being younger or skinnier, guess again. You better work extra hard to compete against this hard-as-nails cyclist. He's tough! He's also a gentleman and a great teammate and representative of this Department. I'll be reporting more of Jeff's Summer Games exploits in the coming months. Suffice it to say, he won more medals than any individual from our Department that I know of. Thanks, Jeff and Reno and congratulations to all of the other physically fit and classy competitors in this year's California Police Summer Games Triathlon.



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# SPORTS



## Shots from the Pistol Team

by Duane Otis, Robbery

The shooting season is well under way. About half of the schedule has been completed. The teams recently traveled to Monterey and again to Los Angeles. Our 2 and 4 person teams are doing well and should finish up the year in good standing. Matches coming up are the Summer Games in Sacramento, The Sacramento Sheriff and Stockton Police Match in mid July.

One of the advantages of getting older is the ability to recount more war stories. I can remember in the mid 60's that the Stockton Police Match was at the time the largest pistol match in the world! It was not uncommon to have as many as 1200 shooters from all over the west competing over a period of 4 days. Now a big match may draw about 400 shooters. What happened? Gas prices, the demands on time and travel. The difficulties of getting time off to attend. The inability to find a suitable practice range were some of the factors.

I have watched many departments that used to send their members to the matches pull away from the time off and ammo benefits. There are very few departments that actually send their members to the matches. If you can believe this, in the 50's and 60's, members of the pistol team were actually detailed for the day(s) of the competition. A teletype would be issued, announcing the members that were detailed to the matches. We provided our own travel and entry fees; but were actually detailed to compete in the match. Those were the golden years of competition. In contrast, several departments have cut back on firearms training.

The best example is that of the San Jose Police Dept. In the past, they had three or four teams running up and down the state competing at every match. For several years they sponsored a great match. In comes a new Chief, new policies, new directions and the firearms training in essence goes out the window. With the exception of specialized units; the line officers of the San Jose PD, go to the range once a year to fire a total of 48 rounds. That is legal under POST guidelines. There is not much else to say about it. I think that we are all aware that a bad guy probably

shoots his gun more than that.

Under the heading of team exploits: Brenda Walker of the Photo Lab recently returned home to Ohio to visit relatives. While there she entered a NRA Police Regional Championship in Canton. When the smoke cleared and the results were posted, too bad, Brenda was in 1st place in the NRA Marksman class, with a score that most Experts would gladly take. Her score was 1421 out of a possible of 1500, which equals about 95% of perfect. The runner-up was the local Chief of Police. Rumor has it that he was the favorite. Well, Chief, hits happen!

Tony Camilleri has recently come out of his semi-retirement and is clearly leading the SF team in scores. Welcome back TC! Curt Cashen of the Photo Lab recently shot his all time best score. Sgt. Roger Farrell of Co F is having his best year. One of the problems associated with shooting better scores, is the nature of the classification system. When you shoot much better, the old computer catches up to you, and bang, you receive notice at the next match that you have been promoted. No pay increase, no praise, just hoots, and jeers from your team mates as now you have to do the "tighten up" and shoot even better to stay with the group with whom you are now competing. All part of the game... as well as I shoot, we joke about it on the team, my all time best score in the PPC was 1487/1500. Wound up about 4th and won a flashlight! Wow! The time to win the lawnmowers and guns is on the way up!

As a reminder, the team is always looking for new faces. One does not have to be from the hills of the Ozarks, or an ex-USMC long range sniper. Past experience is nice, but not needed to become skilled in the use of handguns. Just give me a call. In 5 minutes, I can tell you who we are, what we do, and how you can be apart of it. If I am not in; there are three other pistol team members in Robbery: Tony Camilleri, Armond Pelissetti and Glen Pamfiloff.

Congratulations to the latest recruit class. Good luck in the FTO Program. Yes. It is true, there is a new member of the Dept. assigned to Northern Station on the mids, that the team would like to acknowledge. Angelo Spagnoli, a world-

class competitor and sportsman. To put his achievements in some sort of perspective for us more earth bound types...if he was racing cars, he would be on a par with a man named Mario...enough said. Hope that he becomes interested in our form of competition.

My personal thanks to Chief Jordan, Members of the Police Commission and especially to Deputy Chief Frank C. Reed for the recent approval for optional carry of semi-automatic pistols. As a member of the committee formed about 18 months ago; I know that there were times when I felt that it would never happen. I can remember sending those messages to get some input; the responses were slow in coming, perhaps due to morale, but at last the responses came in, and each was read and considered. Some decisions had to be made on which models would meet the criteria as established. For those models that did not make it on the list, it was not that they were omitted because they were old, but basically because some of the older models did not meet modern safety tests in relation to drop tests, etc.

Rangemaster, Sgt. Don Blaine and his staff, have designed a training plan for the transitional training to semi-automatic pistol. Three days of training with all of the latest techniques. Yes, it is true that 99% of us are going to have to wait to get into the class, to receive the training, and as my friends in LA say, "get the ticket". To bring you up to date, on that...close to 4500 members of the LAPD have made the switch. The Los Angeles County Sheriff is also making the switch, all 7500 of them. The FBI should be getting their new 10mm pistols within the year. The CHP will be making the change to the new .40S&W (a shortened 10mm) within the next year also. The swing is on. The United States Secret Service has also allowed the duty use of the semi. But the training is needed. They are different. You need to know the differences. The semi may not be for everyone. You will more than likely find them much easier to shoot. You will probably fire better scores. You may feel more

confident with it. Keep it all in perspective, it is just a tool, it throws very small objects, very fast. It is a defensive weapon. Hopefully, you will never have to use it. But, if you must, you should be able to use it with confidence. Please take the training as a serious matter.

Before you run off to the local gunshops, put some cash aside. The POA and the weapons committee are getting together soon to discuss the possibility of group purchase of weapons, leather gear. This does not mean that it will happen. But give us a chance, and we will see what can be worked out.

We will not be able to have our Mike O'Brien match this year... simple reason: the range is being constructed. The team and I invite you to a reasonable alternative. The SFPD team along with Sheriffs' Dept. is sponsoring a three day match on July 27-28-29. The match to be held in Walnut Creek at the WCPD range. The range is about 45 minutes away from the City. No, you're not going to be there for three days!... just a few hours. You can use that duty gun, either revolver or semi-auto. Teams can be formed from the different stations, watches, units, etc. If you think that you can spare a few hours and enjoy some competition with members of other agencies at your own skill level, give us a call at 553-1204 and I will send out the information needed. Always keep in mind, the IRS provision that anything you do to maintain and improve a skill required in your job is tax deductible. Thank you, IRS! Is that new gun a tax deduction? You bet! Holster, ammo, magazines, clip holders? The whole thing... the match fees, the gas, the meals? Sure thing.



## Sailing

by Gordon Wyatt, Retired

Our Geritol sailing team of Gordon Wyatt, retired, Co. I, Country Club; Chuck Hammond and Len Engel, retired, Bikes, continued their winning ways bringing home the gold by sailing Gordon's 21' sailboat "GOLDIE."

The four races held on Donner Lake were wild and frantic, with the wind gusting to forty mph and coming from all directions without any warning. It was a combination of survival as well as tactics. Five boats

retired with broken parts and other problems after they were blown over, dumping their crew in the alpine waters of Donner Lake. One boat flipped three times, another one twice, other crews were swept overboard by wild swinging booms, but they got their boats righted, their crew back aboard and continued sailing.

Everyone got a chance to dry out after each day's racing at a great barbeque held on the beach in 75-80 degree weather. A great time was had by all, and they will be looking forward to next year.

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# ON THE STREET/Tom Flippin



## A Funny Thing Happened...

by Tom Flippin, Editor

Well, here's the next installment of "It may be against the law, but it sure is funny."

I got such a good reaction from last month's compilation (two people told me they thought the column was funny, and one told me he was glad I wasn't writing editorials anymore), that I've decided to do it again. Again, many of these items are taken from the San Diego POA paper "The Informant", other items are clipped from various newspapers by yours truly.

**A REAL MACHO MAN:** A stickup man who selects only female victims shouldn't get much respect in criminal circles anyway, but we suspect Victor Gonzalez, 23, will have an even tougher time getting any respect in the joint. The New Yorker is suspected of robbing as many as 89 girls — all between the ages of 5 and 13.

Since Dec. 3, over 90 robberies of little girls were reported on the grounds of Bronx elementary schools, many of them at gunpoint. Finally, one little girl identified Gonzalez as the suspect immediately following a particularly bold job — for Gonzalez, that is — in which he robbed three victims at once, aged 6, 8 and 11, relieving them of their rings and earrings.

Next time perhaps he'll try something safer, like stealing baby bottles from carriages.

**BUT CAN SHE PARALLEL PARK?** Everybody's heard a horror story or two about the traffic situation in New York City, and how parking tickets are a way of life. Some people get downright creative in their efforts to avoid paying the parking-ticket piper, and at least one New Yorker has elevated it to a high art form.

Silvia Matos simply parks her car wherever she wishes, and who knows what she does with the tickets — she certainly doesn't pay them. A recent audit, not yet completed, shows that just between Dec. 31, 1984, and Feb. 28, 1988, Matos amassed a total of at least 2,800 parking citations, carrying fines of \$171,746.00 — a new city record.

In all these cases, she was parking the same car, but registered under 19 different addresses and 39 license plates. The Parking Violations Bureau is said to "deeply desire" information about her whereabouts.

### USE A TURTLE, GO TO JAIL?

Troy Brewer, a pizza deliverman in Balch Springs, Texas, reported an armed robbery to police. It seems two thieves relieved him of \$50 cash after holding a snapping turtle up to his face. The cops were no doubt sympathetic when Brewer told them, "It was a big, huge, ugly turtle!"

Yeah, Troy, but can you tell us what caliber it was?

**YOU MEAN WE HAVE RIGHTS TOO?** In a surprise precedent-setting move, the state Supreme Court let stand a \$46,000 award against an ACLU attorney for ejecting a police officer from a public meeting, thus violating the officer's civil rights.

Newport Beach Police Officer Richard Long was assigned to Community Relations at the time of the incident, and when the American Civil Liberties Union organized a 1980 public meeting to discuss police surveillance practices, he attended for the purpose of hearing complaints against the department and attempting to resolve them.

Long, just like other attendees, paid an admission fee, put on a name tag, and took a seat, where he scribbled notes and recorded the highlights of the proceedings — until he was spotted by some of the meeting's organizers. Linda Valentino of the "Friends Service Committee" announced Long's presence.

Rees Lloyd, then an ACLU staff attorney, demanded that Long identify himself — which he did. Then Lloyd said, "I want you outside. I'd like to discuss some of the principles of the ACLU with you." Lloyd allegedly pointed a finger in the officer's face, ordered him out of the room, and threatened to slap him. Lloyd told those present he was there not to spy on them, but to improve police-community relations, then faced with mounting hostility, left the room.

After years of litigation, an Orange County Superior Court jury found in favor of the officer in 1987, awarding him \$4,600 from Valentino, \$46,000 from Lloyd, and ordering the ACLU to pay \$72,000 in legal fees.

Lloyd's attorneys had argued that political groups were entitled to exclude what they perceived as an "illegal police presence." The court, however, felt that Officer Long had at least some of the same rights as any other citizen.

This case marked the first time the ACLU, or one of its attorneys, had been held liable for infringing on the rights of others.

Before you get too optimistic about the implications though, you might consider this to be a simple statistical phenomenon. How long could it go on before even the ACLU had to get caught?

**BEST ALIBI OF THE WEEK:** A total of 53 "johns" were arrested during a recent sweep of prostitution activity around 47th Street and El Cajon Blvd. in San Diego. Out of that number, you would have to come up with at least a few interesting alibis the johns had for striking up conversations with the undercover "hooker" officers.

One had an excuse no one in the detail could remember having heard before: "I thought she was my sister."

**YEP, THIS SPOT'S DANGEROUS, ALL RIGHT:** Only 35 minutes after his brother was hit by a car on a street in Grand Prairie, Texas, a man decided to stand on the same spot where his brother was hit to determine how unsafe it was. He was immediately hit by another car.

### GET A BANG OUTA SCHOOL:

A student in San Francisco was suspended after accidentally firing a handgun in school. The student was carrying the gun in a bookbag and discharged it while reaching into the bag for a pen. No one was injured. The gun, property of an S.F. police officer, was returned to the owner.



## Let's Win with Wendy

Supervisor Wendy Nelder, who has been an important part of our "Police family" during her three terms on the board, has chosen to run for Assessor. As supporters of Wendy, we need to do everything possible to elect her, and prove to all future candidates that our endorsement is worth seeking. Because Mayor Agnos is supporting her opponent, our work is cut out for us.

Here's our chance to prove that the Police endorsement has clout. We can be a tremendous force in electing Wendy Nelder Assessor if we start working NOW for the November election.

Here's what we can do. Sign up now to put a Nelder house sign in your window. Indicate if you can put a larger sign on your own building or of a friend's building. As the campaign progresses, you can send out "dear friend" cards and invite Wendy to your home to meet your friends and neighbors.

Please sign up on this pledge sheet and show Wendy we're behind her 100%. Sign me up for the Win with Wendy Campaign.

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Please cut out this pledge sheet, and deliver it, or any piece of paper with the information on it, to 510 7th Street or your Police representative for delivery to Wendy.

Let's show Wendy that her "family" is enthusiastically working for her success.