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## Why The Furloughs?

*The Association received this letter from Supervisor Bill Maher, which raises numerous valid issues that our Board of Directors will be considering in the very near future. Before taking a position on any of these issues, the Association will be inviting input from the Mayor's Office, the Board of Supervisors, the Police Commission, the Department's Administration, and from members of the Labor Council.*

Last month, the voters passed Proposition 172, the Local Public Safety Act of 1993. Since its passage, members of the Board of Supervisors and the Mayor have said they are committed to full strength staffing of the San Francisco Police Department. Given the voter mandate and the breadth of political support for this measure, it is hard to understand why the Mayor remains committed to a mandatory furloughing of officers. Why are we giving the voters less public safety when they have just voted for more?

The mandatory furlough proposal is particularly strange because the department is already suffering from inadequate staffing. If we proceed with the furloughs, we will be required to replace at least some of those officers with more expensive overtime. Harvey Rose, the budget analyst, has indicated that if we fill even half of those furlough officers with overtime, the savings will almost entirely disappear. If we were to fill just 2/3 of those mission hours we would lose money!. What kind of

budget savings is that? Already a supplemental appropriation of \$2,700,000 is being sent to the Board for additional overtime. These furloughs simply make no sense.

In June of 1993, the Mayor announced that as a budget saving measure he was proposing to lay off 85 police officers. Although the POA was opposed to the cuts as unwise and a danger to public safety, the POA was forced to meet and confer with the Administration to negotiate an alternative to the layoffs. As a result, the POA reluctantly agreed to furlough each officer for three days to help reduce the budget deficit without destroying the careers of 85 promising young men and women officers.

There is no doubt that these cutbacks endanger public safety, but at the time there seemed to be no way out given the financial resources available and the antagonistic political stance of the Mayor.

These circumstances all changed in November when the voters of our City turned down Proposition C but overwhelmingly approved Proposition 172, the Local Public Safety Act 1993. This sales tax increase will provide the City with \$44 million in newly authorized money to enhance public safety.

Since Proposition 172's passage last month, there have been several proposals to increase the number of officers in the Department. One of

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## President's Message

On November 22, 1993 the Department issued Bulletin 93-282 (Unpaid Furlough Hours) and shortly thereafter the phones at the Association lit up like the blinking lights on my Christmas tree. The bulletin was not unexpected, but it had the effect of fingernails sliding across a blackboard. It was something that we just didn't want to hear or deal with, especially after our stinging defeat at the polls in early November.

Almost six months ago during the City's most recent budget shortcomings the Association was placed in a most awkward position. Should we cut off our left hand or perhaps our right? We were faced with the possibility of the City laying off 85 of the



most recently hired officers due to budget woes. Many have remarked since those negotiations that that never would have happened; but try telling that to 85 officers with families to care for and/or mortgages to

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## Juvenile Diversion

by Lt. Tom Bruton,  
Juvenile Division

A Department Bulletin will soon be issued announcing the start of a department-wide Juvenile Diversion Program. This program will make Youth Court available to first time juvenile offenders throughout the City, and for those kids not eligible for Youth Court, a Positive Directions Program will place them with community agencies in their neighborhood. The bulletin, along with roll call training sessions, will explain the details of the program. But if the program is to be a success it's important that our members understand the philosophy behind it. Although this program has the universal support of the members of the juvenile justice system and has proven to be successful here and in other departments, we know that it will succeed only if our line officers buy into it.

When our department started a

juvenile diversion program in the early 1970s, the initial reaction was typical; "just what we need, another program with more forms to fill out." The other major complaint about the program that was made 20 years ago and will surely be made again is that kids who commit crimes should be arrested, not diverted. The members of the Juvenile Division who set up the program are keenly aware of how time consuming it can be when dealing with juveniles and how frustrating it is when that time is wasted because the juvenile offender suffers no consequences for his crimes. With these concerns in mind, the new diversion program has been designed to reduce the amount of time you spend with juveniles who commit minor offenses and make that time more effective as you place the juvenile in a program that does in fact provide consequences for unlawful

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To All Our Readers!*

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We need your articles, announcements and photos to make this the best newspaper possible.

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Monday, December 27, 1993

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# Police-Fire Post #456 News

by Greg Corrales

"It is in disaster, not success, that the heroes and the bums really get sorted out."

Admiral James B. Stockdale

Police-Fire Post 456 is anxious to recruit all crimefighters/fire-fighters into the Post. To be eligible, one must have served at least one day of active military duty during the below listed dates, and must have been honorably discharged. The dates

April 6, 1917-Nov. 11, 1918  
Dec. 7, 1941-Dec. 31, 1946  
June 25, 1950-Jan. 31, 1955  
Dec. 22, 1961-May 7, 1975  
Aug. 24, 1982-July 31, 1984  
Dec. 20, 1989-Jan. 31, 1990

Aug. 2, 1990-cessation of hostilities as determined by U.S. Government.

For an application, or to ask any questions, contact me at 558-2456. We are especially anxious to enlist some of the younger veterans and the female veterans. I hope to hear from you soon!

For those of you waiting impatiently to learn what I started to reveal last month about the "Wild Man of 96th Street", I am submitting the story again this month. There is absolutely no truth to the rampant rumor that 60 Minutes got to Tom Flippin last month. I suspect the real reason the second half of the column did not get printed was my post-deadline submission of the column.

Man of 96th Street" because he terrorized Manhattan pedestrians and mindlessly banged on cars. His mental problems were traced in media reports to Agent Orange or being hit by a propeller blade while serving in Vietnam. The New York Guardian, however, a conservative monthly paper, alleges a review of military records by researcher B.G.. Burkett reveals that Hogue never went to Vietnam, and was discharged before the massive U.S. buildup began there.

Burkett, a Vietnam veteran from Texas, has specialized in debunking stories of Vietnam veteran "crazies" or self-appointed war "heroes" by independent research that includes obtaining documents under the Freedom of Information Act. He's considering a book that will expose famous politicians and actors who exaggerated their war records.

The VA recently expanded the list of illnesses associated with Agent Orange exposure to include three respiratory cancers and authorized additional benefits to Vietnam veterans. The decision, announced by VA Secretary Jesse Brown, adds cancers of the lung, larynx, and trachea to illnesses for which veterans are

eligible for disability payments based on presumed exposure to Agent Orange and other herbicides. Also added to the list was multiple myeloma, a bone marrow cancer, bringing to nine the list of ailments linked to the defoliant.

"Agent Orange has been a litmus test for the nation's commitment to its Vietnam-era veterans," said National Commander Thiesen, who called the decision "a step in the right direction." Ailing veterans need only prove that they served in Vietnam to be eligible for the new benefits that the government estimates will cost \$350 million over the next five years.

All VA medical centers provide a special examination to assist Vietnam veterans who were exposed to Agent Orange in determining their current health status. To date, more than 226,000 veterans have participated in the Agent Orange Registry examination program. Additionally, you may be entitled to priority health care at a VA health-care facility for health conditions possibly related to your service in Vietnam and exposure to Agent Orange. Contact your nearest VA medical center to schedule an examination.

If you have not yet returned your money for your raffle tickets, please show your support for your post by sending the money in. The post counts on your support to finance the many outstanding programs in which it is involved. Thank you. The winner will be announced at the 14 December meeting. Although one need not be present to win, we would be delighted to see some new faces at the meeting. Remember, it's at 2000 hours at the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street.

On November 3, a 50-year-old injustice was corrected when 68-year-old Alonzo Swann received a medal for bravery and heroism. Just under 50 years ago, Swann was serving aboard the aircraft carrier USS Intrepid in one of the Navy's first all-minority WWII combat units. On 29 October, 1944 the Intrepid was under attack by Japanese kamikaze pilots. One enemy plane appeared to be on the verge of striking the ship and many of the young gunners took cover, but not Swann. Staying at his gun, he managed to shoot one wing and the tail off the attacking plane. Most of the plane fell harmlessly into the sea, but one of its wings, spewing burning aircraft fuel, impacted Swann's gun tub, killing nine sailors and severely injuring six others, including Swann.

Swann was entitled to receive the Navy Cross, but didn't, primarily because of the rampant discrimination in the Navy during those days. The Navy publicly corrected the error when in the presence of his friends and family, Swann received the Navy Cross on board the ship in which he served, now a museum docked in New York's Hudson River.

QUESTION: What does a lawyer use for a contraceptive?

ANSWER: His/her personality. Semper Fi, Jack.

## Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of The Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by past president W. Hardeman at 2:05 PM, Wednesday, November 17, 1993, Conference Room, Ingleside.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Excused because of visit of Chinese President, Pres. P. Maloney; V.P. R. Heugle, Tr. M. Sullivan. Also excused, Tr. J. Sturken. P. Pres. L. Duffy and R. Milon. Other members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as presented in writing to membership.

NEW MEMBER: Motion Jeffery/second McKee, LINDA MORRIS be accepted as a member. Approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Following donations received and acknowledged by Secretary:

THE REILLY FAMILY, MR. & MRS. VASZKO, MR. & MRS. MOHUN, MR. & MRS. THOMAS SMITH, MR. & MRS. R. PLEISS, all in memory of Walter Ihle.

Treas. Parenti presented the regular bills, taxes, salaries misc. APPROVED.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE MEMBERSHIP. Treas. Parenti reported — NO DEATHS.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Secretary reported further documentation sent to Prairie States Insurance re policy of Dorothy Hayne.

NEW BUSINESS: Following were nominated for year 1994: Pres. Robert Huegle, V. Pres. James Sturken, Treasurer, William Parenti, Trustees William Hardeman and Rudy Milon.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Meeting with BofA Friday November 19, 1993, 6:00 PM at 50 California St., SF. David Bricker reported on portfolio. Return for the year, above Standard & Poors, ahead of inflation holding steady in spite of low interest on Govt. Issues. No recommendations at this time. Meeting adjourned at 7:30 PM. Mrs. Good-Swan, in charge of administration reported that the yearly bills had been sent to cash members.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Acting Pres. Hardeman set next regular meeting for 2:00 PM, Wednesday, December 15, 1993 at Conference Room, Ingleside Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:30 PM in memory of all past departed Brothers.

Fraternally,

Bob McKee, Secretary

To All Retired Members on Cash: If you do not receive your bill by January 1, 1994, contact by Voice Mail 979-4563. A penalty now for late payment.

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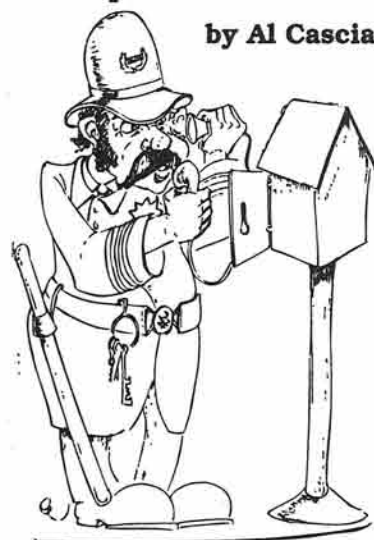
Attend to join or write to Box 22046, SF 94122, or call the Secretary at (415) 731-4765.





## Around The Department

by Al Casciato



**A Real Thanksgiving:**  
On November 24th, 1993 Co. F's **Don Sloane** received the news that his wife **Deborah** had received an "ALL CLEAR" from the Doctors treating her cancer. Deborah and Don "can't thank enough" all those who constantly provided support and help throughout the year... Deb was diagnosed in January, received chemotherapy during February and March, a bone marrow transplant in May, and finally radiation in September and October.

### ...Credit Union Tidbit:

According to CU Education Committee Person, Joe Reilly, our Credit Union now ranks #8 of the 23 Credit Unions in California having assets of between 150 and 250 million dollars.... Also in the works a new electronic system to allow transfers between accounts and balance checks from home.

### ...Thank You Billye:

On November 24th Ingleside Station Lieutenant **Billye Morrow** donated 100 hrs of his accumulated SP (sick pay) to Officer **Tom Kracke** who is battling cancer. Billye chose to donate his time rather than to run it out as he retired. The Kracke Family thanks him from the bottom of their hearts and we all wish him a long and enjoyable retirement.

### ...New York City Marathon:

...SFPD's two runners both completed the grueling 26.2 mile race through the 5 boroughs of New York City. Despite the 72 degree heat, **Pam Hofsaas** and **Mike Hebel** made it to the finish line in Central Park without stopping and without medical assistance. For Pam this was her 19th marathon; it was Mike's first. Their times: Pam - 3 hours 47 minutes; for Mike - 4 hours 37 minutes.

Mike also announced that running marathons will be one of his hobbies after he retires from the department next July.

### ...January Fund Raiser:

Sometime during the month of January, most likely on a Saturday, a fund raiser will be held for the education fund benefiting the two children (ages 1 and 3) of Parking Control Officer Jackie Center, who was killed in a motor vehicle accident while en route to work. Since the next issue of this paper may not come out in time for retirees of Co. K solos / 3 wheelers to receive the information, interested persons can contact the P.O.A office (8615060) after January 1 for date and location. Jackie's husband Travis thanks all who have been so kind.

### ...Hall of Fame:

The Sacred Heart High School Athletic Hall of Fame inducted two members of the SFPD at the 1993 Induction Ceremonies. Officer **Steve Collins** of the Northern Station graduated in 1974 played four years of baseball (three years varsity) and basketball (two years on varsity) and as a Senior was team MVP and All - WCAL in Basketball and 2nd team All - WCAL in baseball. He played baseball at CCSF and Fresno State from 1975-77 earning honors at both schools. Steve then continued his baseball career for four years in the Boston Red Sox organization... Potrero Station Sgt. **Charles Mahoney** graduated in 1971 playing two years as the varsity forward on the basketball team being selected as Team MVP and All - WCAL in 1971. In baseball he was a member of the 1969 JV Champion and the 1970 varsity champion baseball teams. Charles continued his athletic career at St. Mary's college and San Francisco State, where he played basketball from 1972 - 75. Congratulations .....

### Retirees:

**Vic Bertuccelli** is dabbling in Real Estate at the Century 21 office in Santa Rosa....**Dave Toschi** who is

the director of security at the Pan Pacific Hotel decided to provide some levity for the group he was addressing by wearing a "sort of keystone kop uniform" consisting of a 1953 crushed cap, 1955 long coat, 4" x 6" tin shield reading "Special Police", 4 ft. brown plastic baton, and adorned with a kiddies set of handcuffs. While standing in the hotel lobby a very irate cab driver approached Dave screaming that he wanted the tag he had just received taken back. When Dave replied that he didn't do tags, the grumbling cabbie still didn't have a clue that this wasn't a real "kop". But, boy was he embarrassed when it dawned on him after the two doormen broke up with laughter, howling and pointing out Mr. Keystones outfit..

Remember **Zachary Conner** in

your prayers. Zachary, the 13-year-old son of Co. G's **Mike Conner**, the nephew of **Larry Frost** of Co. K and the grandson of retiredmember **Cal Frost**, was seriously injured in a shooting accident on October 23rd. Zachary has undergone more than 20 hours of surgery and various skin, bone and muscle transplants in an effort to save one of his arms. A trust fund has been set up to help cover his medical bills. Donations can be sent to the fund at the address below:

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# TOM KRACKE FUNDRAISER UPDATE

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to create the SFPOA's  
Catastrophic Illness Account

# Get Your Raffle Tickets NOW!

Drawing for the Grand Prizes  
(and many other great prizes)  
**December 17, 1993**  
These top five ticket sellers have sold more  
than \$1,000 worth of raffle tickets:  
**Willis Garriott**  
**Joaquin Santos**  
**Matt Gardner**  
**Jim Deignan**  
**Lee Clarke**

**Department Advisory:**  
Deputy Chief Frank Reed has ordered us to cease all on-duty participation  
in this fundraiser. Please advise all members to adhere to this order. We  
will need a concentrated effort by everyone to make the raffle a success.  
Thanks for your support!


# TICKETS: \$10.00

Contact anyone listed below for tickets:

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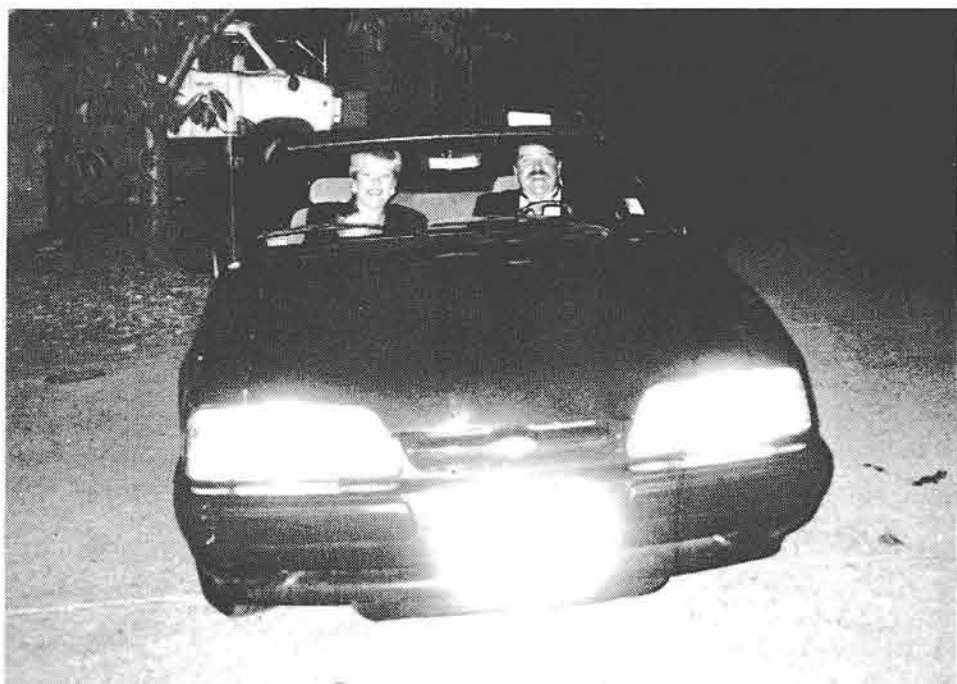
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## 6 Ways Guaranteed To Lose A Court Case

# DISORDER IN THE COURT

by Sgt. Matt Krinsky, Co. C

I have considered myself a lucky person, in that, for most of my career, I have not been saddled with being in Court on a daily or semi-daily basis. I have no problem with those of us who do elect to spend most of our lives in court, gathering up the O/T, just as long as all the bases are covered. On the vast majority of court cases I have personally been involved with, my success rate has been up in the high 90% ratio, and I credit this to a lot of very good advice given to me over the years, and further being present when members from the SFPD and other agencies (CHP, BART Police, etc.) have given testimony prior to me.

Of late, however, I have noticed, with increasing frequency, some very sloppy, and, in some cases, embarrassing performances by a few members of this Department.

My ire and rage was heightened in late August of this year when I overheard two private attorneys discussing an officer's testimony on an MTR case, outside the door to Dept. 18. One of the lawyers made a remark (to the other lawyer, and obviously oblivious to my ear) that the officer in question had "Done such a lousy job of testifying about where the officer saw the defendant first, the MTR would almost certainly be denied." I did some checking, after the recess, and, sure enough, the MTR was denied. WE (as the enforcement/prosecuting arm of the judicial system) LOST. And WE LOST because of bad testimony. A substantial amount of time, effort, and money, went right down the drain. The dangers we, as police officers face, was invalidated because an officer never learned the lesson(s) that I, and a lot of others, learned way back when. I can't speak for everyone, but I personally get pretty sore when I lose a case, for any reason. Sometimes it just can't be helped...let's face it, attorneys get paid to provide a defense for the bad guys, and a lot of them are damn good at it. So, just for the record, let me give all of you out there the same lessons learned through training and experience. It is your choice to heed the lessons or not. I offer them for edification only. In each "rule" there is a specific example, but no names are used. Keep in mind that each of the observed cases has been documented via a court transcription.

In addition to being polite to both sides (not just the D.A.), and being where you're supposed to be and when (Body Attachments are a pain in the ass), here are the 6 "Rules of the Game."

### RULE ONE (1) "BE PREPARED."

All the Boy Scouts out there are familiar with this ethos. Those of you

who aren't, take the hint from this self-explanatory lesson. Read the report before you go into court, and discuss the merits and important portions of the report with others who will testify. Not being prepared to answer simple questions will seriously erode your credibility. In a jury trial, it can cost you the case, so take the few minutes to get yourself ready to testify.

EXAMPLE: I sat in disbelief in a courtroom where an officer was asked, by the D.A., to "Be more specific, please." The officer responded in a gruff, defensive tone: "Well, I would tell you if I knew. I just don't remember." The D.A. asked the officer to "Look at the police report and see if that refreshes your memory." The officer began an argument with the D.A. telling him: "Look, this report is 4 pages long..." The truly sad part of this incredibly true encounter is that the officer testifying WROTE THE REPORT.

### RULE TWO (2) "DON'T EXCEED YOUR LIMITATIONS."

If you want to come off as being officious, ludicrous, or foolish, just forget what Clint Eastwood told us in "Magnum Force": "You've got to know your limitations." Exceed them and invite disaster. If you don't know something, say so. Usually, the D.A. will object to any question along these lines as "Calls for speculation," or "Exceeds the witness' area of expertise," or something similar. Don't be lulled into a sense of false security by an attorney who is being especially polite or condescending...he/she may be setting you up to take the fall...and in front of a jury, that could be deadly. Know what you're training and experience is and how it applies, and, if you can't answer a question because of a lack of either, just say so.

EXAMPLE: An officer of three years seniority was being questioned on an evidentiary hearing as to why a certain policy was followed over a different policy. I winced as I heard this officer try and tell the public defender why the SFPD "always uses one over the other because it's the way it's been done for many years, and there's no reason to do it otherwise." The main problem was that the officer described a procedure that has been utilized since the crowd control policy changed, before the officer even came in the business.

### RULE THREE (3) "HAVE A CERTAIN DEGREE OF HUMILITY."

There are several members of this department who have earned a law degree and are practicing law as secondary employment. All the members I know who have been asked about testimony (by me) have told me this is probably the number one way in which you'll lose a case.

This department is privileged to have in its ranks members who are specialists in virtually every phase of police work. From drug influence to tactical operations, we can provide expert witness testimony in just about anything. Regardless of what you may think of each of these members personally, the fact that they give outstanding testimony, bias-free and professionally presented, should be the main issue. Despite enormous training and expertise, these members give excellent testimony without the "I-know-it-all attitude." Take a lesson from them. Be somewhat humble, and, if you have attained substantial training and experience, let your ability and actions do the talking for you. Don't sit up there, especially in front of a jury, and try to show everyone how great you are.

EXAMPLE: An officer wears a Class-A uniform, replete with ribbons, 10851 VC pin, etc., in an effort to show a jury how credible he is. The final verdict was 11-1 hung (for guilty.) When polled by the D.A., the lone hold-out told the D.A.: "I don't like spit-and-polish Nazis. I didn't like the officer. I don't care if the man was guilty or not." I haven't worn a uniform since that day. I learned my lesson not to wear a uniform. And that was 6 years ago.

### RULE FOUR (4) "TAKE A GOOD LOOK IN THE MIRROR."

If you look like a slob, you'll be perceived to BE a slob, and a non-credible witness on top of it. We're professionals. We do have an order on court attire, but it doesn't seem to be enforced very well from what I've seen lately. I don't like ties any more than anybody else, but believe me, when I go to court, I wear a tie. Don't own a tie you say? What about that black thing with the out-of-date windsor knot in it? You know, the one the property clerk's office gave you way back when.

The attorneys and judges are wearing ties. In a jury trial, you can bet the defendant will be wearing one. This is a small sacrifice to make. Put on a decent suit (or sport coat) with a shirt and tie, and look at yourself in the mirror. Do you look like a professional, or like a rummage sale?

EXAMPLE: A midnight officer appears, MTRs, MTSs, Evidentiary hearings, etc., in a wrinkled uniform covered by a nondescript windbreaker

type jacket. Hey, pal. . .you think you're fooling someone with that jacket? Not only do you look frumpy, slovenly, and out of uniform, but you look tired and fatigued on top of it. Who do you suppose you're going to convince? (legally, that is)? You think you have any credibility going for you when you show up looking like you slept in your uniform and then rushed to get to court?

If this scenario fits you, the D.A. may not have the nerve to confront you personally. So let me drop the hint for you: Clean up your act and look like you mean business.

Members who appear similarly dressed hurt the credibility, as a whole, of this department. In a city where we are roundly distrusted to begin with, we don't need this as yet another iron in the fire. Keep in mind that looking like you mean business applies to jury trials and other public contacts in court. If you're going to go in uniform to traffic case or non-jury appearance, for God's sake wear a neat, pressed, and clean uniform, with all your buttons buttoned and all your zippers zipped. Don't cover up your uniform with a jacket. Either take pride in it, or don't wear it at all.

### RULE FIVE (5) "PSYCH YOURSELF UP."

Prime yourself to be ripped apart by any attorney you go up against. Get yourself up, psychologically, to be put on a chopping block, and verbally assailed. If you are ready to combat having attempts at breaking your concentration, you'll be in a better frame of mind to deal with an attorney and defeat his attempts.

EXAMPLE: Along with another sergeant in Department 20, I heard the testimony of an officer who became evasive when the private counsel began to pin the officer down. The officer was lethargic, began stammering and sputtering, and came off as being horrified. The officer was victimized by the attorney who, at one point, yelled at the officer: "I'd like an answer to that question, Sir. Don't look at the D.A., look at me. I'm asking the question." I hope this officer has learned, as I did, that this sort of thing only has to happen ONCE before you realize you don't "roll over for anyone."

(See COURT. Page 14)

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## SF Employees' Retirement System Internal Reciprocity

### Q-1: What is internal reciprocity?

A-1: Internal reciprocity (IR) allows members of San Francisco Employees' Retirement System (SFERS) to transfer between plans within SFERS without losing service credit in any plan, provided certain conditions are met. The service credited in all SFERS plans will be combined for retirement eligibility purposes. Final compensation will be based on the highest compensation earned under any SFERS plan. The pension benefit will be pro-rated based on service credit in each plan. The amounts payable will be calculated according to the provisions and percentages specified under each plan.

### Q-2: What conditions must be met for IR to apply?

A-2: The conditions are: (1) A SFERS member must transfer between plans with no more than 180 days break in service (2) the member must leave his/her contributions in the System and (3) the member must retire concurrently under all SFERS plans.

### Q-3: Who is eligible for internal reciprocity?

A-3: All active members of the SFERS on or after April 1, 1993.

### Q-4: Are retired safety members eligible for IR?

A-4: Only retired safety members whose effective date of retirement was on or after April 1, 1993 are eligible. These members should contact the SFERS (see question 18 of

this flyer.)

### Q-5: How does IR benefit a miscellaneous member?

A-5: Under IR, a miscellaneous member may become a SFERS safety (Police Officer or Firefighter) member without losing the miscellaneous service credit. Any retirement benefit based on Miscellaneous service credit will be calculated according to Miscellaneous Plan rules, but the benefit will be calculated using the Police Officer or Firefighter salary, if that is higher.

### Q-6: How does IR benefit a Police Officer or Firefighter?

A-6: A police officer or firefighter may receive credit for certain miscellaneous service under IR. Also, a police officer or firefighter may retain his/her safety service and benefits if he/she terminates, elects IR and becomes a miscellaneous member within six (6) months of termination. Under IR, if a Police Officer becomes a Firefighter or vice versa, he or she will receive prorated benefits for the time earned in the first plan based on that plan's provisions.

### Q-7: What type of service can be credited under IR?

A-7: All service as a City and County employee can be credited under IR.

### Q-8: What are some examples of service that may not be credited under internal reciprocity?

A-8: Some examples are: service rendered as a City and County em-

ployee but credited under the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS) or the State Teachers' Retirement System (STRS); employment not paid by the City and County although rendered for an agency that had a contract with the City and County.

### Q-9: Is temporary service rendered as a City and County employee credited under IR?

A-9 Yes. Eligible service rendered as a temporary employee of the City and County (Prior Service) may be credited under IR provided the service is purchased by the member at anytime prior to retirement. Under IR, safety members may purchase eligible service. Miscellaneous members always have the right to purchase eligible service.

### Q-10: How is the prior service cost determined?

A-10: Prior service cost is made up of contributions the member would have made during the prior service period had he/she been a member plus interest accrued through the date of payment.

### Q-11: Can a safety member redeposit contributions previously refunded for prior membership period(s)?

A-11: Yes. Under IR, such redeposit by safety members is allowed. Miscellaneous members have always had the right to redeposit contributions.

### Q-12: How is the redeposit amount calculated?

A-12: The redeposit includes the total contributions refunded plus interest through the date of payment.

### Q-13: Can a current safety member redeposit contributions for prior safety membership periods?

A-13: Under current law, Safety members must redeposit safety contributions previously refunded to them. The redeposit of safety contributions may be more advantageous than the redeposit of miscellaneous contributions or the purchase of prior service.

### Q-14: How can prior service or redeposit be purchased?

A-14: Prior service or redeposit may be paid for in a lump sum payment or by payroll deductions. The minimum bi-weekly payroll deduction is usually \$50.00. Other buyback purchase rules apply. Upon full payment, the service is credited to the member.

### Q-15: Are safety members who

**resigned and elected vesting prior to April 1, 1993 eligible to purchase prior service or redeposit miscellaneous contributions?**

A-15: Yes. Safety members who vested prior to April 1, 1993 but are not yet receiving a vesting pension may purchase eligible prior service or redeposit miscellaneous contributions at anytime prior to retirement. This rule also applies to miscellaneous members on vested status and not yet receiving a pension.

### Q-16: Can I purchase service credit for a miscellaneous part-time position I held while I was a Police Officer or Firefighter?

A-16: Generally no. You cannot receive service credit for concurrent service because you cannot be a member of two SFERS plans simultaneously.

### Q-17: How does IR apply if I take a leave of absence from my current job (while a member of a SFERS plan) to work in another position (as a member of a different SFERS plan)?

A-17: Your rights under the prior SFERS plan will be protected while on leave of absence (that is, you may return to the level of benefits you had before the leave of absence), but for death benefit and disability benefit purposes you are a member under the current plan; your retirement benefits will be prorated according to service earned in each plan.

### Q-18: What should I do to request the cost of my prior service and/or redeposit?

A-18: Complete the enclosed Inquiry form and mail to SFERS.

### Q-19: When should I expect a response from SFERS staff regarding my prior service/redeposit request?

A-19: We will respond to you as soon as possible. We will expedite the requests of members who are retiring within one year or who retired on or after April 1, 1993. The member should inform us of his/her plans to retire so that priority is given to his/her request.

### Q-20: What should a member do upon termination of membership from a SFERS plan due to complete separation from City and County employment, transfer to another SFERS plan or leave of absence?

A-20: In all cases, members should contact the SFERS within 90 days to protect his/her membership rights or request a refund of contributions.

### Q-21: What should I do to receive more information about internal reciprocity and my retirement benefits?

A-21: You should visit our SFERS' Member Services Unit at:  
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## CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

by Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

### LATERAL TRANSFERS

Our department is counting on candidates from outside police jurisdictions to apply for lateral entry to the San Francisco Police Department. This concept will save our city millions in training costs and supplement a department staffed lower than it was in the 1960s. The lateral entry candidates should, however, keep 2 things in mind: 1) They will be joining a department with a pension system that is below state standards and, 2) they will be the lowest in seniority, leaving them completely vulnerable to another lay-off threat by our law and order Mayor.

But why shouldn't we have lay-offs. . .the streets of our city are certainly safe:

Officer John Lanfranchi, Taraval Station, volunteered to work plainclothes in the Ocean View dis-

trict and he got several rounds through his car for his efforts. One heavily-armored casing just narrowly missed John — I don't think the Ocean View neighbors would mind putting some of these armed punks in federal prison — Even though carrying a concealed and loaded weapon is only a misdemeanor, conspiracy to sell narcotics is not.

The young man had recently turned 18 and so he could travel downtown to what Sgt. Henry Parra refers to as "The Big House" as a result of Officer Pat Correa, Mission Station, finding a fully-loaded .380 semi-automatic weapon on the newly pictured and printed subject.

Pat was working her sector (one-officer unit) when she observed the suspect involved in a narcotic transaction. The narcotic arrest was noth-

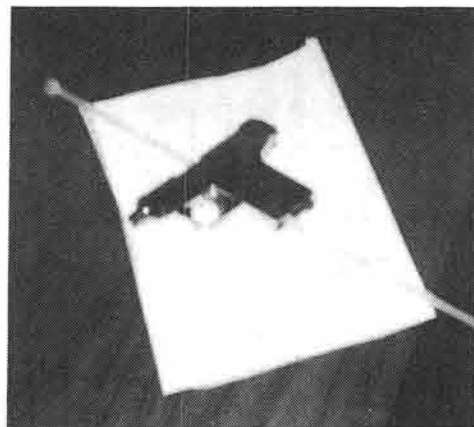
ing new to Pat, but when you find the concealed weapon with the chamber ready, it does tend to make your day a little longer.

Officer Jim McGrath, Mission Station, had to calm the nervous mother who found the 9mm slug that slammed into the headboard six inches over her sleeping child. . .she's moving.

Officer Marc DesAngles, Mission Station, responded to the 500 block of Valencia on a call of a man removing bullets from the arm of another person. Marc found one subject draining blood from a huge abscess on the arm of another person, using a syringe and squirting the blood all over the lobby of the hotel they turned into their private MASH unit.

Sergeant Ric Schiff, Officer James Barron and Officer Ben Manning stopped a fight in progress right behind Mission Station and, when Jim asked one of the suspects if he had any weapons, the man answered, "Yes". Jim discovered a fully-loaded .38 revolver and a .45 semi-automatic weapon. (Good thing we could only charge them with misdemeanors, might have to hire more police officers if the charge was a felony).

And then we have the juvenile suspects who went on an 11-day crime spree, killing 2 and robbing and beat-



Fully loaded .380 semi-automatic weapon recovered by Off. Pat Correa, Mission Station.



Too many narcotic cases not being prosecuted!



Officer Ben Manning and James Barron with the recovered weapons.

ing many others. On 11/22/93, friends of one of the homicide victims were featured on Channel 2 News, petitioning to have the suspects, who are juveniles, tried as adults. This is sad, since the suspects are already on probation for robbery and gun charges!

And Captain Joaquin Santos, Mission Station, now has too many outstanding narcotic arrest cases put together by Sgt. Lou Espinda and his crew that have not been prosecuted. Our District Attorney's staff is obviously overwhelmed, and that is why we should start asking for federal help — we need to start prosecuting the criminals on a level where the punishment is equivalent to the crimes committed.

## Emily's Return

by Steve Johnson, Secretary

On Sunday, November 13, 1993, a young woman came to Mission Station to report her dog missing. The woman broke down in tears as she attempted to physically describe the animal and, since she was new to the area, there was little she could say about the suspects who entered her apartment at 25th/Treat Streets and cruelly removed her pet. But neighbors told her that the theft was the act of gang members. The dog taken was named "Emily" and was the best friend of the victim's 2-year old daughter who had recently been hospitalized and was now critically ill. Officer David Elliott was contacted and he obtained a brief description of the individuals involved. A phone call was then placed to Officer Mario Delgadillo who was off-duty at the time. (Officers Elliott and Delgadillo were consulted because of their expertise of gang activities in the Mission District.) Officer Delgadillo immediately responded to the station with his two young sons, Davey and Daniel, discussed the information with Officer Elliott, and within 30 minutes he had recovered the missing animal. (The suspects told Officer Delgadillo that they had "found"



Daniel & Davey Delgadillo with, of course, Emily.

Emily.)

Emily's owner was ecstatic when we placed a call telling her of the success Officer Delgadillo had — she found it hard to believe that something so important to her could be as equally as important to the officers at Mission Station — But that's why our department is unique, we do care.

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Cholesterol: The good, The Bad and The Ugly...

This month's fitness column will hopefully put to rest any confusion or mixed messages you may have encountered regarding that famous waxy, fat-like substance known as cholesterol. I know this may not be the most exciting topic but in keeping with my goals of providing you all with the latest and greatest 4-1-1 ...

First, let me remind you that cholesterol is not the end-all, be-all when it comes to your total risk scenario for heart disease. By the way, that's still the leading cause of death in the United States today, (although as you may remember for us coppers, colon cancer is just slightly in front). There are six (6) primary coronary heart disease risk factors that have been identified by the experts:

- 1) Cholesterol
  - 2) Diabetes
  - 3) Heredity
  - 4) Smoking
  - 5) Blood Pressure
  - 6) Sedentary Lifestyle
- (risk factors #2 - 6 will be discussed in future articles)

Secondly, I would like to point out that the plethora of research studies and magazine articles out there can be mind boggling at times, so let's just get some definitions out of the way...

Cholesterol is defined as a lipid, found in all tissues in humans and other animals. It is thus in all foods from animal sources — meat, eggs, fish, poultry, and dairy products. Cholesterol is essential to life; it is

part of all cell membranes, certain hormones, vitamin D, and other vital substances. After infancy, your body (mostly the liver) produces all the cholesterol you need; it is not even necessary to consume any to stay healthy.

The concern with this stuff is due to the fact that arteriosclerosis (hardening of the arteries that can lead to coronary heart disease) is associated with high levels of cholesterol. Hence, those mixed messages — it's essential — it's dangerous!!! Like I said, hopefully this article will help....

When you read the "good", "bad" or "ugly" cholesterol, remember it's not all bad but I guess it is always pretty ugly; think about that plaque forming in your arteries, obstructing blood flow and promoting blood clot formation...when the flow is cut off, as in vessels to the heart...boom- you got yourself a heart attack, when blood flow is cut off in vessels to the brain...boom—a stroke—like I said, pretty ugly.

Triglycerides — can't forget that other fatty substance that swims through your bloodstream. Researchers have yet to figure this stuff completely, but suffice to say that it is related to the bigger ball of wax (no pun intended).

A slight digression now, since cholesterol is fatty, it cannot swim through your bloodstream without the help of the next two (most discussed) substances, collectively known as lipoproteins...

HDL (high density lipoprotein) — the "good". It circulates in the blood, picking up cholesterol in the bloodstream and returns it to the liver, thus having a "clearing effect".

LDL (low density lipoprotein) —

the "bad". It carries cholesterol through the bloodstream, dropping it off for cell building — and leaving any unused residue in the arterial walls. Unused is the operative word here....

Used to be, all you needed to know was your total cholesterol — remember Advanced Officer Training and the famous finger prick test? Okay, less than 200mg/dl was good, over 240mg/dl was considered high risk. Then, researchers said, no...no...no...you need to know the ratio of total cholesterol to the famous HDL ("good" cholesterol) in your blood. A ratio greater than 4.5 was considered high risk. Less than 3.5 was good.

Nowadays, the experts report that knowing the levels of HDL, LDL and total cholesterol are equally important. In other words, that finger prick test ain't gonna do it. Make sure your doctor does a full blood serum cholesterol test when you have your annual check-up.

**What steps can you take to lower your cholesterol?**

**Lose weight if you're overweight:** excess body fat raises your total blood cholesterol and LDL and reduces HDL, besides being a secondary risk factor for heart disease.

**Cut down on saturated fats:** (derived from meats, whole milk, cheese, as well as coconut oil); replace with unsaturated such as polyunsaturated fats (sunflower or safflower oil) or monosaturated fats (as in olive

and canola oil).

**Cut down on dietary cholesterol:** reducing your intake from 500 - 250 milligrams per day will lower total blood cholesterol by an average of 10 milligrams.

**Eat more soluble fiber:** oats, beans, fruits, and veggies

**Exercise more!!!** (you knew I was going to say that) but it's true, exercise increases that HDL stuff...the "good" cholesterol...only way to go.

**Don't smoke:** smoking increases total cholesterol and reduces HDL.

Here are a couple of tips that I think might help remind you about this complicated issue:

**Tip #1** You cannot catch cholesterol from plant-source food products. Trick question that Sonya Gumm (remember last month's article?) asked the home audience... How much cholesterol in an avocado?

Answer? ...**zippo**, since avocado ain't got no MOTHER (think meat, fish, eggs, poultry and dairy products). So, try to remember that if it has a mother, it's got cholesterol in it. No mother, no cholesterol.

**Tip #2** If the label says "**cholesterol free**", it ain't got no mother, therefore no big shakes, right? Betcha it's got tons of calories or globs of fat! Don't be fooled by those sneaky advertisers!!!


Well, there you have it. Hope this has cleared any of those nagging questions. Here's to a healthy and fit and very happy holiday season.

Cholesterol Levels

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	desirable	borderline	high*
<b>Total cholesterol</b>	<200	200-239	>240
mg/dl (we're talking blood serum)			
<b>HDL</b>			
mg/dl	>60	-	<35
<b>LDL</b>			
mg/dl	<130	130-159	>160

\* High = risk factor for heart disease  
Note: The above information was taken from the UC Berkeley Wellness Letter, Dec., 1993.



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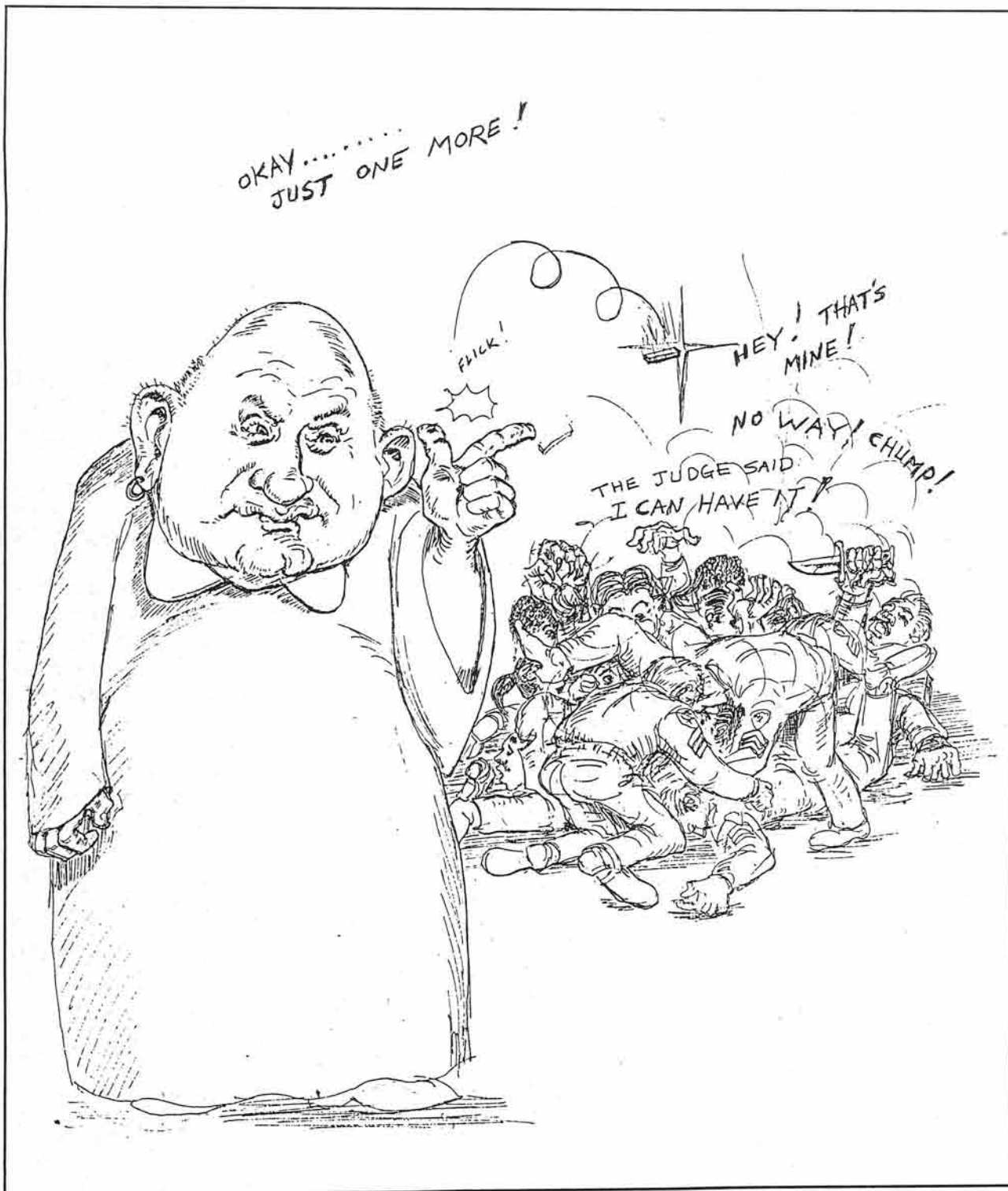


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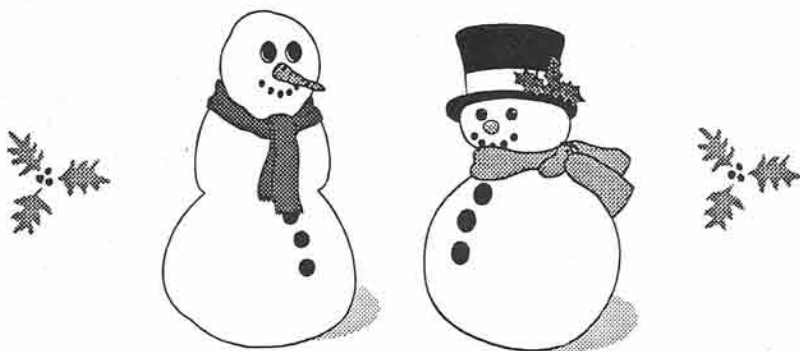
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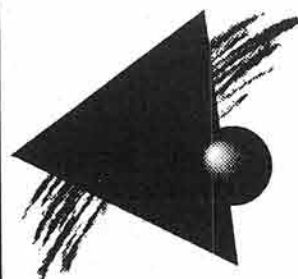
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# MEDAL OF VALOR

## GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR

### OFFICER JOSEPH ZAMAGNI

On Wednesday, October 7, 1992 at approximately 2025 hours, Officer Zamagni was on motorcycle duty following a vehicle travelling at a high rate of speed on Ocean Avenue. After recklessly disregarding numerous stop signs, the driver lost control of the vehicle and spun around in the intersection of Ocean and Ashton Streets. When Officer Zamagni arrived at the scene, the driver accelerated his vehicle, and drove directly at Officer Zamagni. Officer Zamagni attempted to evade the suspect's vehicle but the suspect pursued and rammed Zamagni, forcing him down onto the pavement. The suspect's vehicle pushed Zamagni, who was astride his police motorcycle, laying sideways on the pavement, some 50 feet toward a parked vehicle. The suspect reversed his vehicle and revved the engine signalling his intent to commit a second assault.

At this point, Officer Zamagni disentangled himself from the wrecked motorcycle and fired three shots in an attempt to prevent the felonious assault. The suspect's vehicle fled the scene at a high rate of speed. Despite his injuries, Officer Zamagni broadcasted an accurate description of his assailant and the suspect was arrested later that evening.

For actions leading to the arrest of a dangerous felon who had committed a violent assault, Officer Zamagni is awarded a Gold Medal of Valor.

## SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

### OFFICER JOSEPH ZAMAGNI

On May 5, 1992, at 0650 hours, Officer Zamagni was at home in bed when he heard gunshots outside his Daly City home. When he looked outside his window, he saw a marked Daly City Police car, with a uniformed officer standing along side talking into a radio microphone. At one point, the Daly City officer fell backwards and was lying prone on the sidewalk.

Officer Zamagni immediately ran outside and discovered that the Daly City officer had suffered two gun shot wounds. One shot had fractured the Daly City officer's leg and the second shot was to the officer's stomach. Officer Zamagni provided

first aid for the injured officer and provided a description of the assailant. Shortly, Daly City officers arrived at the scene and Officer Zamagni assisted them in searching backyards for the suspect. At one point during the search, the officers located the suspect and began to advance toward his position. When they were approximately 30 yards apart, the suspect fired four times at the officers. The officers were in an open field and dove to the ground for safety. The momentary distraction allowed the suspect to escape, however, he was captured some months later in Colorado based on latent fingerprints left at the scene.

For actions leading to the eventual arrest of a dangerous felon who had committed a violent assault on a Daly City Police Officer, Officer Zamagni is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

### SERGEANT RAYMOND KILROY

On July 9, 1992 at 4:00 p.m., Sergeant Kilroy was on duty, returning to the Hall of Justice in an unmarked police car when he saw a suspicious individual attempting to secrete something in the waistband area of his trousers.

Sgt. Kilroy followed the individuals for a few blocks but lost sight of him near Washington Street. He saw the suspect accost a person who turned out to be a French tourist. The suspect ran away from the area as Kilroy was getting information from the victim. The victim told Sgt. Kilroy that the suspect had a handgun and had just robbed him. The victim accompanied Sgt. Kilroy as he pursued the suspect to an underground garage on Sacramento Street. Sgt. Kilroy entered the garage on foot in search of the suspect. The suspect doubled-back on Sgt. Kilroy and attempted to flee in the sergeant's car which also contained the original victim. Before the suspect could enter the car, Sgt. Kilroy drew his service revolver and demanded that the suspect stop. The suspect reached into his waistband and produced a weapon. Sgt. Kilroy fired twice at the suspect striking him one in the leg. Despite his injuries, the suspect ran away and was captured in a nearby business establishment. Hidden inside the establishment was the suspect's handgun with a spent shell casing jammed in the breech.

For his diligent effort in the pursuit and capture of an armed robbery suspect, Sgt. Kilroy is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

### SERGEANT DIRK BEIJEN

On Thursday, November 7, 1991, at approximately 1335 hours, Sgt. Dirk Beijen responded to a call that a suicidal man was underneath the lower level of the Bay Bridge. Upon arrival, Sgt. Beijen was advised that a man was on a diagonal beam underneath the bridge that was approximately 16' in width. Two Cal Trans painters, who were on a nearby beam, had visual contact with the potential suicide. With the assistance of the Fire Department who placed a roped harness on Sgt. Beijen, Sgt. Beijen climbed over the side rail of the bridge and lowered himself onto a supporting bridge girder where he could make contact with the potential suicide. Sgt. Beijen directed one of the Cal Trans painters, who had already established a relationship with the potential suicide, in further negotiating with the victim. The suicidal individual's sister was subsequently contacted and arrived at the bridge several hours later. With the verbal assistance of the sister, the victim finally agreed to be led from the beam to the bridge. The Fire Department lowered a harness to Sgt. Beijen to be given to the victim so he could be brought back up to safety, however, due to the victim's girth, the harness was too small. The Cal Trans worker began removing his own harness in order to give it to the victim. Sgt. Beijen was able to stop the Cal Trans worker from putting himself into this type of jeopardy by immediately recognizing the symptoms of the "Stockholm Syndrome" and intervening to prevent the situation from escalating.

Through Sgt. Beijen's actions, there was no loss of life or personal injury to anyone involved. The suicidal person was taken to the Psychiatric Unit of San Francisco General Hospital.

For his actions, Sgt. Beijen is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

### OFFICER STEVEN WONDER OFFICER JOHN LEWIS

In September of 1992, Officers Lewis and Wonder were among several officers who responded to a call of a man with a gun. The individual was described as being in a brown Datsun vehicle in the parking lot in the area of Polk and McAllister Streets. He was seen to be in possession of a gun and had threatened to shoot pedestrians in the area.

As the officers arrived at the scene, they positioned themselves in the right and left rear portion of the suspect's vehicle. They could clearly observe the suspect laying down in the rear bed of a truck. The truck bed was covered with a canopy shell and the officers observed that the individual was partially covered with a blanket.

The officers announced that they

were police officers and ordered the individual to show his hands. However, they received no response. The officers, with weapons drawn, opened the rear of the camper and observed the suspect's lap to be underneath the blanket. At that point the suspect pulled his right hand under the blanket exposing a weapon leaned up against the inside of the vehicle and placed the weapon in his mouth and stated, "You better watch it, it's a 357."

With their weapons pointed at the suspect and themselves fully exposed, they repeatedly ordered the suspect to drop the weapon. He did not comply. He continually kept the weapon pointed at his head. The officer pleaded with the individual not to kill himself. The suspect, obviously distraught and irrational, could have turned the weapon on the officers at any point.

During this time, the officers continued their pleas displaying restraint and courage in a valiant attempt to prevent the suspect from committing suicide. While the suspect continually waved the weapon, the suspect then stated, "I'm not going to kill myself" and immediately extended his arm, pointed the weapon at Officer Lewis. Fear for their own safety, the officers discharged their firearms at the suspect who was critically wounded.

For their efforts, these officers are awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

### OFFICER ROBERT RAMOS

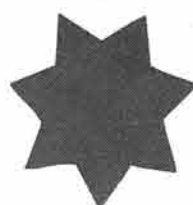
On August 30, 1992, Officer Robert Ramos while walking to his personal vehicle after completing a special detail observed two men in an altercation. The two men then parted and as Officer Ramos entered his vehicle, the two men resumed their altercation at which time one pulled a large butcher knife from his sleeve.

Officer Ramos immediately telephoned for assistance and ran unarmed to the assistance of the victim who was being lashed at with a knife. The suspect, unaware that Officer Ramos was in pursuit, continued his attempts to stab the victim and subsequently returned the knife to his sleeve.

As the distance between the officer and the suspect closed to a few feet, the suspect stopped and faced the officer while he withdrew the knife and raised it in a threatening manner. Officer Ramos displayed his star and identified himself as a police officer and ordered the suspect to drop the knife. The suspect refused to comply with the officer's order and stated he didn't mean to cut the guy so bad. The suspect refused a second order to drop the knife and turned to run at which time Officer Ramos took advantage of the situation, lunged at the suspect, pushed him to the ground causing the knife to fall.

A struggle ensued wherein Officer Ramos was able to prevent the suspect from reaching the knife and he finally successfully handcuffed the suspect. Backup units arrived and it was noted that Officer Ramos had been surrounded by a large and volatile crowd.

Officer Ramos placed his life in great jeopardy, was alone and unarmed when he confronted this vio-





# VALOR AWARDS

lent suspect. He demonstrated outstanding bravery and with extreme risk to his own safety, apprehended a violent suspect. For his efforts, he is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

## OFFICER JOHN NEWMAN

While off-duty and in civilian clothes in the downtown area, Officer Newman heard sounds of a gunshot followed several seconds by another. Since the shots emanated from the area of Jones Street, Officer Newman proceeded to that area where he observed several juveniles running in opposite directions with someone indicating that an individual had been shot in the head.

Officer Newman observed three juveniles attempting to assist the fourth who appeared to have a head wound. These persons were literally dragging the injured youth away.

Officer Newman identified himself as a police officer while taking notice of individuals who was crossing in the direction of the injured juvenile. This individual raised his arm and fired two shots in the direction of Officer Newman and the other juveniles. Officer Newman, with his weapon drawn, identified himself as a police officer and ordered the suspect to drop the weapon.

The suspect then turned, ran a short distance, stopped, faced the officer a second time and fired two additional shots in his direction. Due to the number of persons directly behind the suspect, Officer Newman was unable to return fire.

As Officer Newman was about to give chase, another juvenile nearest him reached into his coat, withdrew an object that the officer believed to be a handgun. Officer Newman ordered the individual to drop the object which later was discovered to be a large knife.

Believing the incident was gang related, Officer Newman detained the four individuals until other police units arrived. A search was made of the area for the original gunman to no avail.

For his efforts, Officer Newman is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

## OFFICER RAYMOND BENSON

On the morning of August 9, 1992, Officer Benson responded to 26th Street and Lucky Alley in response to a report of drug dealers operating in the area.

Officer Benson drove his vehicle into the alley and with the assistance of other officers attempted to detain a narcotics suspect. The suspect made a move as if he had a weapon and then ran and a foot chase ensued.

As they approached the area of the Army Street Projects, Officer Benson threw his body into the fleeing suspect who then began to pummel Officer Benson with his fist and did everything possible to try and escape.

During the struggle, the suspect dropped the narcotics in his possession and even though the suspect was larger and stronger, Officer Benson continued to hold on. During this violent struggle, Officer Benson was pushed against the wall head first and as his face hit the wall,

Officer Benson received four deep facial lacerations and began to bleed profusely.

With serious injuries to his head, Officer Benson continued to hold on to this individual until help arrived. It took three other officers to restrain the suspect and when he was finally subdued, it was learned that the suspect was in possession of a knife that he was unable to remove because of the actions of Officer Benson. This suspect was arrested and subsequently sent to prison.

As a result of his injuries, Officer Benson was hospitalized with facial injuries which required several hours of surgery, receiving an excess of 50 stitches. Officer Benson also spent the next few months recuperating from these injuries.

For his efforts and actions, Officer Benson is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

## OFFICER JAMES GARRITY OFFICER THOMAS SMITH

In the early hours of September 29, 1992, Officers Garrity and Smith were conducting a narcotics investigation on the 600 block of O'Farrell Street. These officers were in full uniform and while entering a premise at 601 O'Farrell, they observed what appeared to be a narcotics transaction outside the building.

The officers contain the suspects and while doing so their attention was diverted to two men who were in a physical struggle a short distance away. As the officers focused on the struggle, they heard a gunshot. They then saw one individual flee and saw him holding a handgun.

They radioed for assistance and pursued the armed suspect. The suspect ran to a vehicle that was waiting nearby. The officers ran towards the vehicle, identified themselves and ordered the suspect to drop his weapon. The suspect refused and entered the waiting vehicle.

As the officers were within a short distance, the vehicle rapidly pulled out into a traffic lane on to the street. As the vehicle fled, the officers observed the suspect lean his body out of the window extend his right arm, point the weapon at them and fearing for their safety and with no protection available, the officers discharged their weapons at the vehicle and suspect.

Shots fired by the officers struck the vehicle and the vehicle stalled a short distance away. The officers approached the vehicle, removed one suspect from the vehicle as numerous other units arrived to

The handgun was located in the front passenger side of the vehicle and the wounded suspect was transported for medical assistance. It was later determined that the individuals arrested had attempted a robbery on the street as the officers on-viewed the original situation.

For their efforts, these officers are awarded the Silver Medal of Valor

## OFFICER ALLEN YIP

Officer Yip was called to the area of the Star of the Sea Church on November 15, 1992, in response to a complaint of a disturbed person harassing parishioners. At 8th Avenue and Anza Street, Officer Yip observed a suspect matching the description of the suspect. The officer hailed the suspect and asked him to stop. The suspect continued walking. Officer Yip, working by himself, exited his patrol vehicle and commanded the suspect to stop. At this time, the suspect drew what Officer Yip thought was a knife from a sheath and held it tightly in his hand. Officer Yip ordered the suspect to drop his weapon but the suspect refused to back away from the weapon as also requested. Officer Yip, with his weapon drawn, approached the suspect. Without provocation, the suspect swept up the scissors and attacked the officer by kicking him in the groin and trying to disarm him. Officer Yip fought valiantly and realizing he was being stabbed at and overpowered, he fired his service revolver and killed the attacker.

Officer Yip demonstrated outstanding bravery by confronting an aggressive and armed suspect and concluded the incident without harm to passersby.

For his act of bravery, Officer Yip is awarded the Silver Medal of Valor.

## BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

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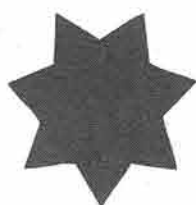
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## COURT

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**RULE SIX (6) "PAY ATTENTION TO THE QUESTION."** Want to look like a real fool? Just answer the same question you were just asked 5 minutes earlier differently. Attorneys often rephrase a question and illicit a different answer from those who are not paying attention to them. Listen to the question asked IN ITS ENTIRETY and then WAIT FOR A COUNT OF TWO (one-thousand-one one-thousand-two) BEFORE YOU ANSWER. This will give you time to respond effectively and understandably. It will also allow for the attorneys (either one) to make an objection.

**EXAMPLE:** With two private attorneys and a sergeant with whom I work, I sat non-plussed in Dept. 18 while an officer testified, at great length, and in rambling, incomprehensible tones. The officer called the private attorney a "public defender" when he was asked to identify the defendant ("He's the one in the grey suit next to the "public defender" NOT "He is the man seated at the defense table wearing a dark grey suit and blue tie.") Additionally, this officer is obviously unknowledgeable as to the meaning of the word "Objection." IT MEANS 'SHUT UP' AND WAIT FOR THE JUDGE TO MAKE A RULING BEFORE YOU OPEN YOUR MOUTH AGAIN. This officer went right on talking, oblivious to an ob-

jection being made, and, on three occasions, had to be told by the judge to: "Please, Officer, just one at a time," or "Just a moment, Officer, until I make a ruling." This officer lost an MTS because of bad testimony.

It was a good arrest, from what I heard. He lost because he didn't know how to present his case and came off as looking unprofessional.

I am by no means an expert on court testimony or testifying. I have been lucky enough to have picked up certain tricks of the trade through training and experience, that have saved me from some really serious faux pas. It is my hope that those of you who are new to the business, (and even to some of you who aren't) will gain some insight you may have not have had before. This is by no means a direct insult; to ANY member who has been referenced (by actions alone); it is simply a primer, if you will, on how to turn the odds around more greatly in our favor. Those of us who put it "on the line" every day deserve better from a judicial system gone mad. But until that day comes, it behooves us, as professionals, to present our hard-made arrests and investigations in the best possible light, insuring that the bad guys get what's coming to them. Keep up the enormously good work you're doing out there and use these rules if you think they'll work for you. They have for me and for a lot of other members.

## JUVENILE

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behavior.

Because of the way the juvenile justice system works, after the police make an arrest we are basically out of the loop as the juvenile progresses through the system. We want to believe that somebody is doing something to change the juvenile's criminal behavior, but the fact is that in almost all cases involving kids with minor records who commit nonviolent offenses the disposition will be an admonishment by the PO or informal probation. While we would like to see more severe consequences experienced by young lawbreakers, I think it's unrealistic to expect any changes soon for minor offenders. Especially considering that in many cases nothing is being done with violent repeat offenders. For example, during the last six months of 1992, our department arrested 155 juveniles for robbery. While 51 of these juveniles eventually had their petitions sustained, none of them were sentenced to a locked facility. Only 5 were placed at Log Cabin, and 9 were sent to group homes. With the exception of 7 cases that were transferred to other jurisdictions, the remaining 30 juveniles who were found guilty were sentenced to "home probation", which is for all practical purposes the same disposition received by those robbery suspects who weren't even charged. They are back home under the same supervision that failed to keep them out of trouble in the first place. So, it is clear that arresting kids is not the only option we should consider if we want to change a juvenile's behavior. Because of the current public focus on juvenile crime I think we will see some changes in the way violent offenders are handled, but it is every bit as important to turn around the first time offender. That is why we can't afford to wait for some other agency to deal with the problem.

Most kids who get diverted will go to Youth Court and face a jury of their peers and have to answer questions from other teenagers about what they did and why they did it. The jury will then sentence them to community service and a self esteem workshop. Juveniles who don't fit the Youth Court criteria will be enrolled in a six month program at a community agency near their home. The agency will attempt to address the specific needs of that kid whether it be tutoring, positive after school activities, counseling, etc. While not

severe consequences, these are significant consequences for a minor offense that should send a message to most of these kids that criminal behavior will no longer be tolerated. That message is not being sent under the current system.

By enacting this program the Police Department is relieving some of the pressure on an overburdened juvenile justice system. But in exchange for keeping minor offenders out of the system, we are asking that when we do make an arrest that the other agencies take some action. In order for a justice system to work, the consequences for criminal acts must progress when a juvenile commits more serious or repeat offenses. We must do our part and divert those kids who qualify, but we also must demand that if they re-offend that they receive even more community service and strictly enforced probation conditions for nonviolent offenses, and secure placement for violent offenses. It is also time that the Probation Department join us in a serious habitual offender program to monitor that small percentage of violent youth that are responsible for perpetrating most of the serious juvenile crime.

Since we feel strongly that the diversion program will benefit both the juvenile and the community, we want to encourage officers to make diversions. In order to do that the diversion process has been made as simple as possible. When you detain a juvenile for a criminal offense you are required to notify his/her parent or guardian anyway. If the parent agrees to diversion, all you then have to do is fill out a simple checklist to make sure the juvenile qualifies. You send a copy of your incident report and the checklist to the Juvenile Division and you're done. No processing or "J" number is required which means the process is easier than a citation. You can even arrest one party and divert another in the same incident, e.g.: cite the driver for auto theft and divert the passengers. The Juvenile Division, with the assistance of part-time district station diversion officers, will do the follow-up work.

Only time will tell if the diversion program will be successful in reducing juvenile crime, and the Juvenile Division will be closely tracking the recidivism of diversion candidates. But the program depends totally on the patrol force to utilize this option when it is appropriate. We urge your support for the Juvenile Diversion Program.

## MAHER

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officers in the Department. One of these proposals to add 100 new officers has come from the Mayor. It seems ludicrous to be furloughing existing trained officers while rushing to train new ones at the Academy.

It is time to stop the bait and switch tactics that continue to be used to defraud the voters. If this conduct was engaged in by anyone but the government it would be a felony! IT IS TIME TO STOP THE FURLOUGHES! It is time to bring the Department up to full strength and keep it there!

I have introduced an ordinance to approve at least 4 Academy classes a year until we are at our full authorized strength of 1972 officers. I have also introduced a Charter Amendment to bring the Department to its full authorized strength and keep it there. The voters have given us the money and the need is there now. Please call the Board of Supervisors and urge them to repeal the furloughs, provide for full staffing, and submit a Charter Amendment providing for permanent full strength funding. The future of effective law enforcement in our community is up to you.

Supervisor Bill Maher

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## Why The Current Investment Climate Is Right For Mutual Funds

by Ray Arata

Last year, more than \$295 billion poured into mutual funds, and this exciting pace shows every sign of continuing throughout 1993. In fact, many analysts agree that the mountain of mutual fund assets, which totalled a mere \$50 billion in 1977, could top \$4 trillion by the end of this decade.

What has happened to the investment climate since 1977, when mutual funds were considered an endangered species destined for extinction? And why have mutual funds virtually altered the way Americans save and invest?

Experts attribute the extraordinary popularity of mutual funds to their wide range of investment choices, and relatively low cost, at a time when many Americans are eager to increase the returns on their financial assets.

Many people are investing in mutual funds to achieve their long-term

savings objectives, such as planning for their child's education or for their retirement. Investors have the ability to choose among a wide range of mutual funds which cover many different investment goals.

Mutual funds offer something for everyone. From short, intermediate or long-term municipals, U.S. government securities, high-quality corporate bonds, aggressive growth stocks and international securities, to income, precious metals and service industry stocks, mutual funds invest in a wider spectrum of sectors and industries than ever before.

In addition, healthy stock and bond markets, and a dramatic increase in consumer education about financial services in general, have spurred consumer interest in investing to new heights. Combine this with an outstanding job of marketing themselves to the public, and it's no wonder mutual funds are shattering sales records.

Not surprisingly, a number of

economists even point to the phenomenal new popularity of mutual funds as having a key role in the struggle to invigorate the economy. For example, mutual funds have channeled more than \$300 billion into equities over the past three years and were directly responsible for a rise in stock prices during that period.

In addition, these funds have also been credited with helping new and emerging companies to grow by acquiring new equity capital. Even mature companies are in a better position to raise equity more cheaply, thanks to the tremendous influx of money into the market via mutual funds.

A good example of mutual funds' impact on the economy can be seen in the biotechnology industry, which is heavily dependent on the capital generated by these funds to finance its growth. In fact, health-care funds alone account for almost \$2 billion in assets, while hundreds of other funds hold billions of dollars in biotech stocks.

With their new power and popularity, mutual funds are clearly the darling of individual investors. However, the proliferation of mutual funds has not made it easy to choose how and where to invest. More than 3,700 funds, spread over 30 plus categories,

have created a major challenge for eager investors. From global and sector funds, to stock and money-market funds, the array is staggering. More than ever, investors should carefully consider and weigh their investment decisions.

The first step in choosing a mutual fund is to understand its specific investment goal and to be certain that goal matches yours. Before you buy shares in a mutual fund, you should read the fund's prospectus. Here you will find the fund's investment goal, general investment philosophy under which its managers work, and the types of securities in which they invest.

The key point is to consider and balance all factors when planning to join the ever-growing parade of individuals investing in mutual funds. These factors include the fund's goals, risks and performance and costs. Your financial advisor can help you select the funds that are best suited to your investment style and goals, and can provide you with the information you'll need to make a prudent decision.

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## CREDIT UNION NOTES

by Joe Reilly

A new California law enacted this past July is designed to provide consumers more protection from mistakes in their credit reports. The three major credit reporting bureaus in the U.S., TRW Information Services, Equifax Credit Information Services, and Trans Union Credit Information collect and maintain credit information on just about every adult who has had a credit account. Credit histories such as these show how a person has managed their debts and kept the terms of their credit agreements. These histories may also include public record information such as tax liens, bankruptcies, and child support obligations.

Department stores, banks, savings and loans, credit unions, gasoline dealers, etc., institutions which extend credit, report your performance on their accounts to credit bureaus. Your total credit history is checked by these same credit account holders before new loans or credit cards are approved. Any such institution with a legitimate purpose, including potential employers, can routinely access your credit history.

The new state law requires that a credit account holder must notify you whenever it submits negative credit performance information, such as late payments or dishonored checks, to a credit reporting bureau. However, following such a notification, additional negative information may be submitted without notice. Consumer advocates suggest that you check your credit history yearly with at least two of the largest reporting bureaus. Catching a mistake early will make it easier to clear up.

If you are denied credit or employment on the basis of credit report information, the name and address

of the bureau which produced the report must be given to you. You are also entitled to a free copy of the report from that credit bureau. Consumer advocacy groups can provide you with additional information and tips regarding your credit report rights.

TRW Information Services, (800) 682-7654, will provide one free credit report each year. Send a written request to TRW Consumer Assistance, P.O. Box 2350, Chatsworth, CA 91313-2350. Include your full name, address, any other addresses during the past five years, your Social Security number, the year of your birth, and the first name of your spouse. Also include a photocopy of your CDL or other document such as a PG&E bill which will link you to your stated address. Equifax Credit Information Services will charge \$8 for a credit report (free to those recently denied credit) which can be requested by phone, (800) 685-1111. You can also send your name, address and Social Security number to Equifax Information Service Center, P.O. Box 740241, Atlanta, GA 30374-0241. Trans Union Credit Information, (312) 408-1050, also has an \$8 charge per report, but is free to someone denied credit recently. Send a written request to Trans Union Corporation, P.O. Box 7000, North Olmsted, OH 44070-7000. Be sure to include your full name, current address, other addresses during the past two years,

Social Security number, DOB, current employer and your signature.

Your SF Police Credit Union will celebrate its 40th year in 1994. As of June 30, 1993, SFPCU was ranked eighth by the California Credit Union League of the 23 credit unions statewide with assets between 150 and 250 million dollars. Also in 1994, SFPCU is expected to surpass the 200 million mark in total assets. Founded in 1953, SFPCU has shared a common history with both the SFPD and the SFPOA. In today's highly regulated financial industry, the SF Police Credit Union, being completely independent and not linked to any other institution, is regulated by both the federal National Credit Union Administration (NCUA) and the California State Department of Corporations, as a state chartered credit union.

The next time you stop by the credit union, take a moment to look around and say hello. 40 years ago, the SF Police Credit Union was begun literally with a cash box and ledger at a time when \$100 was a big loan. Today SFPCU is supported by approximately 14,000 members. The confidence and loyalty of those members over the years has brought us to our 40th Annual Meeting 7 to be held this coming February. Watch for the SFPCU CALLBOX which will have the details and plan to attend the Annual Meeting.

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# Union News

## Health Security Act Hailed

AFL-CIO President Lane Kirkland made the following statement concerning the arrival on Capitol Hill of President Clinton's health reform legislation:

Today brings this nation an historic opportunity to gain the comprehensive health care reform so sorely needed by its people.

President Clinton has joined other great leaders in setting forth sweeping social legislation designed to make

a difference in the lives of Americans. Never again would the nation's workers have to fear losing their health coverage. Never again would parents wonder whether they could keep their children well. Never again would it come down to a choice between food on the table or medical care.

It is past time to get the nation moving forward. We will work diligently to help gain passage of the Health Security Act. The time is right for health care for all.

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## SEIU Study Finds:

## Health Reform Needed To Prevent Loss of Family Income

Washington, DC — Every family with health benefits today knows that co-payments on insurance premiums and out-of-pocket costs are taking a huge bite out of their income. But where are these rapidly rising costs heading? A recent study has shined a disturbing light on the trend: If premiums continue to rise at their present rate, up to one-third of the average SEIU member's after-tax pay in the year 2000 could be spent on family health-care coverage.

That bleak scenario was revealed in a recent study by the Service Employees International Union Policy Department looking at the health benefits of SEIU members. The study found that health-care premiums have more than doubled since 1987.

Insurance costs have steadily shifted from employer to worker, the study showed, with SEIU members paying, on average, 20 percent of the premium cost for single coverage and almost 30 percent for family coverage.

Without fundamental health-care reform, the study concludes, the future looks bleak.

The study notes, "without cost controls and limits on employee cost-sharing, rising health-care costs could eat away at any real increase in workers' earnings."

### The Clinton Health Reform Plan

The Health Security Act, proposed by President Clinton, would put the brakes on rising health-care costs, the study notes.

Under the Clinton plan, costs will be controlled by a federal limit on how high insurance premiums could rise. Eventually,

premiums could not rise more than inflation.

Under the plan, the maximum worker share for premiums will be 20 percent, and workers will be free to bargain for 100 percent employer-paid coverage.

Regional health alliances will serve as giant purchasing agents for employers and consumers in their areas. Their large size will allow them to obtain the best possible premium rates from the most cost-effective plans. Costs will also be lowered by adopting a universal claim form and other administrative reforms.

And in addition, the Clinton plan means that workers will never again lose their insurance when they lose or change jobs, or get sick. It provides for guaranteed health coverage for all Americans by 1988, a comprehensive benefit package that is better than most SEIU members have now and improved quality and choice.

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For more information on the Edge Union Member Discount Program call the SEIU Edge Hotline: 1-800-448-7348, Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Eastern Time

## Correction

The phone number printed in last month's issue of *The Notebook* was not the correct number for California callers.

The correct number is:  
**1-800-448-7348**



# LETTERS

## Thanks

Al Trigueiro, President  
SFPOA

Dear Al,  
I can't tell you how proud I was of the endorsement of San Francisco's finest. I will always remember it.

Sincerely yours,  
Neil D. Eisenberg

Al Trigueiro, President  
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro and POA Board Members;  
My family and I thank you sincerely for your generous expression of sympathy at the death of my father, Mike Dalton. Those of you who knew my dad certainly were aware of the fact that he held a great affection for the Police Department. I am certain that I could not have embarked upon any career which would have pleased him more.

The Association's expression of respect for my dad served to further cement my sense of fraternity with you all. Thank you very much. I am proud to be numbered among you.

Sincerely,  
Richard A. Dalton, SFPD

Tom Flippin, Editor  
SFPOA

Dear Police Officers,  
We would like to thank everyone in the SFPD who assisted us when my husband's two aunts from Indonesia and I had our purses stolen on October 1st. Dealing with three women who have suffered a traumatic loss cannot be easy. All your officers were kind, sympathetic and extremely helpful.

Of special note are Sgt. Downs and the others who took the report; Officer Taylor, who returned some of our belongings; and Officer Holle, who took time to give us a ride to the person who turned in some of our things so that we could thank her. Officer Holle even helped us search through the alley where one purse was found (in hope of finding more of our things).

Thank you all for your help, and God bless you.

Sincerely,  
Marwan and Dianne Siagian

Captain John Willets,  
Central Station

Dear Captain Willets,  
The words "capable", "calm", "controlled" and "classy" all come to mind as I think about last night's performance of the San Francisco police officers under your command and their handling of the protesters at the Masonic Auditorium.

The timing of their various actions was particularly impressive as they allowed the protesters to exercise their rights (and their lungs) yet protected the rights of those attending the event. As the numbers of event attendees increased, the limits for the protesters were more clearly defined and enforced. I admit I was impatient at the time, but in retrospect, the timing and activities of your officers was superb.

While not minimizing the contributions of others, I particularly want to mention Sergeant Parra. From initial contact with me during the afternoon through his hands-on supervision, I thought he was excellent.

We appreciate the department's response and your leadership. Thank you.

Sincerely,  
Ray W. Ward, CFE  
Executive Vice President  
Nob Hill Masonic Center

Tom Flippin, Editor  
SFPOA

Dear Editor,  
Thanks to all the members of the San Francisco Police Department for their prayers for Valerie. A very special thank you to the members of the solo motorcycles and the parking controllers for their assistance at Valente Marini.

Sincerely,  
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For those seventeen years, two of SFPD's finest (retired), Bill Murphy and George Smith have arranged and run a total of sixty-nine luncheons. As best as I can determine there have been approximately seven hundred and fifty different people at these luncheons.

In the announcement for the last luncheon, that was held on Monday, October 25, 1993, we were informed that due to physical reasons this would be the final luncheon they would put on.

I believe I can speak for most of those hundreds when I say thanks to

Bill and George for the many enjoyable hours getting together with old friends.

Upon learning that this would be the last luncheon, I felt that as I know a lot of other people did that someone should step forward and keep it going. I'm happy to say thirteen people did. A committee was formed and announcements will be sent out in early January for the next luncheon. Nothing will be changed. They will continue to be held at Michele's Restaurant the fourth Monday of every third month (January, April, July, October).

For those of you who are unfamiliar with the FMSFPDLNC come and give it a try. The lunches are only \$7.50, and you'll be amazed at all the "old" familiar faces you will recognize. Anyone wishing to get on the mailing list give me a call or drop me a note and I'll see you get notified.

In closing, thanks again to Bill Murphy and George Smith, I hope this committee can continue your wonderful idea far into the future and "hundreds" of future retirees can join us in this most enjoyable experience.

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# Season's Greetings

Mike Sugrue and Gino Marionetti extend to all retired and active POA members their best wishes for a joyous and merry Christmas and continued happiness and good health in the New Year.

Watch for *The Notebook* in January ...the articles on distinguished retired members of the SFPD will resume in that issue. The first story will feature Layton Michael Duffy. It is a story of faith and an inspiration to us all.



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# On Routine Patrol

by S. G. Yasinitzky,  
Inspector, Retired

This is a story of a policeman who liked the idea of being a law enforcement officer, but whose methods of carrying out police duties were entirely his own, "Avant-garde," some people said. But let's have him tell us his own tale.

My name is Strad E. Various, though most people call me Fidel. I joined the police department for the glory of being a cop, to be popular, a hero to mankind, a peace maker, a life saver, and people did say I look good in a uniform. But the job was not what the comic books and TV made it out to be. Except for the uniform and the gun at my side, the work gave me less satisfaction than I hoped for. The long, boring hours of the Midnight Watch, the painful training, especially the Tear Gas class, and something less than the respect and adulation I expected from the public when I'd patrol my beat. I got cussed out, kicked, and spat on by people I had to deal with. A drunk whom I was escorting home vomited all over my tailor-made blues. It was hell! I then rebelled against the ordinary police procedures and decided to be innovative and use talents which I had as an ordinary citizen. I play the violin.

I started carrying my fiddle to work with me. When there was a problem or a disturbance on the street, I'd come out of my radio car, open up my violin case, tune up, and start playing, say, "Meditation" from Thais, or "Souvenir" by Drdla. People quickly stopped what they were doing and dispersed before I could even get a report. Once I came upon a fight and began to play Rimsky-Korsakov's "Flight of a Bumblebee," a hard piece to play (which I didn't know too well). I stumbled a time or two and even had to restart. But it still worked: people stopped fighting. They started laughing—even the guy bleeding on the sidewalk got up and was laughing with the rest. I cheered them up, I guess. Success was indisputable. After that I'd started to rely completely on my violin.

It even brought me glory. Once I was the first to a "Bank Holdup" call. I brought my violin case into the bank with me. And as I was opening the case, the crooks who'd just pulled the robbery dropped their guns and surrendered. (They'd seen the "Untouchables" and knew that violin cases concealed tommy guns.) I got a medal for that one.

The Chief then tried to transfer me to the Community Relations Band where, he claimed, my talents would be more readily utilized. I refused, and used all my juice—which by then had become surprisingly formidable—to keep myself in radio cars. I was amazed by the support I gathered: the Lofofora Mission, the Luckless-but-not-Homeless League, some members of the press, and a couple of members on the Board of Supervisors. Wow! They even got up a slogan: "Let Fidel fiddle."

And so it went. I carried my violin with me everywhere. When things got slow I'd stop my car and go "Out-of-service." I'd open up my violin case and place it on the sidewalk next to my radio car. And then I'd play. People walked by and some dropped

coins into the fiddle case. Once a lady dropped in a whole "pedro." I didn't need to work overtime anymore; things got so good.

But then something had to spoil it all. Circumstances wouldn't leave a good thing alone. My colleagues were jealous and tried to spoil my success. Criminological rut was against progress. Here's what happened: One day I was standing on a corner loaded with tourists, playing "Legend" by Wieniawski, and watching the money being thrown into my violin case. People applauded and commented, "How quaint..." And then the call came in, "904 Code Three—Shots Fired." I stopped playing, put the violin in its case, carefully folding the soft cloth over the strings, unwinding my bow and placing it carefully into the case—the whole thing cost me more than \$3,000 of my own money, you understand—and drove off to the location of the shooting. (And, as you know, "a good policeman doesn't get shot." I was in no hurry to get there. Plenty of other cars would get there before me.) But in spite of my obeying every traffic sign and extending other motorists every courtesy on the way, I was the first policeman on the scene, except for the original one who put in the call.

That cop was barricaded behind a trash can, talking loudly to the gunman hiding behind a large dumpster. "Bang! Bang!" The gunman fired. "Police," yelled the cop. "Come out with your hands up! Throw out your gun and you'll get fair treatment. No strings attached!" Bang, Bang! was the response from behind the dumpster. And then, "click, click." The baddie had run out of ammunition.

By this time I'd parked a safe distance away, brought out my violin, and was tuning up, to show the law enforcement world that one doesn't catch flies with vinegar. The original officer yelled again, "Come out. You won't be harmed. Drop your gun. No strings attached." And the gunman appeared from behind the dumpster, his hands up in the air.

At this moment I struck up a rendition of the "March of the Meistersingers" by Wagner. I thought appropriate to celebrate the outcome of this incident, when suddenly I felt a blow that caused me to reel. My violin flew up in the air and landed on the ground between the crook, who by then was holding me from behind and the other officer. The crook screamed, "You said there would be no strings attached!" With this he stomped on my violin, crushing it to splinters. Angered by this, I went for my own gun, but the bow was still in my right hand, my thumb wedged stuck in it. I couldn't shake it off, to get to my weapon. The crook was going for my gun too, and would have succeeded had it not been for other fellow officers who'd arrived by then. They overwhelmed the bad guy and had him release his grip round my neck. I nearly died!

Since then, they transferred me to a job in the Handcuff Repair Unit in the Property Clerk's Office. The ingrates! I don't understand Law Enforcement at all.

*Editor's Note: "Yash" Yasinitzky wrote a column called **On Routine Patrol** for the POA paper from 1969-1977. Inspector Yasinitzky retired from the SFPD in 1977, but he still keeps an eye on us. From time to time, he will be commenting on past and current events for The Notebook.*

## PRESIDENT

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meet. In any event the Association put together an agreement with the Mayor's office which called for the following:

- that there will be twenty-four unpaid furlough hours for members of the Department in fiscal year 1993-1994;

- that the City would support a Charter Amendment to permit Tier Two members to transfer to the California Public Employees' Retirement System (PERS);

- that the City would support an "early retirement" Charter Amendment providing for two (2) years of service and two (2) years of age to be added to the normal retirement benefit, with a one (1) year window;

- restoration of a "rotating days off" work schedule in patrol;

- rescheduling and/or reassigning personnel so as to reduce overtime costs by approximately \$1.5 million;

- reducing the number of "non-essential" permanent light duty positions and permitting an equal number of permanent light duty members to voluntarily retire with disability pensions;

- rescinding the eighty-five (85) Q-2 layoffs proposed by the Mayor and retaining these positions throughout the fiscal years.

Of the terms of this agreement only the unpaid furlough hours and the reduction of "non-essential" permanent light duty positions through voluntary disability retirement remain to be implemented. The Board of Supervisors placed Propositions D (Early Retirement) and F (Transfer to PERS) on the November '93 ballot; the rotating day off schedule was returned to patrol and is secure for the duration of the contract; the eighty-five (85) lay-offs were rescinded; and the rescheduling and reassignment of personnel so as to reduce overtime costs by approximately \$1.5 million has been accomplished.

Now what's the problem? Well, the implementation of the unpaid furlough hours has taken more time than had been intended by City Hall, thus causing the shaking of heads and the legitimate questioning on the part of the membership. Oddly enough in November one of the only ballot measures to pass was State

Proposition 172 that extended the 1/2 cent sales tax to pay for public safety. In fact, San Franciscans passed that measure with 63.1%, far in excess of the state-wide rate.

Since furlough hours had not yet been implemented and the passage of Prop 172 would add much needed revenue to the City's coffers, it only made sense for the Association to approach the Mayor with the suggestion that the yet to be taken furlough hours be reconsidered; especially in light of the fact that the Mayor is calling for a new Academy class to begin in January along with the hiring of approximately sixty additional officers through a lateral transfer process by the end of the '93/'94 fiscal year. So, on November 16, 1993 the Association met with the Mayor to suggest to him that if the furlough hours were rescinded the City would be provided with an adequately staffed Department during the latter half of the current fiscal year while at the same cut down dramatically on Department overtime which is sure to increase proportionately.

The Mayor listened attentively to our suggestion, but denied it, reminding us that the Association and the City had an agreement. The Mayor also reminded us that one of his earlier suggestions to the Association was to reopen its contract and re-negotiate the scheduled and now implemented July 1993 pay raise and benefit package; something the Association refused to do.

In July the Mayor called for police lay-offs and in November he called for full staffing of the Department (a complete reversal in anybody's book). Since the Association suggested back in July that rather than to lay off officers we could opt to have officers work less hours, then it made perfect sense for us to make the suggestion at this point to rescind the implementation of the furlough hours, resulting in more officers on the street, until such time that the Department can be brought up to full authorized strength which seems to be these days, the rallying cry from many different political quarters... makes perfectly good sense to me.

On another, more pleasant and cheerful note, I wish all of you and your families a very joyful Christmas and Holiday Season. The Association will be closed from December 27th to December 31st.

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## PAL BASKETBALL

As the PAL basketball comes to an end, two divisions have finished their season with two champs: 6th grade girls Tigers and 8th grade girls Phillies. The rest of the play-offs are scheduled as follows:

6TH EAST WED 11/24	6 PM	SOMA VS CELTICS	SOMA
6TH SOUTH SAT 12/4	3 PM	SMILE VS REBELS	BOYS CLUB
6TH WEST FRI 12/3	6 PM	SALESIAN VS CELTICS	PRESIDIO
7TH EAST TUE 11/30	6:30 PM	PANTHERS VS REBELS	MISSION DOLORES
7TH WEST SAT 12/4	4 PM	WEST SUNSET VS TROOP 12	BOYS CLUB
8TH EAST FRI 12/3	7 PM	TOMCATS VS COUGARS	PRESIDIO
8TH SOUTH FRI 12/3	8 PM	SALESIAN VS VIKINGS	BOYS CLUB
8TH SOUTH FRI 12/3	8 PM	EAGLES VS TEAM FORCE	PRESIDIO
8TH SOUTH SAT 12/4	5 PM	WINNER VS WINNER	BOYS CLUB
8TH WEST TUE 11/30	6 PM	TIGERS VS VIPERS	BOYS CLUB

Look for the winners in the next issue.

## PAL FOOTBALL

Saturday, November 27, 1993, marked the end of the 1993 football season for the PAL Seahawks, San Francisco's representatives in Pop Warner youth tackle football. The Seahawks are comprised of four teams that compete in divisions determined by the ages and weights of the players. Pop Warner football also includes cheerleaders and mascots who are assigned to divisions according to their ages. Three of the San Francisco PAL football teams reached the Redwood Empire Junior Football Conference playoffs. The peewee team, ages 10, 11 and 12, and the midget team, ages 12, 13 and 14, were eliminated in the first round of playoffs.

On Saturday, November 27, 1993, the PAL Seahawks' junior midget team met the Oak Grove Renegades for the Pop Warner Northern California Regional Championship. The Seahawks lost a very competitive, hard fought game by the score of 22-6. Congratulations are extended to the players, cheerleaders and mascots of the PAL Seahawks for their success during this past season. They are a fine group of young men and women that San Francisco can proudly look upon as the City's ambassadors of sports.

The San Francisco PAL extends its thanks to the parents, coaches and friends who support these young people in their participation in the football program. Special thanks to Sophia Isom, PAL Cheerleading Director and Inspector Kelly Waterfield, PAL Football Director.

## PAL COACHES DINNER

The San Francisco PAL's 3rd annual Award Dinner was held on November 10th at the Stouffer Stanford Court Hotel. Captain Michael Hebel, PAL President, was the Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Frank Jordan presented plaques to the sponsors who were: Laurence G. Allen, Allen Foundation; Del Pierce, California Lottery; Charles Johnson, Jr., Franklin Templeton Funds; Richard Goodspeed, Lucky Stores; Gianni Fassio, Palio d'Asti; Bob Malmgren, San Francisco Federal Savings; and Lisa Marchenko, Stouffer Stanford Court Hotel.

Del Pierce, California Lottery, presented service awards to Officer Rich Andrews, Officer Mark Ballard, Lt. Thomas Bruton, Sgt. Heather Fong, Thomas Morris (retired), Inspector Kelly Waterfield and Joseph C. Mollo (retired).

Gianni Fassio, Palio d'Asti, presented awards to coaches John Gallagher and Ben Henderson. Jim Lani, Lucky Stores, presented awards to coaches Kevin Murphy and Jerome Wysinger. Chief Tony Ribera presented awards to coaches Stan Chiarucci, Leo Guillory, Thelma Williams and Jack Immendorf.

Mayor Frank Jordan presented Most Valuable Player awards to:

Marcus Tolero — Baseball  
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Ciara Johnson — Cheerleading  
Cherrise Willis — Cheerleading — Most Dedicated

Decinces William — Football  
Ricky Tang — Law Enforcement  
Amy Holmes — Soccer  
Hector Mendoza — Soccer

Michael Hebel presented Vera Rogulsky (PAL Chief Administrator) an award for 20 years with the PAL.

Thanks should also go to the California Lottery for providing scratchers to everyone who attended. A big thank you to all the sponsors for making the dinner possible and special thanks to Laurence G. Allen for chairing the Dinner.

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# SPORTS



## Bianchi's Box Scores

Where have all the distance runners gone? This year's S.F. Marathon had one and one only runner from this Department: Pam Hofsass. Then the New York Marathon comes up and two and only two runners from the S.F.P.D. show up: Capt. Mike Hebel and Pam Hofsass. There will be more about the N.Y. Marathon next month when all the photos are developed, but in the mean time here are some races that are coming up...if some of you out there want to make yourself a New Year's resolution to start running more in '94!

By the time this article appears the International Marathon run every year in Sacramento will probably have already been run. If you have some training under your belt already and you begin training in earnest you will have three months to prepare for the Napa Valley Marathon, held every March. It is one of the most beautiful courses in the world as it winds from Calistoga to Napa along the Silverado Trail.

For those of you with loftier aspirations there is the Boston Marathon in April. Get in your best shape for that one as it is tough; thrilling, but tough. March is usually the month that the L.A. Marathon is run every year and obviously would require much less training and cost to at-

tend. The course is relatively flat, it is jammed with people and the people who run it are always trying to make it better.

Obviously marathon running isn't for everyone but there are plenty of IOK's coming up in the nearby communities. Entering a IOK doesn't mean you have become some kind of running nut, it just indicates that you are becoming serious about an exercise program and that is a good idea. As I have become older I have found myself running less because I was injured or disappointed in my times.

That was foolish. Running is not about winning an individual race, it's about winning the battle against sedentary lifestyles. It can be about feeling good about yourself, about dropping a few pounds or inches from the waistline and it can be a source of meeting other people who are interested in maintaining themselves in a fit and healthy condition.

This coming year check the Notebook for Pam Hofsass' articles about eating right and exercising and I'll try to keep you posted about races and competitions, not just running but triathlons, bicycle races, swimming meets, etc. The motto for the coming year shall be, exercise more in '94! Go Do It!

## S.F. Police Golf Club News

by Jerry Cassidy, Retired

The San Francisco Police Golf Club is concluding its twentieth year in existence. 1993 has been another successful year with a number of tournaments played at some of the nicest courses in the Bay Area. We have averaged approximately 60 players per tournament and also had successful away trips to Phoenix and Reno.

The club championship, awarded to the player who has played the best through the year (based on handicaps), has not been decided yet. With two more monthly tournaments to go we have a three way race between Even Lammers, Joe Buckley and Rene Aufort.

Next years schedule, in the process of being set up, will include twelve monthly tournaments, two away tournaments (Ridge mark and Graeagle), a trip (including wives) to South Lake Tahoe and three extra tournaments during the summer

months. Included in our schedule are Sunnyvale, Franklin Canyon, Paradise Valley, Half Moon Bay, Willow Park, Oakmont and Windsor.

For those golfers who are not familiar with our golf club, it is open to all active and retired members of the San Francisco Police Dept. Club dues are \$10.00 per year and N.C.G.A. membership is available for \$30.00 for new members and \$20.00 per year thereafter. As of this time we have 160 active members. Anyone interested in joining our club can call either me (415/897-0226) or Larry Minasian at the Crime Prevention Co. (666-7175).



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by Rene LaPrevotte,  
CPC Honda Unit

Last month I described to you our Western states tour that took us 2800 miles through eight states. Due to the length of last month's article, I didn't relate to you the second half of the trip. The day after we seven motorcycle vagabonds returned home, I grabbed another suitcase and boarded a plane for New Orleans for a few days in the crescent city and the 49er/ Saints football game, then off again to Connecticut where Kathie and I hooked-it-up with a couple we met last year on our bike tour of the Alps. We loaded three of their eight motorcycles with clothes, and set out to see the famous Fall changing of the foli-

age in New England.

Kathie and I rode a 1500cc, six cylinder Honda Gold Wing, while my buddy was on his Harley Tour-Glide and his mate was on her Kawasaki Voyager. We headed North on U.S. 91 through Connecticut and into Massachusetts where we stayed at an original New England bed & breakfast. I'm almost ashamed to admit that I had some serious misconceptions as to what the Northeast part of this country would look like. I was amazed when instead of large pollution choked industrial centers, we saw rolling hills, covered with lush greenery and very little civilization. As we went farther North, the trees started doing their thing, and the colors were awesome. The mountains looked like someone covered the hills with Jujubees, as the trees ranged from lush green, fiery reds, fluorescent pinks, orange and gold.

At the end of the second day, the weather was turning a bit brisk, and by the time we pulled up at yet another B&B for the evening, we were ready for a few Spanish coffees before dinner. When our host had to leave us unattended at the bar to prepare dinner, we were put on the honor system and made our own drinks, leaving an inventory of our booze consumption on a piece of scratch paper, to be billed the following morning when we checked-out.

When we hit the road the following morning, the mercury was around 40° and I was thankful to be behind a windshield the size of a billboard. We tooled up through Northwest New Hampshire and in to Vermont. Again I had no clue what to expect of Vermont, but with a state population

about the same as San Francisco, there are endless rolling hills, covered with trees depicting every color of the rainbow. We had to stop at Squam Lake which was made famous as "Golden Pond" in the movie of the same name, and having satisfied Kathie with a photo "On Golden Pond" we were off again.

The next day and we were headed South for home. I insisted

on a stop at Loudin, New Hampshire to eyeball, first-hand the motorcycle race track known only as "Loudin" then off again.

After five days, four nights and a thousand more miles under our tires, we were back and saying goodbye to our friends. After all, I've got to get back home because two days after we get home, I'm going on a five day trip with Chuck Woods of the DA's office and sixty of his closest friends for a tour of Death Valley.

1993 Ride for Kids

Sunday October 24th was the Ride For Rids that is sponsored by American Honda Inc. All the proceeds of this fundraiser is donated to pediatric brain tumor research. There have been a dozen or so rides for kids all over the country this year, and this was the last one of the year.

Myself and John Wyman of the solos rode to the Solano County Fairgrounds in Vallejo where we teamed-up with about five hundred riders from all over the state. I had three hundred dollars in donations from Bob Brodnick, Tom O'Donnell, Bob McKee, Charlie Simpson, Joanne Welsh, Marvin Dean, Phyllis Ford, Fred Groven, Ben McAllister, Nick Klemenko and Tessa McFarland which I gave to the organizers to add to the forty-two thousand dollars raised that day. We rode a sixty mile circuit through the "wine country" and ended-up back at the Solano Fairgrounds for the raffle of a 1994 Honda Magna motorcycle as well as to listen to doctors and researchers involved in pediatric brain tumor research. We also heard a heart-rending story from the father of a child diagnosed with a brain cancer who was gone a year after the diagnosis. Our donations when added to those from the other rides for kids around the country totaled over a half-million dollars raised by motorcyclists in 1993. I'd personally like to thank the eleven people named above for their generous donations. To the other seventeen hundred members who forgot to donate a few dollars to this cause, you'll have another chance next year, cause I'll damned sure be back!

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# ON THE STREET/Tom Flippin



## Funny . . . But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



5,000 prostitutes in Britain are members of OffPro, sort of a better business bureau. OffPro urges johns to write them if they were "ripped off, infected by disease or received poor service." OffPro will compensate unhappy customers with refunds or services rendered by an alternate prostitute.

Mary Middleton's car crashed into a car driven by her father-in-law, Oscar Middleton, in Batesville, Arkansas. After the crash, the two got out and fired several shots at each other. Later, various members of the family went to the jail to bail them out...fighting broke out between them, and several cops were injured in the melee.

A Florida man facing 12 years in prison for selling cocaine told the judge he needed help dealing with his drug problem and thought a long jail sentence would help. The judge agreed and gave him 30 years.

An LA woman was arrested after a drive-by shooting. She told police she got mad when her son told her he'd been robbed by gang members early one morning; so she got out of bed, got dressed and drove downtown to get the robbers.

A Gardena, California man told a police officer who approached him as he loitered near a bank to "Read me my rights." The cop asked why, and the man said he was concealing a gun in his pants, but it was falling down his pants leg.

A Texas bar patron got into an argument with the cocktail waitrees and left...then returned with a chain saw. He cut his way through a table and a wooden partition before two of the topless dancers subdued him by hitting him over the head with a chair and a bottle.

A New Jersey kid is still somewhat unclear on the concept. Ordered to make restitution payments after a conviction for auto theft, he made his first payment to his probation officer...\$6 in cash and a \$10 vial of cocaine.

Cleveland transit patrons are not happy about that city hiring Lynn Herron as a municipal bus driver. They may be right to be upset, too.

It seems that Lynn was just fired from her job as a municipal train driver, after she caused an accident that injured 14 people by purposely disengaging the train's safety system.

Why did the city hire her? The labor contract with Cleveland mandates that anyone fired for a train accident be hired as a bus driver.

Two Michigan men earn nominations as Dumb-Crooks-Of-The-Month...or rather as Wouldbe-Terrorists-Of-The-Month. The two are under arrest as they recover from injuries received while they "were trying to close a gunpowder-filled pipe by beating the end with a sledgehammer."

Michael Allen, of Flint, MI, wore his new green suit to court to impress the judge during his trial for

## Holiday Bargains On Macintosh Computers

by Tom Feledy

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Powerbook 145 .....	\$999.00
Stylewriter II .....	\$279.00

**CompUSA** (To get these reduced prices, members must place orders through POA, POA submits all orders at one time, member then pays and picks up goods at CompUSA.) **Advantage:** Good deals, plenty of stock, convenient location open 7 days a week, lots of display models to try out, good in-store support, 30-day return policy, training available. **Disadvantage:** Not as cheap as Price Club, etc.

LCIII 4/160 system w/prINTER,	
Claris Works & Quicken .....	\$1699.00
Quadra 605 system w/prINTER,	
Claris Works, etc. ....	\$1939.00
Powerbook 145 4/80 .....	\$1289.00
Newton Message Pad w/fax modem .....	\$745.00
Select 310 Laser Printer .....	\$759.00
Apple Multimedia kit (CD-ROM w/speakers & CD's) ..	\$589.00

**Apple Computer** (To get these reduced prices, members must order and pay in advance at POA, POA sends all orders and payment to Apple, member picks up items at POA). **Advantage:** Some good prices — especially for higher-end products. **Disadvantage:** You may experience shipping delays:

Mac LCIII 4/80 system .....	\$999.00
LC520 4/80 w/CD ROM .....	\$1578.00
Powerbook 145 4/80 .....	\$1218.00
{Powerbook 180c 4/80 .....	\$2218.00
Powerbook Duo 230 4/120 .....	\$1340.00
Powerbook Duo 270c 4/240 .....	\$2681.00
Newton MessagePad, w/AC-adaptor & batteries .....	\$630.00
Personal Laserwriter 300 .....	\$563.00
Stylewriter II .....	\$291.00
Clarisworks 2.0 .....	\$149.00
Filemaker Pro 2.0 .....	\$199.00

If you are interested in something from the CompUSA list or the Apple list (the complete lists are in the "Macintosh" binder at the POA office) send a note to me (Tom Feledy) at the POA ASAP, listing the items you desire, along with your name/unit/watch, and a pager or home number.

burglary. He also impressed the victim who told the judge that it was his suit.

The victim told detectives that the suit was custom-made and had a unique label in it. Sure enough, they checked, and there it was.

The suit was taken into custody as further evidence in the burglary case. It didn't fit Allen very well, anyway... he was wearing a sweat suit underneath.

After a Texas man became involved in a financial dispute with a local mortuary, he refused to pay the \$2,000 bill for having his father's body embalmed and buried.

The funeral home retaliated by dumping the man's body on the son's doorstep...not in a casket...not even wearing clothes.