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Hongisto, Hsieh and Alioto Head POA Endorsements

by Al Trigueiro

Ballots were counted last week and revealed solid membership support for the candidates we have now endorsed. Former Chief of Police Dick Hongisto did very well with rank and file officers, as did incumbents Tom Hsieh and Angela Alioto. First time challenger Barbara Kaufman finished surprisingly strong in our balloting and will now be able to add our endorsement to the long list she has already gathered. Incumbent Supervisor Jim Gonzalez also was endorsed, but didn't do as well due to dissatisfaction over his dubious and expensive support for a policy which precludes us from notifying the INS when we arrest illegal aliens, until after they are convicted. Finally, incumbent Supervisor Willie Kennedy received a vote of confidence from our membership, although we have been on opposite sides of numerous issues during "the Agnos Years." This was due to her support for our contract, and her apparent willingness to work with us despite our differences in the past.

Hongisto's support undoubtedly was due to the fact that during his brief but action-filled tenure as Chief of Police he demonstrated an understanding of the difficult job that members of the Police Department must regularly perform.

Tom Hsieh earned our endorsement and the solid vote he received from our members; he has been totally supportive

of our legitimate concerns during the past several years. In addition, he had the courage to oppose Mayor Agnos back when everyone else in the City thought Agnos invincible. While others were staying on the Agnos bandwagon, even though it became clear his administration had become arbitrary, vindictive and unprincipled, Tom Hsieh had the intestinal fortitude to stand in opposition to them all.

So did Angela Alioto. If anyone really drove the Agnos' forces nuts, it was Angela. She was expected to support the Agnos campaign along with most of the other local Democratic Party leaders (a sorry lot), particularly after her father pledged his support for Agnos. But Angela did the right thing. It is probably true that if she did not oppose the former Mayor he would still be Mayor, continuing to abuse the power of that office for his personal political gain. Our support for Alioto was based primarily on her 100% record in support of our labor issues. She is one office holder in this City whose support for working people extends to police officers.

Barbara Kaufman is the candidate most think has the best chance of all the newcomers. In this "Year of the Woman", Barbara should do quite well in San Francisco, particularly with her solid record as a consumer advocate. She also has gained support for a significant segment of the

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P.O.A. Endorsements: How They Are Made

by Phil Dito, Treasurer

Our endorsements were made when membership ballots were counted last week. The results were consistent with the recommendations of President Al Trigueiro and the P.O.A. Board of Directors. Nonetheless, the balloting was critical to the process, and the results clearly revealed certain membership preferences as well as dissatisfaction with certain candidates.

It's often stated that "all politics are

local". There is a great deal of truth to this maxim, particularly with respect to the P.O.A. and other city employees unions. Because of the direct and very significant impact the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors have on our working conditions, there is generally more interest and controversy over our endorsements for these offices than for other contested elections.

A relatively new policy that the P.O.A. Board of Directors has adopted requires that these endorsements be subject to the approval of the membership. This makes

Disparate Treatment

by Al Trigueiro, President

The Commission hearing on Wednesday, September 30, 1992, will long be remembered as one at which some of our Department's most glaring problems were publicly exposed.

Upon entering the steamy room, packed mostly with police officers for a pleasant change, I made my way to one of a few remaining available seats in the very last row. There I sat for the next two and one-half hours listening intently to a remarkable proceeding. It was remarkable inasmuch as it revealed the disparate treatment received by officers in our Department.

Most of the first hour and a half was filled with Afro-American officers, both active and retired, recounting personal episodes and examples of injustices wrought upon them by an administrative system that just doesn't work. As these officers filed to the dais with their personal accounts of a system filled with inconsistencies and bias, I couldn't help but recall the countless number of incidents recounted to me daily by a wide variety of officers represented by this Association. At the bottom of each individual complaint there seems to be one recurring

element, the lack of a basic, consistent fairness meted out without regard to race, sex, sexual orientation, creed, political or labor affiliation.

Next on the Commission agenda that evening was the case of the officers involved in the well-documented and controversial taking of free newspapers on

the request of then chief, Richard Hongisto. Without exploring the history of events or the facts herein, suffice it to say, I found the end result of this case with two of

the officers receiving 45 day suspensions and the third a 30 day suspension, to exemplify the basic unfairness permeating the present system.

Let me be perfectly clear when I say that this Commission is comprised of individuals who I admire and respect for their talent, honesty and compassion. This group probably exhibits less bias and more consistency than any other that I have ever known. Yet, the system itself raises the mere specter of doubt due in measure to the fact that Commissioners, past and present, are political appointees representative of and responsive to the community from which they're selected. When a highly politicized incident such as the "paper case" is brought before the Commission, that body must not only judge the involved officers on the merits but they must also be sensitive to relevant community interests. Solomon, of Biblical legend, in his infinite wisdom and fairness, would have himself been compromised, given a similar set of circumstances and a spot on the Police Commission.

When asked to comment by the Commission on the allegations brought forth by the Afro-American officers, Chief Murphy vowed to develop an action plan, dealing with the Department's problems. It was further suggested, correctly, that Commissioner Clothilde Hewlitt become directly involved in any such process, as

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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. K. O'Connor at 2:05 P.M., Wednesday September 16, 1992 at Conference Room, Ingleside.

Roll Call of Officers: Tr. P. Maloney and J. Sturken excused. Among others present: Rudy Milon, Jack Cipparrone, George Cathrell, Jack O'Shea, Mike Duffy, Tom Bruton, Frank Forencich, Mark Hurley, Frank Williams, Jim Mullins, Joe Hession, Charles Peterson.

Minutes of last meeting: Approved as presented to the members in writing.

Communications: Following donations received and acknowledged by Secretary:

MR. & MRS. JACK YEE, GEORGE JEFFERY — Electric Typewriter to W&O new office.

Bills" Treas. Parenti presented bills for salaries. Approved. Treas Parenti reported that the Association had no deaths this month.

Report of Trustees: Mrs. Good-Swan, vice president B of A, Mr. Bricker, vice president, investments B of A. Mr. Bricker reported on the Portfolio, — in spite of the Market, we show a gain of \$66,000.00 over the past month. Feels that inflation and interest rates will remain low. Economy is growing, but slowly, about 2% per year. Made suggestions for an increase in stocks

from 19% holdings to 30% holdings. Recommended the sale of certain stocks and Government Bonds and the purchase of stocks which will increase our holding in Utilities and Computer/Software. Trustees approved.

Unfinished Business: Tr. Parenti brought to the membership that during the past two years we have been losing members with less than ten years in the Association. Discussion as to how this can be controlled. Pres. O'Connor appointed a committee to investigate same.

New Business: Discussion as to an increase in benefits. Some felt that a new Actuarial Report should be had before any increases.

Good of the Association:: Pres. O'Connor set next regular meeting for 2:00 P.M., Wednesday October 18, 1992 in Conference Room, Ingleside Station. All Welcome.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 3:05 P.M. in memory of all departed brothers.

Fraternally,
Robert J. McKee, Secretary
Some active members have been sent notices of dues owed while they were on leave. It would be nice if they would remit same, so books can be closed on these.



POLICE POST #456 NEWS

by Greg Corrales

"There is something better, if possible, that a man can give than his life. That is his living spirit to a service that is not easy, to resist counsels that are hard to resist, to stand against purposes that are difficult to stand against."
Woodrow Wilson, May 30, 1919

American Legion conventioners 27 August elected Roger Munson, an Ohio WWII naval veteran, as our National Commander. In his acceptance speech to 3,300 delegates at the Legion's 74th annual convention, National Commander Munson said, "During my year as national commander, the Legion will seek reform in VA medical eligibility, maintaining our national security and continuing our membership growth." He further stated, "Legionnaires have always had a dual agenda. We believe first in giving something back to our fellow veterans, but we've also proven our unmatched ability in giving something back to our community through the many Legion programs we're involved in."

Women veterans who were sexually abused while in military service would be entitled to psychological or medical care from the VA on a priority basis under a bill unanimously approved 7 August by the Senate Veterans' Affairs Committee. The measure, introduced by committee Chair-

man Alan Cranston, requires the VA provide such care without requiring that service-connection be established. Under the bill (S.2973), a woman veteran could receive medical care and service if, following an examination by a VA-designated health professional, she is found to be in need of counseling or treatment for sexual trauma incurred during service.

In addition, S.2973 would require the VA to establish a toll-free information and referral hotline to provide women veterans with an easy-to-use and safe first contact with VA, to conduct a study of the needs of veterans who experienced sexual violence during military service and to expand and improve other VA programs and provide care and services to such veterans.

Speaking of quality health care...you no longer have to live with aching dogs! My brother-in-law, Liane's brother, John Scarsella, D.P.M., Podiatric Physician and Surgeon, has recently opened an office at 147 Lomita Dr., Room A, Mill Valley (381-0330). John is a great guy and an outstanding podiatrist!

Time Warner's "Cop Killer" song may land the company in legal trouble. State prosecutors are being asked to examine whether sedition and criminal anarchy laws apply to the song, which describes how to ambush and kill police officers. A test case could come in Florida, where the state attorney general has been asked to pursue charges against the company. Meanwhile, police widow Norma Williams expressed outrage at a report that a top Time Warner official made a secret offer to pay the families of slain officers from the profits of the song.

The U.S. Army Military History Institute is conducting a comprehensive sur-

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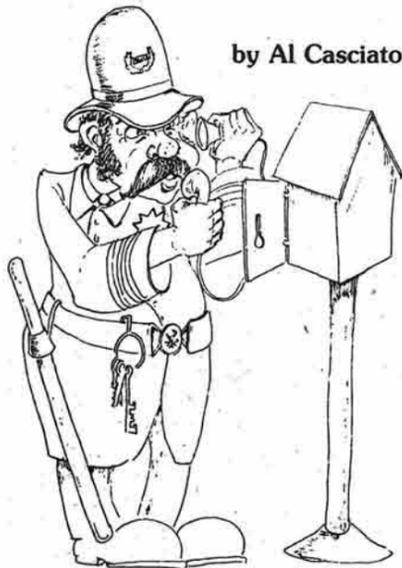
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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



by Al Casciato

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Responding to suicides: A very dangerous phenomenon which is on the rise - Be extra cautious when dealing with suicidal subjects ...

A Wise Old Man Asks: "Why is it that police officers who are trained to be skeptical, to look for the facts, to investigate; read the newspaper as if it were gospel?" ...

I feel sorry for people who persist in writing anonymous opinions on bulletin boards and bathroom walls - Not having the courage to attach one's name to one's own opinion(s) must be very sad ...

Brian Canedo, of the POA Board of Directors, points out the many of the day-to-day activities of the Association are taken for granted. It's the day-to-day activities and work that keep us strong and prepared to handle the big problems and issues. A big thank you to all who volunteer their time for the good of all.



Births:

Bob Armanino of Co. A and **Darcy Keller** of Narcotics welcomed their first arrival **Gianna Lee**, 9 lbs. 6 oz., 20 inches on August 17, 1992 at 1103 hours.

Co. D's **Mike** and **Linda Burkley** really labored on Labor Day, September 7, 1992 with the arrival of their first born **Brian Michael**, 7 lbs. 9 oz., 20-1/2 inches at 1749 hours.

All Moms, Dads, and off-spring doing fantastic. Our congrats and best wishes.

Retirees:

Owen Kenny reports that 14 retirees now reside in the Grass Valley area and may soon form a breakfast club.

Bill Grosword, **Jack McKay** and **Lee McVeigh** were spotted at the Sacred Heart vs. St. Ignatius game on the Sacred Heart side (St. Ignatius was victorious 10 - 7). P.S. Sacred Heart is coached by Potrero's own **Frank Lee** ...

Wedding Bells:

Dave Seiber of Crime Lab and **Phyllis Gunder** of Co. H recently tied the knot and honeymooned in Mexico. Congrats!



Shoppers Mark Your Calendar:

The Sample Sale at 888 Brannan will take place the weekend of November 7 and 8 ...

The POA Christmas Boutique will be open Wednesday, December 16 and Thursday, December 17 ...

Consumer Alert: The POA is not conducting any solicitation of any sort nor is it affiliated with any group that is soliciting in the name of police officers, i.e. The Fraternal Order of Police - If you become aware of anyone soliciting on behalf of police officers in San Francisco, refer the victim to the District Attorney's office (553-1814) where a case is being worked up ...

Contract Party Huge Success:

The party to celebrate the contract held Oct. 1st on board the Jeremiah O'Brien Liberty Ship docked at Ft. Mason was a huge success. Over 500 attended and enjoyed the atmosphere, food and music. A big thank you to the organizing committee — **Nicole Greely, Chris Cunnie, Rich Pate, Frank Machi, Jim Diegnan, Linda Wittcop, Peter Elzer, Jim Standsfield** (caterer), **William Murray, Glenn Melanson, Jack Santos, and Dan Greeley**...

Dental Plan Check Up:

The dental plan has now been in effect for three months. The Insurance Committee is interested in finding out if anyone is experiencing any difficulties with any of the carriers.

If you are, send a note to the Insurance Committee. Include your daytime/pager number, name of your carrier, name of your dentist and phone number.



Archives Need You

Our Editor, Tom Flippin, has been scouring all available records searching for past issues of our newsletters and other publications with the intent of creating a library which contains our history. Your help is needed; please check those old files in the closet or garage — if you find any old publications please let Tom review them.

Budget — Budget — Budget Woes

If you think that the budget situation both nationally and locally is "bad" now — in about a year you're going to learn the true meaning of "bad" — so tell me (in various forms) all the economic brains from both sides of the aisle.

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be faxed to 552-5741 or mailed to Around The Department, 510 - 7th St., S.F., CA 94103.

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There are three awards:
 first place \$2,500,
 second place \$1,000,
 third place, \$500.

Monies are paid directly to the college or trade school of choice.

Entrants are judged by written essay, the topic chosen by POWCA. This year the two page essay topic is "Did You Ever Know That You're My Hero?"

For full entry information call Pat Barsetti (415)566-5985.

SFPD Wives

SFPD Husbands, Do Your Wife a Favor and Give This to Her to Read!

Although few of you probably know it, back in the 1960's a Police Wives group was started. This organization was very involved in community activities and was always available to the Department or the POA, whether it was to help families of injured officers or with social events. This group was very active until the mid 1970s, and then it disbanded. In 1981 a new group of wives, with the guidance of some from the original organization, started up again. This new group held monthly meetings, worked on projects with the Department such as fingerprinting children for identification purposes, the police picnic, academy graduations, and whatever was asked of us. In recent years we have been an unstructured group, calling on each other when needed and being very active in the State organization for peace officers' wives, (POWCA).

While all of the "projects" worked on in the past were important, the primary reason for the wives to get together was for support. Since the events in May, followed by the promotion of rapper Ice T's song "Cop Killer", it seems more wives have become aware of the need for cop's wives to know each other and to be able to talk to someone who knows what you are feeling. Your next door neighbor, whose husband works 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. in an office and has weekends off to spend time with his family is not really going to understand YOUR life-style. And this doesn't just relate to frightening, stressful times. We sometimes pick up the terminology, peculiar sense of humor, and outlook on life from our husbands, and this can seem a little odd to "civilians".

Because of today's climate regarding our husbands' profession, maybe it's time for us to start getting together again. The idea behind this is not to gossip or to complain about our husbands, but to laugh a little at the quirkiness of our lives and to help each other cope with the every day problems that are unique to a cop's wife. We deserve a night out too!!!

We would like to get a little feed back before setting a date for a Get Acquainted Night, so if you have any input, give one of us a call. Look for a notice in the Notebook when the date, etc. has been set.

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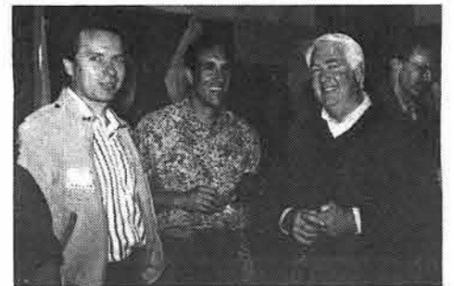


Contract Celebration



The Contract Party was a huge success as more than four hundred people climbed aboard the last of the Liberty ships, the Jeremiah O'Brien for an evening of merriment on October 1, 1992. The excellent buffet dinner was provided by Jim Standsfield of Arguello Catering, the refreshments by Mike's Liquors (Geneva & Mission Sts.), the music by Officers William Murray, Co. D and Glen Melanson, Co. B, and the balloons, banners and POA cups by Robinson & Associates.

A special thanks to all members of the Contract Celebration Committee for a job well done. Special thanks to Nicole and Dan Greely for their organizing efforts and for supplying the soft drinks, to Lts. Jack Santos and Al Casciato for the photography and to Mr. Peter Elzer of



Robinson & Associates for being an all around valuable resource.

The common refrain from all in attendance, "Let's do this again next month!"

The Committee will be meeting soon to evaluate the event and one of the questions that will be asked is whether the POA should make this an annual celebration.

Iniki — What I Did On My Summer Vacation

by Karen Lynch, Hit & Run Detail

Sometimes Greg and I think we have a black cloud over our heads when it comes to natural disasters. On one of our first vacations together in September of 1989, we took a Caribbean cruise through Hurricane Gabriel (Hugo's little brother). We came home just in time for the October earthquake. However, neither of those events prepared us for witnessing the total destruction wrecked by Hurricane Iniki in Kauai. When we booked our room at the Westin Kauai we did not know that it was also a Civil Defense Shelter, but as it turns out, we were lucky that it was.

On the morning of Friday, September 11, the hotel staff at the Westin Kauai Lagoon Resort informed the guests that the "hurricane watch" of the previous night had been escalated to a "hurricane warning". Officials were not certain whether the hurricane would strike Honolulu or Kauai. We were told to fill our bathtubs with water, pack our belongings and place them in our bathrooms and to pack a day bag and bring it to the ballroom. We were travelling with our seven month old son Keenan, so while Greg filled the tub and packed, I stuffed as many diapers and as much formula as I could into our day bag.

We tried to find a comfortable spot in the ballroom, and we instinctively avoided camping under the gigantic chandelier. Coming from earthquake country proved to have its advantages. The staff served a buffet breakfast, and most of the guests were excited that Steven Spielberg, Laura Dern and the cast of "Jurassic Park" were sharing our hurricane shelter. Few if any of us realized that, when we left the shelter twelve hours later, we would hardly recognize the hotel.

The hotel staff did everything possible to keep the situation calm. They told us that we would lose all electrical power at about 1:00 PM and that the four ball-

rooms would be in total darkness. They told us to expect the next few hours to be "somewhat traumatic". The eleven hundred people in the ballrooms quickly became bonded to the people sitting next to them. We sat next to a couple who were supposed to have been married that morning. It was a second marriage for both of them, Tom and Shirley. Tom was 71 years old and a retired Army lifer. It was comforting to sit next to someone who had been through four wars. I asked him if he thought the building would withstand the hurricane. He said that we would be uncomfortable but that he thought we would make it. Keenan had a great time being held by Shirley. At about 1:00 PM, as expected, the power was cut. Although there were many children in the room, everyone remained calm. The staff soon got a generator working and hooked up a few lights.

Then at about 3:00 PM, all hell broke loose. The best way I can describe it is that it seemed like an earthquake that lasted for about four hours. In the ballrooms we could hear large objects striking the roof, the doors and the windows. A few times it felt as if a truck had hit the roof. We watched the ceiling move up and down as if it was breathing. The chandelier looked as if it would come down at any moment. Greg and I became suspicious when a hotel engineer began inspecting the ceiling with a worried look on his face.

We decided to move to the next ballroom over. Shortly after we found a place to sit on the floor, our first ballroom was evacuated because of the chandelier problem. We had spent about half an hour in the new ballroom when that ceiling began to crack. At this point I had serious doubts that the building could withstand the beating. The hotel staff moved us to the housekeeping area; a long hallway in the bowels of the hotel. The noise was intense as objects struck the building in the 150

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Selective Persecution

by Cliff Ruff, LAPD

My Fellow Officers,

The following article was written by Cliff Ruff who is an executive officer of the LAPD Officers Association. It was printed in the September issue of the LAPD Officers Association newspaper, The Thin Blue Line. I felt dismayed after reading the article and disheartened by the actions taken by the United States Department of Justice. Not to mention, the President of the United States!

For these reasons I felt compelled to submit this article to the SFPOA Notebook for all its members to read. The article presents several interesting points and intriguing questions. My point in presenting this article to you is in fact, the impact of politics on all law enforcement officers. As the tragic case of Rodney King unfolds, it has become quite obvious to all law enforcement personnel across this nation and abroad that no one can escape the perils of selective persecution. If you are an active street officer, beware! For every action you take might be your last. Stress, the ultimate killer of us all will take hold.

Respectfully,
Officer Edward Browne

The four Foothill officers, Larry Powell, Tim Wind, Ted Briseno, and Stacey Koon were indicted by the goons from the United States Department of Justice on August 5th. The head prosecutor is from Washington, D.C. named Barry F. Kowalski

who operated in an antagonistic, arrogant manner with the full blessings of Lourdes G. Baird, the United States Attorney in charge of the Los Angeles Central District. Mr. Kowalski routinely called LAPD officers liars, perjurers, and obstructors of justice throughout the Grand Jury investigation. What was sad about his tactics was that he practiced it on officers who were not even at the scene of Rodney King's arrest.

The Foothill Four have been through enough. Get off of their backs. They have been relieved without pay for over a year now. These men are destitute and suffering from unmerciful psychological torture from the media, local prosecutors, and now federal prosecutors in what amounts to cruel and unusual punishment. These officers may be fired at their Boards of Rights, and Rodney King is going to be a millionaire and a poster child for Steven A. Lerman. Haven't these officers been through enough?

Apparently not. Lourdes Baird appears to think it's essential to persecute these officers. Persecute means to annoy or harass persistently. If Lourdes Baird tells the press that these indictments aren't political, then that's a lie. Lourdes Baird is herself a political appointee. If Lourdes Baird were an honest attorney (if there is any such thing), she would have indicted the four officers in March of 1991. If Lourdes Baird had truly been concerned about Rodney King's civil rights, she would have taken a leadership role and prosecuted the officers in a timely manner. The Feds didn't even have anyone at the

trial. That's how concerned they were about Rodney King's civil rights. The President of the United States showed a key leadership flaw when he ordered his politically motivated indictment. George Bush based his decision strictly on the video tape. He erred by failing to do what the jury did. Listen to both sides of the evidence, then decide. Is George Bush persecuting four LAPD officers to patronize the Black community that's not going to vote for him anyway? That's George Bush, the man who gave you Willie Horton and a racist Haitian immigration policy. Why should the President be any different from anyone else...

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Question for Lourdes Baird: If the Los Angeles office of the U.S. Attorney is so concerned about an aggressive civil rights policy, why didn't your office prosecute the men who beat Reginald Denny? The evidence is on file that they only beat and robbed him because he was white and in the wrong place at the wrong time. I guess in the eyes of the U.S. Attorney, white people don't have civil rights. Why didn't Lourdes Baird file civil rights charges instead of trumped up interstate commerce technical charges that were later withdrawn?

Federal professionalism: The Chief of Police issued a notice that no officers would be telephoned or interviewed at their private homes. The Feds regularly harassed officers at their homes and threatened them with obstruction of justice charges. The classic case was an FBI agent who threatened to prosecute an officer's girlfriend if she didn't disclose his

whereabouts while the officer was on vacation. An FBI agent went to a Foothill officer's residence and turned off his electrical power to force the officer out of his house for subpoena service while the officer was on vacation. The FBI agent deprived the officer of an electrical utility without due process of law. It worked, so I guess the end justifies the means.

I don't think any officer has a problem with the U.S. Attorney or FBI prosecuting a police officer who is dishonest or corrupt. But when they persecute the police for enforcing state laws after politicians' Monday morning quarterback incidents, that is a miscarriage of justice and an abuse of discretion. The Feds sent Metro Officer Dana Hansen to prison this year because they took five years to second guess his actions that occurred in 1987. Now they are persecuting the Foothill Four on the basis of presidential politicking. All of these officers were just doing their jobs the way they were trained to. If they make mistakes or errors, they should be disciplined or fired, not prosecuted in the courts absent specific intent to commit criminal acts.

By the acts of selective persecution by the U.S. Attorney's office, LAPD officers must constantly be aware that they are in jeopardy of being second-guessed by squint career attorneys in the civil rights division and political appointees who will send you to prison in a New York second if it suits their career and political ambitions.

Be careful out there. Don't trust the Feds because they get five years minimum time to second guess you for a decision that may take you a split second to make.

The Assassination of Officer James Lassus

by Ora (Whitey) Guinther
Inspector, Homicide Section

On July 4, 1990, a police officer was sacrificed. His assassins were many and the weapons they used were not the usual gun or knife but lies, deceit, relentless media attacks, and various political agendas. I am ashamed to say that our own police department (previous administration) took an active and aggressive role in the sacrifice of this police officer.

For two long years our department went to bed with a political organization,

(Chinese for Affirmative Action), the public defender's office, the city attorney, various politicians, and the media with one goal in mind, to sacrifice Officer James Lassus for their own political agendas. They succeeded in their task. Officer Lassus, in my opinion, will never be able to function as a police officer in this city again. And for this I mourn the passing of a fellow police officer who was felled in the line of duty doing his job, serving, and protecting the citizens of San Francisco. Our thin blue line is now one less.

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by Gino Marionetti & Mike Sugrue



The "Maroto Brothers" Nick and Sal — Legends in their own times

With pride in the true Italian heritage I wish to express my thanks to Nick and Sal for giving me the pleasure of mind in writing this article. As their stories unfold, you will see that they truly are legends in their own time.

Their father, Ferdinando immigrated to the United States in 1912 at the age of sixteen from Calabria, Italy. Their mother, Theresa left the same Province in Italy at the tender age of five years with her parents in 1907.

Ferdinando worked for the Railway Company, laying tracks throughout the various states. Prior to leaving for the United States their father received letters from his American friends requesting that he settle down in San Francisco. He decided to take their advice and has never regretted it. A wonderful place to raise a family with its ideal weather, an Italian community in the North Beach section of the city that many San Franciscans referred to as "Little Italy". Nick and Sal had a right to be proud of their dad's achievements as there were obstacles he had to overcome. There was the language barrier. The Stock Market Crash of 1929. Industrialists, millionaires, was their life savings go down the drain overnight. People in the cold windy days would stand on corners and sell apples for a nickel. Their dad not only worked on the Pacific Ferry boats but in time became the foreman over all of the bootblacks.

A tradition of the Marota family was spending the day together. Sunday was an important day. The father would plan for the day's festivities. It would begin at 5 am. They would take the Hyde Street Cable Car to the Sausalito Ferry at the foot of Hyde Street. With the train ride and to arrive at their destination it would take six yours. Ferdinando and his two sons would they hunt for small game in the vicinity of the Saint Vincent's School for Boys in San Rafael. The mother and their only sister

would remain around the damping grounds and find a suitable place for their picnic atmosphere dinner. Time had no meaning as what made the day most enjoyable was being together, the respect and love shown to one another and enjoying the day's festivities.

Thumb sketch: Nick Vincenzo Marota

Saw day light for the first time in the Italian community section of the city on January 23, 2923. Academically he had a wonderful start by attending Saint Brigids Catholic Grammar School then he had to go and spoil it all by enrolling at Galileo High School. (*Hope the Alumni will forgive me). To get back in their good graces, Nick graduated from this highly respectable, educational institution in January of 1942. Nick was a good boy and to assist his family financially he worked as an usher during the evening hours at the Alhambra Theater. During the 1934 Waterfront Strike, Nick ignored all the fights and violence acts that were occurring on a daily basis and just went about his business of selling the San Francisco Call Bulletin Newspaper for three cents a copy. I don't know how he did it with his busy schedule but he played on his high school freshman football team. He loved all sports so he thought he would give baseball a fling. To save him some embarrassment, let's say it was a beautiful sunny summer day but to be truthful it was a cold, windy, cloudy, miserable day.

Our young man was playing centerfield. The opposition batter hit a fly ball in his direction. He took chase, circled under the ball, with an abundance of confidence he informed his outfielders that he had it. He was partially right with the exception that the ball didn't land in his glove but came down and landed on top of Nick's head. He had one of two choices; put some grass in his baseball cap to soften the blow or become a spectator instead of a participant. His loved ones were relieved to hear that he told the coach he was giving up the game of baseball as it was too rough of a sport.

A sport that was more suited for his

talents and a chance to let off some steam and energy was the sport of boxing. Two ranking fighters of that era were Del Citrino and Victor Grupico who could see the natural boxing skills he possessed. They thought that with the proper trainer and manager that Nick could make a name for himself in the boxing profession. Vic was also instrumental in our boy becoming a member of the Olympic Club Boxing Team. He won all of his fights as a representative of the Olympic Club. The fight that gave him the greatest satisfaction was reaching the finals in the San Francisco Examiner Golden Gloves Tournament. He lost to a more seasoned and experienced fighter on a close decision. This fight brought out his boxing talents as well as some recognition and notoriety. Nick describes his nose as the type that women loved to touch and fighters loved to punch. With all the blood that he lost, Nick could have started his own blood bank. Nick sacrificed his boxing career for the sake of his mother who detested fighting in any shape, fashion or form. He would continue to fight with his mother's prayers and blessings but it would be for his country. His parents loved America for the opportunities and blessings they received as citizens in this great land of ours.

Nick volunteered for the United States Coast Guard in 1942. On completing his training on Government Island in Alameda he was assigned to the U.S.S. Cambria, APA #36. Orders were received to set sail for the waters leading to the South Pacific. It didn't take long for his outfit to get their feet wet as they encountered fierce fighting on Saipan, Tinnan, Leyte, Luzon and Okinawa. Rumors were rapidly spreading that the was in the Pacific was coming to an end. One of Nick's last Naval assignments was transporting our troops to Nagasaki after the dropping of the Atomic bomb. One of his war buddies informed me that if his gallantry and bravery were recorded and brought to the attention of his superiors that Nick would have received some form of recognition. Nick received his Honorable Discharge after thirty-nine months of serving his country on that memorable day of March 9, 1946.

Nick had problems adjusting to civilian life. Would you believe it took one long sleepless night and upon awakening in the morning, looking out the window and immediately had become acclimated to civilian life once again.

He was taking life easy for awhile when he received a phone call from the manager of the Golden Gate Theater. The occasion was two-fold; meeting Frank Sinatra who was appearing at the theater and an invitation for Nick to join his stable of fighter. Two months passed when he was informed that Frank Sinatra had a change of heart and was more interested in enjoying the bright lights of Hollywood with its fringe benefits that were there just for the asking.

It may have been a blessing in disguise as Nick's competition would have been such world champions as Rocky Graziano, Tony Zale, Ray Robinson and the master and former boxing coach at Stanford University who earlier this year was elected into the Boxing Hall of Fame in Los Angeles, Ray Lunny Sr.

what comes to mind at this point is do you think that when Nick was struck with that baseball that his brain cells were now starting to deteriorate.

Nick is now back on level ground and a night to remember for love comes into his life. It occurred at the neighborhood Bowling Alley when Al Lapeyri, a former professional baseball player in the Pacific Coast League introduced him to his step-daughter. The young lady's name was Doris Mae West, please no comments as she has had enough to last a life time. Nick could only see her natural beauty, her charm as well as her tenderness and freshness. They started a courtship that lasted for two years.

The church had a great meaning to him as it was where he was baptized, confirmed and on Sundays he would receive Holy Communion and now he was bonded in Holy Matrimony with the lady that was to share his life. They are thankful for their three charming and beautiful daughters as well as six grandchildren that Nick says are the highlights of their existence. Nick was destined to become a police officer as a mere lad and even as he grew in maturity that dream remained with him. He was sworn in as a member on April 16, 1956 and the proudest person in San Francisco was his father who would canvas the neighborhood and tell his friends and even people that he wasn't acquainted with that my two boys Nick and Salvatore are San Francisco Policemen.

Nick was described to me by my colleagues as being very friendly, always ready to help a fellow officer in financial straits. He is indeed a rare Italian as he never loses his temper or composure. He reminds me of another of our Italian police officers who also has all of these beautiful virtues. I know you have already guessed who I am referring to so that person is none other but the one and only former Deputy Chief of Investigations, Charles Barca.

The Marota Brothers have received their share of letters from the various organizations of our city as well as from their respective Captains and the Police Commissioners. Their personnel folders revealed that each received four medals of valor that were truly earned and rightly deserving at great personal risks to their own lives for the safety of our Law Abiding citizens.

An incident that I hesitated in bringing to your attention gave me many hours of indecision. The main reason why I decided to go ahead with it was to show his concern for one of his colleagues. Places and names however will have to remain anonymous.

Nick was quite worried about the terminal illness of one of his co-workers. The superior officer, let's give him the benefit of the doubt that perhaps he was unaware of the serious illness of this subordinate. He kept on his back, harassing and just making life miserable for him. He kept it up to the point that Nick became alarmed and nervous that it was contributing to his buddy's health and that it would eventually cause him to have a nervous breakdown. Nick reached the breaking point. One morning he marches up to the fifth floor, sees the Chief and explains the problem. He demanded that something be done with the superior officer as he was afraid that he would take matters into his own hands and do something drastic. The Chief told him to take the rest of the day off, to calm down and that he would resolve the problem.

The problem was resolved by the Superior Officer being transferred and Nick and his buddy remaining at their present assignment. The Officer has since received God's calling but I feel that he is looking down with that constant smile on his face and thanking Nick for giving a true meaning for the love of one comrade to another. Nick retired in 1981 and was happy that he was a police officer. The great men and the togetherness they shared will always remain part of him. If Nick had a sone and he wanted to become a police officer it would make him very proud just like when Nick and Sal became police officers and how proud they had made their dad.

In retirement Nick works security for the Stevens Enterprises during the baseball and football seasons at Candlestick. He manages to set aside some leisure time as he loves taking sea cruises with his life's companion. He must have found the fountain of youth which for years has gone undiscovered. Several of his friend have

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m.p.h. sustained wind. Wind gusts went up to 185 m.p.h.

We found a place to sit along the hallway walls. Momentary panic broke out when part of the ceiling came down at the end of the hallway and was sucked out the door. It was strange to see ceiling panels momentarily drop then fly out the door without ever touching the ground. Soon we noticed a water stain developing over our heads. We picked up Keenan and moved. A few minutes later, that part of the ceiling collapsed where we had been sitting.

After the eye passed over us, things began to calm down. But then the other side of the hurricane had to blow over us. We heard the same heavy impacts hitting the building roof again. Finally, after Iniki completely passed over us we began to relax. Guests were assigned the rooms that remained undamaged. Within the space of 24 hours, the luxury hotel was plunged into near Third World conditions. There was no electricity, no running water, no phones and no connection to the outside world. They told us that there was enough food for three days. When we saw the damage outside, we were stunned. The beach that had been 200 feet from our door was now at our door. The "largest swimming pool in Hawaii" was overflowing with murky brown water. Tens of thousands of dollars worth of Asian artwork was reduced to rubble. The huge reflecting pond was filled with insulation material and debris. Trees were uprooted. The previously green hills now looked like the Grand Canyon.

For the next few days, I worried that we would run out of baby formula. We prepared for the worst as we were told that the airport was devastated. We thought that it might take a week or longer to get off the island. We decided that we had better try to get supplies. In the morning, Greg was able to borrow a bicycle and peddled into town. Greg said that it looked like a bomb had exploded. Large trees were down blocking the road and highway. Power lines were down and wires strung across the highway at eye level. The most telling impact was the total loss of the lush green bushes, trees, and shrubs.

It no longer looked like a tropical island. The bicycle ride to town was fruitless ... nothing was open. Later in the afternoon we were able to use our car. We drove around downed power lines to get to the one open store in the area, and we stood in line for three hours. When we got in the store, they let us in one customer at a time and only let us take what we could carry in our hands. Army personnel accompanied each individual around the store. I took as many cans of formula as I could carry. Fortunately, our bathtub retained the water (most of the tubs did not), so we had some water for sponge bathing. However, it was virtually impossible to clean baby bottles. Saturday, Keenan developed a fever and we worried that things would get worse.

On Sunday night, just as we had begun to develop a survivalist mentality, we were told we had minutes to pack and get to the airport. The Army was evacuating tourists, and, if we did not get out before nightfall, we might not get out for a long time. We had no idea what pandemonium lay ahead in Honolulu. We were told that Honolulu was also wiped out and that the airport was mobbed. When we got to Lihue airport, we got in line and were quickly boarded onto commercial jets. The planes took off as soon as they were full. When we touched down in Honolulu, everyone cheered with relief. My friends know that I don't like to fly. Well, you never saw anyone so happy to get on a plane. Surprisingly, Honolulu was a calm, normally functioning airport when we arrived.

During the time we were "marooned", the spirit of camaraderie was great. Doctors and emergency personnel volunteered their time. Guests took brooms and tried to clean up. We all tried to help one another out as much as we could. Unfortunately, the wonderful people who live on Kauai are wiped out. Most of the hotel staff lost their homes. One staff member returned to the hotel carrying two stuffed plastic garbage bats. This was all he could find of his belongings. His home was no longer there. It will be a long time before things are normal for them.

Next time we go on vacation, I'm packing flashlights, candles, matches, a ham radio and canned goods. Care to join us? ... I didn't think so.



Pictured above are a Baker's Dozen...thirteen former presidents of the San Francisco Police Department. In the top row, L-R: Bob McKee, Sol Weiner, Ted Dolan, Jim McGovern, Carl Vogelsang, Vince Simpson. In the bottom row, L-R: Evan James, Bill Murphy, Pete Gardner, Ray White, Lee Marelli, Jim Diggins, Bill Allen. Those pictured represent a lot of hard work and historic achievements.

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406...Officer Needs Help!

by Calvin Chow, SF Airport Police

Too many times that dreaded call is dispatched to patrol cars all over the country. It is being heard more and more as time goes by. For some of the officers the answer to their distress call was in time...for many others the only help that could be rendered was to remove their bloody, lifeless bodies from the street. In many cases death was so sudden and violent that the officers never had time to call for help. The only thing left to speak of their plight was the horrified, stunned look upon their faces and their blood-stained uniforms. Whether the uniform be blue or tan, the badge a star or a shield, the effects of a slain law enforcement officer is the same everywhere. There is a certain bond among all police officers today, and whenever one is slain the loss is felt by all who wear a badge.

The code or signal number for OFFICER NEEDS HELP may vary throughout the different police agencies of the country; however, the gut feeling is the same for all police officers who hear the distress call. When the call is heard, immediately the adrenaline begins to flow at a fantastic rate, the heart can be felt beating in the ears, the hands flip on the lights and siren switches, the ears strain to hear the location and the status, the foot tromps on the accelerator, and the once semi-dull state of mind becomes a scrambled computer full of thoughts and impulses - GET THERE FAST. THAT WAS A SHOTS FIRED CALL THAT THEY RESPONDED TO. WILL I GET THERE IN TIME? I WONDER IF THEY'RE HIT? WHAT IS THE FASTEST WAY THROUGH TRAFFIC? WILL I NEED THE SHOTGUN? WHAT WAS THAT UNIT'S LOCATION?

By the time the responding officer arrives on the scene, he has probably covered at least 50 questions in his mind. It matters little if the officer needing help is a close buddy or a casual acquaintance - black or white - rookie or an old vet; the only thing that seems to matter is that a fellow officer needs help and response time is vital. In the past, for many officers help was in time; for many others, help was too late. Each year well over 100 officers lose their lives in the line of duty and many thousands are injured while defending the rights and safety of all Americans.

For most of the dead officers, death was violent and without warning. Surely, in the years to come, many more officers will die in this manner, as their job is one of grief and violence. The call will be heard again and again OFFICER NEEDS HELP. Hearts will pound, adrenaline will flow, officers will respond, but will help be there in time? Will one of those officers be you? IT CAN HAPPEN. Every time you buckle that gunbelt and step out of your door on your way to work, you step into a world

where your life is expected to be sacrificed if necessary. True, all professions have a certain amount of danger, but few require you to give your life, if necessary, in order to fulfill your obligation. When everything in your human fiber tells you to run, you know you can't because YOU ARE A COP!

Death for a police officer can come at any moment, and it is sad when he is unprepared when that moment arrives and help is too far away. The saddest thing, however, is that many police officers have died without ever knowing Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior. It was too late! With Christ as Lord and Savior, we may boldly say, (HEBREWS 13:6) - "That is why we can say without any doubt or fear, The Lord is my Helper and I am not afraid of anything that mere man can do to me." To die without Christ is to die destined to everlasting torment in hell, but to believe in him means everlasting life. (JOHN 11:25-26) - "Jesus told her, 'I am the one who raises the dead and gives them life again. Anyone who believes in me, even though he dies like anyone else, shall live again. He is given eternal life for believing in me and shall never perish.'" Sadly, among the professions of today, police officers rank among the top of the list in divorce rates, drinking problems, emotional stress and depression, and are probably the most criticized and hated public servants in existence, and the situation seems to be getting worse.

If you are an unsaved police officer without the love of Jesus Christ in your heart, then you need to put out the call, OFFICER NEEDS HELP! You take steps to preserve your body from harm, why not take one step to preserve your soul. In the time it has taken you to read this, somewhere in the country the call, OFFICER NEEDS HELP!, has likely been dispatched. I wonder, will that officer receive help in time? Will you receive help in time? Help is nearer than you think. All you have to do is admit that you are a sinner and ask Christ to forgive you of your sins, and to direct your life. He will be there with help when the call is given. (ROMANS 10:9-10) - "For if you tell others with your own mouth that Jesus Christ is your Lord, and believe in your own heart that God has raised him from the dead, you will be saved. For it is by believing in his heart that a man becomes right with God; and with his mouth he tells others of his faith, confirming his salvation." (ROMANS 10:13) - "Anyone who calls upon the name of the Lord will be saved."

RESPONSE TIME IS VITAL; don't wait until it is too late to call for help. Do you want to respond to Christ or have you responded yet? If you want to talk to me about this call me at 673-6888 or write: Calvin Chow, P.O. Box 28-3000, San Francisco, CA 94128.

Barbara Kaufman — A Problem Solver For Supervisor

by Ray Benson

Like most folks, I usually want the campaign season to go away. It seems we're always picking the lesser of two evils. And we've had some pretty evil choices over the years.

But this year is different. Standing apart from the pack of candidates is Barbara Kaufman. She's running for the Board of Supervisors. Why someone of her caliber and intelligence would want to serve on the Board of Supervisors is beyond me. But it's a good thing for San Francisco that she does.

Kaufman is a problem solver. For 11 years, she's worked as founding director of KCBS Radio's *Call for Action*. This problem solving service has helped over 100,000 Bay Area residents to recover \$7 million in exposing consumer fraud and getting government agencies to do their jobs. Kaufman also helped mediate hundreds of disputes among warring parties. More amazing, she did all of this with a team of 40 volunteers.

Anybody who has ever dealt with local government knows having a problem solver in City Hall would be a godsend. The mountains of annual debt, mismanagement, homelessness, AIDS crisis, and

lost jobs scream out for change and reform. That's what Kaufman wants to do: bring common sense solutions to a Board of Supervisors that is often at war with itself.

As I patrol neighborhood streets, it's clear to me that City Hall has neglected our neighborhoods and the public safety. Kaufman supports the work of public safety officials. She wants more police officers on our streets, patrolling neighborhoods and preventing crime before it happens. She is the only candidate for Supervisor to propose real solutions to San Francisco's most serious problems: government restructuring, health crisis, homelessness, and more.

Barbara Kaufman has the strong support of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, the Firefighters Association and dozens of community, labor, and business groups. We want what Kaufman wants: change and reform.

So, on Tuesday, November 3, please stop by your polling place. There are the usual lesser of two evil choices to be made. But when it comes to picking six candidates for Supervisor, you'll have at least one very exciting choice: Barbara Kaufman, a problem solver for Supervisor.

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vey of World War II veterans. If you would like to complete the questionnaire or donate documents, photos or other mementos to the Institute, write Director, U.S. Army Military History Institute, ATTN: World War II Survey Project, Carlisle Barracks, PA 17013 or call (717) 245-4134.

The 1993 U.S. Submarine Veterans of World War II calendars are now available, and artist Steve Petreshock has again allowed reproduction of some of his submarine paintings, the submarine veterans have announced. "Until postal fees increase, the costs will remain the same as last year," a spokesman said. Calendars are available for \$4.50 each, postpaid, from H.T. Vande Kerkhoff, 862 Chatham Ave. NO. 16, Elmhurst, IL. 60126-4531.

I made reference in earlier columns to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington D.C. I would now like to mention a bit more about the memorial for those of you who have not had the good fortune to visit it yet.

Engraved on the blue-gray marble walls of the memorial are the names of more than 12,500 law enforcement officers who have died in the line of duty throughout our nation's history. The Memorial, authorized by an act of Congress and signed into law in 1984, honors federal, state, and local law enforcement officers who have made the ultimate sacrifice and recognizes the service of all officers. The Memorial was dedicated by

President Bush in October 1991.

The Memorial sits on three acres of Federal park land called Judiciary Square. The site has served nearly two hundred years as the seat of our country's criminal justice system. Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are two tree-lined, semi-elliptical "pathways of remembrance" where the names of the fallen are engraved. The pathway entrances are adorned with four powerful statuary groupings of an adult lion protecting its cubs. The bronze statues symbolize the protective role of law enforcement officers and convey the strength, courage, and valor that are the hallmarks of those who serve the law enforcement profession.

For those of you that might be interested in viewing it, I have a copy of the video "They Will Be Remembered..." It is a 45 minute video of the Memorial Dedication Highlights which took place October 14-15, 1991. Anyone interested in borrowing the tape, just contact me at Northern Station. It's a very special tape.

The day after his client was found guilty, lawyer Crew rushed into court jubilantly waving a thick sheaf of papers. "Your Honor," he cried, "I've just uncovered new evidence that requires reopening my client's case." The judge stared at the lawyer. "New evidence?" the judge inquired. "What sort of new evidence?" "My client has an extra \$10,000, and I only found out about it today!"

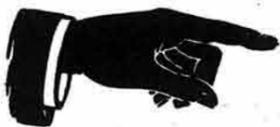
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TREATMENT

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input from the Commission is absolutely critical. And, in fact there is a sincere effort and an open attempt to correct the system's inequities, the POA will devote its full resources to participate in that process.

Once involved, one of our first suggestions to improve the system will be to implement a disciplinary arbitration procedure similar to those already in place for other public employee unions. With a fair disciplinary arbitration procedure, the Commission will be able to devote its full attention to administering the Department — something that is desperately needed.



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Right Here In River City

by Bill Hemby,
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Going After Insurance Company Fraud

The issue of insurance company frauds may be addressed in the next session of the legislature. Unlicensed insurance companies operating in California are taking advantage of rising premiums and the reluctance of some insurance carriers to write new business in the state.

Non-admitted insurance companies, not regulated or licensed by the state are doing a land office business by offering insurance policies with greatly reduced rates. By going through specially licensed brokers non-admitted insurers can bypass California regulations and still sell insurance in the state.

While there are many legitimate non-admitted carriers, such as Lloyds of London, there are others who are financially unsound or just plain frauds.

These fraudulent insurance carriers will move into California, write policies with premiums considerably less than those of legitimate companies, then before they have to pay out claims, pull up stakes and take off, leaving the client high and dry. Because their customers are not covered by California's insurance guarantee association, clients have little recourse in collecting payment

According to the State Senate subcommittee on Non-Admitted Insurance, unlicensed insurers collected \$1.44 billion in premiums from California policy holders in 1991. At the same time the number of complaints filed with the Insurance Department concerning these insurers has gone up from 41 in 1988, to 1,475 in 1991.

An article in the Sacramento Bee listed several ways to avoid being ripped off by these unlicensed carriers:

- Beware of buying coverage from a company that isn't licensed in California. Such carriers are not covered by the state guarantee association, which pays claims if an insurer fails. —If an unlicensed company offers you auto, property or health insurance for a much lower price than licensed companies, don't buy it, state Insurance Department officials advise. —If you're going to buy insurance from a company that isn't licensed in California, make sure it is at least licensed to sell insurance in some other state or country.

- Ask your insurance agent for a copy of the insurance company's financial statement. Call the state Insurance Department at 1-800927-4357 to check if a company has been the target of any disciplinary action. Call the National Association of Insurance Commissioners at 1-816-842-3600 to find out if it has been in trouble elsewhere in the country. Get the name and license number of your agent, and of the surplus lines broker that is working on behalf of the unlicensed insurer. Call the department License Bureau at (916) 322-3555 to make sure they are licensed to do business and haven't faced disciplinary action."

Another safeguard, not mentioned in the Bee article, is that of A.M. Best rating.

A.M. Best is an independent insurance rating and analysis company. Best is the leading provider of insurer ratings of a

company's financial strength and ability to meet its policyholders' obligations.

Best's ratings are assigned to virtually every significant insurer operating in the United States, along with many international companies. If a company you want to deal with has no A.M. Best Rating, or if their rating is not A++, A+, or A and A, avoid them.

There are just too many ways an insurance carrier can legally rip you off. For instance, it is perfectly legal, unless the policy prohibits it, to offer an individual or group policy at an attractive premium, then before the company has an experience of paying off claims, jack up the premium to a point it is too expensive to pay, thus the client will cancel, not the insurer. The insurance company makes out on premiums already collected, and doesn't have to pay out claims that take away profits.

Organizations offering group insurance have a duty to protect their membership also. Most organizations are very judicious in selecting a company in which to do business. However, if organizations, or persons within the organization who negotiate insurance become lax, members can be burned. Whether that organization would be subject to a lawsuit, under future legislation, if they were negligent in allowing a shaky or fraudulent insurer to sell policies to their members is still under discussion.

The Senate subcommittee on Non-admitted Insurance is seeking ways to curtail shaky or fraudulent insurers. It is hoped they can come up with some answers by next January.

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labor community and can't accurately be described as being in the pocket of the Chamber of Commerce. Nonetheless, the left is worried by her candidacy and her popularity and, apparently, their lack of control over her, and is mounting some opposition. The POA is happy to support her and expects that if she is elected she will provide the same high quality advise for San Francisco taxpayers that she has been providing for consumers the past several years.

Though Jim Gonzalez is taking a controversial position concerning illegal immigrants that is unpopular with us, he still received our endorsement. His record in support of our economic and labor issues has been excellent. Gonzalez' support of Proposition D was critical. He was more than just another vote. Proposition D would not have been put on the ballot by the Board of Supervisors without him. He was key to our getting the six votes needed by working out the compromises necessary to counter the lame, but politically potent, opposition arguments that were being put forth by the Agnos administration against collective bargaining. In addition, Gonzalez parted company with Supervisors Hallinan, Britt, Migden and Achtenberg, and joined with Supervisors Annemarie Conroy, Willie Kennedy, Kevin Shelley, Angela Alioto and Bill Maher in supporting our contract. On this occasion, the other four Supervisors had attempted to convince the Board to refuse to ratify our contract unless the POA agreed that officers charged with OCC complaints would be subjected to public hearings on those complaints, before their cases went to the Police Commission. Gonzalez recognized how this would be prejudicial to police officers and supported our position.

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visor Willie Kennedy. Unlike others who supported Mayor Agnos, Supervisor Kennedy has been willing to attempt to establish a better understanding of the POA and what we stand for. Her efforts to improve her relationship with the many San Franciscans who were adamantly opposed to the Agnos administration demonstrates a maturity greatly needed on the Board.

The POA will be campaigning for these candidates. First and foremost, we urge you to vote and to encourage your friends and relatives to do the same. We need to retain a Board of Supervisors that will deal with its police officers fairly. This election will clearly impact the direction of this Board.

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Culture for Cops

“Fortress Alcatraz Guardian of the Golden Gate”

John A. Martini

Book Review by Joe Reilly

When the U.S. Bureau of Prisons established its penitentiary Alcatraz in 1934, almost 90 years of military presence on the island ended. The more familiar chapter of Alcatraz history had begun, with the likes of Al Capone and Machine Gun Kelly. This period makes Alcatraz the single most popular attraction in the National Park system today.

John Martini opens an almost forgotten volume of local history as he tells the story of the Army's Civil War transformation of Alcatraz into the mightiest and most heavily defended fortress west of the Mississippi River. The Confederates and their British sympathizers were enough of a threat to have caused a huge build-up of the high-tech weapons of the day on Alcatraz guarding the Golden Gate, the shipyard at Mare Island, and the U.S. Arsenal at Benecia. There definitely were pro-confederate sentiments in California at the outbreak of the Civil War!

The author has brought together a fine collection of period photographs and drawings which strongly contrast the familiar features of the Alcatraz of today. Included are details of the most advanced weaponry of the U.S. at the time. He also describes military life on the island at a time when it was ringed by batteries of big coastal guns and also housed a “disciplinary barracks” or military prison. This of course eventually led to the island becoming a notorious federal penitentiary.

It is most interesting to see how the author/historian pieces together the composite of Alcatraz's military era. Working with army records and known photographic details locations on the island are plotted, unknown photos are identified, and the perspective of over 130 years ago is achieved.

Alcatraz became part of the Golden Gate National Recreation Area in 1972. It was opened to visitors in 1974. It continues to provide the tourist and San Franciscan with unusual views both visually and historically.

by Bill Hemby

At the beginning of this year's legislative session, there were over 250 worker's compensation bills introduced. Many dealt with stress and curtailing worker benefits. Many of these bills languished in committee, while the powers that be decided which way to jump. Because of the knock-down-drag-out fight over the budget, the workers comp stuff got lost in the shuffle and nothing was resolved.

With just two weeks remaining until adjournment, an Assembly and Senate conference committee finally got together to hammer out a reform plan. The plan called for curtailing benefits, reducing the California's minimum rate law and increasing temporary workers comp pay. This hastily formulated program was rammed through the legislature and sent to the governor who vetoed it.

The reason the governor vetoed the package was because it didn't go far enough to curtail benefits. The governor, it seems, is securely entrenched within the camp of big business and insurance companies.

As of this writing, the governor has called the legislature back into session he says, to deal with the workers compensation problem. What he is really attempting to do is embarrass democrats up for reelection, into caving in on his more stringent and restrictive proposals. It is doubtful whether he will be successful.

There are several plans on the table. The governor has a plan, the legislative democratic leadership has a plan, attorneys who defend workers have a plan, republicans have a plan, and the insurance industry and big business have a plan. All of which change hourly, depending upon whose ox is being gored. This makes it extremely difficult to gauge just what is being considered. Unfortunately, none of these plans benefit peace officers.

These proposals are too numerous to enumerate, and many don't really effect peace officers.

Those that do would:
Eliminate the “liberal construction” in workers compensation cases. i.e., Judges may not liberally construe in favor of the worker. (This may have an effect on law enforcement heart and cancer presumptions) Reduce temporary disability to “net wages” not “gross wages”. This eliminates the 100% salary temporary disability payment, and allows taxes to be taken out. This provision is specifically aimed at front line peace officers “4850” time

Stress Take Aways

Psychological stress would be limited to “sudden and extraordinary incidents. Not cumulative stress, (as is the case in law enforcement). What “sudden and extraordinary” means in police work is not explained.

Require workers to prove the “sudden and extraordinary” event was a predominant cause of the psychiatric injury.

Bar claims filed after termination, unless the worker proves a sudden and extraordinary workplace event caused the psychiatric injury, or that he or she reported the injury to the employer or a physician prior to termination.

Bar claims resulting from unlawful personnel actions—including terminations, layoffs, demotions, transfers) example: if you are the brass' list and given every lousy detail that comes along, it could not be the cause of a stress claim. Requires employee's perception of stress event to be reasonable.

There is a question whether a physical injury can cause a psychological injury.

Medical Restrictions

Limit employee and employer to only one evaluation of the employees condition.

Limit employer's evaluation costs and tests to \$2500 each. Neither side may obtain evaluations for 30 days after the injury.

Limits report fees

Requires worker to pay 10% of evaluation costs if an injury is found to be noncompensable.

Permit employers to use managed care organizations to provide both workers compensation treatment and health coverage, i.e. Blue Cross, Kaiser, etc. (questions that arise are; can these groups provide the necessary care? Can the employer “shift” some of the workers compensation costs over to employees to pay under their health coverage?)

Allow workers to use their own physicians if that physician is designated prior to an injury, and the physician will use accepted managed care rates.

Vocational Rehabilitation

Cap vocational rehab at \$2500.00. Worker would be limited to one plan. The plan may not exceed 18 months. No out of state plans are allowed. There would be a 20% reduction in counseling fees. Exempt employer liability if a worker is given modified work at comparable pay—within 15% of pre-injury earnings — at the same geographical location — The work must last at least one year.

There has been a proposal by republicans and the governor to eliminate safety members from the stress provisions. This has been opposed by democrats and organized labor.

Many of these proposals are being led by democratic Assemblymembers Burt Margolin, Steve Peace and Senator Pat Johnston.

COPS fights back

In addition to lobbying Senators and Assembly members, appearing before committees, and letter writing campaigns, COPS has sent editorials and letters-to-the-editors to many of California's major newspapers. Throughout the year we have participated in radio interviews explaining our position on workers compensation issues.

COPS participates in a coalition of professionals, physicians, psychiatric groups, public employee groups and attorneys who are fighting these and other moves to restrict our benefits.

The workers compensation issue will not be decided this year, and the problem won't go away. The governor and the powerful business lobby is determined to get its way — a way that will reduce your benefits and hurt the system.

ENDORSEMENTS

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their estimation of how helpful candidates were or can be expected to be in the future. Before making these recommendations we review their records and attempt to determine their positions on those matters we are most concerned with. These include, most obviously, the positions of the candidates on our working conditions and law enforcement. In addition, we think it would be foolish and shortsighted if we did not contact our friends and supporters and discuss the candidates with them and attempt to work together to the extent that we can. Finally, we must consider the candidates' electability. This factor is often most troublesome as it's tempting to want to endorse those who we feel respond best to our inquiries or appear most attractive to us at our candidate night. The reality, however, is that we must be in a position to deliver for our members. In supervisorial elections it is our goal to assure that we

have at least six supervisors who will give San Francisco police officers fair treatment. Providing endorsements for candidates who we know are not likely to get elected would not be helpful when we next find it necessary to go to the Board of Supervisors for support.

It also must be remembered that this is by no means an exact science and there is room for dissent and disagreement. President Trigueiro summed up the process at a recent meeting when he said “Our role as the elected leaders of the POA is to make recommendations to the general membership. We take this responsibility very seriously and put a great deal of time and thought into it. However, we ought not to take ourselves too seriously either. Try as we may, we won't all see these things the same way. That's why the process is so important at each step. The final step, whereby the membership is provided the opportunity to approve or disapprove of our recommendations, gives the endorsements legitimacy and integrity that they would not otherwise have”.



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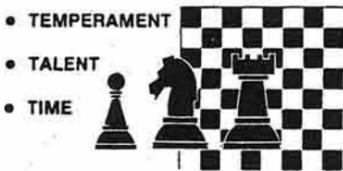
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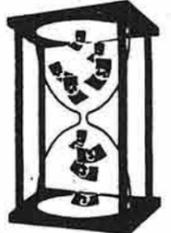
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- ★ Contact Off. William Murray at Mission Station, or call 415/673-0555 to confirm with Larry or Laurie.

by Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

Officers Anthony LaRocca and Melvin Bautista walked into the lobby of 238 Eddy Street when the desk clerk at the residential hotel pointed to the individual coming down a staircase and said, "He's the one with the gun." Unfortunately, the individual also heard the clerk and immediately pulled out a fully-loaded shotgun he had concealed under his coat. Officers LaRocca and Bautista had only a split second to charge the suspect and wrestle him to the ground while trying to neutralize the danger of the loaded weapon.

The original call to Dispatch came in as a man shooting a shotgun from the roof top of 238 Eddy. True enough. A subsequent investigation revealed numerous spent shotgun casings on the roof level. A record check of the suspect ruled he was another graduate of San Francisco's felony probationary program and, while on the subject of successful rehabilitation programs (bad joke), I just found out that the two individuals who tried to kill **Officers Oscar Carcelen and John Robertson** of Ingleside Station last month were also on parole, had major gang affiliation and outstanding felony warrants from two different states.

In the Mission District — Sad but true ... two shootings, a week apart, both taking place at 24th and Alabama. Outcome: one 16 year old male seriously injured on 9/5/92 - one 16 year old male killed from gunfire on 9/12/92. And, in a 24 hour period on Saturday, 9/19/92, four people were killed in the Mission District. Unfortunately, it's still only a misdemeanor to carry a loaded and concealed firearm on the streets of San Francisco.

Officers Marco DeaAngles and Ray Austin, Mission Station, were sent to escort a young woman from a residence on Hampshire Street. The request was being made by the former boyfriend of the woman trespasser. As the officers entered the residence, they found their subject lying on a bed in a darkened room. Once the lights were on, Officer Austin and grabbed the fully loaded .357 revolver at the woman's side. The jilted boyfriend "forgot" to mention the fact that he had left a gun on the premises prior to the officers' entry.

And, while we're in the Mission, my condolences to the teacher wounded by random gunfire coming from the Army Street Projects. This incident could have resulted in an even worse tragedy since there were also many children playing in the school yard at the time the shooting took place.

Still in the Mission...on Thursday, 9/10/92 at 1655 hours, **Officers Michael Paganini and Milt Andaluz** apprehended a gang member who had robbed a very young victim. The gang member suspect was carrying a loaded .32 5-shot revolver.

Same day, at 1730 hours, **Officers Albert Lee and Robert Hart**, Mission Station, apprehended another suspect, armed with a gun (.25 semi-automatic) after the suspect had brandished it in the presence of **Officer Joe Clemons** and his family, while Joe was driving home.

Still same day, at 1823 hours, **Officers Kevin Dempsey, Mike Moran and James Escobar**, Mission Station, were conducting an investigation at the Army Street Projects when they came across an individual known for carrying a gun. A brief detention proved the officers' information true as they found a loaded .380 semi-automatic tucked in the suspect's waistband.

Three guns in 2 hours in the Mission! A new record that speaks well of the outstanding work patrol officers are doing but definitely not a good omen for the citizens of San Francisco.



Close Encounters

Can't forget Potrero Station where **Sgt. Lou Perez** took the initiative to nominate **Officer E. R. Balinton, Officer Michael Philpott** and **Officer John Syme** for Medals of Valor.

On 9/18/92, **Officer Balinton** was faced with an armed and outraged female suspect who was attempting to stab him with a steak knife. The suspect had apparently separated from her boyfriend recently and Officer Balinton just happened to come by right after the suspect decided to seek revenge. Fortunately, Officer Balinton was able to disarm and subdue the knife wielding individual.

The Potrero, of course, is never short of close encounters and **Officer John Syme** and **Officer Michael Philpott** were glad they had their vests on recently when, during their attempts to disburse a crowd of individuals who were enjoying their favorite pastime of throwing bottles at police cars at McKinnon and Mendell, one of the suspects drew and pointed a gun at Officers Syme and Philpott and then fired the weapon. The officers had no cover and could not return the fire because of the number of other innocent people around the shooter. Fortunately, the cowardly felon chose to run with Officers Syme and Philpott on his heels. The officers caught the suspect and retrieved the weapon, at a great risk to their own safety. And, guess what?! The individual apprehended was on felony probation for selling cocaine!! What a surprise!!

And, while admiring the outstanding success of our criminal justice rehabilitative program, I obtained **Sgt. Peter Thoshinsky's** report documenting his and **Officer Steve Morimoto's** encounter with an individual who was walking through the Tenderloin talking to himself while carrying a 4 foot steel pole. Sgt. Thoshinsky and Officer Morimoto determined the ranting, pole-carrying subject was under the influence of drugs and verbally informed him he was under arrest (that was the easy part). The subject under arrest decided he was going to resist the officers' attempts and made every attempt to get away but Sgt. Thoshinsky and Officer Morimoto were able to subdue the suspect.

The real story is not the fact that Sgt. Thoshinsky and Officer Morimoto placed themselves at great risk of serious injury in order to protect our citizens from a mentally-deranged individual wielding a 4 foot steel pole. The real story is that our suspect had been arrested 11 times prior

for assaults on police officers and resisting arrest!! The real story is that this little punk arrested has carte blanche to assault a San Francisco police officer anytime he wants. The real story is best expressed by **Sgt. Thoshinsky** "What upsets me the most I think is I never received a phone call from the district attorney handling the case or the detail to discuss the plea. Nada. Nothing. Zip. Adios. Just plead it out and don't tell the victim." **The real story is that we need someone who will make assaults on police officers in San Francisco a priority charge!**

Officer Dave Smith of Park Station found out how valuable a PIC radio can be after he was dispatched to check out an unconscious individual on upper 17th Street. The subject of Dave's attention, although appearing unconscious, suddenly jumped up, assaulted Dave and ripped his lifeline (PIC) from his gunbelt. Dave called out to a citizen to notify Dispatch as he chased the suspect down 17th Street. The suspect was eventually captured after the calvary arrived, lead by the Caped Crusader himself — **Lt. Greg Corrales**, Northern Station.

On 9/29/92 **Officer Joe Garrity** and **Tom Smith** of the TTF were walking their beat when they heard a gunshot fired from directly across the street (O'Farrell and Leavenworth). The armed suspect then ran to a waiting vehicle and, as the vehicle took off, the suspect leaned out of the passenger's side, taking aim at both officers. Officers Garrity and Smith fired at the suspect and the vehicle stalled. Officers Garrity and Smith were able to apprehend both the driver and passenger and they recovered the gun.

The Ingleside District is protected by many outstanding police officers and two recent incidents portray the professionalism of uniform personnel at #1 John Young Lane. Saturday night 9/26/92, finds **Officer Michael Androvich** and **Brian Normandy** approaching an individual they stopped who matched the description of a suspect who just fired several rounds into the "7-11" store at 3080 San Jose Street. The suspect, sitting on a motorcycle, reaches for the .357 revolver tucked in his waistband as the officers near and then attempts to drive off. Officer Androvich grabbed at the suspect and Officer Normandy was knocked to the ground by the motorcycle. Officer Androvich was able to wrap his arms around the suspect and pull him from the motorcycle, yet the suspect now had a gun in his hand. Both officers were

finally able to apprehend the armed suspect (Medal of Valor time?) who was in possession of a fully loaded and stolen .357 revolver. **And, the suspect was on — you guessed it — probation!**

Officers Michael Androvich (he trained at Mission!!) and **Officer James Riordan** on 9/19/92, responded to an armed robbery in progress at Wilder and Diamond Streets where a citizen told them upon arrival that there was a man with a mask and a gun inside the restaurant at that location robbing the employees. **Officers Judith Riggle and Michael Lau**, Ingleside Station, covered the back of the business while Officers Androvich and Riordan took the front. The suspect attempted to flee out the back and, while he was momentarily distracted, Officers Androvich and Riordan took the opportunity to enter through the front. They then confronted the masked suspect who refused to comply with orders to surrender until the officers had to physically subdue him (Medal of Valor time? — Why does it take so long anyway?) The suspect had a fully-loaded .38 revolver and had terrorized the employees who were closing their business until the professionals from Co. H arrived. **And no, this suspect was not on probation — he was on parole.** (Parole is apparently the Criminals' Masters Program, probation covering the AA and BA requirements.)

This article was assembled over several days utilizing what little time I have — I cannot comprehend what great difficulty our command staff has accomplishing the same objective. All you have to do is make, and take, the time necessary to honor our members for their outstanding accomplishments.

There is no reason why any officer should have to wait over eight months for formal recognition by our Department for their heroism — right now, the most important delayed response time our chief should be concerned with is that of the Department's Award Committee!

Please help me continue with the 'Close Encounters' column. I need your assistance to keep the public informed about what's really going on in our city. Send me copies of any incident that would qualify as a 'Close Encounter' entry.

Steve Johnson
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LEGEND

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told me that everything they see him he appears to be getting younger. Whatever you're doing Nick, keep it up. Continued good health and happiness to you, your charming wife and all of your loved ones.

Now let's delve into Salvatore's life whom Nick refers to as his skinny little brother but that theory will change as his story unfolds.

Thumb Sketch:

Salvatore Francesco Marota

A native San Franciscan, born in the North Beach section of the city on March 12, 1925. At an early age, the family moved into the area of the Helen Wills Playground at Broadway and Larkin Streets. Sal spent so many hours in the playground that many of the young men thought that he was the playground director.

Two notables that emerged from that Playground and made a name for themselves in the sporting world were Hank Lusietti and Armond "Turk" Turzin. Sal emerged as quite a basketball and football player and thanks both men for their patience in teaching him the fines points of their respective sport specialty.

Hank Lusietti is a household name in basketball. Everyone's All American at Stanford University for three years. He was the innovator of the one handed shot in basketball. Low scoring games were the order of the day in the thirties. Against Duequesne University, he did the impossible by scoring fifty points. The university, for all of his accomplishments built a statue of Hank Lusietti on the grounds of its basketball pavilion.

Armond "Turk" Turzin was an outstanding football player at Galileo High School and at the University of Southern California. When his football days were over he became one of the most respected and popular football referees in the National Football League until his recent retirement.

Sal also began his education in wonderful style but for his higher education he went to Marin Jr. College for one semester where he performed brilliantly in basketball and football.

Commuting became rather tiresome so he decided on a change of venue and went to work.

Sal was a movie buff and like most of the kids in the neighborhood, Saturdays meant taking in a show. His preferences were Westers and the serials. They would cheer the cowboys with the white hats and boo and hiss the ones wearing the black

hats. One Saturday, Sal asked his dad for fifteen cents; ten cents for the movie and five cents for candy. His dad using a little move voice volume said, Salvatore, if you want to go to the movies, get a job selling newspapers. His advise didn't fall on deaf ears. Sal not only sold newspapers in the afternoon for three cents a copy but branched out and got himself a paper route. In his juvenile years the jobs varied. He worked for the Western Union Telegraph Company, delivering telegrams on his bike after school. He graduated from a bike to driving a delivery truck and with the kindness and compassion for his fellow man, twice weekly he would deliver fresh vegetables free of charge to the men who were receiving free room and board to an institution called San Quentin. Sal also applied for an usher's job at the Alhambra theater. The theater policy was not to hire members from the same family. Nick was already working as an usher but stepped aside so that Sal could take over, etc.

Priorities started to play an important part in Sal's life. The Japanese Empire sneak attack on that never to be forgotten Sunday, December 7, 1941. So many young men, sons and husbands who gave their lives without a chance to retaliate. Their phony Ambassadors in our State Capitol repeating that our countries are at peace and that peace will prevail.

He temporarily set aside his schooling and on March 8, 1943 he enlisted in the United States Navy. Received training in communications and then was assigned aboard an auxiliary Minesweeper, U.S.S. Concise AM 163, that cruised the dangerous waters in the South Pacific that were infested with mines. Their objective was to safely transport the troops to their designated destination. You were walking on pins and needles constantly as on numerous occasions mines would come loose and they had to be exploded by the use of small firearms.

The war was coming to an end in the South Pacific, troops were ordered to head towards the island of Pelieu where they were to join the Flotilla. Objective to invade Japan and strangle and Japanese planes that refused to surrender. The Japanese surrendered by the thousands. They continued on with their objective being to land at Nagoya Bay which is on the southern tip of Honshu.

Sal was in God's strong and gentle arms one evening. A typhoon with such force that a PBY that was anchored was sunk and its entire crew drowned with the exception of three survivors. An LST was forced against a seawall by huge waves causing sailors to be washed overboard and their bodies were never recovered.

Sal's narrow escape from death oc-

curred while he was sending a signal to another ship when a huge wave came over the bridge. The only thing that saved him was that he was able to hold onto the signal light and grasp the railing of the bridge. The was finally came to an end in the South Pacific when the Japanese Empire agreed to unconditional surrender. He served his country with dignity, honor for thirty months and finally received that long awaited honorable discharge in February of 1946. Nick was not only amazed but somewhat flabbergasted when he saw Sal as the Navy certainly agreed with him. He filled out and Nick could no longer refer to him as his skinny little brother. He was still his younger brother but only in age and not in size. Sal made up his high school credits and decided on becoming a police officer due to the security and pension that it offered. He was sworn in as one of San Francisco's finest on August 16, 1953.

Sal was described to me by some of his colleagues as being similar to a Marine Sergeant. A man among men, well respected, would assume leadership in a crisis, proficient and had used good common sense. He was proud of his Italian heritage to the extent that even his business cards were printed in the Italian language.

Let's get his romantic life in order as he was blessed with five children, three grandchildren with one being half way from heaven and travelling towards earth at a moderate rate of speed and on its arrival will be loved by so many.

While at Richmond Station he always had his meals at the Flying Saucer Restaurant. An attractive waitress, Shirley Baffer caught his eye. Sal from the moment he laid eyes on her, felt like singing a musical ornamental, "Ah Sweet Mystery of Life at Last I found Thee". To Sal it was a way of expressing the thundering pounding that kept repeating in his heart which was a new experience for him. He finally found the courage to ask if she would like to join him for a day of sailing. She accepted and to reciprocate she had him over for a home cooked meal. She had it all, charm, beauty, personality and on top of that she was a wonderful cook.

On May 2 they celebrated thirty seven years of wedded bliss. He can't imagine what life would be like without her. It would be comprehensible but with her every day is a blessing. In a period of thirty years there are bound to be experiences that one will retain. One that comes to mind was the Lee Marvin incident. The late and outstanding movie star who also had the reputation of being friends with policemen was in the Pam Pam East restaurant. Everyone has an off night and I guess this one was his as while he was having a late snack and perhaps he had one too many alcoholic drinks he became boisterous, belligerent that the patrons complained about his conduct. An inexperienced officer responded to the scene and had the foresight to call for Salvatore's assistance. He tried to reason with Lee Marvin to no avail. Now a few choice words of wisdom did the trick. Lee Marvin then picked himself up from the floor, shook Sal's hand and apologized to the crowd. Arm in arm they marched out of

the restaurant to the thundering applause that was ringing in their ears. The only thing on Sal's mind was whether he should return for a curtain call.

The second incident refers to Mr. October, or better known as Reggie Jackson. He was in the holding cell at Central Station due to having outstanding vehicle traffic arrest warrants. He proceeded to throw his weight around much to the annoyance of officers in the station. Sal who became to be known as the Godfather of the station was called in for his expertise in such matters. Sal had a man to man talk with Mr. Jackson and what transpired between them will remain a mystery, but Mr. Jackson's demeanor improved a hundred percent and from that moment on he was a gentleman until his bail was posted and he was released from custody.

Let's compare an incident. How it was handled years ago to how it would have been handled today. Gerry Calgaro related the story to me. Sal had called for him one evening to respond to the Finks bar in the financial district of the city. On his arrival every bar stool was turned over on its side. A person started to challenge everyone in the bar, even Sal who was in uniform. It was quite a battle and after the person received medical attention, Sal gave orders to the wagon crew that he wasn't too bad of a fellow and to book him drunk, release when sober. Too lengthy as to how it would have been handled at the present time. Gerry calls Sal the best boss he ever worked for, behind that gruff appearance he was gentle, fair and wise. He is missed by Gerry and other officers that worked with him as he always stood up for his men. A dinosaur compared to today's department.

Two humorous incidents that come to mind are when Sal and the former Deputy Chief of Investigations Joe Lordan were partners in the radio car at Richmond Station. There was a Lieutenant that always wanted to ride with them. They worked out a plan. Sal would roll up the windows, light up a cigar and start puffing like mad. Joe would follow suit. The Lieutenant, a non-smoker, would ask for mercy to be let out of the car so he could inhale some fresh air.

Our last humorous incident refers to the former popular Commander Ray Canepa. Sal and Nick would converse on the radio requesting a 904 code (meet an officer) under the clock. Ray for years couldn't figure out what clock they were referring to. At times they would even converse in Italian which would add to Ray's grey hairs. The clock that they referred to was the one at the Ferry Building. It was all in fun as a friendship that started while they were in the department continued and grew stronger in their retirement life. Sal thought so much of Ray Canepa and Joe Lordan that they accepted the honor and pleasure of becoming godfather to Sal's two daughters.

The Bali family, socialites of our city and who were instrumental in bringing the Russian Ballet to our city were always impressed with Sal's demeanor as a police officer. They would often go out of their

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THE MEMBERS SPEAK

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A Cure For A Headache

by John Sterling

Each time the Mayor makes his weekly threats of impending layoffs because of budget cuts he unduly scares the wits out of young men and women who recently joined the Department. Theirs is the vulnerability of junior status. They are just overcoming the worry of assuming a dangerous job and now face the unnecessary worry of keeping the family together, losing a house, and losing a job.

While the Mayor endears himself with the news media, as the protector of the treasury from predatory but lowly civil servants, he causes anxiety in ordinary people facing unemployment lines.

It's not as if the Mayor has no other choices. He can show courage and grace by pruning this Department from the top downwards. After all, as Chief himself, he helped inflate the top administration. As the Chief, and when the coffers were full, we all cheered as he waved his wand hither and yonder sprinkling titles and goodies on his cronies, while the rest of us elbowed each other, hoping he would wave in our direction. In leaner times, such as now, the Mayor can turn to his boys and say, "What I giveth away, so I taketh away." This he can do before contemplating unemploying anyone.

Do we really need three Commanders? extra Deputy Chiefs? Sundry Captains and Lieutenants? Do they each need expensive cars? Cellular phones? Pagers? Is he aware of the Boy-Wonder Lieutenant who sneered at the type of car assigned to him? It seems the humbug thinks it beneath his office. Outside this Department, this blowhard couldn't earn \$6.50 an hour. Additionally, the Mayor can 'persuade' barnacles who cling on and on before finally retiring.

How about rescinding the exorbitant finders fee McNamara is charging for picking the next Chief. Talk about networking! We all know the last pick was a mistake, right? It's understandable that the Mayor would like others to take the rap the next time. However, he would compromise his authority again.

It wasn't as if the last chief was inadequate to the challenge. It was doomed from the start because direct control was compromised by the high accompanying political debt. These

things he can do first.

To help him along, let me offer this analogy. A man suffering from chronic headache sought medical relief. His lazy doctor recommended the removal of one of his extremities as a cure. After the surgery, the headache persisted. Seeking another opinion, his new doctor correctly diagnosed the problem. Tight underwear! It was still pinching his remaining extremity causing the headaches! The moral of the story: shortsightedness can cause pain where it is not needed.

We went through a similar lay-off scare once before. I remember Willie Casey, looking bored and disdainful, calling a meeting of Hall Rats (I was one, once.) We were given a Hobson's choice. Either we submit to a Department austerity plan or face lay-offs. Bob Berry of the P.O.A. was on the side cheer leading. There was no mention of roll-back of perks of the fortunate top echelon. The message was: We have ours, fend for yourselves, Suckers!" I felt guilty.

I went to my boss and suggested that I was willing to surrender my overtime pay for that year, and convince others to do the same, to cover mortgages and such, and to reserve all overtime to those laid-off as part-time work until they are rehired. Surprisingly, I was laughed at and, practically accused of being a Communist or well-off. I am neither. Then as now, I am the only wage earner in my family. I have no extra income.

If the Mayor carries out his threat, I make the same offer. The taxpaying citizens would miss the absence of young and strong street cops servicing the community more than they would titled humbugs, who, by the way, make no discernible difference in reducing street crimes. Let's not allow our young people to founder in doubt. Let's do the right thing.

Lastly, let me end with this aphorism. "Neither man or angel can discern hypocrisy, the only evil that walks invisible".

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Boy Scouts Eligible for Bank of America Contributions

(Editor's Note: In light of the intense interest evidenced by many members of the SFPOA in the donation policies of the Bank of America, I am printing this letter sent to The Notebook by BofA officials.)

BankAmerica corporation said today, that as a result of a clarification of the membership policy of the boy Scouts of America, the organization would once again be eligible for charitable donations.

BankAmerica said that its understanding, based on communications which it initiated with the national leadership of the organization, is that the opportunity to join the Boy Scouts of America is open to all boys who subscribe to the Scout oath and law, Cub Scout promise of Explorer code (Exploring includes teenage girls).

BankAmerica's contributions policies allow it to make donations only to those organizations that provide full access

and equal opportunity to all members of the class that the organization is designed to serve.

Boy Scouts of America, being open to all boys, which is the class it is designed to serve, meets the bank's contributions criteria. The bank said it understands the Scouting organization's requirement and necessity to set guidelines for those qualified to serve as adult leaders. The Boy Scouts' eligibility for charitable contributions from BankAmerica is determined by its policy regarding youth membership.

"For over half a century, Bank of America has been a friend and supporter of the boy Scouts," said Executive Vice President Donald A. Mullane, chairman of the BankAmerica Foundation. "We're pleased to have reached this understanding that will allow the support to continue and be consistent with the corporation's long-held belief in equal opportunity."

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Immediately following the verdict of the Rodney King trial with the resulting riots, San Francisco police officers proudly came to the defense of our City. Mr. Bottha, General Manager at the Holiday Inn, along with his terrific staff, provided shelter and meals for our officers who worked around the clock. For these specific acts of kindness, and for the many more throughout the years that may have gone seemingly unnoticed, the Police Officers' Association demonstrated its appreciation with the presentation of a plaque.

Hallinan Speaks

by Terence Hallinan

I am very glad to have this opportunity to speak to the men and women who make up the Police Officers Association. Just four years ago, after looking over all the candidates, the POA endorsed me for Supervisor. And since that time I have redoubled my commitment to a strong, effective, and well-paid police force.

Protecting and Defending our Police Department

My involvement supporting our police goes back to the days when I defended many officers facing politically-motivated charges from prosecuting attorneys. Defending our police officers made me realize how much trouble officers often have in forging a strong and aggressive defense in what can become a politically charged atmosphere. The confidentiality of OCC hearings, closed to everyone save prosecutors, works against both citizens and accused police officers.

That's why I have attempted to open up the process surrounding citizen complaints. Without an open process, police officers are frequently at a disadvantage. I believe an open process benefits police officers by protecting them from unwarranted prosecution and by increasing citizen confidence and support.

Supporting Unions, Supporting 4/10

As many of you know, I have fought much of my life for strong unions. And now, when some are blaming the city's financial stress on union contracts, I am leading the fight to protect our unions from short-sighted and unfair attacks.

Let me give you one example. Our 4/10 system has been targeted by some who believe it results in unwarranted over-time pay. But in my investigation of the 4/10

system, I discovered that San Francisco police officers' base pay rate is one of the lowest of any comparable police department.

Our police officers are doing an excellent job. Our crime rate is below other major metropolitan areas and our police officers are admirably fighting the new scourges of urban life like increasing gang involvement and the crack epidemic. Our men and women in the SFPD deserve to be fairly compensated. And I believe the 4/10 system is essential in keeping police officer pay scales in line with the tough work you do every day.

The elimination of 4/10 would not only reduce pay to unacceptable levels, but would also harm officers' family lives and worktime flexibility. I firmly oppose any efforts to eliminate or tamper with 4/10 and I, for one, will fight any attempts to do so.

Looking out for the Future of SFPD

Currently our Police Department is facing grave budget cuts which could result in layoffs for police officers and increased crime against our citizens. As a member of the Finance Committee, I am on the frontlines of the budget battle. In my first term I have scrutinized every line of the budget to make sure our Police Department gets the resources it needs to do its job. The last place we can afford to cut is public safety and if re-elected, I will make sure our Police Department doesn't bear the brunt of the City's fiscal mess.

Thank you for this chance to address all of you. I have enjoyed a good working relationship with the members of the Police Officers Association and I look forward to a strong working relationship with the POA in the years to come.

"My Favorite Cop"

Police Commission president Harry Low announces that the "My Favorite Cop" award winner for September 1992 is Officer Benjamin Spiteri. This monthly award is given to the police officer who has taken that extra step or exhibited a special kindness that makes you feel he or she is your friend as well as your protector.

Officer Spiteri is an 11-year veteran assigned to the Ingleside Police Station where he works as a CPOP (Community Police Officer Program) officer patrolling his beat in the Excelsior district.

Officer Spiteri was nominated by over 100 residents and business people in the Ingleside District who cited his concern for their well being and for his dedication to improving their neighborhood.

Honors were bestowed upon Officer

Spiteri by Commission President Harry Low, Supervisor Jim Gonzales, and representing the Mayor's Office, Mr. James Fang.

The monthly awards are co-sponsored by the Embarcadero Center and the San Francisco Independent Newspaper in concert with the S.F. Council of District Merchants and the S.F. Chamber of Commerce.

"My Favorite Cop" is chosen by a combination of citizen ballots and recommendations by fellow officers. Ballots are carried weekly in the San Francisco Independent as well as distributed by merchants throughout the city. Final selections are made by a panel of judges who review the monthly submissions.

LEGEND

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way to introduce him to many of their prominent and distinguished friends and guests visiting our city. He was to them a pillar of strength for all humanity and society.

Continued good health in your retirement, also for your devoted wife Shirley and all of your loved ones.

May your flowers bloom with the same beauty and strength that you have given to so many people.

Yes, Sal and Nick, you are truly legends in your own times.

Sunday Dinner: Italian customs and traditions

Nick and Sal in their young adult life recall the little things that gave them a great deal of pleasure. As youngsters they can remember seeing a truck loaded with grapes drive up to their home. They would help their dad unload the grapes and knew that it was wine making time. The grapes were placed into a large circular vault. Off would come Nick and Sal's shoes and socks and they would proceed to crush the grapes with their bare feet. The hand press was the next step and it was always a nice feeling to see the red juice that eventually would become wine flowing from the crushed grapes. Their father would feel mighty proud to see one of his home made wine bottles decorating the Sunday table dinner.

Humor always played a major part in wine making time. The wine makers would continuously argue as to who made the finest tasting wine. Wine experts would be called in to taste the different wines. Most often they would ask for a second glass to make sure of the aroma, color and taste. Would you believe that there were more wine tasters than wine makers and quite often at the day's ending some of the wine experts didn't know what they were tasting.

On rare occasions it would be necessary at times to call for a cab so that the wine experts could be safely taken home.

One thing for certain though is that at wine making time the neighborhood be-

came the happiest in the city. Everyone was in good spirits and I am using the word "spirits" in bot definitions. The wine was used in a variety of ways, some would mix it in with their soup, others would pour wine over sliced peaches in a drinking glass and some may just cut a slice of Pannetoni bread and dunk it into the wine. One thing for certain, it wouldn't be a Sunday dinner without wine on the table.

The maker would go into a lengthy conversation on how wonderful his wine was, etc. Even the children were given a half glass as the old adage was that it was good for their blood.

The food consisted of either chicken or minestrone soup, salad, large homemade raviolis and a choice of chicken, roast beef or rabbit. Desert was always a variety of cheeses and fresh fruit. People would relax, dinner would go on for hours. The men would continue to have their wine glasses filled. Out would come the toscani cigars and they would smoke them until the bitter end and then they would chew them. The music would start, a certainty that some one would play the accordion and the Italian Folk Dancing would begin while the children would go into someone's bedroom and play games.

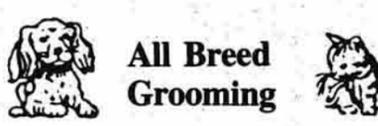
Another custom was that if a youngster played an instrument he would play it much to the delight of everyone. Singing was a must, one would start it off and by the time the song was just about over everyone would join in and that would go on for an hour or so, etc. You knew that things were quieting down when the men sat around the table and played a game of cards called Briscola. The women would take out their sewing baskets and sew as they talked.

Nick and Sal, you have the right to be proud of your Italian heritage as other people with different religions and customs also have that right. The old adage, He ain't heavy, he's my brother. Sometimes my brother weighs a ton if I have to do all the carrying. In their case their burdens, brotherly love, hopes and disappointments were always discussed as well as their concern for one another. Rarely does one find two brothers like Nick and Sal who seem so graceful and bring joy into the lives of all who know them. You both have retained that rare gift of seeing the positive and beautiful side of life and sharing it with others through your caring and kindness.

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LETTERS

Worker's Comp

Mr. Michael S. Hebel
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 San Francisco Police
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 510 7th Street
 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Hebel:

Thank you for letting me know your views on workers compensation. There is no doubt that we need to improve the performance of the workers compensation system. We spend too much of the employer's money on premiums, but give relatively low cash benefits to injured workers.

But changing the system is complicated enormously by the large number of organized groups which work hard to protect their interests, employer and employee organizations, insurance companies, and the many different groups which provide services to injured workers, attorneys, medical doctors, chiropractic doctors, physical therapists, psychologists, and those in vocational rehabilitation. And within a particular group there may be differing views, such as between small and large employers, or between labor organizations representing workers in the private sector and those representing workers in government service.

As one of the Senate Members of the Conference Committee which considered a wide variety of proposed reforms I tried my best to craft legislation which would cut costs fairly, then split the savings between employers and employees. I think we succeeded in passing useful legislation, but not without antagonizing all of the interests I listed.

While I do not subscribe to the view that if nobody supports controversial legislation, then it must fairly take a bite out of all the special interests. I do believe the three bills passed by the Legislature and before the Governor do a good job of changing the workers compensation system for the better.

My bill, Senate Bill 1904, repeals the minimum rate law, as was proposed by the Workers Compensation Rate Study Commission, the Council on California Competitiveness chaired by Peter Ueberroth, labor organizations and the Governor, and authorizes health maintenance organizations to provide managed care to injured employees as a means to save money by improving efficiency and to discourage the use of fraudulent "mills." Health care is the largest single component of the cost of workers compensation and is increasing at a rate greater than that for health care generally.

Assembly Bill 69 (Margolin) changes the standards for claiming psychiatric injuries, limits parties to one medical examination, unless there is good cause for additional exams, reduces payments to such examiners by 20 percent, and limits total expenditures for such examinations to \$2,500, limits vocational rehabilitation plans to one per worker and caps the cost of such plans, prohibits exceeding the medical fee schedule except for extraordinary circumstances and extends the schedule to drugs and hospitals, and makes other changes.

Our best, conservative estimates are that SB 1904 and AB 69 will save \$1.15 billion, or about 10 percent of the current costs of the workers compensation system. These estimates were based on meetings with staff of the

Workers Compensation Insurance Rating Bureau, the only available source of state-wide data on the workers compensation system.

The third bill in this package, Senate Bill 1539 (Lockyer), would increase maximum temporary disability and permanent total disability benefits from \$336 to \$448 per week. Maximum permanent partial disability benefits for disabilities less than 25 percent would increase from \$140 to \$162 weekly; for disabilities greater than 25 percent the bill would provide a weekly increase from \$140 to \$170. We estimate that the cost of these benefit increases is \$575 million, one-half of the savings from the reforms.

Another measure, AB 819 (Speier), which would sought to save on the costs of medical services by barring many of the now-prevalent referrals by physicians to facilities in which they have a financial interest, was defeated.

The Governor has announced that he will veto the bills and call the Legislature into a special session beginning October 8, 1992 to consider legislation more to his liking. I intend to begin hearings on the Governor's plan, assuming he has presented one, as soon as possible.

I will continue to do my best to fashion legislation which fairly cuts costs so that both employers and employees will benefit, whether the job is done this October or next year.

I have enclosed analyses of the four bills.

Sincerely,
 Patrick Johnston
 Senator, 5th District

Changes

Tom Flippin, Editor
 SFPOA Notebook

Dear Editor:

Recently a number of other officers and I sent a letter and petition to the San Francisco Police Credit Union. We were concerned about the rise in violent acts against off duty police officers.

Of particular concern was the Credit Union's VISA card, which indicates the holder is a police officer, and the Credit Union's checks, which also list the police officer's home address.

On August 19, 1992, at a meeting of the Board, the Directors of the Credit Union approved our suggested solution to the problem.

The Credit Union is now Offering VISA cards and personal checks that do not display the "star" logo, or the word "police". The new low profile cards and checks only use the Credit Union's

initials, SFPCU.

To obtain the new checks, just send in the check re-order form enclosed with your old checks. Be sure to write on the form that you want the new low profile checks.

To obtain the new VISA card, Just phone the Credit Union, (1-800-222-1391), and ask for the "VISA Coordinator". Be sure to have your Credit Union, and VISA account numbers ready.

I would sincerely like to thank all of you who signed the petition, and we should also thank the San Francisco Police Credit Union for responding so quickly, and so well.

John D. Evans
 Mission Station

Kudos

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Re: Officer Jim Green

Dear Sir:

I wish to take this opportunity to bring to your attention how much I appreciate the help I received from Officer Jim Green.

While driving near Elko, Nevada on my way to Utah, I became very ill. I pulled my car off the highway and attempted to cross the road to call for help. I was too ill and a passing truck driver stopped and called an ambulance for me.

As I waited for the ambulance, Jim Green stopped to help. I asked him to take me to the hospital. He felt I was too ill and wanted me to wait for the ambulance. He followed up with me at the hospital. He called each day to see how I was doing. After my release, he drove me to pick up my vehicle. He went above and beyond the call of duty. I was very thankful to have his help in a place so far away from home.

I felt I had to write and let you know what an exceptional person I found Officer Green to be.

Sincerely,
 Carl S. Hosking
 Retired SFPD Patrol Driver #A5

Thanks

Dear Al and members of the POA

The flowers and support of the POA have been heartwarming during this time of loss.

Lou, Marcus, Tiffany and all of the Burns-Bronfelds

Welcome

Al Trigueiro, President
 SFPOA
 Local #911
 510 7th Street
 San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Al,

Welcome to SEIU. The Napa Deputy Sheriffs' Association has been in Local 614 since 1974. We are very encouraged that the SFPOA has now joined SEIU and want to work with 911 on our issues of mutual interest.

In Unity,
 Mike Berriz
 President, DSA
 Local 614

Thanks

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PAL CHEERLEADING

The San Francisco PAL Youth Cheerleading Program has been in existence since 1984. There are currently 80 girls between the ages of 5 and 14. These participants receive instruction from a staff of 15 adults. Most of the coaches are employed and have families to attend to, but they have committed their time to this program during the evening and weekends between July and December of each year. Sophia Isom has been the Director of this program since 1984. Tonia Woodson has been the Assistant Director for the last three years. Officer Ava Garrick has been the Head Coach since 1986 and is presently working with the Pee Wee squad. Carol Oliver originally formed the group and is still involved as the Team Mother and counselor.

There are five different squads within this program:

- Mascots ages 5 - 7
- Jr. Pee Wees ages 8 - 9
- Pee Wees ages 9 - 10
- Jr. Midgets ages 11 - 12
- Midgets ages 13 - 14

All of these participants learn the importance of unity and team work as well as the basic fundamentals of cheerleading technique such as arm and hand motions, jumps, kicks, stunts, etc...

SF PAL Cheerleaders have already performed during two games and have also begun preparing for the Cheerleading Conference Competition which will occur on October 24th, 1992 in Santa Rosa.

Sign-ups for this activity usually occur between March and June of each year.

PAL BASKETBALL

The San Francisco PAL Basketball League started on Friday, October 9th. Games are on Friday nights, Saturdays and Sundays. There are 74 teams participating this year. The divisions are as follows:

6TH GRADE BOYS UPPER

- WEST SUNSET
- RUNNING REDS
- SALESIANS
- IRISH
- LIONS
- PANTHERS
- BENGALS
- BULLDOGS

6TH GRADE BOYS MIDDLE

- KINGS
- KNIGHTS
- REBELS
- SOMA
- QUAKES
- BULLS
- COLTS
- APTOS
- TOMCATS

6TH GRADE BOYS LOWER

- QUAKES
- TIGERS 1
- TIGERS 2
- CELTICS
- BEARS
- BRUINS
- SALESIANS
- KNIGHTS

6TH GRADE GIRLS

- BLAZERS 1
- BLAZERS 2
- STARS
- BULLETS

7TH GRADE BOYS UPPER

- QUAKES
- TIGERS
- BULLDOGS
- SALESIANS
- GABES
- PARKSIDE
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7TH GRADE BOYS LOWER

- VIPERS
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- TOMCATS
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- JAMMERS
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8TH GRADE BOYS UPPER

- MAGIC
- KNIGHTS
- TIGERS
- CELTICS
- BURBANK
- HAWKS
- TEAM FORCE

8TH GRADE BOYS MIDDLE

- QUAKES
- VIKINGS
- SALESIANS
- TOMCATS
- EAGLES
- APTOS
- RUNNING REDS
- COLTS

8TH GRADE BOYS LOWER

- BRUINS
- SOMA
- MARAUDERS
- BULLDOGS
- WARRIORS
- ICE
- COUGARS
- OPERATION CONTACT

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SPORTS



Powerlifting and Bodybuilding

by Dennis Tomason, Co D

It was all much harder than I expected it to be ... or perhaps I should say harder in different ways than I expected. I have completed in powerlifting for several years. Last year, hoping to improve my performance, I took on a trainer, Gordon Kimbrough, who helped me make some considerable gains in both strength and development. I added 100 kilos to my powerlifting totals and brought back a silver medal from the 1991 California Police Summer Games, missing the gold by 11 pounds with a total of 1465 pounds. In the months that followed, I took stock of my efforts and looked forward to the next year. Most of Gordon's clients are preparing for bodybuilding competition, and I have watched him direct some pretty remarkable transformations. During more than 15 years of weight training, I have witnessed this transformation many times, wondering what it would be like to look that lean and cut ... to get up on stage in competition. After a lot of thought I finally decided it was time to stop thinking about bodybuilding and just do it. So in January of this year, I made my case with Gordon Kimbrough. Did I have potential? Could he convert me into a bodybuilder as I had seen him do with so many others? What would it take?

The plan was to compete in both powerlifting and bodybuilding at this year's Police Summer Games in San Diego. I began training with Gordon in early February. The diet began at the same time along with an accelerating aerobics schedule. The diet was initially pretty basic ... no salt, no fat, no sugar. That eliminates more than you might think. The aerobics, stationary bike or Stairmaster, went quickly to 30 minutes daily ... more than an hour a day as the shows got closer. I had expected these elements to be miserable but was not ready for the pace of my new workouts. The sets came in such rapid succession, that I was left gasping in exhaustion. It took a couple of weeks to get used to this pace and intensity, but the changes came fast. I dropped 20 pounds in the first two months and my entire appearance was changing almost by the day. This was an exciting period as Gordon carved me into a whole new body.

It was April now and hardly a day passed without someone commenting on the changes in my appearance. Each week the diet got stricter and I got tighter. A seemingly endless array of supplements and numerous consultations with a nutritionist, and my bank account was losing weight faster than I was. Still, the results were dramatic, even more so to others than to myself.

Now came the time for presentation preparation ... learning how to pose and all that goes with it. First step was shaving ... everything (well, almost...). Women are more familiar with this ritual, but for anyone who has never attempted this,

take it from me ... it's a major pain in the ... well, there are parts of you that are very hard to reach and almost impossible to see. You can imagine the rest. Gordon recommended having my posing trunks custom made and took me to his tailor. One wouldn't think so much effort was needed for something so small, but I guess when you're covering as little as these suits do, every stitch counts.

Finally we started practicing posing and designing the performance routine with which most people are familiar. This was much harder than I expected it to be. The movements and poses were repeated over and over, working with and without the mirrors, then finally with music.

At last, after three months of preparation, it was decided I was ready. A show was coming up in Los Angeles in mid-May. How would I do? Was I really ready for this? As a national qualifier, the Orange County Classic is a big event. This was to be a rehearsal for the Police Games in July. This way I would know what to expect and feel more confident. It didn't work — I came in sixth and hated every minute of confusion, uncertainty, exposure ... all this effort and I hated it.

There was another show a week later in Santa Cruz. With some reluctance I agreed to try again. This event went a little better and I took fourth place. I was still trying to remember why I decided to try this instead of just sticking with powerlifting. But as the training continued, I got harder and leaner and the compliments kept coming. We had now reached the point in the training schedule where the emphasis shifted to include my preparation for powerlifts. Physique training does not reinforce strength and as the Police Games approached I needed to get my power up.

Some friends at the gym began pressing me to enter a drug-tested A.A.U. show coming up locally. Gordon didn't want another show to interfere with the power training, but otherwise encouraged me to enter. I wouldn't be allowed to diet down the week before as I had for the earlier events because of the impact that has on strength, but I needed to feel better about competition before the main event in San Diego. This time I finally hit my stride and won first place ... I actually enjoyed myself. I felt good about the posing routine and the presentation in general. And I had a trophy to prove it...

On to San Diego. The diet was really stringent now and other preparations crowded my schedule. I took time off from work to accommodate the twice daily workouts, daily aerobics, tanning, etc.

Finally came the big day. I felt really ready, so confident that I was even able to sleep through the night before. The prejudging went very well ... I nailed everything. Gordon was pleased and consensus among observers and others was that the Masters Gold was mine. I came to the evening show with a vengeance. The

posing routine came off without missing a beat. Just before going out on stage for the awards presentation, one of the other Masters contestants whispered to me, "You have this one all sewn up." You can imagine my dismay when they announced my name for the silver medal. The announcer said it was a very close decision but that was not much consolation. I hadn't worked that hard for that long to come in second. I was stunned but tried not to show it.

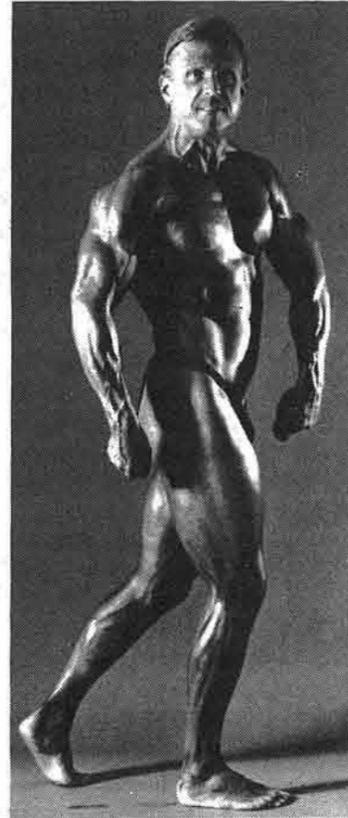
Gordon had been backstage watching the proceedings on a television monitor. When I got offstage I found him nearly apoplectic with frustration. Over the next couple of days numerous people would express their own sentiments. Although we talked at length about the outcome that night, there was no time to linger over the matter. We had to shift our attentions to the powerlifting coming up only a day later.

It was hard to shift gears mentally. Hard as I tried to refocus, I couldn't shake my disappointment in that second place finish. Still, my powerlifting performance suffered less from want of effort or concentration than from the divergent training and diet. The events were just too close together. My totals were down about 100 pounds but I still pulled in a bronze medal, missing silver by a narrow margin.

I had done my best in both events and brought back two hard-earned medals ... but I went for gold and came up short. I was disappointed. Gordon was frustrated. Neither of us wanted to end this adventure on this note. After a lot of discussion it was agreed that I would do one more show ... the Seaside Classic would be held in Monterey three weeks later. There would be time to regroup physically and mentally.

The training got really aggressive. Neither Gordon nor I wanted to take any chances. This would be my last event for a while and we both were eager for success. I could hardly believe it possible, but I was actually improving on my condition from San Diego. There was no longer any need to compromise my training between two sports. I focused all my energies on bodybuilding and winning in Monterey.

The three weeks flew by and I arrived at Monterey intending to take no prisoners. Although I was visibly harder and drier, I weighed in a full pound heavier than San Diego. Not having to be concerned with the powerlifting allowed me to get more radical with my diet as well.



I hit the stage that day with an intensity I had not felt at the earlier events. I wanted to win this so badly, I crushed every pose. After the prejudging I went out to get Gordon's critique. He waited out in the auditorium in the midst of his usual entourage of bodybuilders and other trainers. He was sure (as was everyone else there) the trophy was mine. Now there was nothing to do but wait for the evening show.

Finally the hour arrived. I focused on my routine ... there must be no mistakes. The crowd was enthusiastic and noisy ... the way most competitors like them. The master of ceremonies kept them fired up. Finally it was my turn. Mas-

ters heavyweights took the stage. I attacked my routine with all I had, trying to remember every detail of Gordon's instructions ... all the fine points and subtleties of each pose and movement ... trying to remember to smile at all the right places (I always look too serious when I'm concentrating...). I really felt in charge of myself ... in complete control of each move. And then it was over and time for trophies. They gave me the Masters Heavyweight class trophy. After a short posedown with the Masters Lightweight winner, I was presented with an even larger trophy for the overall title, then with yet another Best Poser award. This was it ... this was what I came for ... to be able to end this first competition season with a win.

Now, at last, there is time to look back and consider. This project was very costly and labor intensive. It is also apparent that if I am going to make a real go of either bodybuilding or powerlifting I shall have to choose between them. This fact became graphic as the Police Games approached ... trying to train for power (heavy weights/low reps) and shape (light weights/high reps) simultaneously was only part of the problem. The power training has effects on the symmetry and proportion of the physique that can cost points in bodybuilding competition. So what's next? Do I want to do this again? Which sport should I pursue? Don't I have other things I should be doing with my time? Can I afford to keep this up physically at my age? Can my bank account afford it at any age? I have determined to take time before I compete again to seriously consider these questions. Besides ... I've earned the rest. I'll still be training but not so intensely, but just in case I never look like this again ... I took pictures.



Paul Lozadsa (far left) Silver at International Police Olympics, Washington D.C., Katas.

News From the International Police Olympics

by Dennis Bianchi

The site for the International Police Olympics in 1992 was Washington D.C., a long way from San Francisco, both geographically and culturally. That didn't stop Mike Biel, Paul Lozada, and Bart Johnson from showing the world that the S.F.P.D. has some of the best karate practitioners in the world. Bart and Paul came back with Silver Medals, Paul in the Open Division of katas, and Bart in kumite (fighting). Mike Biel, on the other hand won the Gold in what could only have been repeated in the movies. In the championship fight Mike was kicked in the leg with such force that his kneecap became

dislocated and stayed dislocated. The call for medics went out, but none came. Paul Lozada decided to treat Mike the best way he knew how: He kicked the dislocated kneecap, sending it back where it belonged! Mike, not knowing whether to kick Paul back or say thank you, went back to the mat and kicked his opponent's butt, winning the Gold. I can't tell if these guys have been getting hit in the head too often or just watching too many Karate Kid movies, but it worked. Mike came back to the City and went to work. Maybe they're just tough guys. Whatever the case may be, congratulations to all three of you and thanks for representing our Department in such an impressive fashion.

San Francisco Police Basketball League 1991/92 Season

by Steve Ortiz, Chairperson
Basketball League

Good news for the League . . . With all the problems with this year's season behind us, we can concentrate on playing. Thanks to our Department's resident golfer Captain Hettrich. Tim broke the ice and cleared the way for Brian Canedo and I to negotiate with the Directors of the Recreation and Park Department.

As it stands now we are going to move the League to Hamilton Rec. Center. Hamilton is located at Geary and Steiner Streets. We will play four days a week, two

games per day. Canedo and I negotiated a fifty dollar a week fee which will raise our team dues only so slightly. Hamilton Gym 292-2008.

The start date will be the first week of October, either Monday the 5th or Tuesday the 6th. When I figure the costs into how many games we will play I'll let you know the team fees. The team fees will be due no later than November 3rd, a Tuesday. Any team that does not have their fees in my hand by this date can not participate in the league.

Team schedules will follow shortly, so be prepared to play.

Over 45 and Still Physical Fitness Buffs

by Dennis Bianchi

This story is about two athletes worthy of our respect. Both men are over 45 years old. Both are good cops and respected by most members of the Department. Both have made physical fitness part of their lives for many years, and the following tales indicate that they have profited from their consistency and have no intention of changing their positive ways.

Mike Dower has been a team-mate of mine on a triathlon team (Third place in Oakland's Summer Games. Mike deserved better as I didn't run my best race). He was a member of the S.F.P.D. Masters triathlon team that set the California Police Summer Games record just a few years ago. Mike is a Swimmer with a capital S.

You don't have to take my word for it. This past August Mike entered the National Finals for Open Water Swimming, held at Lake Donner. The altitude affects swimmers just like it does runners. Lake Donner is more than a mile high and the race was three-and-a-quarter miles long. That's longer than a 5K race. Mike was competing against the best in the nation.

He was competing in a division, 40-49, where he found himself at the wrong end of the age group, and in a race where only five other competitors who finished were older than himself. How tough was the race? With just slightly over 400 entrants, 52 swimmers had to be pulled from the frigid waters! Mike finished twelfth in his age group. A damned impressive, gutty performance. Nice going, Mike. Go get 'em next race, which I'm sure will be soon.

Morgan Peterson, on the other hand, is past 50 and still running strong. On the Labor Day weekend this year, Morgan entered the Fort Cronkite Tunnel Run and took a second place in the 50-plus age group. That wasn't enough exercise for Morgan for the weekend so he entered the "Mini-Man Triathlon" (hold the smart remarks, even if he is shorter than me) and again won second in the 50-59 age group. In addition, Morgan heard about the run being held on the Bay Bridge this past month and, being curious, wondered what it would be like to run across the Bridge. He showed up for this first-time event and had a thoroughly grand time. The only complaint Morgan made was that it seemed the entire bridge was uphill, except through the tunnels. What did he expect? He was headed toward the City and a loftier place in the world, right?

Morgan is still racing his Porsche 914, featured here in the Notebook a few months back. Actually, he's not just racing, he's demolishing his opponents. With a few races left in the season, Morgan clinched his division title with a win at Crows Landing this September. Congratulations to a fierce competitor. Yeah, I said fierce. Don't let that calm exterior and laid-back manner fool you...ol Morg's furnace burns hot when the races begin.

I enjoy reporting about competitors such as Mike and Morgan because I hope they will inspire you to get out and train. There is no substitute for the adage, "Just Do It."

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(Left to right) Clifford Java, Walther GX-1; Tom Morris, Remington 513T, Duane Otis, Walther GX-1; and Jamie Ongpin, Anschutz.



The four gruesome looking persons in the photo are (left to right) Jamie Ongpin, Co. C; Tom Morris, ret.; Duane Otis, Robbery; and Clifford Java, Muni. They are members of the SFPOA highpower and smallbore rifle team for the Police Summer Games for 1992.

The Police Summer Games

SFPD Rifle Shooting

by Cliff Java, Muni

Day One (Highpower)

The highpower rifle event was held at the Camp Pendelton Marine Corp. base, which is located about one hour north of San Diego. We had to report to the range at 0700 hours so we could start firing at 0900 hours. There were 60 participants registered and 12 teams listed for the team event. By the time the first shot was heard the ground temperature was about 80-90 degrees and when 12 noon came it was over 100 degrees. If that wasn't enough, there was a cross-wind ranging from 15-25 m.p.h. crossing left to right in front of the pits.

For those of you who haven't seen a NRA national match rifle event, please bear with me and I'll give you a short description of what it takes to shoot 58 bullets from a rifle with only "iron sights". Most shooters wear a leather coat which weighs about 8-10 pounds. The rifle weighs about 9-15 pounds and shoots any center fired round. Most shooters fire a .223, 308 and/or 30-06 which are custom made by handloading each round. In the hands of a very good rifleman/woman the highpower rifle can produce head-shot type hits from 200, 300, and 600 yards without the use of a scope. The course of fire is listed below.

200 yard - off hand, 10 rounds and 2 spotter in 12 minutes

200 yard - rapid sitting, 10 rounds in 60 seconds

300 yard - rapid prone, 10 rounds in 70 seconds

600 yard - slow prone, 22 rounds in 22 minutes.

After a very long day of shooting and suffering from the beating sun, the team took a 5th place bronze for the team event and Jamie Ongpin took a 4th place bronze for the sharpshooter class and Duane Otis took a 5th in the expert class. The competition throughout the event

was very tough especially LASO, (they took the gold) but we had a lot of fun with friends we knew from past matches and with the new ones we made that day.

Our goal for 1993 is to get new shooters involved in the rifle events for the L.A. summer games. If you're willing to learn, we're willing to teach anyone who will spend the time and effort.

Day Two (Smallbore)

Once again, the team for the SFPOA Rifle Team; Clifford Java, Walther GX-1; Tom Morris, Remington 513T, Duane Otis, Walther GX-1; and Jamie Ongpin, Anschutz, made ready to shoot at the San Diego Police Range. The smallbore event is very similar to the highpower event except the participants fire .22 caliber rifles which are modified with various types of gadgets. The distance used was 50 yards. This may not seem to be hard, but try to hit an X-ring which is the size of an eraser head on a pencil. Believe me, it's not easy.

The match was well coordinated and handled by the range personnel. The Police Officers Wives Association did a fine job feeding a lot of cops, their families and visitors at the range.

By the end of the day, the team took another medal and placed 5th in the



smallbore team event. Next year the Summer Games will be in Los Angeles and we have very high hopes of placing three smallbore teams in 1993 and taking more medals.

Jamie Ongpin, Tom Morris and Clifford

Java would like to pay a special "Thank You" to Rudy Reyes, San Diego PD, his wife Joyce and their daughter Sheila for letting us stay at their house while we were in San Diego.

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SPORTS



10th Annual Special Olympics Fundraiser

SFPD Prevails Over SFFD In Soccer Match

by Nicholas "Nick At Night" Shihadeh

The Kickers, SFPD's number one soccer team, defeated the SFFD "YI's" (Young Islanders?) 3-2 in the 10th Annual Police/Fire Soccer Game held on Sat. Sept 26 at Balboa Stadium to help benefit the Special Olympics. It was a big upset victory for the Kickers as the "YI's" have been very dominant following the insertion of young players to the team over the last three years.

The game was scoreless until midway into the first half when the PD struck first. Kicker forward Steve Roche sent a shot from the eighteen yard line toward the left corner of the net that goalie Bill Hogan was able to deflect. The ball bounced in front of the goal but was soon met by left winger Nick Shihadeh who put it in for the score. Shortly after, Roche sent a similar blast toward the corner but this time the ball eluded Hogan for a 2-0 Kicker lead. The shutout didn't last though, as "YI" left wing Kevin O'Sullivan put in a garbage goal off of a corner kick to put the Fire Dept. on the board before the half.

Both teams battled back and forth under a brutal eighty-five degree sun in the second half until "YI" fullback John Shanley moved up from his position to help the offense. On an assist by halfback Eric Hipp, Shanley was able to boot a ball past Kicker goalie Rollie Canales to even things up at 2-2. The Fire team really put the pressure on at this point with some aggressive play from forward Con "Crazy Legs" Lucey, but great saves by Canales and excellent defense by Kicker fullback Marty Lalor prevented further scoring. Hogan would also play well in the second half to fend off the PD attack and the score remained tied at the end of regulation time.

The game would now be decided by penalty kicks one-on-one against the goalie. For the Kickers, halfbacks Joe Boyle and John Conefrey were able to score on their attempts, with Lalor putting his in as well; only forwards Abduhl Khadir and Paul Arnautoff were able to score for the "YI's" and thus, the game was finally decided.



John Conefrey lines up a shot at the goal.

Kicker coach Brian Delahunty, who had been running the show from the sideline, was immediately on the field to congratulate his team for a job very well done against the tough Fire Dept. club. He also reminded them that the official Police/Fire Trophy that commemorates this match-up will be theirs until the next meeting between the two. Shanley was quick to add, "We're going to work hard to get that trophy back. With the series tied at five apiece, next year's game will really be big for the rivalry."

Prior to the main event, there were other soccer activities during the day which included a preliminary Police/Fire game that included the infamous "Killer Bees" (SFPD's number two team). Led by player/coach Matt Gardner protecting the goal, the Bees played a hard-nosed battle against a secondary Fire Dept. team which included seasoned veterans Joe Cuff and Bill McFarland.

The game was scoreless through the first half with goalie Hogan doing his best to defend against a vicious Killer Bee attack by forward Steve Glickman with help from halfback Mike Cleary. It was midway into the second half when Fire Dept. forward John Barcojo headed in a shot into the left corner of the net for a 1-0 lead. Bee fullback Tom Bruton was playing great defense along with Gardner



Fullback Marty Lalor helps Rollie Canales defend the goal.

throughout the game, but just wasn't able to defend what turned out to be the only score of the only Fire Dept. victory of the day.

Following this contest, the Special Olympics athletes got their turn to show off some soccer skills with a scrimmage amongst themselves. This was looked on proudly by Special Olympics coordinator Eleanor Frangos along with director Linda Lovelace; both were happy with the over twenty-five hundred dollars that had been raised for the very worthy soccer program. Jerry Keohane, who organizes the Fire Dept's send of things in this event, was on hand to say "I would like to thank all the sponsors and players of both sides for

making this worthwhile effort possible. I'd also like to thank Fire Fighters Local 798 for their considerable support." Police representative Inspector Phil Dito wanted to thank Police Officers Association Local 911 for their help as well. "Not many things last ten years, but this has; and, the concerted efforts of all involved is making it possible."

Special thanks also go to the Black Thorn Tavern (Cathy Conefrey and Angus McCarthy) for hosting the post game party that featured the commemorative Police/Fire Trophy as well as the "Officer Michael McFadden Plaque" that helps distinguish this fine event.

U. of A. Inducts S.F. D.A. Investigator Hadie Redd into Sports Hall of Fame

Senior Investigator Hadie Redd of the San Francisco District Attorney's Office will be inducted into the University of Arizona's Sports Hall of Fame on Fri. Sept. 11 during ceremonies in Tucson, D.A. Arlo Smith said.

"The seventh annual U. of A. Sports Hall of Fame banquet will be held tomorrow evening at the Westin La Paloma Resort in Tucson and I intend to be there when Hadie Redd receives recognition for his extraordinary achievements," D.A. Arlo Smith stated.

In February of this year, Senior Investigator Redd was honored by the U. of A. for his pioneering efforts as a member of the university's 1951 basketball team.

Hadie Redd was also honored in April of 1988 by the University of Arizona Black Alumni for his "contribution to the University of Arizona as its first Black Basketball Player and Letterman."

While at the University of Arizona, he was named All-Border Conference second team in 1953-54 and in 1954-55.

The 6 foot 2-1/2 inch, 170-pound forward was the University's top scorer in 1953-54 with 13.2 points per game and in 1954-55 with 13.6.

Hadie Redd, 58, of San Francisco has been an investigator in the San Francisco District Attorney's Office for the past 26 years. Prior to that, he was a member of the San Francisco Police Department for five years.

He and his wife, Doreatha, are the parents of a son, Stephen, and a daughter, Sherry, both of San Francisco. He is a member of the NAACP, the Frederick Douglas Symposium, the San Francisco District Attorney's Investigators Association, Officers for Justice and the Black Leadership Forum.

"In addition to this honor, Mayor Frank Jordan has proclaimed September 11th Hadie Redd Day in San Francisco and Hadie has been honored by the San Francisco Board of Supervisors," John Majka, Chief of the D.A.'s Investigations Bureau said of his colleague.

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Lane Splitting

by Rene LaPrevotte

You've all seen it: you're sitting alone in your five passenger automobile, stuck in commute-hour gridlock, engine overheating, diesel fumes belching from the bus in front of you right through your air conditioning vents, when a motorcyclist drives past, splitting lanes. You swear to yourself that next time you'll pay more attention to your rearview mirror so you can open your car door on those jerks. "Why shouldn't they sit in traffic with the rest of us?"

What most motorists don't realize is that, executed properly, lane splitting or more properly: "Lane sharing" is not prohibited in California. Last year State Assemblywoman Gwen Moore proposed legislation that would ban motorcycle lane

sharing. However, after being presented with the facts, Assemblywoman Moore withdrew her proposed ban. Not surprisingly, one of the opponents of her legislation was the California Highway Patrol Officers' Association. The officers felt that the ban would have restricted their ability to split lanes themselves when they responded to non emergency situations. Additionally, statistics showed that more commuting motorcyclists were injured by unattentive motorists, who, while daydreaming/reading the newspaper/putting on their mascara/spilling hot coffee in their laps, etc, etc, etc, plowed into the rear of the cyclist, than were injured in lane splitting mishaps.

What is "proper lane splitting"? Proper lane splitting is unfortunately up to the interpretation of the individual officer. But proper lane splitting does NOT include passing on either shoulder of the road. The pass must be made while actually

sharing the lane with a stopped motor vehicle. Additionally, it is generally regarded that if the traffic flow is at least ten to fifteen miles per hour, you should not lane split, as the hazard of you being struck from the rear is lessened. Officers I interviewed with the CHP suggest not exceeding the speed of the traffic by more than ten miles per hour. If the traffic is going five to ten, you should overtake at no more than fifteen to twenty miles per hour. Also, since 21754 of the CVC makes it illegal to pass another vehicle on the right, you should execute the maneuver with the lane line on your left and the vehicle on your right. If you have the lane line on your right and the overtaken vehicle on your left, you are technically passing that car on the right, and subject to citation.

When you are approaching slowed traffic ahead, don't start splitting lanes immediately, as the cars ahead of you will be jockeying for position and making abrupt lane changes to get five or ten feet ahead of the next guy. Wait for the traffic to become "compacted" so that anxious drivers CAN'T change lanes in your path. Also be aware that if there is a gap in traffic ahead of you as you are lane splitting, some "bug wit" is going to change lanes into that unoccupied place at the last

second, taking you with him.

Motorists stuck in traffic will respond in different ways when they see you splitting the traffic lane and avoiding the gridlock. Some will watch you approach in their rearview mirror then at the last second, turn into your path out of frustration. For this reason, always ride with your right hand poised over the front brake handle. Other drivers (probably motorcyclists themselves) will actually pull over allowing you more room to execute your pass. When they do so, I like to give them a wave of thanks as I pass.

One of the reasons we ride motorcycles is mobility. We suffer extremes of weather and eschew the cushy seats and stereos of our fourwheeled counterparts so that we DON'T sit in traffic jams. Proper lane sharing is another means taking advantage of our mobility.

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ON THE STREET/Tom Flippin



Funny . . . But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



SHORT AND SILLY STORIES: A candidate for Municipal Court judge in San Jose...who is also a part-time traffic commissioner...admitted that he should have taken care of his parking tickets sooner. "I recognize that as an officer of the court I must set the highest example in all matters," he said. Esau Herrera, who is running for judge, received 57 tickets in all and didn't pay any of them until police ended up towing his vehicle.

A Connecticut prison escapee eluded a massive search by men and dogs by going to a hospital emergency room for treatment of cuts he got while climbing over the prison fence. Carlos Rossy remained at large at last report.

Another Connecticut man turned out to be too honest for his own good...he robbed a store of \$40 to pay his rent but turned down the clerk's offer to take the entire cash drawer. Then he was arrested when he returned minutes later to pay for a pack of gum.

An Australian thief was tripped up by his sweet tooth. Mohammed Buksh couldn't resist the cream cakes in the cafe he was burglarizing...but he left identifiable fingerprints in the cakes' frosting. He was soon arrested and pled guilty to breaking and entering.



CLOTHES MAKE THE MAN: A worker in L.A. wrote in to a paper down there describing an experience he had right after the Rodney King riots. A beggar approached him and asked for some money to eat. The guy was wearing a brand new suit with the store tags still on and two new, but non-matching, Reebok tennis shoes. Our informant asked the man if he had spent all his money on his new clothes. The beggar replied, "No, I'm a looter. I looted the suit and shoes."

The bemused passer-by then asked, "What do you think of the Rodney King situation?"

The bum answered, "I don't follow sports anymore."

A GET-OUT-OF-JAIL-FREE CARD... UH, CHECK: Officials at the San Joaquin County Jail are still trying to figure out how Thomas Russell, an inmate being held on burglary charges, received a \$26,477 check which was meant for Thomas Russell, the county treasurer. The check, which ironically was for booking fees paid by the city of Tracy to the county, was sent to the inmate's home.

When he learned of his stroke of luck, he promptly used it to have a bail bondsman post his \$65,000 bail. Unfortunately for him, he later showed up for his trial, pled no contest and was sentenced to six years in prison.



THREE STRIKES AND YOU'RE OUT! Leslie J. Utter, 57, of Paw Paw, Michigan, was charged with his third DUI recently. Utter lost his license after his second conviction, but deputies caught him out on the road again after getting a tip.

Utter was nabbed near his home as he drove his riding lawn mower down the road. Authorities said they weren't certain where he was going. He was charged with driving under the influence and driving without a license.

FAMILIARITY BREEDS CONTEMPT: Clyde Copeland, Chicago, was arrested by police there after he returned to the scene of the crime once too often. In the past two years, authorities said, he robbed the same bank at least four times.

The last time was one time too many...the security guard was studying Copeland's photo, taken by security cameras during a previous robbery...the note he handed the teller was the same one he had used in his last hold-up...the teller he approached was the same one he held up on the previous robbery...and he asked the teller, "Do you remember me?"

She did...she sounded the alarm...and Clyde was arrested by police.

THANKS, I NEEDED THAT: After telling a store clerk that he had had a bad day, an Oklahoma man pulled a gun and robbed the store of...one bottle of beer.

Police responded to the clerk's call and saw the suspect in a parking lot holding the gun and the bottle of beer. They ordered him to drop the gun and the beer.

Sgt. J. Bowman, Tulsa PD, said the man complied with only half of the order...he dropped the gun, but he drank the remaining beer before surrendering.

Re-Elect Angela Alioto Supervisor

by Robert M. Swall



I am writing to all voters in San Francisco to urge you to vote for and re-elect Angela Alioto for Supervisor on November 3, 1992. What I see in Supervisor Alioto that sets her apart from the crowd is that, first and foremost, she does what is right for San Francisco. Many times she has put politics and personal differences aside for the common good of the people of our City. When she formed her ordinance which, if passed, would have banned smoking in San Francisco restaurants, she had people's health as a top priority. Even though it would have not been a popular law with some people, Supervisor Alioto knew that people die every day from second hand smoke. The Sept. 8, 1992 S.F. Examiner states that "According to the World Watch Institute nearly 1,000 non-smokers die each week in this country from exposure to second hand smoke, making it the nation's most deadly environmental pollutant." Supervisor Alioto places people and their health in a more important category than her own popularity.

When it looked as though there could be a problem with the San Francisco Giants, Supervisor Alioto formed her Ballpark Advisory Committee some eight months before anyone else started worrying about the Giants moving from the City. She knew a new ballpark, privately funded, was an integral part of any package needed to keep the Giants here. She also knew that keeping the Giants, keeps San Francisco as a strong and viable community. Having major league baseball in a city is a kind of flag that puts the

rest of the world on notice that we are truly a major league City in every way, not only in a baseball way. Much of the City's history is tied to the San Francisco Giants. The Giants, and baseball itself, is a medium where families and people of many differ-

ent walks of life and various backgrounds can come together under one roof. The Giants, and baseball, are good for the City, they are good for the people that live and/or work in the City, and Supervisor Alioto did everything that she could do to keep the Giants here for us.

Supervisor Alioto also fought and spearheaded the drive to keep open the crisis center at Mt. Zion Hospital whose closure was threatened. Mt. Zion treats the mentally impaired and performs a vital service in our City.

These are but a few of the recent issues that show Supervisor Alioto to be a trendsetter and one who looks ahead to try to solve problems before they become a crisis. Many people like the things she has accomplished, and some people don't. But whether you are a Democrat or a Republican, conservative or liberal, or somewhere in between, you can be assured that with Supervisor Angela Alioto, the City of San Francisco, its people, and their health, well being, and quality of life, comes first — all else follows.

These are a few of the reasons why I support Supervisor Angela Alioto for re-election to the Board of Supervisors, and I urge all of us to support her in her quest for re-election, and in her quest to keep San Francisco as a strong, vibrant, and caring City.

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