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Photo by Pete Thoshinsky

OK, now what's a four-letter word for...

Jeff Barker Family Trust Fund

Jeff Barker, veteran of more than 20 years in the SFPD, died suddenly on November 19, 1994.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has established a Trust Fund for Jeff's family.

Donations may be sent to:

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James Guelff Family Trust Fund

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has established a Trust Fund for the family of deceased Officer James Guelff.

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President's Message

by Al Trigueiro, President

Our son, Christopher, is now a little over 11 months old. Time does fly! Just yesterday it seems my wife and I were wrapping him snugly and warmly in all the appropriate paraphernalia to bring him home from the hospital.

Today life is much different for us as we try to adjust to Christopher's ever changing needs and development. As a parent, when the responsibility of caring for him rests with me, I never seem to have much time for anything else except but for keeping this little person from doing great bodily harm to himself and damaging any object in his path, such as the answering machine, which has recently become an object of fascination, or the newly decorated Christmas tree with its twinkling lights. I've been told that these are the good times and should be cherished, since

the "terrible twos" bring with them some real memorable changes.

Christopher demands our attention and gets it! The fact of the matter is that my wife and I (mostly my wife) respond to his every need without question; yet, despite the unqualified giving, both of us feel fortunate to have him and be able to care for him. We both receive far more than we will ever be able to give to him. He brings to us a great love and joy; an experience for which I will be forever thankful.

As police officers much of our lives revolve around giving and providing a real sense of security to those we protect and serve. An Officers' giving rarely stops once the uniform is put away. Family and friends also place demands on our time and energies, especially now during the Holiday Season. If it's not trying to clear the

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An Open Letter

by Al Trigueiro, President

We were disappointed last month when the Appellate Court overturned Judge Stuart Pollak's Superior Court decision, which held we could negotiate improvements in retirement benefits. The Appellate Court held specifically that retirement and death allowances are neither negotiable nor subject to change without a charter amendment.

We have filed a Petition for Review with the California Supreme Court, which is the method of appealing Appellate Court decisions. Though the arguments contained in our petition are sound and gain additional credence due to a November 23, 1994 California Supreme Court decision involving Trinity County and its employees, we are not particularly optimistic. The Supreme Court has become quite conservative and normally would not be expected to over-

turn an Appellate Court decision favoring the city, when the party appealing is doing so on behalf of employees on a labor issue. However, the association wanted to exhaust its legal remedies, particularly given the importance of the issues involved.

I want all of our members to know that regardless of the outcome of this case, I, together with your Negotiating committee, your Executive Board and Board of Directors, are committed to delivering in our next contract all the improvements necessary for our "Tier II" members to bring their overall benefits up to a level that equates with the prevailing "2%\$ at 50" level.

San Francisco police officers deserve the same benefits that are provided peace officers throughout this State and we will see to it that you get them in this contract.

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of The Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by Pres. Huegle at 2:08 PM, Wednesday, November 16, 1994 in Conference Room Ingleside.

Roll Call of Officers: V. Pres. Huegle, Tr. Milon & Sullivan excused. Other members present. P/ Pres. M. Hurley, Ray Crosat.

Minutes of Last Meeting: Approved as presented to membership in writing.

Suspensions: Three members suspended for nonpayment of dues exceeding 6 months.

Communications: Following donation received and acknowledged by Secretary, Veteran Police Officers Assoc. in memory of James Doran.

Treasurer Parenti presented regular bills; payroll, benefits, taxes, attorney, etc. Approved.

Treasurer Parenti reported the following deaths: JOHN J. GILDEA: Born in San Francisco in 1913, John worked as a clerk before becoming a member of the Department, (temporary 1939), working both World Fairs on Treasure Island in 1939 and 1940, permanently appointed in 1940. John was assigned to the Radio Cars working out of the Chief's Office to the various stations. He was granted Military leave in 1942, returned in 1946, for just a short stay, before resigning to join the Calif. State Adult Probation Dept., from where he retired in 1969. John was 80 years of age at the time of his death.

JAMES DORAN: Another San Franciscan born in 1908, Jim worked as a bridge attendant before joining the Department in 1936, age 28. He was assigned to Headquarters Company, working there for three years, then one year Co. K, Fixed Post. Back to Headquarters until appointed a Sergeant in 1946. Jim was assigned to Taraval a year and then back to Southern from where he retired in 1970, age 61. In 1951 he was awarded a C/C for arrest of a suspect in a burglary. Jim was 86 years of age when he passed away.

JAMES GUELFF: Born in Marquette, Michigan, Jim became a member of the department on his 28th birthday in 1984. From the Academy, he was assigned to Northern station, at that time located on Ellis Street, for his infield training to Ingleside where he remained for a year, before returning to Northern, serving there until his untimely death at age 38. Here is just a sample of the many awards Jim earned: 1984 C/C arrest of two suspects in a stolen auto; 1985 C/C arrest of two armed robbery suspects; 1988 C/C arrest

of armed suspect beating and threatening his wife; 1992 Bronze Medal for the arrest of an armed suspect while off-duty. Jim was only 38 at the time of his death.

ERNEST REINKE: Born in San Francisco in 1904, Ernie worked as a bookkeeper before he joined the Department in 1930 at age 26. He received his training out of The Night Chief's Office. Ernie transferred to Co. B, staying there for four years, then to Headquarters for two years. Assigned to Co. E he remained there two years, then Fixed Post Traffic for four years. Appointed a Sergeant in 1946 he was assigned to Ingleside, stayed there for 10 years, then to Richmond a year, back to Ingleside from where he retired on Service in 1966 age 62. Ernie received the following awards: 1939 1st Grade for arrest of an armed robbery suspect in a stolen car; 1958 C/C arrest of a suspect in act of a burglary. Ernie was 90 years of age at his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Bank of America unable to attend, reported by telephone. No recommendations at this time. Bond market looking more favorable than equities, Portfolio holding slightly ahead of S&P 500.

ALL DUES NOTICES HAVE BEEN MAILED TO RETIRED & CASH MEMBERS. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED SAME, CALL VOICE MAIL 979-4563 AND LEAVE NAME AND ADDRESS. REMEMBER, ANY DUES PAID AFTER MARCH 31 WILL BE PENALIZED \$5.00 PER MONTH.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treas. Parenti reported he had contacted Bonding Firm and was waiting further information through the mail.

NEW BUSINESS: The following were nominated for the year 1995: President, James Sturken; Vice President, Mark Sullivan; Secretary, Robert McKee; Trustees, George Jeffery, Robert Kurpinsky and Mark Hurley.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Huegle set next regular meeting for 2:00 PM Wednesday, December 14, 1994, Conference Room, Ingleside Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:35 PM in memory of the above departed Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary

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Mike Lawson	553-1563	Northern Station
Jim Petrie	553-1245	Traffic, Solos
Matt Gardner	553-1061	Park Station



San Francisco Veteran Police Officers' Assn.

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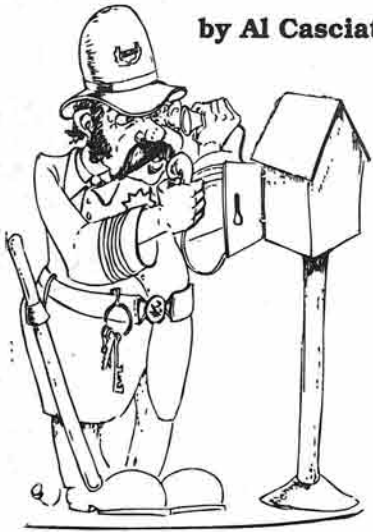
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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



... First Place:

On October 28, 1994, the San Francisco Police Department's Mounted Unit won the Grand National Color Guard Competition for 1994. Mounted Unit member **Bill Simms** has written a detailed chronology of who and what it took for our Unit to be #1. Take some time to read Bill's article in this edition and when you see the members of the Unit or their support staff, tell them how proud we are of their efforts ...

... Sad Reality:

Eve Meyer the Director of San Francisco's Suicide Prevention Bureau points out that the Premier Mental Health Providers in San Francisco are Police, Fire and Muni. Police and Fire deal with the crisis persons while Muni provides shelter and transportation, especially at night.

... Birth:

Barbara and Fred Lau, Investigations, are joyously celebrating the birth of their first child, **Nicholas Elliott**, 7 lbs. 13 oz., 22 inches long, who arrived Thanksgiving Day Morning (November 24, 1994) at 0322 hours. All are doing very well. Our congratulations and best wishes for the future ...

... Wedding Bells:

Carla-Ruth, Fraud, and **Jeremiah Morgan**, Records, were married in a beautiful ceremony on November 11, 1994 at Lake Tahoe, California. The happy couple honeymooned in the Lake area.

Alameda Island was the setting for the Wedding Ceremony of **Mary Heffernan**, Ops Center, and **Louis Glaser**, Co. B, on August 6, 1994. Congratulations to all and our best wishes ...

... Sports Fans — Attention:

Mike Dower, Co. H, has access to a variety of sports memorabilia which is perfect if shopping for that sports nut of yours. To reach Mike, give him a call at 708-0117 between 6 and 8 p.m. ...

... Sick Call:

Co. C's **Tom Kracke** is home from the hospital and resting comfortably. Tom would like to hear from old friends and can be reached at (707) 935-6273. Also, those living in his area are encouraged to drop by and volunteer a little time helping the Family ...

... A Mother's Thanks:

Linda Patterson of Half Moon Bay recently sent **Thomas Shawyer**, TTF a thank you letter for citing her son for a seat belt violation on Friday, November 18th. Seems that Tom not only cited her son but made him strap in. It seems that a short time later, young Mr. Patterson was involved in an accident and the CHP credit the seat belt with saving his life. Mrs. Patterson thanks Officer Shawyer for saving her son's life ...

... Gun News:

Part of the conversion to the automatic package is the option of officers to purchase their revolvers. So when you turn in your gun be sure to have the Range staff place a hold on it, if you want to purchase it.

... Gift of Love:

Bob and Ruby Gin, Co. E, have adopted their second child from Taiwan. Six month old **Regina Amanda** has been welcomed to her new family by big brother **Mark**, 3 years ...

... Visitor from San Juan County:

Former SFPD Officer **Mark Felber** now a Deputy Sheriff in San Juan County, Washington recently stopped by to say Hello to many old friends and let us know that a birth announcement will be forth coming soon. Mark asks that if you are going to visit San Juan County to be sure and give him a call at (206) 468-2333 ...

... Lassie Visits SF:

The latest Lassie was an overnight visitor at the Pan Pacific Hotel where Retiree **Dave Toschi** is Director of Security. Dave seized the opportunity to secure an 8 x 10 autographed glossy of the star for granddaughters Sarah, 4 years, and Emma, 7 years. The girls love their picture and are enjoying showing all their friends the "paw" autograph ...

... HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL AND
BEST WISHES FOR A GREAT NEW
YEAR ...

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

Special Message to All Active and Retired City Employees

From Al Trigueiro and Mike Hebel

In January, retirees will have their first opportunity to vote in a Retirement Board Election. Ballots will be mailed January 3.

We urge all our members and other City employees, retired and active, to vote for POA member Al Casciato.

Also supporting Al Casciato's election to the Retire Board: SF Firefighters Local 798, SEIU Local 790, Plumbers, Operating Engineers Local 3, SEIU Local 250, Transport Workers, Building Trades Council and Laborers, Local 250.

Photos Needed

COPS, the statewide law enforcement organization, is putting together a yearbook. They're asking for photographs of California police departments in action.

Historical, humorous and/or serious pics will be appropriate. If possible indicate names of any officers pictured and approximate dates.

Send photographic contributions to Al Trigueiro at the POA office (marked: Photos for COPS Yearbook). They will be forwarded for inclusion in the yearbook.

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Ask ANNIE

Dear Readers:

Every once in a while we receive letters asking the *Notebook* to touch on problems or concerns of the police department family.

We decided to have a regular column, we're calling it Ask Annie.

Write to us if you have some questions or concerns, especially if you feel they are questions or concerns that others may relate to or benefit from.

Ask Annie will try to find an answer or direction to take by asking appropriate professionals for guidance. We hope this column helps everyone.

Any inquiry that will obviously reveal who or where it came from will be edited so that the identity of the inquirer will not be revealed.

Dear Annie:

My husband and I are having marital difficulties, and he believes going for individual or couples counseling is weak and unmanly. At this point, because he's so stubborn, he is about to give up all that he holds dear to run away from his fears and his past.

I know several other officer's wives struggling with men's fear of seeking help. This problem seems to lurk in many people's minds that someone will say they're wrong or crazy.

A Concerned Spouse

Dear Concerned Spouse:

We know being in a relationship with a police officer is different and difficult. According to Rosalind Thompson, MA, a licensed marriage,

family and child counselor in San Mateo County, if your husband doesn't believe in going to counseling, there's no use in trying to force him. Usually all that will happen is that he'll sabotage the meetings. For counseling to work, one needs to want to go and seek help.

You don't mention what types of marital difficulties you and your husband are having. Although all of us who are in a relationship with a police officer share many of the same problems, there are times when unique problems arise. Remember a few aspects of relationships with police officers. Police officers are taught to quickly assess and take control of a situation. That's on the job... but using that training about "command" at home takes over someone else's life. Also, remember that cops are loyal to each other, therefore if a cop perceives that his (her) spouse is not loyal, well, that's heresy! A police officer's job is to be perceived as sure, strong and powerful, and obviously your police officer sees a person who seeks counseling as unsure, weak and powerless. Rather than a clash of wills, the goal in a relationship is to work as a team. Your husband deals in teamwork everyday with his (her) partner and/or other police officers. Therefore he knows more about teamwork than you do. Ask your police officer to teach you how to work as a team so that he isn't the coach of the team, but as a partner in that team...an equal.

More than anything, love your police officer...make sure he (she) can depend on your love and support.

It's The Time of Year to Roll Up Your Sleeves Please Donate Blood SFPOA BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, December 12	8:00 am - 4:090 pm
*Tuesday, December 13th	8:00 am - 8:00 pm
Wednesday, December 14th	noon - 8:00 pm
Thursday, December 15th	noon - 8:00 pm
Friday, December 16th	8:00 am - 4:00 pm

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Special thanks to the 114 donors who participated in the last blood drive!

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Their programs have some unique features: they are affordable; hot meals are provided; cloth diapers are provided for infants; programs are child-centered with an emphasis on the development of social skills; leadership is stable and the staff is committed. Officer Hal Butler, Co. F, has enrolled his children there and highly recommends the school.



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THE MEMBERS SPEAK

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Security?

by Barbara Brewster,
Communications

In the wake of the "crazed gunman" shooting in Washington, D.C., the focus of attention was drawn coast-to-coast to San Francisco and how our security either mirrored Washington, or was a paradigm of the opposite.

Sad to say, the first was the case and has been and still remains the same.

Four days following the senseless deaths that brought back memories of Ingleside Station, there was no security on duty Friday, November 25th. I watched as this honest man went through the security portal that buzzed, only to see him back up, remove objects from pockets, go through-buzz again, he backed up removed keys from his pocket, and went through without a sound. Never knowing that the people walking on the right were other citizens just like him.

April 1993, when California was mobilized into mandatory state-of-emergency, the back walkway was torn out by the jail construction, and all personnel had to enter the front doors of the Hall only to find the property clerk truck parked on the steps, front doors propped open, all barricades that mark the queue pulled away, and no one inside Southern station nor on the main floor to watch if any malcontents should enter. I guess an auction was more important than the

potential for a siege on the Hall.

When security is on duty, they are very watchful, but think of crazed-gunmen. Are they patient? Let alone standing in a queue? — I would venture to say that the subject would kick over the barricade prior to the gate and run rampant into Room 101, or the four banks of elevators to any floor, or the stairs to all courts at the far side of main floor.

Some will read this and say, "Wow, is she paranoid, or what?" For all the officers who have responded to these crazed gunmen, or scissors wielding, or screwdriver wielding, or knife wielding suspects — the reality of "how do you kill a dead person" has a ring of truth. These people are at the end of their rope, or have delusions of grandeur. Incapable of suicide by their own hand, they would rather commit suicide by your hand.

Disagree, that is your prerogative, but for those who work in the HOJ it is a day to day confrontation at the rear locked employee entrance, or the weekends of unattended security at front entrance. Meantime, other doors off the walkway that leads to the front entrance, have doors propped open ignoring the public passing in review.

There are many who work in the upper levels of the Hall, seven days a week, and who see the casual disregard of security on the weekends, as criminal.

Open Letter To Mayor Jordan

Frank Jordan,
Mayor of San Francisco

Sir

I don't know if you know who I am, but I am a member of the SFPD and have been for 13 1/2 years. I was assigned to Northern station for most of that time and was a member of your command when you were a Captain there. Your driver, John Nevin, knows me, as does most of the Department's command staff. I'm not one to get involved with many political issues, but this is one of the most important ones I've experienced during my career, compelling me to write this letter.

The murder of a police officer on November 13 illustrates the need for all SFPD patrol officers to be issued semi-automatic pistols and the appropriate leather gear. Additionally, these pistols should be the same model so that one officer's magazine will fit in any officers' weapon. This was a critical issue during the November 13 incident. Had this been the case, the police would have been at a better advantage and the outcome could have been different. The gunman could have been stopped earlier.

I heard you tell the press that if more police had semi-autos, then the public would have been more at risk because there would have been more bullets fly-

ing through the air. Sir, your reasoning couldn't be more misguided. Semi-autos are more accurate than revolvers and most officers shoot better with them. Therefore, theoretically, it would take fewer rounds to hit your target with a semi-auto than with the currently issued revolvers. Besides, would you rather have an innocent citizen killed by a crazed gunman, or by a police officer trying to stop him?

I believe that your biggest concern is the cost involved with issuing the semi-autos. I am well aware of the constraints of the City's budget. However, this is the most important piece of safety equipment issued, and revolvers today just aren't adequate. It's like giving a firefighter a garden hose to fight a fire, it might work but probably won't. The police should have at least the same equipment as the criminals. There's a lot more incentive to "third strike" felons to stay out of prison.

I'm sure most voters will support issuing semi-autos to the department. Please allow us to adequately protect the citizens and visitors of San Francisco, as well as ourselves, by giving us the proper tools to do our jobs.

Respectfully,
Michael J. Favetti
Sergeant of Police
Potrero Station

A Hero Needs No Qualifier

by John Sterling, Co. H

When officers are slain doing their duty, as Jim Guelff did, they are invariably described as fallen heroes. Jim is a hero, fallen he is not. Jim rose! He rose to the occasion. He stood up against the ultimate challenge. He was the first to arrive, the first to smother the fire. Yes, the first to be there with no hesitation. That's what police work is all about; being there when it counts.

Of course, there is a price to pay for acts of courage, and dearly did Jim pay it. When we describe someone as fallen, we give the impression that that someone has faded. Jim will not fade. He will linger on and become part of our tradition. He will be held up as an example. When my own courage falters, the thought of Jim will surely help me regain it. When people disparage our work, the thought of Jim will make us proud. When things get low, the thought of Jim will make us not dare complain. When we think of those things that are denied us, the thought of what Jim gave will silence us.

Jim leaves us many things. The hardest to accept is the sadness. Sadness because, when we need him again, he will be somewhere else. The easy one to accept is pride. Pride in what we do. It takes only one Jim to earn us back the respect that many others among us squander away. Jim left us his disarming smile and the memory of his life, forever stilled in youth. And there are his two children. Like their father, their presence will surely grace this earth.

Guns and Thanks

by Officer Marty Lalor
San Francisco Police Department

Mayor Jordan may not have needed a revolver or any gun during his time "on the street" but I experienced the eerie feeling of hitting an empty round from my revolver in a shooting after only 6 months on the job. I hope Officer Jim Guelff did not suffer as he was forced to reload before his death.

People expect us to be the best officers even if we have archaic equipment, obsolete weapons and place around 92nd in the state in benefits for our families. It usually takes a tragic death for something to change. I'm sure Jim would want his death to benefit his fellow officers and increase their chances to survive. Even in death Jim gave life to others.

Jim died doing all the right things, he returned fire, called for backup, attempted to take cover and was forced to reload. I trained with Jim on the "Special Team" and we knew what actions to take to stay alive and kill the suspect if needed. If Jim had 9 additional rounds he could have made it to proper cover and could have stalled or prevented his death.

We constantly harassed Jim to switch over to a semi-auto pistol but he always said "when the department buys them." Mr. Mayor and the citizens of San Francisco, give us the equipment we need to protect ourselves and the citizens of this city. The city will host many upcoming important events in the future. Imagine the problems a group of well equipped and well trained individuals could cause us.

So far the city has only experienced single mad men with automatic weapons

(101 California/Pine & Calif). The cost to supply our patrol force and the Special Operations Group will be cheaper than the lawsuits the city will pay out when innocent citizens die.

I would like to thank all the people who showed respect to Jim on his burial day, especially the people of Marin County who treated Jim as one of their own officers.

I ask you all to please donate to the trust fund that has been arranged for Officer Guelff's children. For they are and will always be victims of "THE ULTIMATE LOSS".

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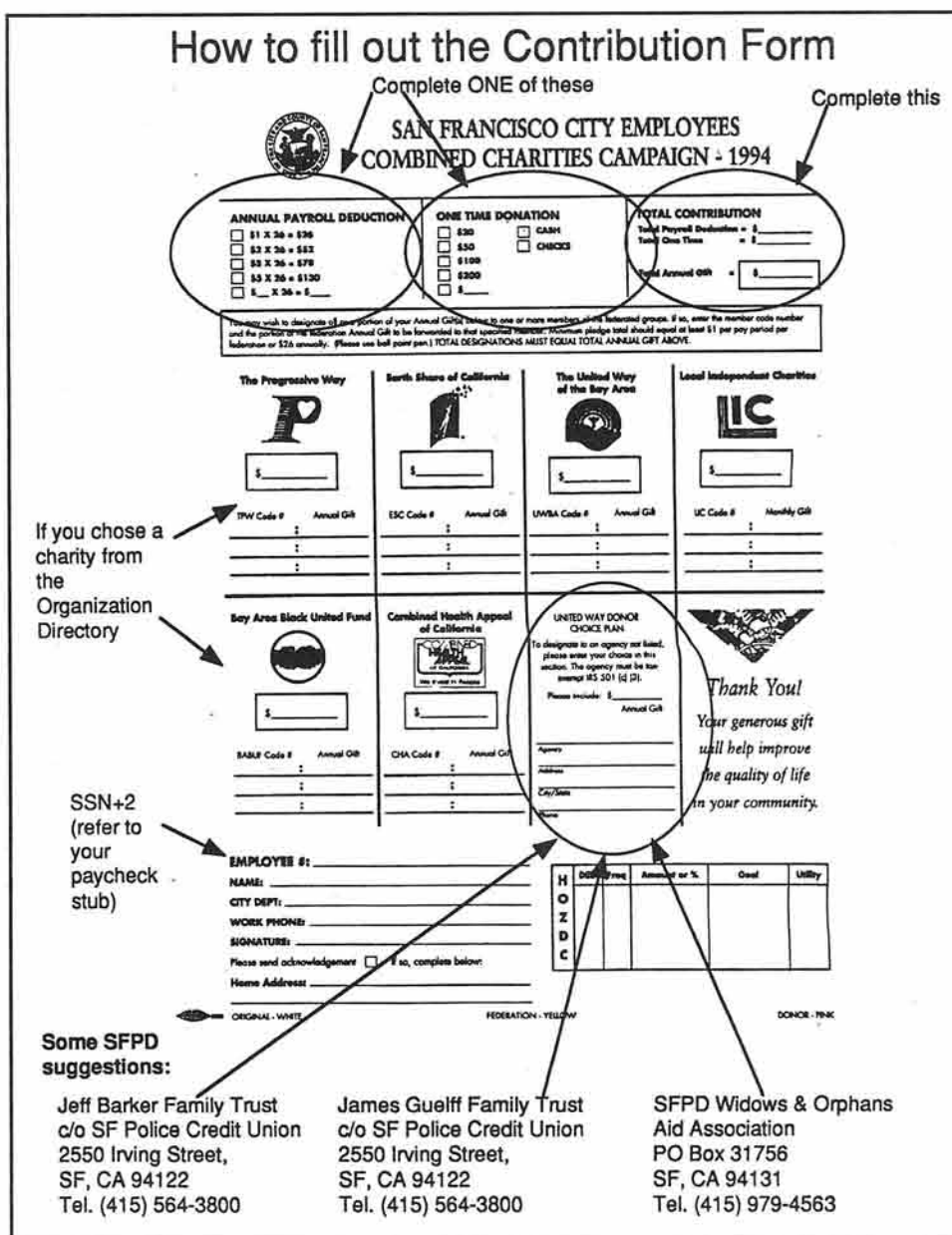
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Loss of a Friend

Editor's Note: Following is the eulogy given by Don Carlson, FOB, at the Funeral Mass for Jeff Barker, held at St. Bartholomew Church.

I'm sure I first encountered Jeff Barker 20 years ago when I was assigned to Northern station. It probably was one afternoon when Communications sent my partner and me to a minor call in the adjoining Park District. Before we could get there a Park car acknowledged the call, but we kept responding and, when we did arrive, I first noticed the passenger, probably Mark Porto, who was also Jeff's double-play partner, slouched down in the seat, catching some rays while I spoke to the driver. What I saw was a young, thin officer with wire-rimmed glasses and a moustache, a combination widely in fashion among police officers at the time. It must have been, because that's how I looked. In fact, physically and facially, he looked remarkably like me, though he maintained that I looked like him. Of course, you have to visualize me with substantially fewer gray hairs, and certainly, fewer pounds. Though I don't recall our exact conversation, I'm sure we exchanged thanks for each responding to the call.

My next encounter, I'm sure, was not as pleasant. It must have been on the softball field, during a game between our two stations in the Department's Intramural league. Over the years, I'm not sure how many times I would hit what only I would call a screaming shot up the middle, already counting how many points I had just added to my meager batting average, when I became aware of the ball thudding into the first baseman's mitt well ahead of my attempt to reach the base. Barker had struck again! The only consolation I have is that he wasn't selective — he treated everyone that way! Until a flood of other players came into the department — like Warren Hawes, Rich Dalton and Matt Hanley — Jeff was the most complete player any of us would see for quite a while. He was the same way on the basketball court — Jeff made good players like Bob Puts, Gerry Calgaro and the Rodriguez brothers even better when



they played in the Police Olympics.

And what was most frustratingly impressive was how easy Jeff made it look. Did anyone ever see Jeff Barker sweat! Jeff and I had more than a few arguments on the softball field following close plays. Who am I kidding! Jeff and I had arguments with a lot of people following close plays on the softball field! One consolation I have is that I won my share from the attorney-in-the-rough. During a stretch of about 10 years, there's no one else I would have wanted to have up at the plate or standing at the free throw line with the game hanging in the balance than Jeff, whether it was at the Police Olympics or at one of those weekend softball tournaments where Jeff, Dave Herman and Mike Keys always seemed to be selected to the all-tournament team.

After we both hit 40 I became a lot smarter and made sure I was on the Masters team with Jeff and players like Gary Lemos, Phil Dito, Jerry Donovan and Bruce Lorin. Trips to Lake Tahoe for All-Star tournaments during those years are some of the best memories there are, particularly when Don Schneider and Frank Falzon were around. And I don't even want to begin an account of the war we called volleyball games in the Hall's 5th floor gym that included Bert Olson, Cesar Gutierrez and Dennis Bianchi.

On November 11, Tim Smith, Roy Sullivan, Jeff and I played golf together in Vallejo where Jeff walked the entire 18 holes and beat me as

was usually the case. That reminded me of a summer in Arnold a few years ago when our two families happened to be there for the same week. Jan and I played tennis and I recall her beating me a couple of times! It must run in the family. I picked Jeff up that morning, and during the drive back and forth, we talked about the thing that really bonded us together and what has been so much of our lives: our love of coaching our sons. We talked about coaching strategies and practice drills, topics that would have bored the hell out of anyone else, but something we had done frequently over the years. Jeff talked about getting his sons, Reeve and Stephen, started in golf if they were interested, and we talked about Stephen's SMYBA team and Reeve's Pony Team from last summer when he played against my younger son.

I mentioned before that Jeff and I early on realized that we looked somewhat alike. We were both Scorpios, with our birthdays only three days apart, though I'm a year older. That similarity must have been other people's perception, too, because I stopped counting the number of times people would say "Hi, Jeff" as they passed me in the hall. This happened as recently as today. And Jeff always thanked me for "promoting" him based on the frequency with which officers addressed him as "Lieutenant" during their conversations.

Many of us pass through this life not knowing what kind of impression we've made on others. Reeve, Stephen and Jan, I'd like you to look around at all the people who know that your Dad and Jeff was one of the good guys to pass through here. And take advantage of the support that good friends like Laurie and Dan Lawson can offer.

A famous philosopher once said, "It ain't over 'till the fat lady sings." We all know that she got her cue much too soon in this case. We're shocked that she's even on stage, and her first shrill notes are so painful that we cover our ears. But we also know that we all have enough great memories of our dad, our husband and our friend to help muffle the sound of her voice for quite a long time.

Thanks, JB



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1994 Grand National Color Guard Competition

by Bill Simms,
San Francisco Police Mounted Unit

8:00 PM, 10/28/94, South Entrance Tunnel, Cow Palace, 50th Anniversary, Grand National Rodeo. The lights go down and it's showtime. You sit tall in the saddle, knowing your team is the Grand National Champion Color Guard. As you enter the arena the crowd cheers and the announcer says, "Ladies and gentlemen, the San Francisco Police Mounted Unit, Your Grand National Champion Color Guard, 1994. The cheers become roars and the clapping rings through your ears. As you circle the arena and take your place in the center, you know your best.

End of story.
Not exactly.
10:00 AM, 09/01/94, Fred Egan Stables, Golden Gate Park. You get yourself a yellow legal pad and a clipboard. You've decided to be in charge of this year's Grand National Color Guard competition at the Cow Palace. Hey, just another color guard, can't be that hard. Just sit down, make your notes, be organized and you'll have this done in no time.

As you start to think about it, the reality sets in about exactly how much time this is going to take. You have to pick horses...four that match, and five members of your unit to participate. After picking the horses, you get four riders and an alternate. The alternate is important. If one of your riders come up sick or injured at the last minute, someone has to be ready to step in and take over.

As you start to look over your equipment it becomes clear that you need more people. Someone to handle the tack. Someone to do the horses. Someone to check all the other equipment. It doesn't take you long to run out of people. You start to wonder, who's going to do all this work? Besides getting ready for the premier event of the year, you still have to go out on patrol. After all is said and done, we are police officers and have an everyday job to do. There don't seem to be enough hours in the day for both.

As the weeks go by things start to fall into place. You look forward to the competition. Can we win is always on your mind.

You start to wonder, why did I ever

take on this project. The amount of work is enormous. But you took it on because you have pride in your unit and you know you're the best. Whether you finish first or not, you put your best forward and stand with the rest. One of which is the San Jose Police Mounted Unit. At this point, still considered the best. Three years running.

9:00 AM, 10/28/94, the day has come. You pack everything up, load the horses, and head for the Cow Palace. When you arrive, everything is unpacked and put in its place. You walk around and see what your competition is doing, they do the same. Then you start preparing. Horses, equipment, uniforms, anything you can think of, you do. You can't afford to miss anything. The smallest missed detail will count against you. It's time, put on your uniform, mount up, and line up for judging.

3:00 PM. Competition is never easy. The judging is so exact that dust on the inside of your stirrup can lose it for you. The judge comes to your unit. You call them to attention.

The judge moves in and out between the horses, asking questions of each officer, and always making notes. You sit there staring straight ahead thinking what did we forget? What seems like forever, ends. First part is over.

After all the units in the Professional Division are judged, your unit is told to march forward. You are required to execute a series of turns as a unit. Every movement is noted by the judge. You keep it tight, doing what you do best. Before you know it, it's over. Now you wait.

5:30 PM. You go to the judges' trailer and wait for the results to be

posted. The posting starts, Junior Division, Men's Division, Women's Division and Mixed Division results are posted. Then it's put up. Professional Division results. You close your eyes, take a deep breath, then look. There it is, 1st Place, San Francisco Police Mounted Unit. Everything you've done has paid off. 2nd Place, San Jose Police Mounted Unit. 3rd Place, United States Park Police. 4th Place, Sacramento Sheriff's Mounted Unit. You knew you were the best and you've proven it.

I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this effort, including sworn members and civilian volunteers. These people gave up their own time to come out and help with last minute preparations.

Special thanks go to my team members: Officer Stanley Buscovich, Officer Dennis McClellan, Officer Bruno Pezzulich, and our alternate, Officer Dennis Carlomagno. Without their help this never would have happened. Also thanks to Sgt. Roger Linscott and Officer Scott Sorenson of the Reno Police Mounted Unit who visited this year's event in anticipation of competing next year. Their help was outstanding. Thank you, Matt Bloesch, you helped a lot. See you next go round. Special thanks to our stable attendants: Matt Murphy, Leon Wood and Keith Cochran. Thanks to the San Francisco Police Officers' Association for the entry fee.

Next year, with the participation of an out-of-state team, not only will the winner be the Grand National Champion Color Guard Team in California, but also in the Western United States. I look forward to it.

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The Harbor Police

by Kevin J. Mullen

The San Francisco Police Commission last night unanimously approved a proposal for a marine patrol unit along the city's waterfront.

— S.F. Chronicle, August 11, 1994

A little piece of San Francisco's maritime history was revived not long ago when the Police Commission approved police patrols of the harbor.

From its founding, San Francisco has been inextricably bound up with its maritime orientation. At the start in 1835, the little settlement on Yerba Buena cove, from which the city of San Francisco grew, was established to service the needs of visiting merchant vessels.

During the gold rush years, as wharfs extended out over the mudflats fronting Montgomery street, the waterfront provided an irresistible lure to ex-convict Australian boatmen, known as the "Sydney Ducks." The thieves would approach warehouses by boat from under the wharves and attack them from below, out of sight of the authorities.

In June 1851, the Vigilance Committee established a water police to search out criminals about and under the wharfs, and to check incoming and outgoing vessels for arriving criminals and escaping fugitives. After the Committee adjourned in September, the idea of a harbor police fell by the wayside.

That's where the issue lay until 1859 when Police Chief Martin Burke asked the Board of Supervisors for four men and a boat to do something about the "crime committed, by means of boats, under and around the streets extending over the water." The ever frugal Board of Supervisors ignored his request.

Burke continued to ask for a harbor police, and each year the Board of Supervisors regularly ignored him. In 1863, one supervisor joined the discussion, arguing that an "efficient harbor police would effectually break up 'shanghaeing' (sic) and abate the thefts now practiced on the wharves and on the vessels in the harbor."

The following year, the Board authorized the hiring of nine additional officers and the acquisition of a whitehall boat to form the first regular harbor police in San Francisco. A Harbor Station was established at Davis and Pacific streets in the heart of the waterfront district, and a few years later a substation was opened South of Market at Steuart and

Folsom streets.

There was plenty to occupy the waterfront officers. Before the construction of the seawall to hold back Bay waters, the underside of the wharves offered a haven for pirates who issued out to prey on bay shipping. In the 1870s an intrepid news reporter, accompanied by a police officer, entered a cave at Union and Front streets, and made his way at low tide under the piers to Commercial street. "These piers provided a covering for the poor, the criminal and the hunted," wrote Police Chief Henry Ellis. "Wharf rats" became the general name for the frequenters of this rendezvous, including children of tender age [sent out as scavengers], hoodlums, and escapees from justice."

In January 1870, while searching for the murderer of six-year-old Maggie Ryan whose outraged body had been found under the Pacific Wharf, a block from Harbor Station, officers observed the man to slip under a house on Davis Street. All available officers were dispatched to the waterfront to blanket the area and arrest anyone who came up from under the piers. For the next three hours the man, Charles Quinn, led officers on a chase beneath the wharfs, back and forth through the muddy scum, until finally cornered in a rising tide under the India Dock (between Filbert and Greenwich just east of Battery). Quinn was convicted of second degree murder and sent to San Quentin where he died in 1888.

The usual work of the Harbor Police was more mundane. Some officers were assigned to the Boarding Station at the foot of Powell Street from where they would embark on their open launch to check ships for arriving criminals and departing absconders, and to keep the peace among boarding house runners and boatmen.

Others worked on shore, policing the Oakland, Sausalito, and Tiburon ferry docks, keeping order among pugnacious seamen and longshoremen, and controlling the "hack hawks" who preyed on arriving ship's passengers. In 1896 the Steuart Street Station burned and both sections of the Harbor Police were combined in a new station at Sacramento and Drumm, a block from the Ferry Building.

In 1893, Chief Patrick Crowley began asking for a steam launch to patrol the harbor. In his request, the establishment position toward labor relations at the port was made clear. The new boat, he said, would enable

the police to protect non-union sailors on the Bay. And for a long time the police were suspiciously incapable of putting an end to the boarding house keepers and runners who made a practice of shanghaiing unwary sailors and landsmen.

Finally, in 1908, San Francisco acquired its first motorized police boat, a 50 footer christened the *Patrol* and berthed at the Mission Wharf. Soon afterward the *Patrol* figured in a departmental mystery which still tantalizes. Just before midnight on November 30 of the same year, in the midst of one of the city's periodic civic cleansings, an embattled Police Chief William Biggy disappeared over the side of the launch while returning from a visit to the home of a police commissioner in Marin County. Two weeks later his body was found floating in the Bay, and since then there has been unending speculation about the circumstances of his death.

In 1931 the department replaced the *Patrol* with a 66 foot, 42 ton, twin 175 horsepower engine motor launch, named the *D.A. White*, after a former chief of police. The new police boat moved to a tonier address at the Marina Yacht Harbor.

The next few years were to witness the nadir of the relationship between the police and the workingmen along the front, culminating in the 1934

waterfront strike which resulted in the death by police bullets of two of the strikers. Thereafter, conditions on the waterfront stabilized, even as port business started into a decline from which it has yet to recover. Gone were the "crimps" and the "hack hawks" who had done so much to enliven the old port, and in 1944, the Harbor Police Station was closed for want of business. The *D.A. White* continued in service for a few more years but its useful days were apparently over.

"The 'White' and her crew appear to be in the category of most emergency equipment," commented a 1948 news account, "not very busy a lot of the time but vitally needed when they are needed." Not vital enough, however, to keep her afloat. She was unfunded in the 1949-50 FY budget.

Now the Police Commission has reinstituted harbor patrols. It's not likely that the new harbor cops will find many "Sydney Ducks" prowling under the wharfs, and there is not much chance of being shanghaied these days, but perhaps the reestablishment of police marine patrols does signal, albeit in a small way, the renewal of interest by San Franciscans in their long tradition of involvement in maritime affairs.

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"Just The Facts, Ma'am"

by Matt Krinsky,
Night Investigations Unit

Several months ago I submitted an article about courtroom appearance and testimony. That article was apparently successful in its goal, as evidenced by comments from members as well as Deputy District Attorneys.

In that vein, I'd like to continue some more advice to the lovelorn, as it were, this time within the purview of accurate and effective report writing.

First of all, let me say that my hat's off to Sgt. Dennis Meixner and a few chosen others who have agreed to take on the task of teaching report writing to both Recruit and Advanced Officer Classes. It's not exactly one of the more exciting blocks to teach, but it's certainly important. And it beats the methodology I came in under ("See Doe. See Doe hit Jones. See Jones die.") Report writing is even more important than I first thought as a Patrol Supervisor. Being a member of the Bureau (albeit temporarily) has really opened my eyes to what happens when an inaccurate or incomplete report goes through.

Let's look at some of the basics of report writing and why it's so important.

1) You are perceived by others by the manner in which you speak and write. I've seen some articles in the NOTEBOOK which were so chock-full of hundred dollar words that I stopped reading them after the first

paragraph and thought to myself "This guy's a jackass. Who is he trying to impress? The guy who wrote the Thesaurus?" When you write a report, keep this in mind. Other cops, DAs, and investigators are reading them. It's up to the people who get the report after you write it, to see that justice is done and insure procedural integrity. Don't blow it by writing a sloppy piece of work.

2) How many times have you seen cops take 20 minutes trying to get out of taking a report, when writing the damn things would take half as long? Just write the report right there, instead of trying to get out of it. And don't be bitter about it, either. The City pays you pretty well to do that.

3) Rent the movie "Teacher's Pet," with Doris Day and Clark Gable. It's corny, but Gable, as a big-city Newspaper editor with a lack of formal (college) education is hilarious at adroitly showing Day (the College English Professor) a few tricks when it comes to effective writing in half the time. I use this as an example of one of things I got into the most amount of trouble as a Field Sergeant for: climbing all over subordinates for taking too much time on simple reports. There are no sergeants I can think of or know who aren't bothered by a 2-Officer unit being out of service for 90 minutes on a simple warrant clear-up, booking, and report. And then having the reporting officer turn in a full page of narrative for something that can, and should read ONLY: "During a

computer check of Doe following a traffic stop for speeding (see cite #012345678) the indicated warrant was discovered, confirmed by SOandSO of CWB, and served. Doe booked at CJL."

There is NO reason why a simple warrant report requires anything more than that. P/C, actions taken, and disposition are included in this one-line report. The only time-consuming matter is confirming the warrant itself, and, I have yet to see that take more than an hour. If it does, do all the paperwork and leave it with the Keeper. They can book for you and accept the information, as long as you've got everything else done. If the warrants come back as being erroneous, the Keeper can kick the suspect. What's the big deal?

4) There are SIX standard, simple, and IMPERATIVE questions that MUST be asked, on EVERY report. You all know them. We've all been taught them. But they seem to be ignored with some degree of (disconcerting) frequency. They are:

WHO
WHAT
WHEN
WHY
WHERE
HOW

If you're not asking them, and then getting specifics for each one, you are performing a disservice to you, other members, and the public. I have seen reports, initials, that is, regarding robberies, where the only listed stolen property was "an unknown amount of money." Ladies and Gentlemen, may we have a break, please? Suppose the bad guy gets caught a few hours later with the money. Give us something to tie him to the crime.

EXAMPLE: Instead of saying "unknown amount of money," use "Untoaled US Currency in small bills, between \$30-200, and rolled US coins, in dime and quarter rolls wrapped in clear plastic, also untoaled amount."

This description makes you look thorough, professional, and gives the next member, investigator, or DA something with teeth in it when contact is made with a suspect.

5) When it comes to descriptions of bad guys (I like that term because it's simple and descriptive...avoid 'Perpetrator' & 'Suspect'. People get enough of that on Television) get a decent description. Don't just stop short because you think the report is crap and it isn't going anywhere. Which description is more effective:

A) WM 20-30 Dark Clothes NFD, or

B) WM Mid20s Black Top with unknown white design on front, Dark pants, white and black running shoes

Certainly, there are times when victims and witnesses differ in their description(s), and times when they "just couldn't get a good look" at the bad guy. But ask them anyway, and press them. There are 3 questions you want to ask aside from the 6 standards in #4. You'll be surprised by the answers you'll get.

1) "Did you see any marks, scars, or tatoos?"

2) "What kind of shoes was the bad guy wearing?"

3) "Did you notice anything UNUSUAL about the bad guy?"

People may, in fact, notice a lot more than they think. Directing effective Q and A is a key point in gathering information.

People pick up on UNUSUAL things, like birth marks, earrings, moles, etc. Marks, scars, and tattoos are big items too. And shoes? Bad guys almost NEVER change shoes. And most victims turn sheepish when confronted and have a tendency to 'look down' and avoid eye contact. This means they may very well be looking down at the bad guy's feet.

6) ELEMENTS of the crime are more important than you can imagine so read the Penal (or Vehicle, B&P, H&S, etc) Code any time you're not sure. Books (and now computers) are there for a reason...to store knowledge that is unalterable and unchangeable (from one minute to the next that is, until new legislation comes in) that you can't possibly retain. Omitting a single element can have catastrophic consequences later, so make sure they are included each and every time without exception.

7) If you have a problem with sentence structure, verb conjugation, spelling, punctuation, etc., take a remedial English class or review a book on effective writing. You're in a business where the written word is king. Sergeants and lieutenants are not English teachers. It makes them upset to return a report back to its preparer for something simple, like a word or sentence which can be taken out of context or is inappropriate.

For those of us who studied Administration of Justice or Criminology, if your courses of study didn't include both typing and shorthand (or shorthand) we were cheated, in

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Third Anniversary Of National Police Memorial

The third anniversary of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial was commemorated in October with a solemn tribute to more than 13,500 American law enforcement officers who have been killed in the line of duty and whose names grace the Memorial walls.

"For the past three years this monument has stood as a public expression of support and appreciation for all who have served the law enforcement profession, for all who have died in that service and for all who have been left behind," Memorial chairman Craig W. Floyd told some 300 people who gathered.

The Memorial was dedicated on October 15, 1991, after the United States Congress authorized it to be built seven years earlier. Located in downtown Washington, D.C. (400 block of E Street, NW), the Memorial was paid for exclusively from private contributions donated by more than one million Americans, corporations and police officers across the country. Designed by D.C. architect Davis Buckley, the Memorial was built at a total cost of \$11 million and is now maintained by the National Park Service, in conjunction with the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF), a private, nonprofit organization.

Since the Memorial was dedicated three years ago, 995 new names of fallen officers have been added to its marble walls. The 13,516 names listed on the Memorial date back to the first law enforcement death on January 11, 1794. On that day 200 years ago, U.S. Marshal Robert Forsyth was gunned down in Augusta, Georgia while serving court papers in a civil suit.

At the wreathlaying ceremony, Sue Lange, president of the Concerns of

Police Survivors (COPS), spoke of how much she had anticipated the memorial's completion three years ago and the bittersweet feelings she experienced when it was dedicated. "The day I'd dreamed of came and it was filled with mixed emotions," Ms. Lange recalled. "Pain, as I listened to name after name after name being read. Hope that Americans would now see the names of the men and women who gave their lives and realize that they were more than a number or a statistic—these were real people. Pride that [my husband's] name was among those who also gave their lives doing the job they loved."

"In the years since the Dedication, I've visited the Memorial many times — my favorite time is at night," Ms. Lange said. "There is a serene, quietness as I walk the pathways and a truly private time to stand before [my husband's name] and know America won't forget what I can never forget." Ms. Lange's husband, Greg, a chief of police in Claremont, Minnesota, was shot and killed on July 5, 1988, while responding to a domestic dispute.

The ceremony culminated with two members of the U.S. Park Police honor guard and a contingent of survivors of D.C. area officers who have been killed during the past year placing a wreath at the Memorial in honor of all of America's fallen officers. After the ceremony concluded, police honor guards from 19 different federal, state and local agencies stood vigil for six hours at the Memorial on a rotating basis. Most of the honor guard units were from the D.C. area. However, two units from Clarkstown, New York, and Paramus, New Jersey drove more than 200 miles so they could serve their 20-minute rotation.

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...died on December 14, 1916

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...died on December 5, 1920

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...died on December 21, 1927

Officer Elmer Thoney

...died on December 31, 1931

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*What we have done for ourselves alone
for others and the world remains and i*

To San Anselmo: Heartfelt Thanks

I am writing this letter with the hope of reaching the kind merchants of San Anselmo.

On November 13, my co-worker and boyfriend of two years, Officer James Guelff, was shot and killed in the line of duty in San Francisco.

I have received an outpouring of human compassion over the past two weeks, and I believe that one act of kindness should not go unnoticed or without a warm "thank you."

On November 25 I was invited to a Christmas party at the home of a wonderful woman named Maria Cunningham and her family. Maria, who lives in San Anselmo, told me that she had something special for me. Maria presented me with three bags containing more than 40 gifts for my daughter and me.

Maria told me that all the gifts were given by the merchants of San Anselmo as a way of expressing their sympathy.

Every gift brought tears to my eyes, and I was truly speechless.

Jim and I spent a lot of time at his home in San Anselmo because we loved the beautiful trees and the serenity that the area offered.

I have often wondered over the past two weeks if I would ever be blessed by the presence of another person as kind and loving as Jim. I can tell you that receiving those gifts from a group of people I had never met brightened my hopes and restored my faith in the beauty of mankind.

A special "thank you" goes out to Maria and her family for taking the time to organize this genuine act of love. Thank you all.

Officer Eileen Murphy

Death In Blue

*The death of a policeman
There he lies in blue attire
flanked by flowers some delivered
others sent by wire. While off
to the side a family mourns and
ponders as best they can just
what happened to their very
special man.*

*A hush falls over the room as a
grey-haired priest reverently
knells
with rosary in hand trying in his
own simple way to make known
that someone up above truly cares
and understands.*

*Loved ones bow their heads as
tears stream down ruddy cheeks
of men in blue who might them-
selves
be lying in that coffin too.*

*Things were not unlike a blazing
inferno
the night that officer made his way
on the beat doing that job so
seldom understood by those who
could and should. Now he lies
still and cold yet not
without honor and respect from
those buddies who must
themselves make their rounds
before dawn breaks and another
day unfolds.*

Thomas Warren Powers

*I saw the enclosed poem a few
years ago. It was untitled and I do
not know who the author is. I
would like to dedicate this in
memory of Officer James Guelff. I,
like a lot of people in the depart-
ment, knew him and will sorely
miss him,*

Tamara Brook, Communication

*Someone killed a officer today, and a
part of America died.*

*A piece of our country he swore to
protect will be buried with him at
his side.*

*The suspect who shot him will stand
up in court, with counsel demand-
ing his rights.*

*While a young widowed mother must
work for her kids, and spend many
long, lonely night.*

*The beat that he walked was a battle-
field too, just as if he'd gone off to
war.*

*Though the flag of our nation won't fly
at half mast, to his name they will
add a gold star.*

*Somebody killed a policeman today -
maybe in your town or mine.*

*While we slept in comfort behind our
locked doors, a cop put his life on
the line.*

*Now his ghost walks the beat on a
dark city street, and he stands by
each new rookie's side.*

*He answered the call - of himself gave
his all - and a part of America died.*

**(The following is a transcript of
Chaplain Mike Ryan's message
presented at Officer Jim Guelff's
memorial service. The message
was based upon the Gospel read-
ing from The Gospel of John, chap-
ter 10, verses 17 through 27.)**

When Jesus arrived in Bethany, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days. Now Bethany was near Jerusalem, only about two miles away. And many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them about their brother. When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary sat at home. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now, I know that whatever you ask of God, God will give you." Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise." Martha said to him, "I know he will rise on the resurrection on the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies will live; and everyone who lives and believes in Me will never die. Do you believe this?" She said, "Yes, Lord, I have come to believe that you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the One who is coming into the world."

This is a family service; a service to bring comfort to Jim Guelff's two families: the family of Laura and Landon, his father, his brother, his sisters, his friends and his law enforcement family. Your presence here today does great honor to both of those families.

It is on their behalf that I wish to thank Archbishop John Quinn, Mayor Frank Jordan, Senator Dianne Feinstein, members of the Board of Supervisors, the Commissioners present here today for your presence here today. You indeed honor a fallen friend.

At one of our critical incidence briefings this past week, one of San Francisco's finest declared, "A good man gave his life for you this week." No truer statement could be uttered.

James Guelff was a good man. He was born in Marquette, Michigan, on February 27, 1956; he was the fifth of six children. They grew up on a farm and moved to the central coast of California where he attended grammar school in Santa Maria and high school in San Luis Obispo. It was there he learned wood craft and made some significant friendships. Those who worked with him at Company E, Northern Station, knew that it was also there that he learned to drive. According to his brother, Lee, he used to put his mother into frights as he ran around the hills of San Luis Obispo trying to keep his car running. Often times, as he worked here in this neighborhood, he appeared to be driving like he was still in the hills of San Luis Obispo!

He attended the College of Marin and in 1983 he entered the San Francisco police academy. He graduated with the 157th graduation class on his birthday, Feb. 27, 1984. He served his entire career in the San

Francisco Police Department at Company E - Northern Station. This was his beat. Those who worked with him knew that he was an officer of honor, a hard working cop, proud of his role as a policeman. One of his lieutenants told me that Jim was the kind of cop who, following the pre-watch briefings, rather than hanging around for a cup of coffee and talking with friends, would head immediately to his assignment. He had the reputation of wanting to be the first person at the scene... and that reputation brought him to that tragic scene this past Sunday night.

All of us are sobered here today because this role of law enforcement puts us at risk. We've all thought about and anticipated a moment like this for us and our family. As a police chaplain, I've prayed that I'd never have to serve at a moment like this. But it's something that comes with the job. It's something Jim anticipated and even talked about. As I've already stated, you honor Jim and his family by your presence today.

I was asked by several individuals this past week, "What do you say at a time like this? What do you do? How do you respond?" My learned response is that you can't say much. To offer pious platitudes and cliches won't cut it. What I do know is that we are not alone in our pain. We have each other; and we have a Lord who loves and cares for us here this morning.

I'm a minister of the gospel and I offer a personal perspective. Take what I share as my own convictions, learned in my own heart. At a moment like this I can have hope and I can know peace.

The gospel that was read to you this morning was chosen specifically because we believe it speaks to this moment. It is the description of the death of a friend; the death of a friend of Jesus. As the passage was read, I don't know if you noticed, but Martha, Lazarus's sister, came to meet Jesus as He entered the town and in her sense of hopelessness and grief said, "Lord, if you had only been here, my brother would not have died." I wonder if you asked that same question this past week? "Lord, if you'd only been here?" "Why, God, why?" Some even may have asked, "Why not me?" I believe that part of the reason this passage of Scripture was preserved for us is to help us to understand that the Lord was there. Jesus declared, "In the world you will have trauma and tragedy; but remember, I have overcome the world." He invited his followers to join him as fellow overcomers.

Martha had the right to ask Jesus the "why" question because when Lazarus became ill, she sent a message to Jesus saying, "Lord, the one whom you love is ill." She had ever reason to expect that Jesus, who loved Lazarus would drop whatever he WAS doing and come to his side to be with him. However, it is worth noting that as John records this incident in the life of Jesus, it says very clearly that after he had received that message, "Jesus stayed in the place that he was ministering two more

*e dies with us; what we have done
is immortal.*

— Albert Pike

Memorial Service

days." I don't understand that for when a friend calls me, I come. But I speak from a human perspective; not a divine one. Jesus knew what he was doing. He knew he would not always be physically present with his followers. He knew that he had to give them an object lesson that would enable them to trust him in all areas of their life, even in death.

It says that Jesus arrived in Bethany after Lazarus had been in the tomb four days. That's significant because some sources indicate a belief in Jesus' day that the spirit of the dead would remain alongside the body in the hope of being resuscitated. The spirit was alleged to remain up to three days in that hope. Then, after the third day, the spirit would depart. Now Mary and Martha had the hope the Jesus would come and heal their brother. They had the expectation that he would come and do for their brother what he had been doing for individuals all over the country side. Even at the death of their brother, perhaps they hoped Jesus would come and revive their brother. They may have hoped that on the first day after his death and even into the second and third day following his death. But at the end of the third day, all hope was lost. They sat there that evening, in the darkness of the third day, wondering, "Jesus, why didn't you come."

Fortunately, the gospel message doesn't end there because it declares on the fourth day he did come and Jesus heard Martha's grief and responded with that great statement: "Your brother shall rise again." Recall she declared, "I know that he will rise again on the last day." And then Jesus made this statement that I've embraced as a part of my faith; he said, "I am the Resurrection and the Life; whoever believes in Me, even if he dies will live; and everyone who believes and believes in Me will never die." He asked Martha, "Do you believe this?" And she said, "Yes." He had a similar encounter with Mary and after this he went to the tomb. He asked them to roll back the stone and cried out, "Lazarus, come forth?" And those of us who know the account recall the glory of that miracle: Lazarus came from that grave.

We see this as a fantastic miracle; but Jesus really didn't do Lazarus any favors. Lazarus was in Paradise, the Bosom of Abraham. His faith and his life had been complete and yet the Lord called him back. Lazarus had to have a second funeral after that. The reason Jesus did what he did was simply this: He knew that after he ascended into heaven, his followers would have to trust Him with their life and they would have to trust Him even in their death.

Today, as we grieve the loss of a friend, it is important for us to be reminded that Jesus is the resurrection and the life; that the scriptures declare, "Death where is your victory? Death, where is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law, but thanks be to God who gives us the victory through Jesus Christ, Our Lord" (1 Cor. 15:55-57).

Today, we sit in the "darkness of the third day." Today, we wonder, "Lord, where are you? If you had been there, our brother would not have died!" But the Lord was there and it is in our faith that we recognize that we can trust the Lord even in death and see that our brother Jim is now in a better place.

Jesus once declared, "Come unto me, all who are weary and overburdened and I will give you rest." Jesus died for our sins according to the scriptures and invited us to come to Him. I encourage all who are here today to take Him up on His invitation. To invite His comfort, the same comfort that Martha and Mary and Lazarus experienced. You will not be disappointed.

James Guelff was a "do it anyway" type of guy. People would criticize; people would complain and he would still do his job. He was proud of the job he did and I believe he was proud that he was able to give his life to save others.

I came across a poem that was given to Bishop Able Muzore at a critical period in his life when he had been asked by his people to lead the African National Council. He knew that all previous leaders in Rhodesia who criticized government policies that were unjust to black Rhodesians had been either deported from the country, put in prison, or killed.

He struggled with his decision and prayed — as he had never prayed before. He did not want to be killed, deported, or imprisoned, yet his people were calling him to lead them. As he struggled with his decision, a friend handed him this poem:

*People are unreasonable, illogical and self-centered —
love them anyway!
If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish ulterior motives —
do good anyway!
If you are successful, you will win false friends and true enemies —
succeed anyway!
The good you do today will be forgotten tomorrow —
do good anyway!
Honesty and frankness make you vulnerable —
be honest and frank anyway!
The biggest people with the biggest ideas can be shot down
by the smallest people with the smallest minds —
think big anyway!
People favor underdogs but follow only top dogs —
fight for some underdogs anyway!
What you spend years building may be destroyed overnight —
build anyway!
People really need help but may attack you if you help them —
help people anyway!
Give the world the best you've got and you'll get kicked in the teeth —
give the world the best you've got anyway!*

(author unknown)

James Guelff always gave the best he had no matter what the response. And he has left a proud legacy to live up to and honor. Let us serve that legacy with the hope and enthusiasm that marked James Guelff.

A Personal Tribute To Jim Guelff

by Sgt. Dominic M. Celaya

For five wonderful years, from 1985-1990, I worked at Northern Station. During that time, one of the people who I had the great pleasure of working alongside was James Guelff. I am proud to say that in that time I was not only able to respond to runs with Jim and respect him as a colleague, but that I was able to talk and joke with him. If you knew him, it wasn't long before you were laughing with him.

Like many who knew him, I will forever remember Jim for his mellow disposition (for which he was often teased) and his smiling countenance. Most importantly, I'll remember him as a Brother Officer I called friend.

It is the nature of our profession that when a fellow officer is killed in the line of duty anywhere, it touches us all to our very core. It is a heartfelt, as we think of the officer, his family, and his co-workers. We all put ourselves in that place, and it creates a bond we share. This heartache is greater when it involves a member of my own department, my extended family, and even harder still, for a brother officer who I knew personally. For those of you, working with Jim, even up to his final moments, that ache and sorrow must be indescribable and my deepest sympathies go out to all at Co. E.

I am not very religious, but I

Our Brother

*Wretched is the
pain we all must
bear with your
passing. Your smile
and glistening
blue eyes shall
always haunt us.
The joy you always
brought to work
shall be no more.
How can He take you
from us, it isn't fair.
Our brother you will be
forever more.*

*Why
A more horrible day
there could never be
The Lord took our knight
an officer in blue.
A finer example
there couldn't be. Like
Him we should act,
I and thee. Comfort
in this is not to
be found, but God
wanted a guy like
Jim around.*

Bruce F. Marovich
S.F. P. D.

believe that there is something far greater after this life, rooted in love, faith and trust. I truly loved James Guelff as my brother officer; I believe we all share that feeling. I therefore have faith, real faith, that there's a place for Jim; with his heart there just has to be. I won't believe less. It's this faith that allows me to trust in God to keep Jim well.

When James Guelff died, a part of us all died with him. I feel comforted knowing that Jim is not alone on his journey. He takes a little of all of us with him, and he is in a gentler place than he ever could have been here. Jim Guelff can never be hurt again.

Are we left weak by his passing? NO! We will mourn the death of his body, and we will miss the soul that made that body James Guelff. But I know he's not gone completely. Not someone with his devotion to duty, his heart, his courage.

James Guelff is not gone. I know that. We only have to look at each other, and we will surely see a smiling Jim Guelff looking back at us. I know that I will forever be a better police officer and a better human being because of Jim Guelff and his sacrifice. I hope you all feel the same. I hope his family can take comfort, solace and strength from that legacy.

Rest in peace, Jim. We will keep you close.

Which "Risk Comfort Level" Is Right For You?

by Ray Arata, Financial Advisor
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Since there's no such thing as an ideal investment, how can you determine the level of risk you are comfortable with and that will help you achieve your financial goals?

Risk means that you may lose some or all of your investment or that your investment may not gain in value. To achieve your objectives, you must choose from diverse investment alternatives which vary greatly in their degree and type of risk and potential return.

What are the different types of risks? Here are some risks that may play a role in making prudent investment decisions.

• **Market risk.** An investment may lose its value when traded on financial markets. The result? You could receive less than you paid for an investment when you sell it.

• **Credit risk.** The issuer of an investment (a corporation that issues a bond, for example) may not live up to its financial obligations. The result? A default by the issuing corporation could make you lose your invested capital or expected interest payments.

• **Inflation risk.** The value of a long-term asset (a stock, for example) may not grow enough to keep up with inflation. The result? Reduced purchasing power.

• **Reinvestment risk.** Interest rates may fall as an investment (i.e., a bond) matures. The result? You may be unable to reinvest matured assets at a rate you have become accustomed to receiving. This risk also applies to reinvesting coupon payments received from bonds and other fixed income payments.

• **Liquidity risk.** You may be unable to liquidate an "asset" (for example, real estate, collectibles, or thinly traded stocks) when you want

and at the price you want. The result? You may be forced to retain the asset, or decide to accept less than you wanted to receive for the sake of liquidity.

How Can You Manage Risk?

Regardless of the investments you choose, there are simple ways to manage risk and take advantage of higher-yielding investments. Some of these include:

1. Investing for the long term over the long term. Holding your investments long-term may be one way to smooth out short-term market volatility.

2. Investing regularly and consistently over the long term. A reasonable program of steady investment may put enough of your capital to work in the markets to earn your long-term financial freedom.

3. Diversifying across and within different asset categories.

This long-term strategy capitalizes on the fact that the various markets you may have chosen have historically fluctuated in value at different times.

Of course, risk based on market forces will always be with us. But choosing investments that are right for you can help minimize risk—and increase your portfolio's overall performance.

To learn more about the risks and potential rewards of investments, talk to your financial advisor. He or she can help you select the investments 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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my opinion. In this high-tech age, you'd think that being able to take dictation on the street, rapidly and effectively, and then follow it up with specifics would be a highly desired ability. For those of you outside the Department reading this article who are contemplating a career in Law Enforcement, take both these courses. Being able to take shorthand in your notebook is REAL handy, and, now in the computer age, being able to type 45+ words per minute is a great help. Al Casciato once wrote that we needed more clerk-typists instead of cops, and he's right on the money. The biggest time constraint on field personnel is report writing time. Wouldn't it be nice to call your reports in to a dictating machine and have a secretary type it out, using proper grammar, language skills, etc? Just like the old days, you say? Well, not everything in the generation before mine was bad, folks. This is one example of how high-tech turns low-tech.

8) There are a large number of police departments around the state and the nation, that use FORMATS in all their reports. If you have a lot of problems with report writing, and gathering/recording information in a concise, chronological manner, you might just want to look at reports written by the CHP, the State Police, LAPD, Oakland PD, and several others. They use formats, and following a format insures everything gets put in that needs to be put in. Just like our accident report formats, incident and arrest reports can be formatted to include everything that's necessary, and still be streamlined enough to not amount to a manifesto. In the September edition, the editor had a great story about his welcome back to patrol. Tom, do you think a format would have been of some help to you on that caper? (And you can't evade the question by answering, to the effect "No, but having someone else write the report would have!") The basic 7-paragraph format for incident/arrest reports, as used throughout California (with some minor adjustments) is:

- A) NOTIFICATION (Dispatched or On-viewed)
- B) SCENE DESCRIPTION AND PHYSICAL EVIDENCE (what you saw)
- C) SUMMARY AND STATEMENTS (What everyone said)
- D) ARREST/MIRANDA (Miranda by you or Inspector)

- E) OFFENSES CHARGED (Elements described of each crime)
- F) OPINIONS AND CONCLUSIONS (Factual synopsis of what happened)
- G) RECOMMENDATION(S) (We don't recommend, but a lot of places do)

Even if you don't break down your narrative into paragraphs, if you follow each of these blocks and include the information for them in your report, it will never get turned back, and it will have a real good chance of making it to trial (or at least get the bad guy to plead...)

9) Don't use any words you have to look up in the dictionary. If it isn't in the vocabulary you have, don't bother. "Hemorrhage" is still one of my favorites (a hold-over from my paramedic school days) but I still have trouble spelling it. Saying "bleeding seriously" works just as well.


10) "Just the Facts, Ma'am," immortalized by my hero, Sgt. Joe Friday, badge 714, LAPD, is more than just a hackneyed expression. It should be a credo, especially to the newer members. Let it serve as a guide to obtaining information in the most expedient manner. Never mind what the victim or witness did on their vacation, suffice it to say that their residence was locked and unattended while they were on vacation and was burglarized by person/s unknown. Get to the meat and potatoes and forget the frills, and include all pertinent info (phone numbers, current addresses, etc.)

11) We are police officers in tenuous times. Everything we do is subject to question and ridicule. I prepared a report on an officer involved shooting in the Potrero years ago that resulted in a newspaper article, where the attorney for the person killed by the police compared my police report to a Mickey Spillane novel. I was flattered. I LIKE Mickey Spillane, and his writing style is exactly what I've been talking about ("I hit him in the gut. He puked.") Take pride in what you do. Our credibility has been chiseled away at long enough. Keep in mind that there is only ONE way to write a report and that is the RIGHT way. We are finders and purveyors of FACT. When FACT is obtained and recorded in a manner which is proper, effective, concise, chronological, and right, then we have fulfilled our oath of office. Be 100% of what you have trained to be, and stay safe out there while you're doing it.

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Safe Streets Act of 1994

by Robert Mattox, Traffic Bureau

On January 1, 1995, two new traffic enforcement bills go into effect. The first, AB 3148, authored by Assemblyman Katz is called the Safe Streets Act of 1994. The second bill, SB 1758, authorized by Senator Kopp is a companion bill which enhances the first. The purpose of both bills is to strengthen the laws regarding the suspended or unlicensed driver. These laws declare that driving a motor vehicle on the public street and highways is a privilege and not a right. They acknowledge that Californians who comply with the law are frequently victims of traffic accidents by unlicensed drivers. These innocent victims suffer considerable pain and property loss at the hands of people who flaunt the law. The DMV estimates that 75% of all drivers whose driving privilege has been withdrawn continue to drive regardless of the law. In order to protect the health, safety and welfare of Californians, the following laws were enacted: (edited)

+ 1 4607.6a CVC — Declares a motor vehicle a nuisance and subject to forfeiture if driven by a driver with a suspended DL, or an unlicensed driver, who is a registered owner and has a previous Misd. conviction for 14601, or 1 Z 500a CVC.

+ 14607.6c(1)CVC — Requires impounding of vehicle for 14601 CVC and 1 2500a CVC. Officers must verify license status of a driver who claims to be licensed but is unable to produce a license on demand of a peace officer.

+14607.6d CVC — Allows owners who were not driving the vehicle at the time of impoundment to a release of their vehicles if: they prove they are a properly licensed driver, pay all towing and storage costs including administrative fees, and signs a stipulated release agreement. Violation of this agreement allows automatic future forfeiture and transfer of title to the state.

+ 14908 CVC — Persons who fail to surrender their license to the DMV when notified of a suspension shall be charged a reinstatement penalty fee.

+ Effective July, 1995, the DMV will notify persons of a suspended or revoked drivers license by certified mail which will add a presumption affecting burden of proof.

+Requires that a driver's license# or ID card # be required for original registration or renewal of a motor

vehicle on the appropriate form.
+14604 CVC — No owner of a motor vehicle shall allow another person who does not have a valid driver's license to operate his vehicle.

+22651 (p) CVC — Removes provisions for giving a vehicle to another licensed driver or parking the vehicle for violations of 14601, 14604 or 12500 CVC.

+14602.6a CVC — When a vehicle is towed for a violation of 14601 CVC or 12500a CVC, allows for the impoundment of the vehicle for 30 days. The owner is entitled to a storage hearing to determine the validity of the storage.

+ These laws also effect all 14601 CVC sections with increased fines and minimum jail time.

+1653.5cvc — Every form prescribed by the DMV for a driver's license or ID card, or renewal, shall contain a section for the applicant's Social Security #. No application will be taken without this information. The SS# will not be included on the driver's license or ID card but shall be kept confidential and not a public record.

+13351.5CVC — Anyone convicted of 245 PC and the vehicle was the deadly weapon, shall have their driver's license revoked permanently.

+ The following sections are now misdemeanors:

1. 12500a CVC — Unlicensed driver

2. 12951b CVC — refusal to display license.

3. 14604 CVC — Unlawful use of vehicle

4. 14610 CVC — Unlawful use or possession of false driver's license. This includes altered or suspended driver's licenses or to fail to surrender to the DMV a license that has been suspended or revoked. This includes many aspects and variables.

5. 14601.1 CVC — Manufacture of false ID card or Drivers License.

I have only been able to address the highlights of the new CVC laws in this article. Officers interested in reading the full text are welcome to come to the Traffic Offender Program office at the HOJ Rm. 154 during business hours. In addition, federal programs have been started in other states using variations of these kinds of laws to combat illegal weapons and drug sales. Programs utilizing these types of laws result in changing the conventional reactive mode of crime enforcement to proactive crime prevention.

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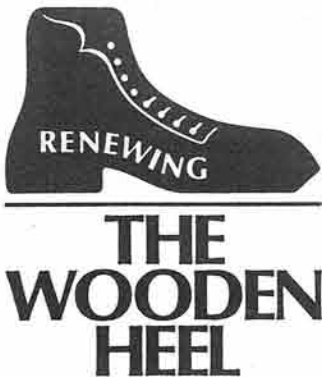


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Many of you donated blood for both myself and Jim Guelff. Thank you. With your support of our community blood program many patients have benefited from your kindness. I have first hand. Like most people, I never thought that I would be in the position where I would need to rely on all of the thoughtful people who had made blood donations.

A special thank you to every blood donor. Blood donors play a major role in saving lives. I deeply appreciate it.

Sincerely,
John Payne
Northern Station

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

This is to thank you and all of the members of the San Francisco Police Officers' association for your recent donation of \$250.00 to the Tenderloin Senior Organizing Project.

With help such as yours, we will continue to assist Tenderloin tenants to fight courageously for power and community in their buildings.

Thanks again,
Lydia Ferrante
T.S.O.P

Dear SFPOA

Our sincerest sympathy in this your deepest moment of sorrow.
California Organization of Police
and Sheriffs

Tom Flippin, Editor
SFPOA Notebook

Dear Editor,

While recently reading through the October 1994 issue of your POA Notebook, I came across an article written by POA Secretary Steve Johnson that contained a notation in it that concerns me. To completely understand my concern, I should advise you that I am a State Parole Agent assigned to one of the San Francisco Units.

In the article titled "Close Encounters" by Johnson, he writes, "Why do we continue to allow the parole system to exist?" Now, my intention is not to attack Mr. Johnson for making this remark, as it has been made often, especially in this past year of concentration on getting repeat offenders off the street. What I would like to accomplish, however, is dispelling

a misconception that many people have with the objective and purpose Parole has in the sentencing structure. This is important because the past year has seen the very existence of the parole system come under attack and because myself and my fellow agents will ultimately need the backing of organizations such as yours if legislators make another attempt to eliminate our existence.

Many people believe that a convict's parole period in some way takes the place of a portion of the length of time he spends in prison. Thus, if you eliminate parole, the convicted criminal sentenced to seven years will serve those seven years instead of getting out in four and being placed on parole. They see parole as time in lieu of the time they are to spend behind bars.

This is NOT the case in California. Next time you're in court and an individual is being sentenced to state prison, listen to what is said. A person is sentenced for the period regulated by the Penal Code and upon completing that period is placed on parole for a period of up to four years. Parole has no bearing on the length of time an individual spends in prison or if he only serves three or four years of a seven year sentence. That is determined by "good time" or "half time" earned by the individual while incarcerated (and believe me, this topic in itself is one to take issue with).

The point I am trying to make is that the myth that eliminating parole to make sure convicts serve their full term is untrue. Parole has nothing to do with the term imposed. It's an additional safeguard provided by law for the public safety. Penal Code Section 3000 states in part, "a sentence shall include a period of parole." In knowing this, comes the realization that we need the Parole System. Without it, Joe-Convict is released and becomes Joe-Citizen, with no search clause and no supervision. I know I don't want an individual convicted of manslaughter released back to the community after seven or ten or 15 years with no supervision or accountability once he hits the streets. Not to mention rapists, child molesters, burglars, etc.

The purpose of Parole is public safety and the supervision and surveillance of those released from state prison. These individuals are actually transferred to parole status because under law they are still considered in the custody of the Department of Corrections while they are in the community.

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Added to these duties is the attempt of assisting these individuals in their "transition between imprisonment and discharge," which is usually done through referrals to various programs.

A concept that not many stop and think about (even other law enforcement officers) is the active role many Parole Agents play in day-to-day crime suppression. Ask your self this: What State Law Enforcement Agency works the street on a regular basis, working the same districts and areas that patrol officers and deputies work on a regular basis? The CHP's jurisdiction is regulated to the state's highways, except for the few pockets of the State where they actually work regular patrol duties. And our State Police, unfortunately, are regulated to patrolling state buildings and their adjacent parking lots and other properties. I realize that there are exceptions to the rule here, but bear with me.

If you go into any of the District Stations in the City and ask the patrol officers if they know who works the area for State Parole, I'll wager four out of five officers can provide you with an Agent that they've worked with. Some will be able to tell you when certain Agents are working and how to get a hold of them at a moment's notice. Will you get the same response in regards to any other State Agency? And I am confident that this holds true for every city and county in the State.

The bottom line is, Parole Agents are peace officers who pound the pavement every day. We're the grunts who work the projects, the Tenderloin and Hunter's Point just like the patrol officers. We deal with the same individuals you do. . . Because that's our clientele.

We provide that essential supervision in addition to being the only agency to actively monitor and enforce the registration of sexual offenders and drug offenders.

Parole doesn't replace the time an offender owes society behind bars. It provides the law abiding citizenry with a watchful eye on those offenders once they are released and roam among us.

Leo Peirini
Parole Agent
State Parole Division,
San Francisco

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al,

Please express my thanks to your membership for supporting Proposition A. It's nice to know that a strong majority of voters agreed with us, even if the measure fell short of the necessary two-thirds margin.

Your support and endorsement are truly appreciated.

Best wishes,
Michael Hennessey

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al,

My heartfelt condolences and prayers to the family and brother officers of Officer James Guelff. Enclosed is my check towards his Trust Fund.

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adequate defense for our police officers, I would be more than glad to pay a half cent sales tax for six months or ore towards funding for this purpose. I am sure the citizenry would agree.

I don't want to ever see another officer go down for any reason; no matter if the potential is there. I know too many officers through my long association through work and it hurts me deeply to lose any one of our finest.

Sincerely,
Linda Lee
Hotel St. Francis

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

All of us at the Conference of Newspaper Unions want to express our appreciation for your support and active involvement in our efforts to achieve a just settlement at the San Francisco Chronicle, Examiner and Newspaper Agency. Also, we would like to thank you for acting as a mediator with the Chief of Police, and for helping us keep the peace on the picket lines.

Many of our members, especially those at the Army Street plant, told us of the tact and wit with which your members handled themselves, and were deeply touched by their expressions of solidarity. These officers truly deserve to be called "San Francisco's finest."

Without labor's numerous expressions of solidarity, our victory would not have been possible! We will long remember how all San Francisco's labor unions supported our picket lines, advertiser subscription boycotts, and offered assistance even before we had an opportunity to ask.

Please know that we stand ready to return the favor if you should find yourself in a similar circumstance. We would also be pleased to send a speaker to your next meeting to express our appreciation in person. If you would like a speaker, please call Carl Hall at (415) 421-6833 to make arrangements.

Once again, thank you for all you did to keep San Francisco a union town.

Fraternally,
Doug Cuthbertson
Chairman

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al:

Thank you for your generosity in sponsoring a hole in Local 38's 5th Annual Golf Tournament held at the Mountain Shadows Golf Course.

Local 38 was proud to sponsor this event for the benefit of the California Pacific Medical Center's Breast Health Center in San Francisco. We are pleased to report that this year's tournament was most successful.

Your help and support certainly made the Golf Tournament a great success and enabled us to give a generous contribution to the California Pacific Medical Breast Health Center.

Thanks again.
Very truly yours,
Larry Mazzola
Local 38 Golf Committee

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro:

We received your letter dated November 7, 1994 concerning the proposed revisions to Title 8, General Industry Safety Orders, Article 109, Section 5197, Prevention of Occupational Tuberculosis (TB), which was considered by the Standards Board at its Public Hearing on October 27, 1994, in San Francisco. At that hearing the Board left the record open for additional written comments until 5:00 p.m. on November 14, 1994.

Your letter has been made part of the Board's official record of proceedings in this matter.

We appreciate your interest in this matter and can assure you that your comments will be given every consideration by the Members of the Occupational Safety and Health Standards Board.

Sincerely,
Steven A. Jablonsky
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Al Trigueiro, President,
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro:

On behalf of Chief Ribera, Commander Holder and the San Francisco Police Department, we wish to express our sincere gratitude for your donation to the Valencia Gardens Public Housing residents.

The San Francisco Police Department has committed itself to working with disadvantaged neighborhoods to bring about a positive change. Because of your donation, the police and community barbecue was a tremendous success, approximately 600 residents (adults and children) attended and were fed. Your cooperation is greatly appreciated and we look forward to working with you again in the near future.

Sincerely yours,
Commander Richard D. Holder
Special Operations Division

Tom Flippin, Editor
The Notebook

To: All members of the San Francisco Police Department
On behalf of our colleagues here at the San Francisco Examiner, we'd like to thank you for your even-handed and cool-headed handling of our recent strike and the manner in which you kept the peace.

It's never an easy and often a thankless task to be caught between two contentious parties. Yet the men and women of the SFPD conducted themselves in a true professional manner, taking no sides and always seeking to guarantee the rights of all.

We'd also like you to know that several staff members who have never before had the opportunity to meet or get to know a San Francisco police officer commented on their experience while on the picket line. Many told us how courteous and patient you were. We, of course, have known that for some time.

So, thanks again for the good

work. You truly lived up to the finest traditions of San Francisco's police department. We respect you and your work.

Sincerely,
Dennis J. Opatrny, Reporter
Larry D. Hatfield, Reporter

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al,

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you for your thoughtful contribution to my campaign. Your support will never be forgotten and it will always be appreciated.

My tenure on the Board of supervisors was marked by a continual effort to balance our city's spending needs with the need for fiscal responsibility.

Our city has a great past. With caring citizens such as yourself, our city is sure to have a great future as well.

I look forward to continuing to work with you in the years ahead to help shape our city's future.

Best regards,
Annemarie Conroy

Dear Friends,

Every police family lives with an unspoken dread of the type of insanity which occurred on November 13, 1994. The phone call came and the forces of support mobilized instantaneously to encircle our family in a cocoon of love. I'd like to thank the POA for their continued support and generous assistance. I'd like to thank each and every police officer and their families who visited John, call us, wrote to us, and prayed for us. Knowing this incredible support system was ready to jump into action was tremendously strengthening. This feeling of strength will stay with all of us, always. Thank you really does not say it — but please know that you are all in our prayers — for your continued safety and your ability to carry on with heavy hearts, and the unspoken dread.

Sincerely,
Monica Payne

Captain Croce Casciato
San Francisco Police Dept.

Dear Captain Casciato,

The reason for my letter is to thank Officer Thomas Sawyer from the bottom of my heart for saving my son's life.

On Friday night, November 18th, Officer Sawyer stopped my son

and cited him for not wearing his seatbelt. This may sound like a funny reason to thank Officer Sawyer, but my son was driving on Bryant Street to access the freeway, heading to his home in Alameda. When he was nearing the end of the on ramp he swerved to miss a car and his tire hit the median curb, sending hi across 101 perpendicular to oncoming traffic. He was hit broadside by two cars travelling on 101 and slammed against a concrete wall. His pickup was totalled and had to be towed. Had he not been wearing his seatbelt I fear that he would have lost his life in the accident. Thanks to Officer Sawyer, he had his seatbelt on and suffered only a few bruises. Needless to say, my son is lucky to be alive.

If you would please convey my deepest appreciation and heartfelt thanks to Officer Sawyer I would be most honored.

Sincerely,
Linda Patterson

Editor's Note: Mrs. Patterson's son was cited less than 10 minutes prior to the accident.

The Honorable Anthony Ribera
Chief of Police, San Francisco

Dear Chief Ribera:

I have intended to write for several months, and the sad events of this past week have given me the incentive to acknowledge one of the officers in your department.

In late summer I had a sidewalk altercation with an inebriated neighbor who threatened to smash a beer bottle over my head when I asked her not to block my driveway. No crime was committed, and it was just a heated exchange, but she was drunk and vengeful and I was concerned for my safety and for the security of my flat that evening. (The neighbor and I are now on better terms.)

I walked to the Central Station on Vallejo Street to report this non-incident, and spoke with Officer J. Gantz (I didn't get his badge number). We both agreed there was really nothing to register, but he took a description of her car, an offered to pass by a few times during the night when he was on patrol although in the complete picture this was certainly a trivial matter — which ultimately did not result in any damage or harm — Officer Gantz was polite, understanding and friendly. I appreciated his concern, and I think he is a credit to the Department.

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by Marci Strange

Can a mortgage payment make that much of a difference on taxable income?

You bet, which is why tax preparers many times recommend that their clients invest in real estate. These days, there's not a lot left to deduct any more, but you can use interest paid on some real estate loans as a tax shelter.

Homebuyers, particularly those on the verge of making the transition from renting to owning, as well as those in the trade-up market, frequently seek information about how much they can save.

It is advisable to consult an accountant to find out how much your savings will be, as each person varies depending on their income, type of job, etc.

A simple illustration can give you a general idea why mortgage interest on owner-occupied property can relieve people from paying higher taxes. Take, for example, the couple who purchased their first condominium in Linda Mar. They have a combined income of \$50,000 a year. They purchased the home for \$150,000, putting 10 percent down and financing the remaining \$135,000 with a 30-year, 10-percent mortgage. Their monthly principal and interest payments amount to \$1,186 a month.

When comparing taxable income of \$50,000 a year to renting vs. owning, the homeowner pays only \$3,687

in federal taxes, while the renter pays \$7,401 in federal taxes. The difference in tax payments is due to laws allowing homebuyers to deduct property tax, interest payments and points (the cost of a loan) from their gross annual income. Since the renter has less to deduct from their gross annual income, the renter is taxed on an income of \$40,800. But the homeowner is taxed on an income of only \$24,580.

Itemized deductions for renters include \$2,500 for state income tax, at 6 percent, and \$400 for contributions and other, as well as \$5,200 for a standard deduction and \$4,000 for two exemptions. This brings taxable income to \$40,800.

But itemized deductions for the homeowner is a much longer list. There's \$1,700 for state income tax, \$400 for contributions and other, \$13,470 for interest payments the first year, \$4,050 for points, \$1,800 for real estate taxes, as well as \$4,000 for two exemptions. Taxable income is only \$24,580, resulting in a tax savings of \$4,514 for the homeowner.

(These figures are for illustration only. Your personal figures may differ, so consult an accountant.)

If you are tired of paying Uncle Sam more than your landlord may be, then it could be a good idea to contact your tax advisor, real estate agent or mortgage expert to evaluate your personal situation.

Marci Strange is a mortgage specialist residing in Pacifica.



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Seeking God

by Daniel Hampton

Seeking God in my life during the first ten years of my police career was not at all a priority for me. The last thing on my mind was God, His Son Jesus Christ, or for that matter God's Will for my life. I was too busy with my job, arresting people, writing reports, going to court, playing the role of a tough patrol officer. I had also experienced a divorce the first year of my career and I was busy partying and living the life of a bachelor. I was busy hurting people and being hurt by people and I thought this is what the life of a bachelor must be all about.

Well, God brought me back to reality through two circumstances in my police career. The first being the time when my partner and I stopped a motorcyclist who went down on the pavement. A passenger on the rear seat of the bike pulled, a gun and pointed it against my belly and demanded my gun. My reaction was grabbing the gun away from my belly and to wrestle with the subject for his gun while we both fell to the ground. He was able to retain his gun, but my partner drew down on him and he dropped it. The suspect's gun had spent cartridges in it, I thought I was lucky.

Another time while working undercover in a decoy unit my partner and I responded to a robbery in progress. Both of us took cover in doorways as the suspect came out of the jewelry shop with a hostage, jewels, and gun drawn. As the suspect stepped into the doorway I was in I raised my revolver to his face at point blank range and fired one shot. The suspect fell to the ground supine with another gun falling from his waist. I watched blood pulsate from the suspect's left eye with each beat of his heart, until it beat no more. The gun in his hand was not loaded but the gun which fell from his waist was loaded. Again I thought I was lucky. For about six months I had nightmares telling myself, could I have done it differently? And I'd also say in my mind the guy I saw bleeding to death could have been me. At this time of my life I became interested in 'the reason for living'. My search for the answer did not end in vain.

A fellow police officer shared the Good News of Jesus Christ to me and it changed my whole outlook on life. I know through my many years of studying the scriptures that Jesus Christ existed with God the Father before anything was ever created. And it was with mutual agreement that Jesus Christ who is God the Son would create everything that exists that is unseen and seen through the power of His spoken word. This Jesus Christ is the creator of all angelic forces and authorities; and the universe which includes this world. This same Jesus Christ created the world and universe in six days and rested from His work on the seventh day. And if you understand the scriptures it is Jesus Christ who reveals to all mankind the essence of God in the Old and New Testaments. It was pre-

determined by the Godhead (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) that they would create mankind in the image and likeness of God, and that mankind would have authority over all living creatures on earth. Of course there would be a test in the Garden of Eden to see if man's allegiance and obedience was for God. We know that our first parents Adam and Eve failed this test, they ate of the forbidden fruit because they believed what Satan told them, that they would become just like God.

This first rebellion against God is the root of mankind's problem, we really want to be our own gods, doing our own thing, not being told by anyone what we should or should not do. So all the children of Adam and Eve (all of us) are born sinners because of our first parents' sin in the Garden of Eden. We are Anti-God, Anti-Christ, Anti-Bible, because we want to satisfy our own passions, lusts and greed without regard to who gets injured. This first sin brought in the darkness of death, and if we live in and practice sin we can only expect God's just punishment of sin. Now it's not only a physical death but also a spiritual death that Jesus Christ tells us about in the scriptures. If we refuse to accept the Good News about Jesus Christ and we die in our sins our spirits, which are our minds or intellect, will be eternally separated from the presence of God the Father and His Son Our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jesus showed Adam and Eve the seriousness of their sin when he provided animal skins for covering their nakedness. The inference is that Jesus must have sacrificed the animals that provided covering because the next story is about Cain and Abel bringing their sacrifices to God. Now Jesus showed them vividly that blood had to be shed for the atonement of sin and in the scriptures it says 'there is no forgiveness of sin without the shedding of blood'. Adam and Eve were told by Jesus that their sin could be forgiven but the consequence would be death of the animal sacrificed and physical death for all mankind.

Now what care does God have with the blood of lambs, goats, or bulls? Those first sacrifices were a foreshadow of the real sacrifice God the Father would recognize to take away our sins. You see God the Father sent His Son Jesus Christ to earth, to be born of a virgin, to live a sinless life, to be an example to us how to live, and most important of all to die on a shameful cross and pay the penalty for our sins. Jesus' blood was shed for you and me, but God's plan included raising Jesus Christ from the dead and installing Him as Lord of Heaven and Earth. Now God has also chosen some of us to believe and trust in His Son Jesus Christ as Savior. And Jesus Christ has promised to give eternal life to those who believe in Him, to raise their bodies from the dead and to let them live forever with Him in Heaven.

You know faith comes by hearing and I pray that Jesus Christ may use this article to open up your hearts to His truths. Father God, may you choose some who read this article to believe in Your Son Jesus Christ. May they admit they are sinners that need The Savior who paid the penalty for sin at Calvary. Father, let them receive Christ as Lord and give them the desire to follow His teachings every day. Amen.

What's New In Drugs?

by Gregory A. Kilpatrick, State Police

GHB and LSD

You may remember hearing about a substance called GHB (gamma hydroxybutyric acid.) Some new street names for GHB are, "Spin" and "Spin Doctor." I described GHB before, as being found in a both a white powder, and a clear liquid form. However, there was a recent seizure of GHB in Northern California, where the drug was in the form of a blue liquid...so watch for this as well.

Another term you may encounter is "Goin' fishing." This means inhaling nitrous oxide. This term comes from when people inhale nitrous until they pass out and then flop around like a fish-out-of-water. (Wow, sounds great huh?)

Lastly, there are two new forms of LSD (lysergic acid diethylamide) floating around that you may run across. One form is called "black dots." These are seeds from the kiwi fruit (small,

green fruit, similar in shape and color to a lime, with very, very, small, black seeds.) The seeds are dipped in LSD and are sold for \$5 per seed. This is something that would easily be missed during a car search, if you didn't know what they were.

The other form of LSD is being sold under the street-name of "Illusion." Although it looks the same as regular LSD, it supposedly has MDMA (3,4-methylenedioxymethamphetamine, aka "Ecstasy") and mescaline mixed in, but I haven't recovered any samples for lab analysis yet. "Illusion" is sold for around \$20 per hit, (versus regular LSD at \$3 - \$5 per hit.) If you recover some LSD tabs and the suspect is talkative, ask him if the tabs are "Illusion", or whether he has heard of "Illusion." If you recover some "Illusion", or some information about it please contact me.

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Bernie Ward's Attack on SFPD

by Gary Delagnes, Vice-President

It's Tuesday Night, November 15, 1994. Jim Guelff lay in the Coroner's office pronounced dead less than 48 hours ago. Officer John Payne remains in serious condition in General Hospital suffering from a gunshot wound to the chest. A heroic paramedic also recovers from her wounds as well as a homeless man, James Pinckney who also remains in General Hospital from gunshot wounds to the lower torso. All victims of a crazed gunman by the name of Victor Boutwell who opened fire on police and citizens alike on the night of November 13, 1994.

Victor Boutwell armed with an arsenal worthy of a small Army engaged police in the most spectacular gun battle in San Francisco history. Over 100 police officers put their lives on the line for each other, as well as the citizens of this great City.

Jim Guelff's friends and loved ones mourned his loss. A Police Department is devastated. A City attempts to recover from this tragedy. Over 100 cops living with the fact that Jim Guelff is laying on the ground, not knowing if he was dead or alive, while they exchanged over 300 rounds with this lunatic.

I responded to the hospital that Sunday night sharing the pain with others as it became apparent that Jim would lose his fight for life. As Monday ran into Tuesday, the shock remains as we all struggle with the events of the past two days.

As I was on my way home that Tuesday night, returning from the City after helping with preparations for Jim's Funeral and meeting with the Administration over the semi-automatic handgun issue, I was paged by one of our members. He told me that I had to turn on KGO Radio and listen to Bernie Ward.

I tuned in to Bernie Ward and listened in amazement. Was Bernie Ward talking about the heroics of Jim Guelff, John Payne, and the rest of the SFPD? No!

Was he discussing the heroic paramedic who risked her life to get to Jim Guelff? No!

Was he speaking about how it was possible for Boutwell to obtain the incredible arsenal he was able to muster to perpetrate his assault? No! Wrong again!

Bernie decided to dedicate his show to the alleged police brutality, perpetrated on the homeless man, James Pinckney when he was taken into custody.

The police officers were under the impression that Pinckney was a suspect after receiving descriptions of more than one suspect. James Guelff was laying on the street mortally wounded. Pinckney had a gunshot wound in his leg, compliments of Victor Boutwell, and all Bernie Ward can talk about are abrasions on the face of James Pinckney.

Pinckney claimed cops roughed him up at a time when police had every right to believe he was an armed suspect and possible accomplice of Victor Boutwell.

Jim Guelff was shot and killed by Victor Boutwell!

John Payne was shot and seriously wounded by Victor Boutwell!

James Pinckney was shot by Victor Boutwell!

But I guess for a guy like Bernie Ward, the self proclaimed "Lion of the Left", police misconduct is always a better story in San Francisco than the brutal slaying of a police officer.

Let us assume that James Pinckney was the victim of police misconduct.

Can you imagine the insensitivity, the callousness, the complete classlessness of planning your radio show around the abrasions on James Pinckney's face, while James Guelff is still in the Coroner's office, and John Payne battles his wounds. While a Department grieves, Bernie Ward talks police misconduct.

This time Bernie Ward crossed the line and I won't let it go unchallenged. His show that night was a disgrace to KGO and a slap in the face to this Department. I would say that Bernie made a fool of himself but that has become the norm rather than the exception. It's unfortunate he had to do it at our expense.

Eilola Fundraiser

by Barbara Brewster, Comm.

Our fund raiser for Dan Eilola, November 13th, was a huge success.

Dan is a day watch dispatcher suffering a catastrophic illness. In a very brief time span, a fundraiser was organized and held at the Trocadero Club, 510-4th Street.

I want to thank Steve Johnson for all his help and suggestions, that made this idea turn into a reality.

With less than two weeks to distribute flyers, Jim Barron — Co D, and Phil Gonzales — Co I, brought in \$145 each from their stations. CEH wants to donate hours to Dan's catastrophic illness donation (SP/VA) account. Others kept contributing in forms of donations and money which gave a final total of — \$2,407.

Main prizes were: autographed Steve Young jersey — Kathy Molloy (Comm); Jerry Rice signed jersey — Carolyn Yee (Comm); CD's to — Kathy Molloy (Comm), Phil Gonzales (Co I), Benito Manning (Co D), an x-rated CD to John Mulkern (Co H); wine and

cheese basket — Jim Gaan (Co I); OES earthquake survival backpack — Toni Hardley (Comm); 20 yr old bonsai tree — Barbara Kempster (Comm); sweatshirt and mug with logo from Animal Care & Control — Kim Dougherty (Comm); vintage limo tour through GG Park — Kerry Reed (Comm); firehouse luncheon — Tom Johnson (Comm); two gift certificates to Noe's Grill and four gift certificates to Lou's at Pier 47 went to several attendees.

The Trocadero was an excellent location, close to the HOJ so the dispatchers could attend on their lunch hours and still make it back to work on time, and close to the freeway for others to attend who were off duty. Food was provided by the cooks in Communications.

The highlight of the evening was having Dan in attendance for most of the event.

We plan to have another event in January at an unknown location.

Many thanks to all who contributed!

PRESIDENT

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backload of runs leftover by the previous watch or reducing the mountain of paperwork accumulating on our desks, then the rush of Holiday madness will undoubtedly push the most giving of us to the breaking point.

It is times like these that we, as police officers, may need to slow down just a bit, take stock in ourselves and begin to enjoy everything we have. It's the difficult times such as they are that help all of us put life into perspective and make us ever so briefly enjoy our families, friends, fellow officers and the job we've been entrusted to do. On behalf of the entire Association, I want to wish you and your loved ones a very Merry Christmas and a Joyful Holiday Season!

A reminder or two: The December Board of Directors Meeting scheduled for Tuesday, December 20, 1994,

will be held at Northern Station's Community Room. At that meeting, the Association will be honoring two outstanding individuals, Paramedics Melanie Brandon and Dan Bonam, who responded to the incident at Pine and Franklin Sts. Stop by Co. E at around 1400 hrs. and show your appreciation to Melanie and Dan. Also, at that Board Meeting, the Election Committee will be taking nominations for the Board of Directors election which is scheduled to be held in late January. Finally, the Association will be closed between Christmas and New Years.

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PAL AWARDS DINNER

The San Francisco PAL held its 4th annual awards dinner on December 7th at the Stouffer Stanford Court Hotel. Captain Michael Hebel (retired), PAL President, was the Master of Ceremonies. Mayor Frank Jordan and Chief Anthony Ribera presented awards to the following youth: Michael Brennan - Outstanding Law Enforcement Cadet

Tanisha Cooks - Outstanding Cheerleading Participant

David Denning - Most Valuable Boys Soccer Player

Jim Moylan - Most valuable Baseball Player

Johanna Perez - Most Valuable Girls Soccer Player

Michael Ramirez - Most Valuable Boys Basketball Player

Cecilia Torres - Most Valuable Girls Basketball Player

Four PAL Veteran Coaches (10 years) will be presented with service awards:

Sophia Isom John Leonard
Kevin McNerney Raymond Musante

A Special Appreciation Award was presented by Mayor Frank Jordan to John Filipello for outstanding service to the PAL.

Awards will also be presented to the members of the PAL Board of Directors for their service. The members are: Capt. Michael S. Hebel (ret.), Mr. Jack Immendorf, Mr. George Breed, Lt. Thomas Bruton, Officer Joseph C. Mollo (ret.), Mr. Laurence

G. Allen, Lt. Dirk Beijen, Capt. Richard Cairns, Mr. Marvin Cardoza, Officer Ed Collins, Judge Jack Ertola (ret.), Officer James Gaan, Lt. Gabriel Harp, Mrs. Sophia Isom, Mayor Frank Jordan, Sgt. James Meyer (ret.), Mrs. Janis Musante, Insp. Earl O'Brien (ret.), Deputy Chief Diarmuid Philpott, Mr. Terry Sullivan, Dr. William Talmage, Lt. Mario Tovani (ret.), and Insp. Kelly Waterfield.

PAL BASKETBALL

6th Grade Girls - Tigers

6th Boys Middle - Rebels

7th Grade Girls - Vikings

7th Boys Upper - Service With A Smile

8th Grade Girls - Mission Rec

8th Boys East - Operation Contact

8th Boys West - Lions

Nine other divisions were scheduled for play on December 2nd.

We would like to thank the following for their help and use of their gyms: Ben Henderson, All Hallows; Michael Jones, San Francisco Boys Club (on Page St.); Bob Twomey, Buchanan YMCA; Ron Sipiora, Columbia Park Boys Club; Steve Foy, Mission Dolores; Oscar Jimenez, Mission Recreation Center; Kevin Murphy, Presidio Middle School; Sean Warren, St. John's; Reggie Gage, St. Mary's; and Kevin McNerney, SOMA (South of Market).

A special thanks to Officer Mark Ballard, Basketball Commissioner, for the time and effort he spent on behalf of PAL.

Street Survival Seminar

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Among other subjects covered are how to: identify the newest improvised and disguised weapons; comply with new legal restrictions and driving tactics for pursuits; safely manage social and political protesters and emotionally disturbed per-

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The seminar will be held in Sacramento April 18-20.

To register or for more information, contact: Calibre Press, Inc., 666 Dundee Rd., Suite 1607, Northbrook, IL 60062-2760; phone (800) 323-0037 (toll-free) or (708) 498-5680; fax: (708) 498-6869.





SPORTS



Open Letter to San Francisco Citizens

by Sgt Rene LaPrevotte,
Tactical Division

I've been a San Francisco Police Officer for over 25 years, and when I was sworn-in back in 1969, like every other naive 21 year old I thought my presence was going to make a difference. When I was involved in a fatal shoot-out eleven days out of the academy, the heady weight of what I was going to contribute to San Francisco was reinforced in my mind.

As the years passed, I saw good arrests thrown out of court and the criminal set free, I found myself sued on several occasions, my fate in the hands of juries who could have awarded my entire livelihood to some predator who was victimizing San Francisco, now seated at the plaintiffs table clean and smiling meekly at the jurors. Even something as benign as stopping a motorist for running a red light could result in the offender becoming abusive with the same old, "Why aren't you out arresting criminals" or "I pay your salary and this is how I'm treated?"

The result of this constant barrage of negativism is the typical jaded attitude cops have for the public. Our conservative political counterparts repeatedly vote against our pay raises and put liberal libertarians in city office, reinforcing in our fragile psyches the feeling that nothing we are doing is appreciated. Just make it to retirement age alive and get the hell out.

Yesterday I attended the funeral of Jim Guelff, the nineteenth San Francisco Police Officer killed in the line of duty since I've been a cop. I looked at the police cars from all over the state, and even though the cars were different colors and bore unfamiliar emblems and logos, and the occupant officers wore strange uniforms, we all knew that we were the same, that another officer was gone and society just quit caring about us.

As the motorcade of four thousand officers began leaving the church, I noticed the spectators were reverent. A few blocks from the cathedral, I saw a homeless woman with a hand-painted sign that read "Thank you for saving my children." A day earlier, I might have consid-

ered this woman a vexation, today she was part of our family. As the caravan passed the intersection of Pine and Franklin, every police car sounded its siren briefly as a tribute to the place where Jim Guelff took his last breath. I began to undergo a catharsis when I saw a family with two preteen boys standing on the sidewalk at the Palace of Fine Arts, each with their right hand over their hearts, and heads bowed in respect.

As our motorcade snaked up to the Golden Gate Bridge, I saw five bridge painters standing shoulder to shoulder with their plastic hard-hats over their hearts. Everywhere there were cars stopped in the traffic lanes on highway 101, with the occupants standing beside their cars, not swearing at us for fouling the commute, but heads bowed reverently. At the top of the Waldo Grade, a Marin County fire truck was parked on an overpass, with its ladder extended above the truck and a solitary US flag flying in the cold wind.

As the procession passed San Rafael, I saw through tear streaked eyes that the huge American Flags that fly daily over several businesses were at half staff. This in a city twenty miles from where Jim was killed! Someone has finally noticed. These people do care!

Finally our five mile long convoy of flashing lights came within sight of the cemetery, the final resting spot of our brother Jim. As we glanced to the right, we saw the Sun Valley elementary school. Lined-up at the cyclone fence was a group of six and seven years old boys and their teacher, Mr. Ron Patrick. While Mr. Patrick stood at attention, hand over his heart, the boys copied his salute next to a hand-painted sign that read WE ARE SORRY ABOUT YOUR DADDY.

I am so unbelievably proud of Jim Guelff, of the citizens of our Bay Area community and of the men and women who have chosen to put themselves in harm's way so that perhaps you won't have to. I know the public outpouring of sympathy and respect has touched me deeply. And it is with renewed purpose that I have now, perhaps belatedly, remembered why I took this job a quarter century ago.

The Spectator

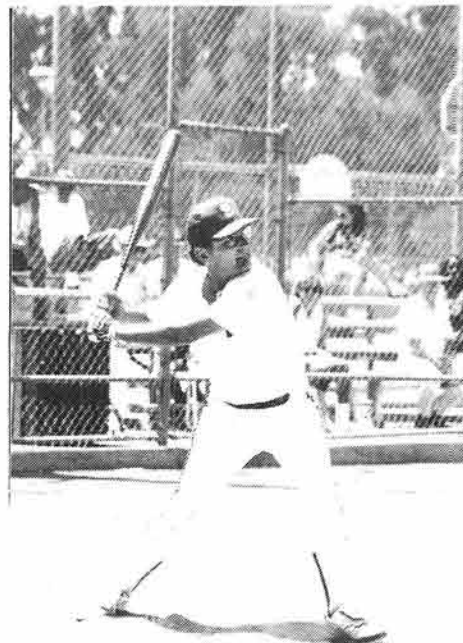
by Dennis Bianchi

I'm not sure how to say exactly what I want to say this month, but I insist on trying. It all began with the shoot-out at Franklin and Pine. We all hurt when these types of events happen. It's just that we display our hurt in different ways. I began going to Police Officer funerals in 1970. Every one has forcefully effected me. Officer Guelff's was no different in that respect, but there was a slight sigh of relief at this funeral as it could have easily been a double funeral. John Payne's life had been spared and I have always admired John. I guess because I met him through running and because he was so damn good at it.

John's softball teammates could never understand how he could be a runner. They told me he looked like he was carting a piano on his back getting to first base. All right, John lacks blazing speed. But John has in abundance what it takes to make a great long-distance runner: a tactical mind, endurance, toughness, courage. I would like to believe that when John was honing those talents on the training trails he developed what he needed to weather the fire-fight that horrible night. However he managed to deal with it, I am relieved, I am happy. If you never run another race, John, you have made my all-time great competitor list. Your co-workers acknowledge you as a great human being and we feel honored to belong to the same Department that you represent so well.

The next week brought me personal sadness beyond description. At Jeff Barker's funeral Deputy Chief Reed spoke directly and movingly to Jeff's sons. He did well but the terrible empty space where Jeff used to be remains. I have tried to explain to others how I felt about Jeff "He was so nice. He displayed a sense that he cared about my feelings, about what I said."

That statement comes up short but it is how I feel. I suppose it was important to me that Jeff cared about my words and thoughts because I



admired him so much. I watched him excel at so many things, and do it so effortlessly. A good cop and lawyer, an outstanding athlete, a loving father, and a friend. He had been given many special gifts.

His friend, Don Carlson, asked a great question, "Did anyone ever see Jeff sweat?" The answer is; seldom. On the playing fields or at his desk Jeff knew that to be prepared was to eliminate the worry, the stress of overexertion and he was prepared. He could play with less talented players and make them look good, because he thought about what was happening and could see what would happen next. He would argue about the smallest infraction and enjoyed winning the argument if you failed to argue persuasively against him. When you presented a cogent response, he would admire your ability and move on.

I guess that is what I have to do now — move on. It seemed to this spectator that if Jeff were given a ball, a playing field and a set of rules, within a very short time he would master the game. The rules have changed. Jeff is no longer on the playing field. We must understand the new rules, and calmly attempt to participate in the new setting to the best of our abilities. I'll try to use Jeff's model. Play smart, take care of yourself and your teammates, and be a winner no matter what the score. Jeff was. I really miss him.



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SPORTS



Call of the Wild

by Steve Balma

Early in October of this year, Bob Brodnik (Narcotics) set out on his annual journey to the breathtaking mountains of north-western Colorado for an exciting combination deer and elk hunt. Bob was accompanied by his brother Joey, his best friend Ray Burrows, and Doug Wilhelm (son of Inspector Steve Wilhelm of Burglary). Bob and his group were hunting the first of three separate deer/elk seasons that Colorado offers in hopes of getting the first crack at the cagey and elusive Rocky Mountain elk, and some monster mule deer bucks that creep amongst the red soil crags, sagebrush lined draws, and thick aspen and timber groves that dominate the terrain of this country. Breathtaking is an appropriate adjective in many respects when trying to describe the area around Craig, Colorado. Not only is the vast scenery beautiful and majestic, but when you're standing on one of the snow-covered ridges at an altitude of nearly 10,000 feet above sea level (where the air is thin), one feels literally on top of the world, and it's inspiring.

Bob's strategy to hunt the first season paid off. Normally a milder weather season, the first season was hit with an early snow/rain storm which drove some of the elk out of their hard-to-get-to hiding places in the high country. Bob and his brother each took a trophy buck, and Doug Wilhelm took his first elk, a big five-point bull.

Bob's group eventually filled the rest of their tags on some more big elk and thoroughly enjoyed the special times they shared around camp cooking, joking, eating, drinking and telling stories. Once again, another great time was had in the great outdoors.

In late October, another group, headed by alumnus Alex Fagan (Homicide) and Rich Cairns (Northern), followed Bob's group for the second Colorado deer/elk season. Accompanying Alex and Rich were John Hennessey (Sex Crimes) and his friend Ron Glass, Ed Callejas (Headquarters), my father Gene Balma, and me.

Alex, and Rich hunted with Bob last year, so the rest of us tapped into their knowledge and expertise on the proper tactics to use for a successful hunt in this area. Based on our results, we should have paid them each a guide fee (normally \$1,000 dollars a season).

On the first morning, Ed opened the show with a tremendous shot (approximately 350 yards) on a running 600 pound elk. All that specialized training Ed receives in Tac

Rich followed Ed's performance with a beauty of his own. Rich took the biggest buck of the trip when he downed a trophy five by five buck. This buck would have been worthy of a full wall mount for most of us, but it probably didn't even make the top five of Rich's trophies.

John and I then joined the act when we each took a nice buck from an area where Alex and Rich guaranteed that we would be successful. I then made an encore appearance the following evening when I took my first elk, a five point bull.

Alex, Ron and Rich orchestrated the grand finale when they finished off this fantastic trip by each taking a beautiful elk.

To say we ate like kings would be a gross understatement. Alex (who must do side jobs at the Culinary Academy) prepared some of the best meals that any of us had ever had on a hunting trip. Forget about hamburgers and beans...how about a full course turkey dinner with stuffing and cranberry sauce.

I know that I've said it before, but I'll say it again. The shooting part of hunting is about 1% of what it is all about. The hiking, climbing, sunrises/sunsets, smell of the crisp mountain air, sights one sees while out in nature (like a beaver we saw hard at work building a dam), that's what hunting is about. And sharing this time with others who enjoy and understand this, and who also are willing to lend a hand when someone needs help taking care of his game or cooking, or driving, makes it even better.

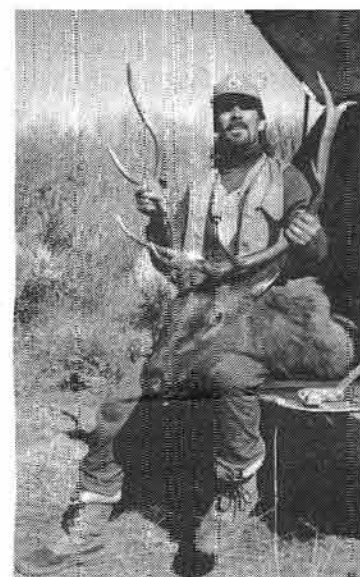
This was a great trip.



Joey Brodnik, Steve Wilhelm and Bob Brodnik with their trophy animals.



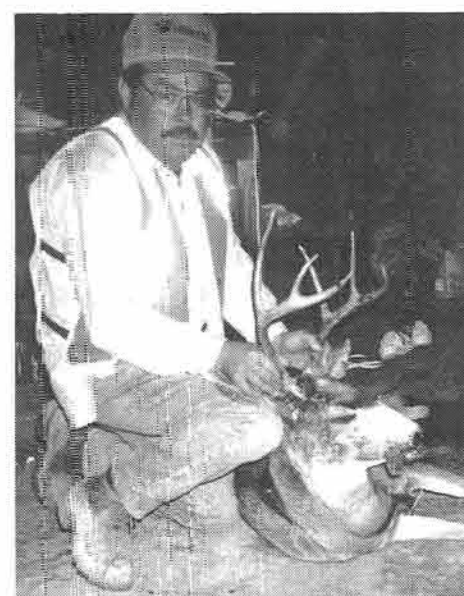
Myself, Ed, Rich and Alex standing on top of the world.



My first elk.



Ed Callejas with a big Rocky Mountain bull elk.



John Hennessey with a nice mule deer buck.



Rich Cairns with his 5x5 trophy buck.

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SPORTS



by Rene LaPrevotte

Last month I attended the WISH UPON A STAR foundation's annual 50's party fund raiser held in Visalia, California. At the dinner a raffle was held to give away the Honda XR-100 motorcycle that my agents here in the SFPD have been hawking for me.

Even though we raised over twenty five hundred dollars here in San Francisco, the winner was from the central valley. The big winner was Dan Eastham of Exeter, California. Mr. Eastham owns a pest control business in Exeter, and has been a big supporter of WISH UPON A STAR. As it turns out, the raffle raised over fifty-six hundred dollars for the charity, which will go a long-way towards granting the wishes of California's terminally ill children.

I would like to thank, once again, the parents of Justin Graham who donated the bike back to the foundation after Justin passed away last Christmas Eve. I'm certain that if Justin was here today, he would be proud to know his beloved dirt bike will bring some measure of cheer to other sick kids.

I'm frequently asked by members of the department what can they do to help the WISH UPON A STAR

foundation in its efforts to care for these sick kids, and unfortunately I have to tell them that the charity is sorely in need of cash donations to keep its doors open. Since the foundation doesn't solicit from the general public and operates solely on donations from California Law Enforcement, they rely upon you and I to continue their efforts to ease the pain of children whose lives will be tragically shortened by terminal childhood diseases.

It is in this endeavor that I am working with Phil Dito of the POA in an effort to secure a payroll deduction slot for WISH UPON A STAR. Those of us blessed with good health and the relative security of our jobs can thusly make a painless biweekly donation of as little as a dollar per pay period. If every sworn member could see their way clear to have a buck deducted each payday, the kids would see nearly fifty thousand dollars a year pumped into the program. That my friends and neighbors, would keep this worthwhile effort ALIVE and WELL, something the recipients of this program will never be. Once the payroll deduction has been approved, I'll be bugging you again for a small commitment. Happy Holidays!

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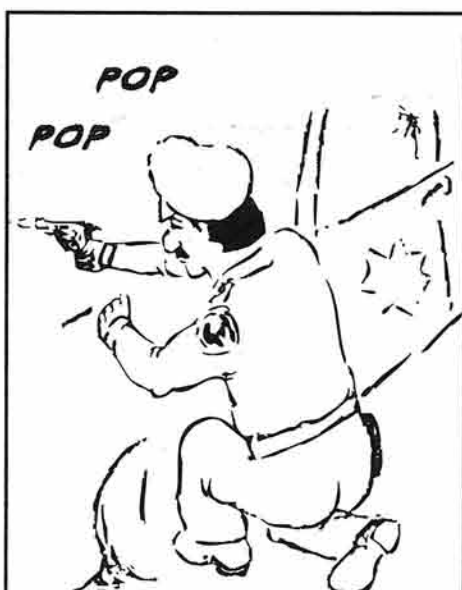
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ON THE STREET/Tom Flippin



Funny ... But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



Frank Balun, a New Jersey resident, is facing charges that once again illustrate there's no justice in the Justice System. It seems that Frank was having trouble in his backyard garden...something kept eating his tomatoes.

He set a trap and caught the culprit: a large rat. When he checked the trap the next day, he found that the rat was nearly about to escape so he did the natural thing...he grabbed a broomstick and knocked the dirty rat on the head. However, our story is only beginning. Some local animal rights advocates got wind of Frank's vicious attack on the defenseless rodent and filed a complaint with the city's animal protection society. Now it looks as though Frank will have to face a jury trial for cruelty to animals, despite the fact that even the D.A. says the charges are unworthy of the legal process. Nope, nothing is to low for lawyers.

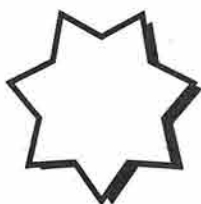


An Oklahoma robber was in such a hurry to stick up a convenience store that he decided to cut in front of the customers lined up at the counter. He'd have been a lot better off if he had waited his turn. Two of the people he cut in front of just happened to be local police officers. The two cops watched the robbery, then wrestled the rude crook to the floor and placed him under arrest. This guy should have listened to his mother when she told him to always be polite.

Some people have all the luck...good and bad! Edward Allison, of Clearlake, Ca, has had his full share of luck on both sides. First, he won a million dollars in the state

lottery...pretty darn lucky, right? But then his wife divorced him and got half of the jackpot and left him getting only \$21,000 a year...not so lucky. Then, Ed decides to increase his winnings by going into business...specifically, the heroin sales biz. That might have been lucky, except that he got caught red-handed with 21 bindles of heroin and soon will be doing hard time in the state pen.

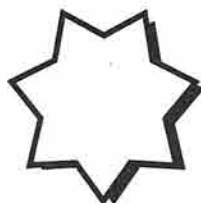
The "three strikes, you're out" law has people divided over its legality and its effectiveness, but one man, at least, thinks it's a pretty good deal. Anthony Rivera robbed two banks in Watsonville, apparently just so he could be sentenced to life in prison. Rivera, who was on parole for bank robberies he did in 1986 and 1989, told local authorities that he has a degenerative physical condition and feels he'll get better medical treatment in the state prison system than he would in county jail. "Three strikes and you're in?"



Well, I know you're all gonna feel very relieved about this next news flash. It is now official...at least in New York... the Mafia really does exist! That's right, a Manhattan jury recently concluded that local mobsters were indeed involved in criminal activity, and that they were members of a criminal organization called "The Cosa Nostra." The prosecutor said it was the first time that a New York jury had found that organized crime exists and that its members commit crimes to enrich the organization. Hey, guys. You did a good job. Welcome to the world...at last!

Cops up in San Andreas (in the Gold Rush country) found themselves in a wild chase, which turned into a Keystone Kops chase! Three teenagers burglarized a local brewery and made off with their loot...several large kegs filled with beer, in addition to many normal cases of bottled beer. Officers went after the suspects who responded by rolling the 160-pound beer kegs in the path of the pursuing radio cars. They also dumped numerous cases of beer onto the road in an attempt to avoid being overtaken. The 38-mile chase apparently ended when the crooks ran out of beer to toss at the cops. One deputy said he wanted charges of attempted murder brought against the three. "At one point," he said, "one youth was throwing individual bottles of beer directly at me."

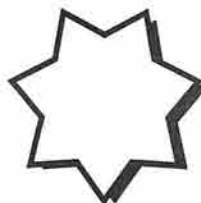
A cook in Portugal found more than he was looking for when he went looking for more potatoes. He was rummaging around in a sack full of potatoes and found one of just the right size and firmness. Unfortunately, it was not a potato but was, in fact, a live hand grenade. A police bomb squad responded and took the grenade away. They reported that the safety pin was almost completely rusted through, and only the cook's light touch with food averted a disaster in the packed restaurant. Uh, let's take that place off our list of eating spots!



At last, a solution for the high crime rate on Muni! Officials in southern Mexico reported that four gunmen recently held up a public bus and robbed all the passengers. Several of the victims put together a posse made up of their neighbors, townspeople, and local farmers and went after the banditos. The posse caught up to them fairly quickly, whereupon the four desperados were tied up, beaten to a pulp and finally shot to death. Local authorities were reported to be reluctant to pursue charges against members of the posse.

A Fresno burglar may now realize that he picked the wrong criminal profession to go into. A cop there

responded to an audible alarm at a local auto body shop. As he was checking the doors and windows, he heard a loud crash from inside. He called for backup and they conducted a search. While they were inside they heard another loud crash. Despite repeated demands to surrender, the crook wouldn't come out. A canine unit arrived and finally found the suspect hiding upstairs. As it turns out, he was still on the premises because he hadn't heard the alarm, hadn't heard the cops yelling, and hadn't heard the dog's barking... because he's stone deaf!



Once again we have a fine example of an ungrateful citizen biting the helping hand of the law. A Redwood City woman has filed a lawsuit after being rescued by San Mateo deputies from a dangerous hostage situation. Maria Mores was taken hostage by a gun-wielding assailant in her apartment. Deputies repeatedly, and unsuccessfully, tried to negotiate with her attacker. Finally, they stormed the apartment and freed her, after killing her abductor. Now, Mores wants an unspecified amount of monetary damages, because she was slightly wounded in the hand (allegedly by a deputy's bullet) during her rescue from the life-threatening incident.



Season's Greetings from the POA and the Notebook