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## The Vice President Speaks

An Open Letter to the Honorable  
Mayor Frank Jordan:

Dear Mr. Mayor:

When we sought collective bargaining with binding arbitration in November of 1990, you were still the Chief of Police. We came to you for your support of that ballot measure... explaining to you at the time that this measure was the only way out of the basement for the working cop on the streets with regards to salary and benefits. We had dropped to #92 in the State in pay for police officers, and nobody seemed to give a damn except us, the cops who were suffering this great inequity. All we asked was your support. You turned your back on us... coming out against our

collective bargaining measure (Prop. D) and even allowing yourself to be used by then Mayor Art Agnos in a sadly staged press conference on the steps of City Hall.

We were able to win Prop. D without your help but this did not deter you from coming to us for our support when you decided to run for Mayor in 1991. You were personally insulted when we did not support you in the initial election even though you surely must have understood that we owed a certain allegiance to Angela Alioto. You see Mr. Mayor, she unlike you had the guts to support our initiative even though she could never claim to be "one of us".

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## GET INVOLVED !

by Al Trigueiro, President

Mayor Jordan recently submitted Charter Reform Legislation which calls for amongst other draconian measures the repeal of Collective Bargaining with Binding Arbitration for Police and Fire (See page 12). The Mayor submitted this legislation to the registrar of voters in order to begin an initiative petition drive to place it on the November 1994 Ballot. Approximately 40,000 signatures are needed for this legislation to qualify for the Ballot. With the

financial backing of the JOBS COMMITTEE (the Chief Executive Officers of San Francisco's largest and most successful companies) and the political acumen of hired consultant, Jack Davis, placing this legislation on the Ballot is a very real possibility. The probability of its passage should it qualify is good, especially in light of the FAT CITY articles being generated by the Examiner.

Furthermore, the JOBS COMMITTEE is in the process of accumulating

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## Full Staffing

by Al Trigueiro, President

As this edition of the Notebook goes to press on June 7, 1994, voters are expected to enact a full staffing Charter Amendment that was placed on the ballot by nine members of the Board of Supervisors.

In addition, a committee of the Board of Supervisors will conduct a hearing on a full staffing agreement that was negotiated between the Police Officers' Association and the City. Chief Ribera initiated these discussions, and Mayor Jordan was directly involved.

The staffing agreement which we have negotiated is, in my opinion, far superior to the full staffing ballot measure. This is because although the ballot proposition would call for the hiring of 1,971 full duty police officers, it may not be enforceable. A Charter provision mandating that a specific number of officers be hired does not guarantee that that task will be accomplished. This is particularly so under our Consent Decree, which has specific hiring requirements. You can't just snap your fingers and produce 1,971 police officers on the payroll; it takes a great deal more than that.

Our staffing agreement, by contrast, guarantees to people throughout the City and County of San Francisco that a specific number of officers will be on duty to protect them. The minimum staffing levels are set for each Station and, should staffing at a station fall below the required level, the City would be required to bring off-duty officers back to work on an overtime basis.

Whether or not the full staffing Charter Amendment, Proposition D, passes, a full staffing agreement such as that we have negotiated will be necessary if the people of San Francisco are going to be provided the level of police protection they are demanding and entitled to.

The POA will notify our general membership by bulletin as soon as final action is taken on the full staffing agreement.

I would like to applaud the efforts of Chief of Police Tony Ribera in these negotiations, as he has relentlessly pursued full staffing goals in a manner which is realistic, practical, pragmatic, and economical for the City and County of San Francisco. The leadership he has demonstrated on this issue has been uncommon amongst public officials.



(Left to right) Walter Johnson, Secretary-Treasurer of the S.F. Labor Council; Sylvia Courtney; and Josie Moonie, President, S.F. Labor Council.

## Early Endorsements For Courtney, Shelley And Ammiano

Our POA membership voted, by mail ballot, to endorse Sylvia Courtney, Kevin Shelley and Tom Ammiano for the Board of Supervisors in the upcoming November, 1994 election. All three candidates received more than the two-thirds (2/3) membership vote necessary for such endorsements. Courtney finished highest, with 80% of the vote. Shelley had 79% and Ammiano 69%.

These early endorsements coincide with those provided last month

by the San Francisco Labor Council. San Francisco Unions have been quick to react to the current attack on working people by Mayor Jordan, members of the Board of Supervisors, and the "Jobs Committee". Labor has put together a campaign operation, geared initially for the November, 1994 elections but intended to remain in place thereafter. The campaign, called "Labor and

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**Looking Ahead to  
the November Elections,  
See Pages 12 & 13**

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## Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of The Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by President R. Huegle at 2:03 p.m., Wednesday, May 18, 1994 in Conference Room, Ingleside.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: V. Pres. J. Sturken absent. All other officers present. P. Pres. M. Duffy and Ray Crosat among members present.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as corrected. Tr. R. Milon was present at April meeting.

REINSTATEMENTS: JULIA FORD & DEBRA FULLER reinstated by Trustees.

RESIGNATIONS: RICHARD LANNOM asked to be dropped. Pres. approved.

COMMUNICATIONS: Following donations received and acknowledged: P. Pres. Duffy in memory of Marjorie Kurpinsky, Off. John Propst, M/C. EXTRA PAY FROM MOVIE DETAIL.

BILLS: Treas. Parenti presented usual bills—benefits, salaries, taxes, etc. APPROVED. Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths: ELMER BLACK: Born in Huntington, Utah in 1915, Elmer worked as a custom officer before joining the Department in 1942, age 28. From the Academy, he was assigned to Ingleside, remaining there for a year, before being transferred to Solo Motorcycles. Elmer was there for three years, then went to Personnel for a year, before returning to Solos from where he retired on Disability in 1963, age 48. He was awarded a Capt. Comm. in 1954 for the arrest of an armed man threatening people. Elmer was 78 at the time of his death.

MICHAEL DESMOND: Born in San Francisco in 1918, he was employed as a salesman when he became a member of the Department in 1945 at age 26. From the Academy to Taraval one year, Ingleside a year, transferred to Northern, he stayed there just a short while before being detailed to Bureau of Inspectors for a year, then to Taraval, from there to Chinatown Detail, remaining there for three years. Mike then went to Mission for four years, back to Taraval from where he retired on disability in 1958, age 40. Mike was awarded a 2nd Grade for capture of an armed

taxi-cab holdup man. He was 75 when he passed away.

BERNARD G. DOWN: Born in San Francisco in 1910, Gil, as he was known most of his life, was selling real estate when he joined the Department in 1937, age 27. Receiving his training working out of the Night Chief's Office he was assigned to Mission. After nine years, he was transferred to Communications. Gil stayed there for three years and was then detailed to B. of I., then permanently assigned there until his retirement for service in 1973, age 62. Gil was promoted to Assistant Inspector in 1953, Inspector in 1956. He was 83 at his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Members of Bank of America unable to attend, however sent monthly report which showed an increase in market value of portfolio in spite of down market.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treas. Parenti reported on the progress of attorneys working on tax case and wanted to know if association should proceed. Members agreed that we should proceed. Secty. McKee—copy of letter sent by Public Administrator requesting bank to advise as to transfer of assets.

NEW BUSINESS: Parenti and McKee reported that a lateral transfer class had been visited at the Academy and 23 of 25 had signed as members.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Huegle set next regular meeting for June 15, 1994, 2 p.m. in Conference Room, Ingleside Station.

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

Fraternally,  
Bob McKee, Secretary

THE FOLLOWING RETIRED MEMBERS ON CASH ACCOUNT HAVE NOT AS YET PAID 1994 DUES: RONALD BARRETT, BETTY BROWN, MARIE DAILEY, DANIEL FALZON, HENRY GARCIA, PAULA JONES, DONNIE HANSEN, DONALD D. HANSEN, JEAN POWERS, JAMES ROBINSON, WILLIAM THIFFAULT. IF YOU KNOW ANY OF ABOVE, MAYBE YOU CAN CONTACT THEM.

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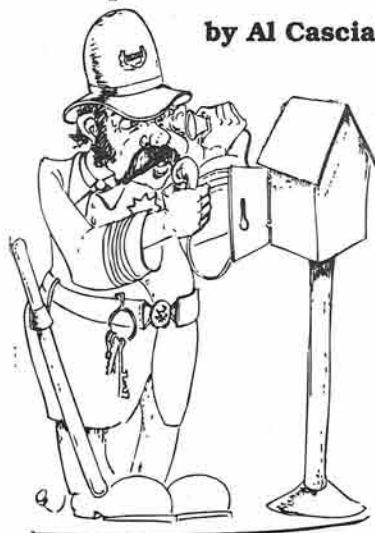
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## Around The Department

by Al Casciato



### "Super Bowl in November":

Political consultant Jack Davis has introduced an initiative petition, on behalf of Mayor Jordan and the Committee on Jobs, which will eliminate our Collective Bargaining and Binding Arbitration.

Davis is quoted by Muni's Larry Martin as saying that "November will be San Francisco's Political Super Bowl, Winner Take All." I'm afraid Davis is right, it is a winner take all situation and each and everyone of us and our family members is a player.



### ...Birth:

Co. E's **Keith and Tina Pasquinzo** welcomed **Nicholas Montana**, 8 lbs. 5-1/2 oz, 20 inches on May 9, 1994. Yes, he was named after the player - so you can tell what type of aspirations Mom and Dad have. Congrats; and Nick when you win a Super Bowl in 2020, don't forget us.

### ...Hall of Famer:

On May 6th Lt. **Alan Mould**, Co. C was inducted to the Galileo Hall of Fame for Baseball and Soccer Accomplishments. Alan joined his father Jack who had been inducted in 1989 for his baseball accomplishments. Attending the induction was fellow Hall of Famer Retired Commander **Ray Canepa**, who never seems to change. Congratulations Alan.



### ...Cerebral Palsey Fundraiser:

On April 27th Mission Station's Captain **Jack Santos** climbed onto the dunk tank seat at the Mission Bar and Grill in an effort to raise some funds for Channel 5's Cerebral Palsey Benefit. In a very short time he became the dunk tank's top fundraiser as \$250 worth of balls were thrown in record time. Who were those people throwing (spending) - T.B., F.F. III, Co. D types - Well at least according to sources the good Captain was taken out to dinner for his efforts.

### ...Cirque du Soliel and POA BBQ:

A limited number of tickets are available for the Saturday, July 30th BBQ and Matinee Performance of Cirque du Soliel.

Tony Roma's will cater the BBQ at the POA Building, 12:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. Then at 4:30 p.m. all will adjourn to the Matinee Performance of Cirque at the Big Top located at 4th and Townsend Streets. For tickets, call **Jim Bosch** at 553-1644 or 804-8000...

### ...Sick Call:

Retired Inspector **Margaret (Maggie) Dillon** took a bad fall recently and required hip surgery. We are happy to report that she is on the mend and hopes to hear from friends and fellow retirees. Maggie needs to be brought up to date on all that she's been missing. Call Sol at the Credit Union, 546-3800, for her number or write:

c/o Patti Dillon, 1220 - 31st Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122.

### ...Mission Station Gym:

In order to become a charter member of the "New Mission Station Gym" which will be located in the new facility at 17th and Valencia, you must join before the move. Contact **Charlie Ellis** at 553-1544 or drop by the "Old Mission Station"...

### ...A Big Thank You:

On behalf of Co. H's **Manny Coreris** and his Family, a heartfelt Thank You is expressed to all those who donated time to carry Manny through his illness.

Your unselfish response, concern, and prayers have helped Manny and his Family tremendously.



### ...A Winner:

Tac's **Dino Zografos** won an \$800 Calico Assault Rifle at the Santa Clara SWAT Team Competition. Dino immediately donated the weapon to the SFPD Arsenal even though other Departments' SWAT Teams were offering cash. Now that's loyalty...

### ...He's Material:

Lt. **Dirk Beijen** gave a presentation to a Hostage Team Seminar in San Jose recently. Afterwards an

attendee not knowing that Dirk was a lieutenant approached and said, "Keep talking like that and they'll make you a sergeant." Dirk's still trying to figure that one out...

### ...Welcome Back:

Sgt. **Lilli Mattoch-Hitt** has returned to work after moving to Las Vegas a year and a half ago. Missing all her friends here, she managed to convince her husband to move after his retirement. Welcome back Lilli...

### ...Save Proposition D:

**A lot of politics will be called for**

**between now and November. Though we cannot politic while on duty, we can do a lot for ourselves while working.**

**Being nice to the Voting Public - spending a little extra time on their problems - riding the bus with a smile - dropping by to say hello - in other words, P.R.ing everybody, everyday - They will remember in November...**

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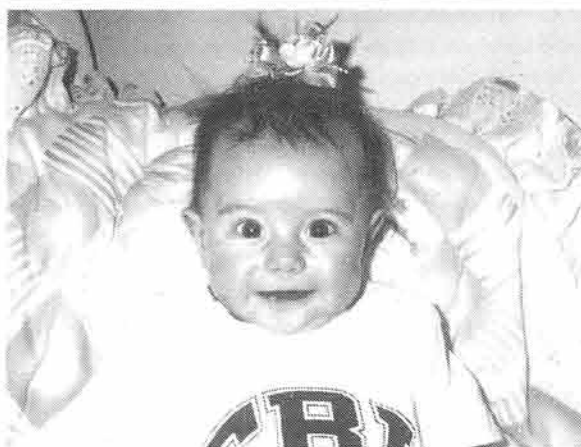
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## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

April 19, 1994

### Call to Order

### Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Castel, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Benson, Co. D; Gardner, M., Co. F; Dempsey, Co. G; Rosko, Co. H; Lambert, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Sylvester, Hdqts.; Torres, Hdqts.; Castagnola, TAC; Lemos, Invest.; Java, Muni; Shawyer, TTF; Wright, Retired; Johnson, Secretary; Dito, Treasurer; Delagnes, Vice Pres.; Trigueiro, President.

Excused - Ellis, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Herman, Co. E; Faingold, Narcotics; Gardner, D., Invest.

### President's Report

President Trigueiro introduced the two guest speakers: Paul Dempster, President, S. F. Labor Council and Tom Umberg, Candidate, State Attorney General's Office.

President Trigueiro requested the Board's approval to seek the appointment of a POA Staff Attorney to assist in handling the many administrative matters involving our members. M/ Sorgie, 2nd Java to provide for the appointment. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

President Trigueiro further reported that Mayor Frank Jordan has requested input from the POA in regards to a full-staffing measure he was reviewing (separate from the full-staffing ballot proposition - Prop. D). The Mayor's proposal would allow for back-filling vacant positions with EWW after a period of hiring takes place. This proposal under consideration will be reviewed and submitted to the Board for discussion.

Another matter for consideration however, is the Mayor's proposal to place a charter amendment before the voters in Nov/94, that would drastically alter our collective bargaining rights. The members of the S.F. Labor Council have met on this matter and will be assessing the impact of such a charter amendment and members of the POA Executive Board will be meeting with the Labor Council to draft proposals to combat this measure.

(M/Lemos, 2nd Wright: Request the assessment of each POA member

for a one-time contribution of \$1.20. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. The monies raised would be utilized strictly to defend against any altering of our collective bargaining rights.)

### Vice President's Report

Vice President Delagnes informed the members of the pending Candidates' Night (4/26/94) where POA Board members will have the opportunity to question candidates on their positions regarding labor issues.

### Secretary's Report

A discussion regarding the police reserve program resulted in the majority of Board members objecting to the Police Reserve Program as there were too many variables that were not addressed by D/C Petrini. The POA Board was supportive of both citizen volunteer programs as well as the PAL Cadet Program.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dito submitted his financial statement for March/94. The Board reviewed, discussed and a motion (M/Lemos, 2nd/Sorgie) was made to accept the March/94 financial report. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### FINANCIAL REQUESTS

Assemblyman Willie Brown Fundraising Event (5/7/94) at Hilton Hotel. Cost: \$1,000.00 per ticket. M/Johnson 2nd/Deignan for purchase of 1 ticket. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Mike Nevin Benefit Fundraiser. Cost: \$100.00. M/Java, 2nd/Sylvester. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chinese American Democratic Club Fundraising Event. Cost: \$600.00. M/Java, 2nd/Torres. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

C.O.P.E. (S.F. Labor Council Banquet) - 5/19/94 - Sheraton Palace. Cost: \$1,000.00. M/Delagnes, 2nd/Torres. Motion passed unanimously.

Request that POA serve as a Sponsor to the Annual Hostage Negotiation Seminar. Cost: \$500.00. M/Torres, 2nd/Java. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Steve Johnson, Secretary

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS' MEETING

March 15, 1994

### Call to Order

### Pledge of Allegiance

Roll Call: Present - Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Castel, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Benson, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Gardner, Co. F; Shine, Co. K; Sylvester, Hdqts.; Faingold, Narcotics; Castagnola, TAC; Sullivan, Invest.; Gardner, Invest.; Java, Muni; Shawyer, TTF; Wright, Retired; Johnson, Secretary; Dito, Treasurer; Delagnes, Vice Pres.; Trigueiro, President.

Excused - Herman, Co. E; Dempsey, Co. G; Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Torres, Hdqts.

### President's Report

President Trigueiro announced the candidacy of Sylvia Courtney, for the Board of Supervisors. Mrs. Courtney has served our members well as a tireless advocate for the rights of police officers. She has worked with us for the passage of Proposition D (Collective Bargaining/Binding Arbitration) and on a number of our civil cases, including the writ of mandate issued in our favor by Judge S. Pollack, declaring retirement benefits to be negotiable and arbitratable.

### Legal Defense Committee Update

President Trigueiro reintroduced the resolution that was reviewed at earlier Board meetings pertaining to the parameters of legal representation. After discussion a motion was entertained for acceptance (M/Benson, 2nd Sorgie). Motion passed unanimously by voice vote. Resolution will be published in POA Notebook.

### Airport Police Affiliation

A motion was introduced (M/Sullivan, 2nd Machi), allowing for members of the POA Executive Board to pursue the possibility of affiliating with the Airport Police. All information gleaned would be brought back first to the Board of Directors for review and approval and then submitted to the members for a ratification vote. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Police Reserves

A discussion was held regarding the use of Police Reserves and the meet and confer sessions with D/C Petrini. Members of the Board were asked to consult with their respective personnel and return with any concerns that should be addressed.

### Full Staffing Measure

President Trigueiro discussed the

advantages of the pending charter amendment (Proposition D) regarding full staffing for the police department and a motion was entertained (M/Delagnes, 2nd Dito) to endorse the charter amendment. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Vice President's Report

Vice President Delagnes spoke to the matter of Career Development and submitted an analysis of the Department's position which was distributed to Board members.

### Secretary's Report

Secretary Johnson submitted the minutes for both the January/94 and February/94 Board meetings for review and discussion. A motion was introduced (M/Deignan, 2nd Shawyer) for acceptance of both reports. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary Johnson also reported on progress being made, through meetings with Police Commissioner Rodriguez, on improving the process involving OCC matters.

### Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Dito submitted the financial statement for February/94 for review and discussion. M/Machi, 2nd Sullivan to accept as submitted. Motion approved unanimously by voice vote.

### FINANCIAL REQUESTS

Police Reserve Dinner (Honoring Reserve Officers who served our department for many years). Held 4/29/94. Cost: \$300.00. M/Machi, 2nd/Shine - Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Full Staffing Measure (Proposition D). M/Deignan, 2nd Java. Proposed \$500.00 contribution for campaign. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

### Chinese New Year Celebration

Hazelhofer Invitational Golf Tournament. Held to benefit the United Scleroderma Foundation. Cost: \$200.00 (Foursome/Raffled off). M/Johnson, 2nd Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Chinese American Democratic Club - 36th Annual Banquets. M/Benson, 2nd/Deignan. Cost: \$50.00. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Benefit Fundraiser for Arlo Smith for Attorney General. Cost: \$100.00. M/Johnson, 2nd/Sullivan. Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Steve Johnson, Secretary

## Are Annuities For You?

by Ray Arata, Prudential Securities

If you'd like to obtain a future source of income that is tax deferred until you decide to withdraw it, consider annuities.

Unlike life insurance, with which it is sometimes confused, an annuity pays off while you're still living. In fact, an annuity is simply a contract between you and an insurance company in which you pay a sum of money and, in return, receive regular payments, either for life or for a stated period of time.

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A note of caution, however. If you withdraw money from a deferred annuity before age 59 1/2, there is a ten percent IRS tax penalty on the earnings. In addition, most sellers of annuities impose a charge for early withdrawal. Therefore, purchasers should have enough liquid investments to ensure they will not need to withdraw funds prematurely from the annuity. People have long used annuities as an ideal supplement to their retirement income from Social Security, company pension plans, IRAs or Keoghs. They also are suited to other long-term savings objectives, such as saving for college tuition or just accumulating tax-deferred returns on extra cash.

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## Police-Fire Post #456 News

by Greg Corrales

"A young woman walked the full length of the wall,  
Silently mouthing the names of them all.  
She picked one at random and knelt by his side,  
And started to etch the twelve letters inscribed.

Raymond Smith was the man's name that slowly emerged  
As the young woman lifted these two lonely words.  
With pencil and paper this young woman drew  
The life of a dead man whom she never knew.

An old man approached and looked silently on  
As the young woman recorded a life long since gone.  
He knelt down beside her and offered his hand,  
To steady the drawing she made of this man.

And when she had finished, he fingered the words  
Of the man he had helped to bring into this world  
A man he had only a short time to know,  
Before it was his turn and he had to go.

And as they both stood there, their eyes softly met;  
One too young to remember; one too old to forget.  
Then the young woman held out the drawing she'd done,  
And offered the old man the name of his son."

Lisa Thorstenberg

**T**oday is Memorial Day. Every Memorial Day I find myself becoming depressed as I remember fallen comrades. I particularly cherish memories of Staff Sergeant Roy A. Fryman, who saved the lives of myself and two other Marines in the Phu Loc Valley in 1968. Staff Sergeant Fryman earned the Navy Cross, the Silver Star, two Bronze Stars, and three Purple Hearts while serving with First Force Reconnaissance Company. In 1969 Staff Sergeant Fryman returned to Vietnam for his second tour of duty. On 23 August, 1969, a week before I entered the academy, Roy was KIA in the Que Son Valley.

As I sit here in my den, my eyes keep going to the bookshelf. In the bookshelf is *Fortunate Son*, the Pulitzer Prize winning autobiography it took Lewis B. Puller, Jr. five years to write. Lewis Puller, Jr., son of "Chesty" Puller, the most decorated Marine in history, was a second lieutenant in the Marine Corps serving in Vietnam in the summer of 1968 when he stepped on a mine. He returned home to his wife and soon-to-be-born child missing his left leg above the knee, his right leg at the torso, most of his left hand, and a thumb and finger of his right hand. His injuries were so debilitating that the battlefield surgeon that saved his life later confessed that Lewis Puller, Jr. put his Hippocratic oath to its most severe test. Puller's injuries were so massive, the surgeon ques-

tioned if he were doing Puller a disservice by saving his life.

Across the front of Lewis Puller, Jr.'s autobiography is written, "The Healing of a Vietnam Vet". For the last twenty-five years Lewis B. Puller, Jr. has been an inspiration to Vietnam Veterans. He has helped thousands of veterans heal their wounds. In the end, however, he could not heal his own wounds. Three weeks ago Lewis B. Puller, Jr.'s pain finally ended when he became the latest victim of the Vietnam War by taking his own life. It is estimated that between 90,000 and 130,000 Vietnam Vets have committed suicide. There are many theories for this incredibly high rate of self-destruction. When I think about it, I am reminded of the quote by Friedrich Nietzsche, "The thought of suicide is a great source of comfort: with it a calm passage is to be made across many a bad night".

Let's change the mood! Great news...Col. John R. "Jay" Vargas, a Marine Corps veteran and recipient of the Medal of Honor for actions in Vietnam, was confirmed unanimously last month by the California state senate as director of the California Department of Veteran Affairs. Vargas, a member of the American Legion, was appointed acting director on 1 June, 1993 by Gov. Pete Wilson.

"As long as I have a breath in my body, I will always be on the side of California's three million veterans and their families," said Vargas. "Since last summer I have had the pleasure of working with 1,200 dedicated employees in the department who work from one end of the state to the other, doing their able-bodied best to carry out my motto, 'putting veterans first.'"

Col. Vargas retired from the Marine Corps in July, 1992. The highly decorated Marine has been awarded the Silver Star and five Purple Hearts.

The June issue of "The American Legion" reports that a crackdown is coming on federal subsidies to criminals and inmates. At the Supreme Court, Chief Justice William Rehnquist is considering cutting funds for anti-death penalty "resource centers" through the budget of the Judicial Conference which he heads. On Capitol Hill, Rep. Bart Gordon of Tennessee is picking up support for ending educational Pell grants for prisoners, estimated to cost as much as \$200 million annually.

Meanwhile, Indiana Rep. Andy Jacobs is trying to close a loophole in the Social Security system which lets killers who beat the rap through insanity pleas get benefits for their "disability." In one case, for instance, the insane killer of four received \$530 a month while housed in a public institution.

Speaking of criminals... "No one can have been for twenty years in active and varied legal practice without becoming convinced that the profession to which he belongs harbors within itself examples of as base, deliberate, and ingenious depravity as any that, less favored by fortune or cunning, have gravitated into the penitentiary."

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## Help For The Addicted

by James Taylor, Central Station

Another day, another poor soul being booked for possession of paraphernalia. (City-issued paraphernalia. You know, clean needles.) By now you must be aware of the "great compassionate: program where in the City (home of the great-left-liberal thinkers) gives away clean needles to drug abusers so they don't become sick and die. Being healthy enables the drug abuser to maintain his strength so he can go out and rob, murder and burglarize. Once these crimes are completed, he can then pawn his ill-gotten goods. Now, armed with his hard earned money, he can buy the drugs he craves. Using the clean needles provided by the City, he injects the drugs into his body so he can feel good about his dastardly deeds.

My concern in writing today is not about the above mentioned drugs, but for a group of addicts that have been abandoned and forgotten by this great left-of-center liberal city: The Nicotine Addicts. These poor people are no less addicted to their drug (nicotine) than thieves and murderers are to heroin, speed, coke or whatever else they can stick in their arm. How could it be that this great liberal haven has neglected these poor souls?

Fear not, relax, I have the answer. Why not a free cigarette filter give away? You know, the plastic filters that reduce the amount of harmful carcinogens found in cigarette smoke. By giving these filters away, the City could lengthen the amount of time these people are able to work (through improved health, i.e. re-

duced cancer and other respiratory related problems caused by smoking), extending their productive tax paying years. Surely, more money in the old coffers must appeal to you politicians. Initially, I would give away 10 filters and red silk smoking jackets. (The jackets going to S.F. residents only.) Then filters would be exchanged on a one-for-one basis.

I would venture to guess this program could be partially subsidized by the tobacco industry, thus offsetting any start-up costs incurred by the City. This would save the taxpayers money. (I know that's a foreign idea for a group of life-long politicians.) My gut feeling is that help will not be given by the City for the following reasons:

1. The majority of the people to benefit from this program would be tax-paying people. In other words, people who contribute to the City and make it a better place to live.

2. Hard working citizens, not politicians, would benefit from the program.

3. A close scrutinization of the City's track record would show the City only gives away taxpayers' money to groups of people who have never given anything back to the City. Who, for the most of their adult life, have been a pimple on the butt humanity. It seems that a prerequisite for assistance is that you have at least one prior arrest for a violent felony.

In closing, Mr. Mayor and Board of Supes, why not get off your collective duffs and enact this program now? Show the compassion you are renowned for. Help the nicotine addicted and add another star of brightness to this otherwise dark and dreary city.

## "Why, They're Just A Bunch Of Older Guys"

by John Sterling

Once a week I go on a motorcycle ride with a bunch of retired San Francisco Cops, and although about fifteen years span our ages there is no generational gap to spoil our good times together. They even invite me to tag along to their periodic luncheons in Santa Rosa.

In this expanded crowd I am truly out of place by my relative youth, my diverse background, and my active status. As I gaze around the room and listen to their stories to which I have little to contribute I find myself in disbelief and sometimes in awe. For sprinkled among the crowd are men who in their youths fought from Normandy to Germany, from Guadacanal to Okinawa, in Korea, and in Vietnam. They wrote on the epitaph of their fallen friends they left behind the words, "You gave your today, so we can have our tomorrow". Afterwards, they fought crime on the streets of San Francisco, and now, with fewer and grayer hair, they sail boats, fly planes, and yes, ride motorcycles wearing matching leather jackets.

I've had the experience of joining this Department when it could still be labelled the 'old' Department, and formed by the same men I've just described. Since then this Department has taken a protean shape. Those who brought about the change will justify all the shortcuts taken so far to the intransigence and biased values held by these men. What's more, these men are responsible for the unfairness of life.

As if to say that these old men when they came home from the war forgot

what they fought for. In truth, they were only seeking a livelihood.

They were the children of the depression, and later, the preserver of the peace. They did not intend to victimize anyone. If anything, a few can make you weep to hear about the pains of their growing up.

I could just as easily chosen to be among those who now disparage this old crowd, and claim that I too am a victim and demand a ticket to the front of the line. I would rather stand apart. I don't have much faith with those who welcome and protect under their armpits individuals who dig up long forgotten roots in their family tree and wave it about, shouting: Me too!! Me too!!! These same individuals, believing I think as they do, urge me to join them in this and that ethnic parade.

The purpose, I assume, is to authenticate their credentials. But we all know it's not about celebrating our equation but of something else.

Those who count these individuals as co-victims are too easily willing to compromise. Since I was nowhere marching in the earlier and real struggle, I have no right to join the parade now when the struggle is beginning to pay off. I am quite happy to accept that I am the sum total of an eclectic parentage and the result is I am different from both. I will not trade off one parent for the other at the sound of jingling pieces of silver. I will soon be another 'old' guy and I will continue to hang out with this same bunch. I prefer their company to those of my recent contemporaries, only because I know I will have more fun.



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## It's About Time To Call His Bluff

by Sgt. Bob Johnston, Ingleside

A couple of years ago I became involved with a police related proposition for the first time in my 16-year career. This was Prop D, which involved collective bargaining with binding arbitration for contractual purposes. As much as I hated going door to door explaining the issue I felt this proposition would alleviate many of the problems experienced in the past between the city and the POA. What better way to solve an issue than to have a third party with no personal interest, to step in and decide what is a fair solution. Not being a student of politics I didn't realize that all is fair in love, war, and politics. There is no solution. The fact that certain politicians ask for sacrifices (leave without pay, threats of police lay-offs) and in turn promise not to take benefits away (collective bargaining) I'm finding is absurd. I know it is imperative that we communicate with these people but when are we going to realize that these people stand side-ways when they

shave. I don't know who is winning in this game but if the mayor's plan is to wear us out it has worked with me. I feel I have played honestly and fairly only to find out that neither has anything to do with politics.

I have personally come to the conclusion that the least I can do is ignore political threats and honestly inform the people of San Francisco of how I feel when questioned about the threats made by politicians against our labor organization. When threatened with lay-offs I welcome the mayor to lay-off police officers as the city is now screaming for more protection. I welcome the mayor to force mandatory leave without pay while assault victims stand our street corners. This again the mayor can explain to the public. I will do my best, on my own time, to inform the public of facts and ignore politics as they have nothing in common.

I guess I can close in saying I'm tired of the threats, "I'm ready to call your bluff."

## We All Must Become Involved

by Robert M. Swall, Central Station

Some POA members have said that it might be a good idea to be a nonpolitical organization and endorse no politician nor any ballot proposition. Although this thought may be idealistically pleasing to some, it does not reflect the real world.

The position of mayor of this City is determined at the polls, which makes him or her a politician. The mayor then politically appoints the police chief, and the chief in turn politically appoints the deputy chiefs and the commanders. The upper echelon of our department is, therefore, politically appointed. Our wages, benefits, and working conditions are also determined or influenced by politicians or at the voting booth. Therefore, like it or not, we are automatically enmeshed in the political arena.

The best thing we, as police officers, can do is to become involved as a group through our POA to obtain fair wages, benefits, and working conditions. In my opinion, the most important event that dramatically impacted our members was the passage of our Collective Bargaining with Binding Arbitration measure that won at the polls some four years ago. This assured for our members, at least a fair chance in obtaining adequate wages, benefits and working conditions.

We were fortunate to have a strong and visionary executive board (Trigueiro, Delagnes, Dito and Johnson) who have made this a priority issue. Their legislation was then sponsored by Supervisor Angela Alioto who brought it before the Board of Supervisors who

then voted it onto the ballot to be placed before the voters of San Francisco.

The voters, as did the supervisors, saw this as a fair and adequate way to set wages, benefits, and working conditions for the police department. (Fair and adequate, mind you, not bloated or overpaid).

Now, the mayor is attempting to take away our Collective Bargaining with Binding Arbitration, for political reasons. We must fight off this attack with everything we've got. Whether it be money, door to door, campaigning, mailers, slate cards, talking to community groups, phone banks, or whatever. We must remain active in the political process, and we must win this battle. For if we lose and become inactive, we will never see fair wages, benefits, or working conditions in the SFPD for the rest of our careers.

## Are We All Voting?

by Earl Wismer, Inspector

All democratic organizations have an inherent weakness. That weakness is the ballot box. If the membership does not vote in majority numbers, then the majority is ruled by the minority who voted. This seems to have happened to the P.O.A. I have talked to a large number of members, none of whom voted to allow The City to take the "furlough days" from us. I have not determined if the members I spoke with did, or did not actually vote, that is not my business, or any one else's for that matter, but if what I have been told is true, very few members wanted to give these "furlough days" to The City.

I propose a change to the P.O.A. by-laws that will assure the membership that all possible votes were cast and counted. A rule change that would require that all ballots sent by the association must be returned and accounted for, would give us at least some confidence that everyone in the association was given the opportunity to vote. This could be a very simple process.

If all ballots were sent to the members at only one place, either work or home, or any other place, as requested by the member, then the member would be sure that he/she receives a ballot for each election. The member's mailing address would be kept on file by the election committee. That address might be different from any other address on file with the P.O.A. or The City, but ballots would only be sent to that address.

The election committee would keep a roster of the entire membership, and for each election, each ballot return envelope would be marked off as it is received, and the ballot envelope placed in the ballot box to be counted at the election deadline. This would give the election committee an easy way to find out who did not return a ballot. If a member does not return three consecutive ballots by the election deadline, then that member should be fined \$10.00, via payroll deduction, and \$10.00 for each subsequent non-returned ballot.

This would have no bearing on how

the members vote because it would only count the ballot return envelope and not the ballot itself. A member might choose to abstain, but he/she would have to at least return the ballot. Marked or unmarked, the ballot would be counted, thus giving the entire membership the confidence that all members had the opportunity to vote.

When the election results are posted, the number of ballots returned would be included. Members whose ballot was not returned or did not make the election deadline could be notified by the committee. Any errors in mailing or procedure could be corrected immediately.

If this proposal were adopted then we could all be confident that this association is indeed democratic and ruled by the majority of the membership and not just the few who vote.

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## Turning Point

By Con Johnson

"An individual has not started living until he can rise above the narrow confines of his individualistic concerns to the broader concerns of all humanity."

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Narcissus was a youth of Greek myth who was cursed by Nemesis, the Greek goddess of fate and the punisher of extravagant pride. Nemesis punished Narcissus by forcing him to selfishly fall in love with his own reflection of his image in a fountain. Narcissus' illusionary fixation with himself caused him to pined away into a flower, which in Greek mythology signifies death. It was Narcissus' selfish desires and his unwillingness to sacrifice for others that led to his unpleasant demise. It is this concept of "narcissism" that permeates throughout the San Francisco Police Department, which seems to stifle any form of recognizable progress. The once collective ideology of "We" has fallen victim to the egocentric "I got mine" or "What's in it for Me?" attitude.

It is this selfish motivation that causes one to only seek satisfaction in fulfilling his/her own needs, while disregarding the needs and concerns of others. Moreover, the omnipresent of selfishness hovers about our department like an illusive, poisonous mist which asphyxiates the breath of hope from one's meager existence. Unfortunately, one is operating within an environment, such as ours, where gratifying one's individualistic, selfish concerns have become a rule as opposed to an exception. It is this sense of individuality that undermines and takes precedence over the utilitarian philosophy that signifies the idea that one must be willing to sacrifice for the "greatest good of the whole." One must unequivocally realize that we as San Francisco

Police Officers, despite our race, sex, or sexual orientation, are all in the same boat; and the word "BOAT" is only an acronym for **Bringing Our Abilities Together**. Therefore, if the boat sinks, we all will reluctantly go down with it.

A new sense of brotherhood and sisterhood should be resurrected under the true spirit of fairness, equality, and justice for all. Furthermore, in order to accomplish justice for all, one must develop the prudence for good judgement, the temperance to maintain it, and the fortitude not to compromise it under any circumstance. Ralph Waldo Emerson, the prominent Unitarian minister/philosopher, once wrote: "It is one of the beautiful rewards of this life that no one can sincerely try to help another without helping himself." The prolongation of justice is then manifested through one's willingness to help another person unconditionally. Additionally, one must appreciate and value the uniqueness of others, for it is this uniqueness that tides us together as one, whereas the rare commodity of justice can be shared by all. And just because one may think differently, or feel differently, does not mean that one must suffer the consequences of ineluctable alienation or ostracism. It is essential to realize that to give appreciation is to receive appreciation.

The "greatest good of the whole" is also applicable to any paramilitary structure. However, it appears the previously mentioned concept of unity is only a figment of one's imagination. In terms of our police department, the idea of fairness and opportunity must genuinely be provided to the whole and not only to the "natural selected" few. And like the Greek myth Narcissus, if one fails to accept this idea of collective oneness, then one will find himself/herself slipping away into the deadly, intoxicating reflection of his/her own selfish image.

Fairness is nothing more than treating another human being the way that one would want to be treated — with respect. Nevertheless, the principle of fairness has been relegated into a quasi indoctrination predicated on exclusion. At a recent "Chinese for Affirmative Action" fundraiser, Lani Guinier who was the guest speaker stated that "If you stand on principle you cannot lose and if you lose you still have your principle." Let it be made perfectly clear that the principle of fairness does not mean that one must compromise his/her own self-respect and self-dignity in order to participate in a system which historically has denied full accessibility. For how is it remotely possible to speak of fairness when police officers are continually held within a multicultural prism which is capped by a glass ceiling? Candidly speaking, how can one profess fairness when police officers view their opportunity of promotability as minuscule or impossible, as it relates to their counterparts whom they see moving up the ladder of success while they are held stagnant and without purpose?

Ironically enough, some embrace this lack of representation as being fair and are willing to accept this concept of exclusion at the cost of doing business at a time when the opportunity for promotability is rare. Furthermore, it is this lack of opportunity for promotion that allows one to endorse and freely practice the arts of exclusion. Fairness will never be achieved until we as a department begin to recognize and appreciate the value of all its diversified membership, which would no doubt ubiquitously bring stability and increase morale within our police department. In our police department, our diversity is our greatest asset. Furthermore, by embracing the cornucopia of diversity in the work place and practicing the concept of inclusion would then allow our department to reach a higher level of respectability, as well as credibility with the public.

The barometer of fairness is also measured by the progress of the least represented group's advancement. Although efforts have been made by our current administration to bring a level of equilibrium within the higher rank and file, more conscience work is definitely needed. The mere unspoken thought of fairness is not enough. Generally speaking, one cannot speak of fairness until one can truly recognize that which is deemed to be unfair. Furthermore, one cannot profess reverse discrimination without first addressing the issue of discrimination.

For to even speak of one without speaking of the other is like speaking of day without realizing that there is night, or talking about good and not acknowledging the fact that there is evil, or empirically sensing sweetness while totally disregarding bitterness. Therefore, one can analytically reach the conclusion that the reciprocal of black is white, or vice versa, and the truth is one cannot exist without the other.

One's ability to think rationally and logically is impaired by "institutional narcissism." Meaning, within an institution one may selfishly and mistakenly have a false sense of being better qualified than others. Especially within our own department, the albatross in attempting to define the ambiguous term "qualify" is quite an enigma. For there is no such recognizable standard in existence, which one can use as a legit criterion to assess one's abilities or qualifications. Nor is there an identifiable process or mechanism in place where one can aspire to obtain these phantom-like qualifications. Because of this lack of definition, it then becomes easy for one to participate in the divisive polemic sentiment that is levied against those who may unfortunately find themselves under the aegis of Affirmative Action. Such acrimonious rhetoric is a by-product of a system that is predicated on the reduction of opportunities for all involved participants. The aforementioned analogy regarding Affirmative Action is only utilized to demonstrate the premise of "institutional narcissism" and, therefore, should not be prematurely misconstrued as an argument for or against said concept.

The San Francisco Police Department is at a pivotal crossroad. Our department collectively should seize the opportunity to build on its prize asset of diversity. A desperate attempt should be initiated to create a symbiosis of unity which can enhance and empower each member. The battle cries for fairness, equality, and justice must be heard and believed by all. For without a shared admiration for improvement, we are doomed to partake from the poisonous Narcissus flower. Furthermore, we must truly realize that our destiny is intertwined with each other. We as police officers should make every possible attempt to transcend the color and gender lines. We can accomplish this task of progress by standing together under the undisputed banner of blue. Let us remember the words of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.: "We must learn how to live together as brothers or we will perish as fools."

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## RETIRED MEMBERS COLUMN

by Gino Marionetti & Mike Sugrue



### Donald James Willett

He was born in Red Rock, Arizona in 1917. His father was a general foreman for a copper smelter company in Arizona, and later in south Africa. His mother was born in Austria. She came to San Francisco in 1903 and left the city one week prior to the 1906 earthquake. Don was the youngest of four sons. She would tell them stories about their father. One evening they went to a carnival. One of their main attractions was their strongman. He would give anyone one hundred dollars if they remained on their feet after three rounds of fighting. Their dad put an end to such boosting. He went into the ring and knocked him out in the first round. He was a man of extraordinary strength, capable of lifting four hundred pounds.

They were staying in a hotel in El Paso. Gun fire throughout the night. The next morning they heard that Pancho Villa, the revolutionist had crossed the American border, but was driven back into Mexico.

At some point during their travels they settled down in Tucson. At age four, Don went to the Amphitheater Elementary School. Today it is the largest grade school in the State. He then went to Tucson High School. It is hard to visualize seeing how muscular of a man he is today, that when he was in high school he was to frail to engage in sports. R.O.T.C. was a mandatory course for all the high schools in the State. They would compete in drilling and marching events. His unit walked away with the honors.

After graduating in 1935, he joined the Tucson National Guard and was promoted to Corporal within a year. The National Guard Units met annually in Phoenix. Don was in Company "E", Company "F" was made up of Native Americans. There was a man in Company "F" that would eventually become a good friend of Don. They would travel similar paths in their lives. They would both make San Francisco their home and become members of the San Francisco Police Department. That person was the popular gentleman, Alfred J. Aguilar.

At 21, Don enlisted in the Marine Corps in San Diego. He went through basic training and a course in seafaring procedures. He is assigned aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis. His battle station is with an anti-aircraft gun crew. The ship was on maneuvers in the Caribbean Sea with the Atlantic Fleet. The news coming out of the Far East wasn't good. The possibility of war existed. President Roosevelt ordered the Pacific Fleet to the West Coast.

There hundred ships anchored were in the San Francisco Bay. It was an added attraction to the San Francisco Worlds Fair. The Indianapolis sailed to Pearl Harbor in 1940. It would become the seat for all Pacific operations.

After two years on the Indianapolis, Don was transferred to the Marine Supply Depot at 100 Harrison Street in the city. He assisted all



Major Donald J. Willett, USMC

Marines with their incoming and outgoing shipping orders. Don would spend a few years in San Francisco. He grew to love it and eventually would make it his permanent home.

Don loved to dance and did it quite well. His favorite place was the Avalon Dance Hall at Van Ness and Sutter. A lady named Frances caught his fancy. Was it infatuation or was it love? It didn't take him long to differentiate between the two. They met in early 1941 and were married in October of that year. She worked as a stenographer at the Presidio. In October of 1943 Frances gave birth to their daughter Dorothy.

In 1944, he was one of 450 NCO's selected to attend an officers promotion school. They went through a process period of screening and elimination. Don was in the fifty nine chosen to attend the Officers Candidate School in Quantico, Virginia. He received his gold bars in March of 1944.

In the Russell Islands in the Pacific, the 3rd Amphibian Tank Battalion was formed. It would be Don's first assignment as a commissioned Officer. They became part of the First Marine Division. The First Marine Division along with the sixth and fourth Army Divisions made an amphibious landing on Okinawa in April of 1945.

The Indianapolis had brought partial parts for two atom bombs to Guam. The Indianapolis was no ordinary vessel. It was a heavy cruiser, and the Flag Ship of the famed Fifth Fleet. The date was July 30, two weeks before the end of World War II. She was returning to Leyte Gulf in the Philippines when all hell broke loose. At 12:02 A.M. a Japanese submarine fired torpedo #1 into the bow. Seconds later, torpedo #2 smashed into the ships vitals. Well over a ton of high explosives...and at 12:14 A.M. the vessel sank in 10,000 feet of water hundred of miles from shore. The first torpedo tore off the bow, the second one opened the belly of the ship instantly cutting off all communications. Four nights of terror for the survivors. Fuel oil covering their nostrils, ears, eyes and mouth. The cursed sun being only twelve degrees from the equator. The sun was an instrument of torture and there was no place to hide. The sea infested with sharks, barracudas and other fish with flashing teeth. The agony of thirst, knowing a sip of salt water meant certain death. The survivors had hopes that they would be missed

## Format Change

by Mike Sugrue

Gino and I have decided to change the format of our Retirement Column for the next few months. As a result of a very successful seminar in November '93 we are going to talk about retirement itself. Over the years that we have been writing this column and conducting seminars, different people have sent us articles and books they have written. We would like to share this information with you. We hope that those of you who are thinking about retirement, or have made the decision to retire will find these articles interesting and helpful.

This month's article comes from a book "Police Retirement; The Impact of Change" by John M. Violanti Ph.D., Department of Criminal Justice, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rochester, NY and published by Charles C. Thomas Springfield, Ill.

Retirement. The word itself denotes a sense of ending, of termination. It conjures up visions of sitting in an easy chair or behind a fishing pole at a peaceful lake. These are common perceptions of retirement. For many of us, retirement is far from comfortable chairs and afternoon naps. Our productivity does not necessarily end with our work lives; we go on to new horizons and goals.

For the police officer, retirement is far from the end. Eligible for retirement at mid-life, police officers are faced with the difficult decision of staying in police work or returning to civilian life. Police officers also face a problem not found in other occupa-

tions: the difficulty of separation from the "brotherhood" of policing. Civilian life can bring a feeling of fear and isolation and to many retiring officers, leaving is similar to losing a family. They are no longer "one of the guys", in there helping with the battle against crime, and they yearn to be part of the action once more. During that first year, officers may find themselves wondering why they ever left the job. An older officer once said: "you can't get the job out of your system. Forget it."

Other perils of the civilian world await after retirement. There is the matter of finding a job. Some officers may think it is simple to find work but it is not. They find themselves taking anything that happens along, even a

minimum wage job. Income is lower after retirement and some may think they made a terrible mistake in retiring from police work.

The experience of retired officers emphasizes the need for preparation prior to leaving police work. Police-men tend not to plan for retirement, but wait for some special insight to tell them when to leave. Many times we have heard the comment from other officers, "you will know when your time to retire comes." Unfortunately, insight does not necessarily make for a successful retirement.

Next months article will continue with information excerpted from Dr. Violanti's book which concerns some history of police retirement that we found interesting.

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as they were due in Leyte Gulf at noon on the following day they left Guam. There were over a thousand ships at Leyte Gulf. Why would they miss 1,001.

Two planes flew over head but the sea, with its infested bodies, went unnoticed. Faith and hope at last. The pilot of a Venture Bomber had its antenna snap. They took the plane down to 5,000 feet. They reeled in the antenna and secured it. An oil slick caught their eyes. The Ventura went down another 1,000 feet. The bomb bay doors were opened and they

counted over thirty bodies. They dropped survival kits and made the necessary request for their rescue. Seven ships immediately went into action. Not one ship was less than 200 miles away. The survivors were taken to an army hospital in Samar in the Philippines. It was the heaviest loss of life in the Navy's history. There were 1,196 men aboard the Indianapolis, 880 died and 316 survived. fifteen of the eighty two officers made it and 301 of the 1,141 enlisted

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## WILLETT

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men. The survivors meet every five years in Indianapolis, always on the date of their ordeal. They remember their shipmates and speak quietly. These men have known the full value of life. They have been to hell and back.

The first atom bomb was dropped on Hiroshima on August 6th. The second on Nagasaki on August 9th. World War II came to an end on August 15, 1945.

Three months later, Don was back home. There were three mouths to feed. He accepted the position of a limited tenure police officer. Don was hoping that the Civil Service Commission would be giving a test that would make him a permanent police officer. No tests were in sight. After eight months he turned in his badge. He went to work for the Loomis Armored Guard Company. The Civil Service Commission was now accepting applications for permanent police officer appointments. In February of 1947, Don was sworn in as a member of our department.

Don and Howard Erickson are working the patrol wagon out of Park Station. Returning from the city prison, there is a radio broadcast of an armed robbery of two women in the vicinity of the opera house. The two suspects were armed with handguns and escaped in the victim's auto. The auto was spotted at Page and Divisadero. The two suspects were walking up to the front door of a drugstore. When the suspects walked out, the Officers commanded that they throw away their weapons and raise their hands which went un-heeded. They were both drug addicts and armed. It turned into a Mexican standoff. A scuffle occurred and the officers were able to deprive the suspects of their weapons. Officers Donald Willett and Howard Erickson were given a first class Meritorious Award. Another outstanding police work performed occurred while he was working with William Allen on radio patrol out of Southern Station. Tim Richardson is working alone in an Accident Prevention car. A wino type standing on the pier, stumbles and falls into the water. Tim calls for assistance! Moments later Don and Allen arrive at the scene. Willett dove into the bay. Allen requests the fire rescue unit and an ambulance crew to respond to the scene. The rescue unit threw them a life line and lifted them out of

the water. The ambulance crew took them to the harbor emergency where they were put into tubs of hot water to thaw them out. For their effort, the police officers received a Captain's commendation.

The Korean War had erupted. The Marine Headquarters in Washington D.C. reactivated Don's unit. It was to join the First Marine Division at Camp Pendleton. During his stay, Frances gave birth to their son Robert. At the present time, he has been a member of the Fremont Police Department for the past sixteen years.

Don boarded a Victory ship for Kobe, Japan. A Typhoon hit the island. Water was flying over the docks. men using the cargo nets to get off the ship were thrown into the water. The ships broke loose from their mooring cable lines causing them to hit one another. The only ship that didn't break its mooring cable lines was Don's Victory Ship. The typhoon lasted for approximately a day. The cleanup lasted much longer.

The First Marine Division boarded a destroyer for Port Inchon. They were to attack all enemy ships. The Captain and it's entire crew were Japanese with the exception of the American Officers. How can a Captain, who five years earlier was the Captain of a Japanese battleship, steer the ship into a sea trough? That is exactly what happened. The ship listed 15 degrees. One hundred gallon tanks containing gasoline and ammunition came loose from the upper deck. Metal striking metal caused sparks to fly. There was great concern over an explosion occurring. Thank goodness that the Captain went along with Don's advice to steer the ship crosswards through the trough which put it back on course. Along with the First Marine Division they attacked and captured Inchon and Seoul.

Don now finds himself at Camp Del Mar as the Commanding Officer and in charge of training amphibian tank men. The Korean War ending would soon occur. He received his inactive orders and returned home. He is reunited with his family and his comrades at Southern Station. He is so used to traveling that he decides to travel a little more. However, it would be of a short duration. City College for a two year course in criminology and an Associated Art Degree. His military career speaks for itself.

Don was also quite a policeman. There were occasions when the Captain would write a commendation for

the outstanding police work he performed. It did not go unnoticed. He was transferred into the Robbery Detail and worked with the incomparable Max Girard. Milton Vasquez was the owner of a bar in the Mission. Two of his male employees robbed him of \$8,500.00. They forced him into their car and were planning on demanding a ransom for his release. The case received wide publicity. The suspects panicked due to reward the Mexican Community had offered for the arrest and convictions of the culprits. They sedated the victim and left him out along skid row. He would give the appearance of being drunk. Don and Max Girard were like two bloodhounds. Never letting go, checking out numerous leads. Their patience and determination finally paid off. Richard Gonzales was arrested on the information furnished by one of their informers in the city. David Guterrez was taken into custody while he was aboard in Navy ship in the San Diego Bay. The arrest made headlines the following morning in the San Diego Newspaper.

Don is now working out of the General Work-Homicide Detail. His partner is the meticulous Ken Manley. James Petillo loved jewelry with a passion. He was known as "Diamond Jim". His problem was that he didn't like using his own money to pay for the jewelry. He embezzled thousands of dollars from his employer. He converted a fishing boat into a yacht. He had two new diesel motors installed, along with a paint job and even had the ships name changed. He liked the best of everything. He was a high roller. Nothing but the finest of liquors. He also enjoyed having a lady aboard for companionship. The Inspectors had the Coast Guard Helicopters search the Delta channels of the Sacramento Rivers. It was located in the Santa Cruz Harbor. Along with the arrest, thousands of dollars in expensive items were recovered. "Diamond Jim" became a guest of the State of California for an indefinite period of time.

Another of their interesting cases was the Vanda Hoff Unger case. There were two things about her. She was the first wife of the noted orchestra leader Paul Whiteman and a patient at a convalescent hospital. Her nephew

William Cootes Jr., visited her every day. One day the nurse came in unexpectedly and observed the nephew pour some white substance into her tea cup. The lab tested the substance. It was carbon-tetra-chloride, a poisonous substance. The nephew called her, stated that he had himself appointed as the administrator to her estate. He was going to spend all of her money and that she would never ever see him again. Steps were taken to have him removed as her administrator. An expensive 10 karat diamond ring had been removed from her safety deposit box. It was traced to New York and finally located in Los Angeles. Don received a phone call to report to the City Morgue. He made an identification of a body. That of the nephew who had registered in a downtown hotel and took his own life.

Little did they realize that their next homicide case would take two years to solve. It occurred at a restaurant opposite the zoo at the beach. Arthur Alford not only owned the restaurant but also slept in the rear of the premises. The burglar were not aware of this and a gun battle took place which took the life of Arthur Alford. The Inspectors sleep was interrupted as they were called to the

scene. Samples of blood and two gun cartridges were turned over to the Crime Lab. A key was also traced to a prior burglary. Pieces of the puzzle started to take shape. It would be two years before it would be completed. One suspect, Robert Breeding had changed his name to Berring and was arrest in New York. Extradition procedures brought him to Los Angeles to be reunited with his crime partner, Bunny Smith who had changed her name to Ruth Cooper. Both pled guilty and were given life sentences.

Ken Manley describes Don Willett by saying that if there was a definition in Webster's dictionary it would read: Willett, Donald J. a superior officer in the U.S. Armored Forces....self contained....a worker without pause, a quite, a gentle giant....deeply involved....tireless, always searching and obtaining the minute information needed to full his objective. A human dynamo.

He avoided publicity. Police work was never a 9 to 5 job with him. In thirty years he only took seven days sick leave. In 1976, Don Willett retired on a thirty year service pension. He would be the recipient of many awards. A plaque by the Golden Gate Breakfast Club for the outstanding service he rendered the community. Don and Vanda Hoff Unger's attorney, Edward A Hammer, had never met. The attorney wrote a letter to Chief, Thomas J. Cahill expressing the intelligences, determination and devotion that Don showed his client. A letter from the Supreme Court Justice Earl Warren for the excellent care Don gave him while he was in the city.

During his police career, he received the gold, silver and bronze medals of valor. The USMC in Washington D.C. listed twelve military medals that he is entitled to wear. A plaque presented to Major Donald J. Willett (Retired) in appreciation and in the recognition for his excellent dedication to Korea and the Korean people. Sung P. Park, President (American Koreans).

His wife Frances passed away in 1990 due to cancer. They spent 48 years together. She saw him through two wars, and a 30 year police career. In 1990 Don's health failed. He had two heart bypasses, an aneurysm of the aorta and a hip replacement along with a hernia and cataract eye operation.

There was a special nurse named Eva. She waited on him hand and foot. Would see him daily during his convalescent period. They were eventually married. At the present time they are traveling and enjoying their remaining years.

I have placed no halo over his head. The glory he received is of his own making. Thumb sketch on the promotions of Don Willett in the Marine Corps.

- 1938 Enlisted in San Diego
- 1939 Private First Class aboard the U.S.S. Indianapolis
- 1941 Corporal 100 Harrison St., S.F.
- 1942 Sergeant over seas
- 1943 Staff Sergeant — Treasure Island
- 1944 Second Lieutenant — Quantico, Virginia
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**W**ell folks, here it is — the book review you've all been waiting for...what is she talking about??? Wait a minute...stop...I mean STOP...STOP the insanity!!!!

Yes, yours truly will attempt to translate Susan Powter's (no, I will not dye my hair blond) new book titled **"STOP THE INSANITY!"**, Simon and Schuster, 1993. I've never seen her on TV, but word is you either love her or hate her. I am here to tell you she is **NOT** a fellow Nu Yourrkker, but she writes like one so I gotta love her. Besides, she really has some incredibly insightful things to say about health & fitness, you know all that stuff that makes us crazy (i.e. — insane) — and there is an amazing amount of info jammed into 363 pages.

First off, let me inform you that the book is dedicated to women and the following issues:

- \*Diets
- \*Deprivation
- \*Self-image
- \*Motivation
- \*Life changes

Now, when I look at those issues, I think they can apply to both sexes. So, if you are of the male persuasion, don't toss this article yet.

Powter starts off the book like an autobiography of well, the perfect American dream — fall in love, get married, make babies, live happily ever after...etc, etc. Except in her case, the dream started to crumble when her husband took on more and more work responsibilities and spent less and less time with her, two babies back to back, now hubby is having an affair...you can finish the script. Powter describes that time of her life as miserable...she had ballooned up to 260 pounds and was depressed with a capital D. She tried everything. Every diet under the sun, aerobic classes, fitness consulting, and nothing worked. She finally reached a point where she quit trying and gave up on the entire idea that she might one day get into "shape".

The text reads:

"My motivation was desperation. I could no longer live with the way I looked and felt. My body ached. I didn't have enough energy to get out of bed in the morning, let alone get through the day. I hated—hated—the way I looked and felt.

Powter started to change her life when she focused on merely *feeling* better. She continues with some more pearly words of wisdom.

"Everyone has a different fitness level. Mine at the time was nonexistent. The nonexistent fitness level is what's kept more than half of America from moving. Unfit? Obese? Senior? Injured? Don't move. Wait until you're fit before you move.

When Powter started to walk 30 minutes "in oxygen" a day and com-

bined the exercise with food, she began to feel **ENERGY** for the first time. This is where her success enters...Powter captures the essence of what all the Health & Fitness articles I have ever read or written about... in three easy words —

**EAT — BREATHE — MOVE**

Powter spends three long chapters on just those words. She points out that Dieting is starvation, one of the reasons they don't work is that the body recognizes the changes in fuel (food) intake and goes right into concentration survival mode (that's a Hofsassian phrase). Every ounce of fat remains (because it lasts the longest!), while the protein that makes up any muscle fibers you might have started out with gets used up first. Metabolism decreases to make up for the loss in food intake as well. Deprivation, the other side effect of dieting leads directly to bingeing. And the circle it goes rounds and round. Sounds like insanity to me.

So what about eating right? Powter does not have a magic formula for this one but I like what she reiterates and reiterates...**EAT WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY...EAT LOTS OF HIGH QUALITY FOODS...FOOD IS ENERGY...**

Note: Powter provides useful information on what fuels are available and how to get the most out of 'em. She really makes it simple and that's what I like about the book, no hocus pocus, no big time math/charts/calculations, just plain and simple info. She goes into nutrition stuff — you know: **1 gram of fat = 9 calories, 1 gram of protein = 4 calories and 1 gram of carbohydrates = 4 calories.** She continues with a guide to reading food labels and points out that even the average body at rest (no exercise in the course of one day) requires about 1200 calories!!!

Then she comes up with this fantastic fat comparison chart that really sums it all up. Without revealing all of her secrets, let me just give you a couple of examples that might blow your mind. In the Fat Comparison chart, she has one column with all the High-Fat "food types" that we, as fast-food junkie, donut-toting cops, L-O-V-E, and she lists those items with a Fat and Calorie count, the next 5 columns have the alternative "food types": Greens and Vegetables, Legumes, Whole Grains, Processed Grains/Starches and Fruit. She starts with my favorite High Fat item — the Chocolate chip cookie.

If you ate One (1) Chocolate chip cookie, you would have ingested **6 grams of Fat!!** This is the equivalent in Fat grams ...drum roll please... of **6 cups of Pasta, 800 grapes or 20 cups of long-grained rice!!!!!!** Okay, you say, big deal, right, she's a NUT, and I ain't gonna listen to that broad if you paid me. But the list goes on, another favorite of mine...okay true confessions, cheese enchiladas, there they are in the chart.

**High Fat item**

3 cheese enchiladas =  
**75 grams fat**  
1,150 calories  
59% fat

**Greens and Vegetables**

200 cups of cooked =  
collards  
**75 grams fat**  
6,650 calories

**Processed Grains**

100 bagels  
**75 grams fat**  
16,400 calories

Okay, I don't want to get into publishing rights, but I just wanted to give you all a glimpse of the amazing info Powter has to offer. Just think about it... wouldn't you rather get the high energy fuel from one or two bagels (I can't imagine eating 100 bagels at one sitting) versus plodding around with all that fat from 3 measly enchiladas? The rest of the chart has other well known favorite food types and the true equivalent, and by the end of the second page you are swimming with priceless cocktail party bits of information. The truth is, she is absolutely right on.

The rest of the book describes how to breathe better and of course move better. There are pictures for correct form on some basic weight training methods and even a bit on flexibility. She provides a question and answer section that totally is candid and inspirational and finishes the book with a chapter on Life Changes.

Powter makes no bones about putting the Fitness Industry, the Medical Industry and the Diet Indus-

try in their proper respective places. If you stop and think about all the money and time that is spent on convincing you — the virtual and literal consumer on how this or that product or method or medicine or...or...or...okay we get right back into that insane stuff. We have to stop the cycle, the circle, the insanity and just do the simple stuff...eat, breathe, and move.

*I'm telling you dahlink*, Read the Book!, you'll like it and get to laugh a lot too.

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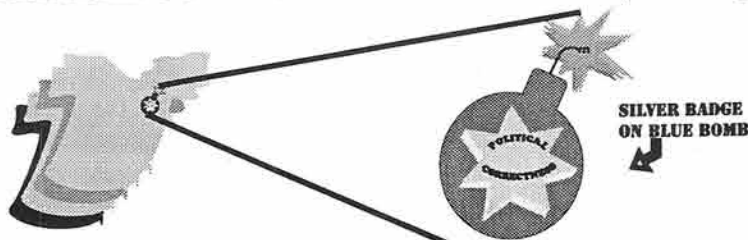
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## Mayor And Supervisors Propose Draconian Labor Laws

by Al Trigueiro, President

According to a recent publication, CitiReport, there appears to be a competition between Mayor Jordan and Supervisors Migden and Kaufman with respect to who can come up with the most draconian labor laws for City employees, including police officers.

The paper reports that while the Mayor submitted a ballot measure (as Jim Wunderman advised POA representatives he would last month) that would overturn the collective bargaining and interest arbitration provisions for police officers and fire fighters, a competing measure was introduced at the Registrar's office by Supervisors Carole Migden and Barbara Kaufman that would have the same effect. Both the Mayor's proposal and that submitted by the Supervisors would require gathering of a sufficient number of signatures between now and election day in order to get these Charter amendments on the ballot. In addition, both cover all City employees and have such features as:

1. Retirement benefits would not be able to be changed, modified or improved, except by ballot measure;
2. City employees covered by the City's Salary Standardization Ordinance [not police officers and fire fighters] would have wages frozen through July 1, 1995;
3. City employees with existing contracts, including police officers and fire fighters, would have a one

year freeze when the contracts expired. In addition, those whose compensation, including wages and benefits, is at \$75,000.00 or more per year, would have a two year wage freeze;

4. Further, those making more than \$75,000.00 who are not covered by labor contracts would have their wages frozen an additional year, until July 1, 1996;

5. Collective bargaining with binding arbitration would be eliminated. In its place would be a procedure which would give City negotiators an incredible advantage in that the City's final offer in negotiations could only be overturned with the vote of at least eight (8) Supervisors. Thus, even if the POA in negotiations had the support of a majority of the Board of Supervisors, we would not be able to prevail unless we had eight votes.

According to CitiReport, Supervisors Migden and Kaufman were upset with the fact that Mayor Jordan jumped out front by submitting his initiative petition to the Registrar's office without first getting a consensus with them and the "Jobs Committee". Supposedly the "Jobs Committee" had similar concerns.

Regardless, none of this bodes well for City employees or for police officers. While we gear up for what appears to be a sure campaign this November, we are being spurred on by the comments reportedly made by Jack Davis who, according to some sources, is getting ready to run the campaign against City employees. Jack Davis has said to have told various Union officials that the November, 1994 election will be the "superbowl", and that regardless of the campaign that Labor mounts, there is no chance that it can prevail.

## Assessment To Fight Mayor's Proposal

by Phil Dito, Treasurer

On May 25, 1994 the San Francisco Chronicle reported that Mayor Jordan is about to mount an initiative campaign and gather signatures to place on the November Ballot a proposal that will eliminate Section 8.590.1 of the City Charter. The effect of this proposal will be to do away with our ability to Bargain Collectively over wages and benefits and more importantly eliminate Binding Arbitration as a means to settle contract differences. This is a most serious, reprehensible and regressive measure that Mayor Jordan is proposing. This proposal also specifically mentions that all changes to retirement, death allowances and the management and delivery of health service benefits will come under the purview of the voters henceforth. Our Tier II members will lose the ability to negotiate the upgrade of their retirement benefits even though we will prevail in our court fight with the City Attorney.

That Mayor Jordan is doing this to all labor and particularly police officers is despicable. At a time when police officers have reduced serious crimes in this City significantly and the POA has possibly saved the City millions of dollars by signing a staffing agreement with the City the Mayor, shows a lack of understanding of our membership.

During 1991 when Frank Jordan was running for Mayor, there was a meeting in the Law Office of Vince Courtney that was attended by Frank Jordan, Jack Davis, Frank's campaign manager, Al Trigueiro, Vince

Courtney and myself. The subject matter of that meeting was the POA Endorsement process which Frank Jordan thought unfair.

I'll always remember Frank Jordan's words. At the end of that meeting Frank said, "Even if we couldn't reach an agreement I'll never do anything to hurt the police department." Since that time, he has proposed laying off 85 police officers, much like his predecessor Art Agnos had proposed. After making that threat and other threats of putting measures on the ballot, a three day work furlough was instituted and forced on every officer. When the Board of Supervisors found enough money in the budget to rescind one of those days, the Mayor replied that a deal was a deal. I can only say that I believe our contract is a deal Mr. Mayor and there wouldn't be any give backs this year despite your labor breaking ballot measure. We will not let fear dictate our negotiations.

A few days ago, I was speaking to an officer who had supported Frank Jordan for Mayor from the beginning. After telling this officer about the ballot measure, he replied, "He must still hate us for not endorsing him" that appears to be the case.

The POA will be proposing at its July General Membership meeting a \$100 assessment from members. This \$100 will be used to mount a POA campaign to defeat this ballot measure and thereby putting the Mayor on notice. I urge all members to come to the meeting and be heard on this extremely unpleasant matter.

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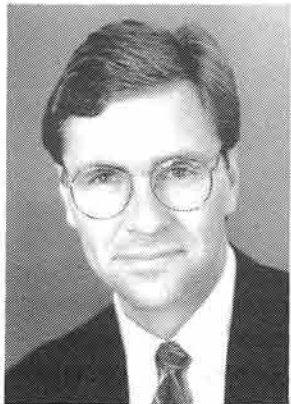
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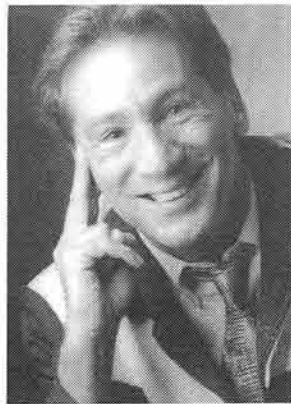
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(Left to right) Bobby Brown, former President of TWU Local 250A; Josie Moonie, Labor Council President; Larry Martin, TWU International Vice President; Sylvia Courtney; Leroy King, ILWU Legislative Representative

## ENDORSEMENTS

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Neighbor", will be a classic "base-out" operation, in that it will initially involve the City's 75,000 Union members (Labor's base), and from there will go out to those voters Labor can work with throughout the City's diverse neighborhoods.

POA Board of Directors member Chris Cunnie is the POA's coordinator in this effort, and will be working with approximately fifty coordinators from other City Unions in this campaign. Pat Jackson has been hired by the San Francisco Labor Council as its campaign organizer/manager, and has been working closely with your POA leadership in putting the campaign effort together.

The general goals, according to Cunnie, are "not only to oppose the anti-Union measures being prepared by Mayor Jordan and members of

the Board of Supervisors, but also to establish a permanent electoral base that will advocate improving the quality of life in this City and will strongly oppose the scapegoating of working people".

The "Labor and Neighbor" campaign will advance a positive agenda for safe neighborhoods; clean parks and streets; quality schools; libraries and other public services; a reasonable plan for economic growth; and will vigorously oppose efforts to economize by lowering the standard of living in this City for its working people. To accomplish these goals, Labor will need to establish an electoral base that will assist it in electing our own candidates, advancing our agenda, and opposing the attack on working people.

In addition to an early endorsement from the POA, Sylvia Courtney has been endorsed by the Latino

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Democratic Club; the Mexican American Political Association Executive Board; the San Francisco Labor Council; the San Francisco Building and Construction Trades Council; Teamsters Joint Council 7; Service Employees International Union Joint Council; and the United Educators of San Francisco.

## INVOLVED

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ing approximately \$1.6 million in order to see that this legislation becomes a reality. The Association will utilize all its resources to save our Collective Bargaining legislation, but it needs the support and help of the entire membership to be successful.

On July 1, 1994 you will receive a 5% raise, along with the 2% retirement pick-up contribution and an additional \$75 for Dependent Health Care. When this occurs on July 1st, the Association will enter the final year of a catch-up contract with those increases helping us move from 92nd in the state in overall wages and benefits, but it will still leave us behind Oakland and San Jose.

The mayor's legislation demands a wage freeze in 1995-96 and we would never again be able to bargain for health and retirement benefits. The possibility of ever gaining an upgrade in Tier 2 Benefits would be slim and none. And our overall wage and benefit picture would be extremely bleak for years to come. After the 1975 police strike, a harmful salary formula along with the worst police pension system in the state was placed before the voters by mean-spirited politicians. The mayor's current legislation would be as bad if not worse than what happened in the late 70's.

I enjoy a good fight especially with all of you beside me! How can we turn the tide and protect our right to bargain?

Enlist your services and join other members in organizing to wage a successful campaign. Sign up today with your unit's coordinator or by contacting the Association. There will be plenty of different assignments over the next five months and even a limited amount of your time is necessary and appreciated.

The Labor Council is putting to-

gether its own organizing project, the Labor/Neighbor Program. The Councils' Labor/Neighbor Committee is recommending an all out campaign to protect the rights of all working people. A significant War Chest will be accumulated in order to successfully wage this campaign and an assessment will be made.

In order to successfully wage our own campaign and protect our Bargaining legislation, a \$100 per member assessment will be recommended to the membership. In 1990, the membership gave \$100 each to successfully pass Proposition D; now it's time to save that legislation. The 1990 Campaign collectively cost the Firefighters and ourselves, nearly \$400,000. Saving this legislation will be equally as dear; but money alone is not the answer, your time and volunteering efforts will make the difference. Remember, the Citizens of San Francisco appreciate you and your great work!!!

Finally, the Association, in conjunction with its own organizing campaign is also trying to elect candidates, such as Kevin Shelley, Tom Ammiano and our own Sylvia Courtney, who support Collective Bargaining with Binding Arbitration.

Sylvia Courtney will be meeting with the membership on three different occasions; check the bulletin boards for times and locations. **On July 7th at the Association there will be a major fundraising effort for Sylvia. From Noon until 8:00 p.m. there will be a hosted event, featuring a Bar-B-Q and a fundraising raffle. Please help yourself by helping her campaign, a purchase of at least one raffle ticket can make a difference!!!!**

## VICE PRESIDENT

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You went to many factions within our department to garner support for yourself, because after all, you were "one of us". Many people in our own department put pressure on us to support you by saying, "How can we not support Frank, he was one of us."

Well now, I guess those who were so quick to endorse you, and urged us to do the same, are now starting to see you for what you are; just another ambitious politician ready to sell us down the road for political expediency.

Not only did you ask us to take 3 furlough days each for fiscal year 1994 by shamelessly using the treat of laying off 85 young police officers, but we have now learned that you plan to ask the voters of San Francisco to rescind our collective bargaining agreement in November of 1994. You are now trying to take away the only tool we have to regain our rightful place among police agencies with regard to our pay, benefits, and working conditions. We also understand that you intend to ask us for more take backs in fiscal year 94-95 and that the ballot measure you intend to introduce in November will include yet another pay freeze for our officers in fiscal year 95-96. You were truly one of us, Mr. Mayor! Those who worked so hard for you on your quest for mayor, and those who worked so hard to garner the POA's support for you must be so proud of this fine day.

Be put on notice Mr. Mayor that this Association will do everything within its power to defeat any ballot measure which will rob us of our only effective tool, collective bargaining with binding arbitration. And also be aware that I as the Vice-President of this Association will use every resource that I have, and will contact every person I know, and will personally lobby every member of this Board of Directors to see that you will not return as the Mayor of this great City.

Sincerely,  
Gary Delagnes  
Vice-President POA

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An Open Letter To Members  
of The Department:

As you know, I addressed the watches at my station on May 5th, explaining to the officers about the transition that I am making in my life. I know I can't speak to each of you individually, so I decided to write this letter.

I am a female-to-male transsexual, currently transitioning to actualize my male gender identity. I am doing this without leaving the job that I love, the people whom I respect, or the community that I have served for the past 10 years.

One of our fellow officers told the press that he was concerned my actions would make our Department the laughing stock of the law enforcement community. I think the opposite is true. When Chief Ribera and Captain Dower stood by me during my announcement it symbolized our Department's commitment to diversity and tolerance. This is a true reflection of this City, and something we can all be proud of.

I want to assure you all that I remain dedicated to our profession, and that I will continue to perform my duties with integrity. I also want everyone to know that I remain committed to affirmative action and equal rights for all members of the Department.

This transition is the culmination of a life-long struggle, and though I am glad to have finally found my path, I know the journey will not be easy. I hope that I can rely on your understanding and support. If anyone has questions or would like to talk to me about this, please feel free to contact me at the station during the 4 to 2 watch.

Respectfully,  
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Al Triguero, President  
SFPOA

Dear President Triguero:

On Wednesday, 05/18/94, the San Francisco Police Commission heard and unanimously approved the Wall of Honor Policy and Screening Committee Protocol.

The Commission praised the policy, and the dedication and hard work of the Committee. To paraphrase the Commission, **"What made this policy so meaningful was that a diverse and representative body of the Department created it."**

Al, I would like to convey to you my personal appreciation for making my task as the Committee Chairperson such a pleasurable one. The teamwork was incomparable.

I know we can all share, with a great deal of pride, a job well done.

Sincerely,  
Fred H. Lau  
Chief of Inspectors  
Inspectors Bureau

Mr. Al Triguero, President  
SFPOA

Dear Al:

The 1994 "Remember The Time" event was a great success! For those of you who attended, I hope you enjoyed Patti LaBelle, E.C. Scott, The Oakland Symphony, and all those good people... you included.

Your contribution helped to make this the best event ever, and I very much appreciate your continued support.

Sincerely,  
Willie L. Brown Jr.

Police Chief Ribera  
SFPD

Chief Ribera:

I am writing to compliment Officer Dave Boyett #668 who resolved a problem which had been going on at the House of Donuts at 725 Columbus Avenue.

This shop had been a hangout for juveniles, male and female, alleged students ranging from 12 to 18 years during the morning hours. The proprietor or his staff was effortless in their attempt to dissuade this group from hanging out. They had caused many arguments and altercations with the regular older patrons. Their cigarette smoking, beepers going off and utter disregard of basic etiquette, i.e. trashing the tables, sitting on the floor blocking the entrance, attempting to take over new turf, was appalling, totally untoward at the least.

On the morning of Tuesday, May 10, 1994, the aforementioned truant entourage arrived as was their custom, the leader, an 18 year old, was seated on the window ledge holding court after their token purchase of donuts and cigarettes. The "smoking lamp" was lit and their ceremony began. Although I do not object to smoking, the regular folks exited and new patrons would not enter.

And then Voila! at this particular moment Officer Boyett arrived and with the utmost courtesy and expertise they were identified as truants ranging from Golden Gate to North Beach environs. Their



LETTERS

close knit group stayed in touch by beeper. Officer Boyett with the help of two other officers left with all of the truants in tow.

As a former police officer for 27 years (retired), I must commend Officer Boyett on his expertise in handling this situation. Too often these routine matters go unreported. I take this opportunity to give Officer Boyett my personal "Atta Boy."

I wish him a lot of good luck in his future police work, which I am sure he is aware of becomes not only hazardous, unappreciated, most often unrewarding, and yes, I might say futile. I am sure you agree that the thin blue line keeps getting thinner.

Respectfully,  
Robert F. Kitzler, Det. Sgt. 1/C  
NJSP

Mr. Al Triguero, President  
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Triguero:

Before too much time passes, I wanted to let you know just how much Kathy, my children, and I appreciate your continued support at our fundraising event at the Plumbers Hall. So many long-time friends have supported us in many political adventures over the years. New friends continue to join us in our effort.

Fundraising is not easy, but it is so necessary in public life. You give me the opportunity to express a passion for issues which are vitally important today. I love what I do, I treasure the opportunities I have been given, and I'm grateful to all of you who have given me a voice and a vote in the process.

Thanks for the contribution and support.

Sincerely,  
Mike Nevin  
San Francisco, CA 94132

Captain John Willett  
San Francisco Police Department

Dear Captain Willett:

I hope this letter turns out to be as much of a pleasure for you to read as it is for me to write.

One of your policemen, Officer Berti, came to our family's aid in a most unusual way. An uncle passed away and we were desperately trying to reach his daughter and son-in-law traveling on business in Spain. Unfortunately, no one knew the details of their itinerary or how to reach them.

I started my search with the security personnel at Levi-Strauss, my cousin's employer, hoping to track down either his secretary or someone in the travel department. Although the fellow with whom I spoke gave it his best shot, he was unable to come up with anyone at Levi for me to speak with. I then called the Police Department Central Office and was referred to your precinct.

Officer Berti listened to my story as I explained the unusual circumstances, thinking I might be able to locate the "responsible person" for emergency problems with the building. Officer Berti was most accommodating, helpful and went the extra mile to help us locate the traveling couple. Through some sort of magic, he was able to penetrate the Levi security and

have someone get back to me with the-phone number in Spain. I know that he made a number of phone calls and went out of his way to help us.

Please pass on a very special thank you to Officer Berti and tell him that his actions made a big difference in a very trying situation. My uncle was a very special man and he deserved the kind of treatment Officer Berti provided. A heartfelt thank you!

Sincerely,  
Karen Anger Hill

Phil Dito, Treasurer  
SFPOA

Dear Lt. Dito

Thank you for your support of our child safety program in the Tenderloin and South of Market areas. We appreciate the very generous donation from your organization, and will stretch it as far as we can to print the posters for the neighborhood.

Sincerely,  
Lynn Loar  
Educational Coordinator

Tom Flippin, Editor  
SFPOA Notebook

Dear Mr. Flippin,

I keep remembering my failure to recognize names on the funeral home register. The funeral director kept telling me that he was not used to the numbers of people that came to pay their respects to my father, Joe Sprinz. As he did, I constantly played tag with fresh signatures and new arrivals in the chapel. I realized that many of the names and faces meant nothing to me even as they marked my consciousness indelibly with their regard for my father and their loss by his death.

Most of these people had to be oldtimers — oldtime baseball players and/or veteran and retired police and firemen — or related to such salt of the earth. This is my "Thank you for the respect given my father while he was alive and, now, that he is dead" to these people for whom I currently have no means of doing so personally.

Size always awed my father. Ruth and Fox and Gehrig had "... meat hooks for hands ... hands the size of hams." Any person who forced him to look up in order to be eye-to-eye reflexed something partly grunt as well as word. Bigness struck my father. The four line drives he hit off of Lefty Grove fastballs he never forgot. That they were all caught made no difference. Off a big man, off the big man's big fastballs, he had made big contact. Consequently, he was big.

Father also liked to tell me of his soccer playing days in St. Louis. The other guys had this big bruiser. He was expected to decide the outcome. Early in the contest, Father was one-on-one with him. Father should have been trampled, dragged off the field to wait for an ambulance. Instead, ... Father loved to tell me about this ... as the giant bore down on him, he turned and gave the monster his hip ... I learned to keep a safe distance for he always demonstrated technique at this point .... The man shot into the air. He crashed to the earth. K. O. Out like a bad light. Father's team rallied, first around him to protect him from an angry crowd and, then, to win the match.

As I watched Father die, I

learned how much he missed those of you I know and the many of you that I don't. He missed you because you were big. You gave him strength. You gave him purpose. You and yours were those for whom he could be big.

When I was young, he boasted of shaking hands with Capone, of playing tennis with the stars whenever the Seals traveled to L. A. and Hollywood, and of Douglas MacArthur growling at him: "There is no substitute for victory." During his many years of retirement from baseball, you replaced these celebrities.

Many of you know of his devotion to the Oldtimers' Father and Son's Night. You know how he loved to hit line drives with those of you who walked the beat, were security at the Kezar events at which he took tickets, and .... I don't know how he came into contact with so many firemen. We never had a fire; Seals Stadium never burned. Still, he was happier for the firemen he knew, bigger.

Father worried about going to hell. You know that he need not have worried. I shall not ask you to pray for him or to remember him. You have done that. Instead, continue what we did with him even though we must now be big without his admiration, his encouragement, and his example.

Leroy Sprinz

Editor's Note: Joe Sprinz played with the San Francisco Seals Baseball Team. He later worked as a probation officer in the City. He was well known and highly respected by many members of this department as well as the citizens of San Francisco.

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Dear Members,

I wish to express my gratitude to all the SFPD officers who signed the petition I circulated. On May 9, 1994 the Superior Court judge of Placer County sentenced the confessed pedophile (the subject of that petition) to eleven years and five months in state prison. Your signatures, demonstrating your concern, assisted the judge in his determination of the length of the convict's sentence. I am sure that you have saved many children from this low-life. God bless you all.

Respectfully,  
J. Michael Chase, SFPD (Ret.)  
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# SPORTS



## The Spectator

by Dennis Bianchi

The Sports section of the Notebook has recently been improved upon with the interesting and well-written articles by Paul Morse and Steve Balma. The "Call of the Wild" is exactly what I was looking for to be submitted: articles about officers that otherwise received no coverage, participating in events I know next to nothing about, and therefore, am unable to write about, and all done in a readable, interesting, even alluring manner. Nice job, Paul and Steve, and please keep it up!

It has been interesting listening to Department members prepare themselves for the Summer Games in Sacramento. Many younger members are hard at it, but no more so than the veterans. From a past participant's view, this is when the work is hardest, as the event grows nearer, but soon the work is rewarded with the excitement of the competition. I wish every one of you good luck, but don't forget, this event is for health and fun, so have a good time.

Several months ago I wrote about my admiration for Jackie Joyner-Kersey. As the month of May was

closing the Chronicle ran a couple of columns about her and reported on her exploits at a track meet. She confirmed everything I had to say about her: she's a very rare champion. She doesn't excel at track only. She excels at life and being a winner. She was photographed hugging her competitor, a woman who had just finished ahead of her. She wants everyone to compete at their best, including herself, and then let the clock, or the tape measure decide who won. She truly cares about her competitors. She recognizes that their presence is what makes competitive sports competitive. She refuses to demean another competitor or herself. Fairness seems to dictate her involvement in track and, coupled with her outstanding talents and ability to work hard, she epitomizes what athletics should be, at least what they should be to this spectator.

I hope everyone who reads this section will take the time to read Nick Shihadeh's article about Jim Deasey. Jim's talking about retiring soon. This department will miss him, and in no place will he be missed more than in representing us with his outstanding athletic accomplishments. It has been a pleasure, Jim, and good luck. Jim was an athlete that never had to be told to Go Do It, he was always doing it to the best of his abilities.

## World Police & Fire Games Update

Now is not too soon to begin planning for the 1995 World Police & Fire Games, being held February 16, 1995 to March 4, 1995 in Melbourne, Australia. A few months ago there was an application published in this newspaper and I mentioned that there were brochures to be had if you contacted me. Well, I now want to let you know about a way to get Down Under — Alliance Travel. The only reason I'm mentioning this is that for every travel package purchased under this program, Joe Dugan has pledged a donation will go to the Toys-for-Tots Program. Tour packages are designed for San Francisco Police and Fire Departments. You get a great deal and a program, Toys-for-Tots, that the Department has a great personal interest in gets a donation!

I spoke to Joe and learned that he has more than just a passing interest in Australia: he lived there for a year. The programs designed for this travel include day-to-day itineraries. The itineraries vary, so call Alliance Travel at 665-5425 for more information. All I can tell you is that Melbourne, where the Games will be held, is the site for the Olympic Games in the year 2002, and the Police & Fire

Games Opening Ceremony will take place in an athletically historical site. One other item I recall Joe saying is that there are several different tour packages, with different itineraries, but at least one had a wine-tour, for you thirsty types. I visited Australia myself, in the late 1970s, and I recall the wine being good, but their beer was better. The people I met were terrific. If you decide to go, I'm confident that you'll have a fine time and, if you're going, get started today on your travel plans! Call 665-5425.

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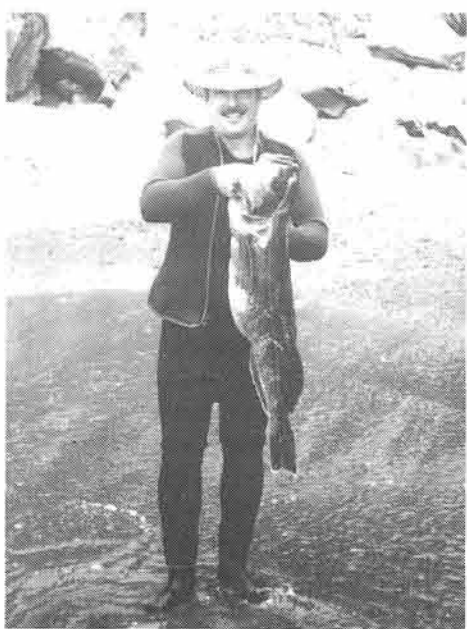
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# Call Of The Wild

by Paul Morse



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## Two Hours Away

Like many of you I am a San Francisco native. I spent my early summers swimming and fishing in Russian River for smallmouth bass and shad. Many a winter day was passed, in a cold futile attempt casting for steelhead. I spent time with the family of a woodcutter in Bodega. We would launch a battered old aluminum boat into Stemple Creek or Estero Americana and row down to the coast. The mornings were spent rock picking for abalone (then as plentiful as fleas on an old dog). In the afternoon, we would shoot sea ducks.

In my teen years, I learned how to dive and spearfish with my cousins in Belizee (Central America). I honed my diving skills in Lake Mead, Nevada during contests for big carp while serving in the Air Force.

I returned to San Francisco and joined the department in 1971. I soon started re-exploring the Sonoma Coast on rock picking and poke-polling trips (the abs less plentiful now). Many a day I would watch



Bounty of the sea

divers climb into the water and soon emerge with limits of fat 8 inch abs while I struggled for hours slipping and shivering in tidal pools for one or two 7 inchers. I decided diving was the way to go.

Among the crew at Mission Station (my first post academy assignment) were some memorable characters. I soon convinced Dave McNerney (now of BART PD) and John "Catfish" Lazarich (retired) to join me. We plunked down \$39.00 at Bamboo Reef for wet suits and tried a dive. We sputtered and choked around until "Catfish" found a submerged rock loaded with fat abs. We soon had limits, and John capped the day by grabbing a nice kelp greenling by the tail. He kicked for the surface, the fish like a sabre in his hand and stabbed the squirming critter into the opening of his float tube, then climbed on top to keep it from flopping out.

In those days we worked a 10 hour shift from 2200 to 0800. Many a day we put in a card for 3 hours and headed north at 0500. Early dive companions included Jim Taylor (Co. A), Larry Barsetti (TTF), Huey "Garlic Breath" Nemeau (location unknown) and George Cima (Solos). One day George brought along a young blonde gorilla named Al McCann (Solos). Al was hot to dive but didn't have a clue. In fact, he didn't even have an ab iron. No matter, as he soon ripped a limit off the rocks with his bare hands.

Eventually, I decided that a boat was in order so I purchased my first inflatable, an Avon Rover equipped with a 10 hp. Evinrude. In those days, we launched at Fort Ross Cove



King Salmon

were we had to carry the boat, then the motor, then all our gear through a creek and then across a hundred yards of beach. On one trip we laughed hysterically as we observed a diver fly out of the water then run up the beach after a 40 foot gray whale surfaced 5 feet behind him and spouted. We soon discovered a fantasy land of plenty among the coves along the Sonoma Coast. On another trip we saw a young bull sea lion who thought he was a dolphin, jumping out of the water like a torpedo while he circled some rocks covered with other bulls and their harems. After a successful dive, as we were running south, one of my companions suddenly shrieked and clawed her way forward in the boat. The young bull had erupted from the water 10 feet astern and launched himself into the air like a Polaris Missile. His trajectory indicated a direct hit was forthcoming. His expression registered shock (similar to hers) and he flapped his flippers like a bird and twisted away. He belly flopped close alongside (nearly swamping us) and swam off.

After several years and many memories and ab feeds I decided to move up. I purchased a 4 meter rigid bottom Avon with a 40 hp. Evinrude. I build a console (to house my fishfinder) and started launching at Timber Cove. My main dive buddies were Paul Cummins (Asst. DA), and Mike Trueman (Solos). On one trip in May several years ago, Paul and I arrived at Timber Cove only to find a stormy, nasty sea. As we struggled to launch through the 4-6 ft. surf most of the other divers shook their heads and stayed ashore. We headed south (it was too rough to go north). I rigged a rod with sinker release, 3 lb. weight, a Hot Spot flasher and an anchovy baited Scotty Rotary Killer. We trolled south along the kelp for about an hour when suddenly the rod dipped

and reel screamed. Whatever had taken the bait quickly pulled off 100 yards of line and as Paul put the motor in neutral, actually stopped the boat. It reversed and raced south as I reeled frantically trying to keep slack from the line. I stumbled forward to the bow chaser as the fish turned west and headed for Japan. This fish was so strong that it turned the boat to starboard and surfaced in a silver flash, then came back at me like a rocket. After several more minutes of chaos one of the largest salmon that I ever had seen was lying on the surface alongside. "Get the net, get the net" I shouted hysterically. Paul tried to scoop the fish, but it was bigger than the net. Another try and we had a 34 lb. 42 inch king salmon aboard. We trolled for another hour as the seas built to 10 ft. Then we beat our way north to a somewhat sheltered cove and anchored. Diving this day was like swimming in cold split pea soup in a blender, but on my first dive I managed to kick down through the swirling murk and plant my face on a 9 inch ab. What a day!

On another trip, with my gal Debbie Gott we pounded our way out into a raging sea and turned north. At the point by Timber Cove Lodge we found ourselves in the middle of a pod of migrating gray whales. We traveled with them for about 45 minutes and were occasionally sprayed by their breathing. It was like a religious experience as we shared our day with these magnificent animals. Later, on almost every cast we caught 1-3 lb. blue cod with Mr. Twister jigs, and dove for a nice limit of abs.

I guess the point of all this is that while I spend big bucks and a lot of time searching for adventure in Mexico, Central America, Alaska, and Canada it's hard to beat what is available, two hours away, along the Sonoma Coast.

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The Loon's Nest Report

Ed Anzore Wins Spring Championship At Poppy Hills

by Ed Garcia, Co. E

On April 11, 44 members and guests of the Loon's Nest Golf Club flew south for another trip to the Monterey area, a true golfer's Mecca. On this trip the Loons circled and landed at the super tough and beautiful Poppy Hills Golf club, located on Carmel's 17 Mile Drive. This course measures out to a top length of 6,861 yards and has a slope of 13 5 from the WHITE TEES !!! The Loons found a perfect day for golf, with temperatures in the low 70's and little or no wind and not a cloud to be seen.

As the Loons teed off in the club's fourth Spring Championship, there was one player who was not going to be intimidated by the awesome course which has brought many pros to their knees during the A.T.&T. Pro-Am. Taraval's Ed Anzore, who has been a rising star in local tournaments over the past six months, started the day with birdie-par-birdie and went on to finish the front nine with a score of 40. Anzore then started the back side with a birdie on the 511 yard long par five 10th hole. Ed picked up a birdie on the 16th hole and finished the back side with an even par 36 for a total of 76. This score gave Ed Anzore first place low gross and the 1994 Spring Championship. Earlier in the year Ed combined with his brother Charlie and they took second place at Sonoma Golf Club in the Loon's Nest Two Man, Best Ball Championship.

Second place low gross in the first flight went to Central Station's Steve Landi. Steve went around this tough track in 82 strokes with birdies on the 10th and 13th holes. On last year's trip to Monterey, Landi won the Loon's Nest Surnmer Classic which we played at historic Old Del Monte Golf Club. Steve seems to play well when he is on the various Monterey area golf links.

In first flight low net, the prize went to Tom Hanacek. Tom is in his rookie season with the Loons and he let his fellow Loons know that he has arrived. Tom had a fine 41 on the front and finished with an 87. Combined with Tom's adjusted handicap of 17 (based on the 135 slope for each player) he had a low net score of 70. One stroke behind Hanacek in the first low net group was Tournament Chairman Glenn Mar. Glenn played to an adjusted 13 handicap and fired a gross score of 84 to give Glenn a net

71. Glenn picked up a birdie on the 11th hole en route to a fine back side score of 41.

In second flight low gross we saw one of the Loon's Nest founding fathers continue his comeback after some time out of tournament play. Warren Omholt fired a gross score of 87. Warren started off with a 47 on the front side, but settled down and picked up 5 pars on the back side and finished with a 40 on the back. Perry Morris from Juvenile was a close second, as he had a gross score of 89. Perry had four pars on the back side and finished with a 43 on the back side, after a front nine of 46.

In second flight low net we saw Dean Taylor make a return to tournament play after years of absence from the Loon tour. Taylor, currently working at Hit & Run, had a low net score of 62, one of the lowest net scores posted in Loon's tournament play. Dean "The Machine" Taylor is letting everyone know that he is going to be a new power in 2nd flight play. Also in his rookie season was 2nd flight low net runner up Steve Wonder of Co. E. Steve had a gross score of 99 and combined with the adjusted handicap of 32 Steve finished with a net 67. Steve had 5 pars on the day and for a higher handicap player to break 100 in tournament play over this championship layout is quite an accomplishment.

The long drive contest was won by John Loftus as he uncorked a tremendous 271 yard drive on the 13th hole, which has a slight uphill grade. John became the first player in Loon's Nest history to have won two long drive championships. The winners on the two "closest to the hole" contests were William Siebert of Park Station and Ed Del Carlo of Ingleside Station. Siebert put his shot 12'4" from the cup on the 128 yard 2nd hole and Del Carlo put his shot 8' 8" from the hole on the 17th hole. The 17th hole plays out to 126 yards.

At the end of the day the Loons gathered at the 19th hole for the awards ceremony to complete a great day of golf. The next Loon's tournament will be the fourth Loon's Nest Summer Golf Classic, which will be played June 1st at Boundry Oaks G.C. Don't miss it.



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Net Scores

1st flight

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Hanacek	70
Mar	71
Bilboa	72
Landi	75
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Delsuc	78
Lum	78
Fee	79
Garcia	81
Wyman	82
Siebert	84
Mahoney, M.	88
Anzore, C.	89

2nd flight

Taylor	62
Omholt	64
Morris, P.	67
Williams	68
Morris, B	71
Martinovich	71
Ballard	72
Dudoroff	73
Bendele	74
Voeth	76
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# Masters Softball

## A Tale of Two Tournaments

by Frank Walker, Co. C

On May 5th, the 1994 edition of the SFPD masters Men's Softball Team journeyed south to the San Jose Twin Creeks Softball Complex to do battle with approximately twenty other teams from the San Jose area and around the state. There were even three teams from the San Jose Fire Department.

This year's Master's team, due to the age split dictated by the Police Olympics Board (five year increments, instead of ten) was able to reach deep into the athletic talent pool of the department and pluck out five gems: Steve Collins, Rich Dalton, Jack Minkle, Matt Hanley and Gary Delagnes, who normally could not play on a Masters Team because of the 40 year age cut off. All of the above talents have been part of department all star and Olympic teams of the past and in this and the Sacramento Tournament contributed greatly to the outcome of the games and this team's ability to compete on

an equal footing with teams that are stocked top to bottom with 35 year olds.

One of our new acquisitions, Jack Minkle, had been away from the game for several years and another, Rich Dalton, had been beset by injuries that curtailed his playing time and would again prove to be his downfall. But more on that later.

The rest of the team is made up of the nucleus of players who have been masters for years: Mike Keys, Al McCann, Jeff Barker, present coach Warren Hawes, Jeffy Donovan, original founder and past coach and manager Gary Lemos, and Ross Laflin, a recent addition.

In the past few years has been Bob Del Torre, also in his rookie year as a Master.

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May 5th dawned overcast, drizzling and ominous. However, by game time (0900 hrs.) the sky had cleared, the sun was out and we were ready to do battle with a very good San Jose PD team. We stuttered and sputtered and San Jose took us to the wire before we prevailed 12 to 11. However, tragedy struck early for us when Rich Dalton went down for the entire tournament with a pulled hamstring, but we pulled it together, plugged in Bobby Del Torre at S.S., got two run homers from Hanley and Collins and a key bases loaded triple from Al (the Destroyer) McCann. We did have to overcome a slight heart palpitation when San Jose got the tying run to second and the winning run on first before Mike Keys clutched the game ending fly ball to his bosom in left field.

Game 2. Now fully awake and sort of in command of our facilities, Concord PD was no match for us. It was over after five innings by a score of 17 to 5 — the highlight being a 3 run homer by McCann.

Game 3 was no different. Picking up the defensive pace we limited Sunnyvale PD to 1 run while we scored 10. We did struggle offensively somewhat, the score being 2 to 1 in the 5th, but then one of the oldest men on the team, Gary Lemos, stepped to the plate and stroked a lead off double that was the product of sheer hustle, desire and determination. Seeing that display ignited a fire, and the other hitters in the order fed off that fire until it became a raging inferno and five runs had crossed the plate, effectively sealing the victory.

Game 4. Having sealed a division title and being assured of moving on to the afternoon games, the Masters went back to bumbling and stumbling before righting the ship and eking out a 14 to 13 victory over probably the only true Masters Team in the Tourney (all members over 40), San Jose PD #3. We got off to a fast start and scored 4 or 5 in the 1st inning; the key blow being Matt Hanley's 2 run triple, but the inability of Gary Delagnes (now pitching to give Jimmy Drago a rest) to throw strikes lead to San Jose piling up at times a 6 or 7 run lead. So we came to the bottom of the 7th, down by 4. But from the ashes rose the Phoenix, because even though the game statistically meant nothing, pride of character and force of will has always been a hallmark of SFPD teams. You may beat us, but we never, never give up. So, when Steve Collins hit a game tying triple, the only thing left to do was for Jack Minkle to launch a 100 foot deep 600 foot high sacrifice fly to left field to plate the winning run. The morning's action had ended and we now moved on to the trophy round sporting a perfect 4 - 0 record.

Game 5. The afternoon games opened with us subduing a gallant but not good enough Redwood City CHP team 12 to 7. They were valiant and had several good players but not the overall depth and balance that we did. Matt Hanley continued his torrid hitting by doubling and homering and McCann was still destroying softballs going 4 for 4 with a home run. Jimmy Drago as he did all tournament long, gave us Houdini-like defense and Bob Del Torre turned a crucial double play.

Game 6. Toughest game of the tournament against the toughest team of the tournament. But again

we prevailed 9 to 6 against Sacramento S.O. This semi final game was a classic — excellent pitching, excellent defense and timely hitting, tied at 6 after Al McCann hit a 3 run shot. There were two runners on board as Jack Minkle stepped to the dish. Sacramento's center fielder thinking (and boy does he wish he had that thought back) that Minkle is trying for the base hit up the middle of the diamond, the centerfielder starts to cheat in. Jack, swinging the bat with all the speed and precision of an Indy car going from 0 to 60 in 2 tenths of a second hit a laser shot that the centerfielder leapt vainly for. Mike scored standing up and we went to the championship game.

Game 7. Championship vs Hayward CHP. Anticlimactic, no contest. We took all we had learned that day and put it into one complete, all encompassing, totally dominating victory. It only went 5 innings. The final was SFPD 18, Hayward CHP 4.

Matt Hanley again led the way with his bat, going 4 for 4 with two homers, 6 RBIs and 4 runs scored.

A thoroughly satisfying day. Due to Dalton's injury and business considerations by Collins and Donovan by the third game of the day, the roster which had started out at fifteen was down to twelve, but those stalwarts carried the day and drove the level of consecutive tournament wins to 13 in a row for the Masters.

Matt Hanley was named tournament MVP and along with Jeff Barker, Al McCann, Gary Delagnes, Jimmy Drago and Mike Keys were also named to the "All Tournament Team"

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Stats: Leaders — Top 10

Name	B.A.	Names	Hits
Hanley	.782	Hanley	18
McCann	.714	Barker	16
Barker	.640	McCann	15
Hawes	.625	Keys	13
Keys	.619	Delagnes	13
Lemos	.588	Lemos	10
Delagnes	.565	Hawes	10
Donovan	.500	Del Torre	8
Laflin	.470	Laflin	8
Drago	.466	Drago	7

Names	Runs	Home Runs
Barker	18	Hanley 3
Hanley	17	McCann 3
Keys	11	
hawes	8	
McCann	8	
Delagnes	7	
Drago	5	

Tournament #2: Sacramento  
May 21st and 22nd • Elk Grove  
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Road Trip

Game 1. Again your Masters sallied-forth to do battle with the forces of softball evil and again those forces were lying in wait. Because of the scheduling of an early morning (0900) game we took only 13 players and as the event wore on we sure could have used more. We opened against "Woodland CHP". We kicked the ball around a little bit and only lead 5 to 4 after 3 innings. But the 4th was to be our wake up call as we scored 4 with Mike Keys getting the actual game winning RBI and when he again rammed a 2 run single into center field in a 5 run 6th, this game was over. The final was 15 to 6 and other contributors were Delagnes, Laflin and Collins with two ribbies apiece and Jimmy Drago going 3 for 3. Matt Hanley had a case of the "It's too early and I couldn't find the park



blues" resulting in the Mattster being 15 minutes late. An appropriate fine was levied.

Game 2 saw us squaring off against the El Dorado Sheriffs Department and finally the bats came alive. We scored 6 runs in the first. Key clout being Gary (old folks) Lemos 3 run inside the mark (man it's a long way around those bases) home run. We also scored 3 in the second and at one time were ahead 9 to 1. But this club sure hates prosperity. We got flat in innings 3 and 5, and didn't get back on track until Matt Hanley's 2 run home run.

But then the playing field starts to tilt on us and I mean that literally. For a tournament field, it was probably one of the worst I ever played on, a cow pasture with little dirt cut outs and trees on the playing field. El Dorado scored three runs before we could get an out and that was an RBI sacrifice fly. But with runners dancing off the bags, Matt Hanley (who was awake by this time) came up with the defensive gem of the game and one of the best plays of the tournament. El Dorado's lead-off hitter who already had two hits, dumped a soft line drive into Hanley territory. Matt, running hard and low looked like he might make the catch. He didn't. However, Matt, seeing the runner at first base holding up, pulled up short, fielded the ball on one hop and made a strong throw to second base to force the runner and get the second out of the inning. Almost out of the woods but not yet. An error, a base hit and the tying runs were perched on second and third and the #4 hitter was striding to plate. However, in a puzzling bit of baseball strategy he didn't even look at a pitch, but swung at Jimmy Drago's first offering lifting a medium deep fly ball to right field. The descending spheroid touched nothing but the heart of the hide strapped to Matt Hanley's right hand and the SFPD Masters won their 15th straight tournament game.

Final score: 14 us, 12 them. Matt Hanley did all defensive gems—plus double, home run, 4 RBIs and game winning hit. Jerry Donovan assisted by going 3 for 3 with 4 RBIs and a triple, while Gary Delagnes went 4 for 4 with a double.

Game 3 vs Sacramento PD. The bubble finally burst and we got beaten by a good Sacramento PD team in a very exciting ball game. We came out flat, and they came out smoking. By the top of the 5th we were down 12 to 3 and had no offensive spark. We scored 6 in the 6th—6 hits sandwiched around an error by their 3rd baseman and sac flies by McAnn and Hawes plus an RBI triple by Collins got the job done but we were still 3 down going into the top of the 7th.

As Sac PD came to the plate in the bottom of the 7th our hopes were very much alive and when Jimmy Drago got the first two outs and two quick strikes on their #10 hitter our hopes soared. Jimmy Drago then threw a great pitch high inside and in the hitter's eyes but he tomahawked the ball into left field for a base hit and three more base hits later, the last being a single that scored Sac PD's fastest runner all the way from first base, the game, the day and the winning streak were over. Heavy hitters in game #3 were Mike Keys four for four. Steady Ross Laflin four for four with a double and Drago, Collins and Hanley with two RBIs a piece.

Day two: Sunday, May 22

Game #4. Again another 9 o'clock game. Again the offensive juices not flowing. But we more than made up

for it by playing the best all around defensive game of the tournament.

We were matched up with a team from the California Department of Corrections, who insisted on talking to the umpires after every play. But they did score single runs in the first three innings and were ahead three to nothing when we came to bat in the bottom of the third. We got off the schnied (I think that's Jewish for O) by scoring two on an RBI single by Jeff Barker. Then in the 4th, still down by a run, came the single best defensive play that I saw in the whole tournament with CDC runners on first and second and one out. Their lead off hitter strolled to the plate and slugged a vicious line drive into left centerfield. It looked like a triple, but at the crack of the aluminum Jack Minkle was off and running. Minkle leaped, pirouetted and stabbed his gloved left hand up and out, and even though Jack's back was completely turned so all you could see was the number on his back, the force of the ball striking the web of his glove made an audible noise 275 feet from home plate. For CDC that single play broke their hearts and their minds, and when we scored three in the 5th with Jeff Barker getting the game winning single and McCann hitting a laser shot 2 RBI triple—this one was in the record book. We had to play immediately again at 11:00, due to losing the Sac PD game, plus we were the walking wounded: Delagnes, hamstring; Minkle, hamstring; Del Torre, Achilles.

Game 5. CHP Combo. We scored four in the first and four in the third to go up 8 to 2. Delagnes was the big bat, getting 4 RBIs on 2 bases loaded singles. They scored two in the bottom of the third and three more in the bottom of the fourth while holding us scoreless. Now they're down 1, 8-7. We both go scoreless in the fifth, and they hold us again in the top of the sixth, while they get four in the bottom half. We score one when their third baseman makes an error but that's all they give us and we fall to defeat 11 to 9.

So the tournaments for the Masters are over for 1994. But we march to the Olympics, (oops) Police Games June 18 through 25th. Hope to see you there.

#### Tournament Stats Sacramento

Names	Avg.	Hits	Runs	RBIs
Delagnes	.733	11	8	7
Drago	.666	10	6	2
Laflin	.636	7	3	3
Keys	.600	12	9	2
McCann	.600	12	9	2
Lemos	.500	7	5	3
Hawes	.500	6	3	2
Barker	.500	3	2	2
Hanley	.433	7	5	6
Del Torre	.384	5	3	2
Donovan	.357	5	2	4
Collins	.352	6	4	6
Minkle	.250	2	2	1

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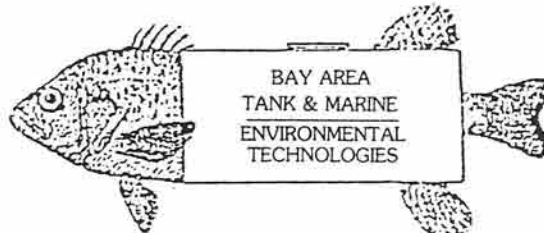
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# A Soccer Tribute To Retiring Inspector Jim Deasy

by Nicholas "Nick At Night" Shihadeh

Inspector Jim Deasy is retiring this summer after thirty fun-filled years in the SFPD. He has been an Inspector for twenty-one of those years and has a reputation as being a very good one at that; but, what Jim really will be remembered for is his connection to the international sport of "Soccer". Having played all of his life, Jim was instrumental in starting the department's soccer program back in 1978. He has participated in the playing or coaching capacity ever since then, and this year at sixty years young will be competing in his last California Police Summer Games for the famous Killer Bees soccer team.

Jim Deasy was born and weaned on soccer in Cork City, Ireland back in 1934 and grew up to be an excellent athlete. He left Ireland as a teen in 1951 and traveled through Europe, spending time in England, France, and then Germany where he joined the U.S. Army to gain his American Citizenship. He remained stationed in Germany as a radio repairman which at that time was during the Korean war, and was able to play soccer on post teams.

After being discharged in 1954, Jim returned to Ireland for some time and eventually made it to the U.S. landing in New York City in 1955. During this time he trained as a light middleweight boxer, and was quite good at it. He worked out with the likes of featherweight world champion Sandy Saddler, and almost turned pro himself. Jim thought against it though, and decided to do another three year stint in the army back in Germany in 1956. He again played soccer for the army and was captain of the "Second Armored Division" team.

Being the soccer enthusiast that he was, Jim wasn't satisfied and sought out another team to play with. This is when he joined up with the Western Germany club of Schwabach Hall, which at the time was Division I on the pro level. Thinking that it would make great public relations, Jim arranged a match between this team and his army team and would play before a stadium crowd of over thirty thousand people (of course playing for his army team). He had to leave this exciting time in Germany when he was sent to the U.S. and stationed at an army post in Texas in 1958.

It was here where some people might say led to Sgt. Deasy's true claim to fame; as one of Elvis Presley's drill sergeants. Jim still remembers that Elvis was nothing but a class act as he went through his basic training at that Texas post.

It was in 1959 that Jim received his second discharge from the army and found himself settling down in San Francisco, and it was only a year later that he married Theresa who is still his lovely wife today. In 1961 his son James was born and in 1964 his daughter Deirdre would be born as well. It was also '64 when Jim would enter the SFPD, so here he was with a young family and a new job; but, Jim still found time to play his also beloved soccer.

He had been playing club soccer with the Shamrock Rovers for the previous four years taking part in two state championships (one in '60

and the other in '62), and would continue playing into the late '60s. In 1965 the team changed its name to the SF Glens, and they won consecutive league championships in '66 and '67. Jim was continuing his mastery at the left wing position that he had played all of his life, and he stood out on every club that he was a part of.

Unfortunately because of family obligations and working the dreaded revolving shifts of midnights and swings in the PD, Jim would put soccer on the back burner and quit the Glens in 1969. He would run when he could to stay in shape and would do a little coaching as well, but that would be it for some time.

As far as the job was concerned, Jim was still at Mission Station working the grind that he had been doing for the past five years there. In 1973 he was promoted to Inspector which led to an even more colorful career throughout the '70s — after being with the Auto Detail for some time, Jim would partake in various task forces using his surveillance and intelligence skills. Some of the cases that he worked on included the "Zebra" case, the "New World Liberation Front" case, the "Golden Dragon" case, and even the very infamous "Zodiac" case. It was in the late '70s when an alleged "Zodiac" letter appeared for the first time in years. It was Jim and his partner Jim Tedesco who worked very hard trying to reveal its source.

It was also in the late '70s when Jim Deasy would partake in soccer again, and this was involved with the department. It was in 1978 when Jim along with four others formed the SF Kickers; SFPD's first soccer team. These others included Tom Bruton, Frank Machi, Don West and of course Mike "OB" O'Brien, and they were all determined to put this team together in time to compete in the CA Police Olympics.

That year's event was to take place in Eureka with the soccer matches being held at Humboldt State University. There were a few practices scheduled at MacAteer High School prior to the Olympics, but only three, four or maybe five people would show-up. The original five guys did what they could to recruit whoever they could to play on this team; soccer skills were not required.

It was the night before the competition in Eureka when it looked like there would be a Kicker team. Bruton remembers that the starting line-up was decided over vodka tonics that night, and the next morning guys were being introduced to each other and given a crash course in soccer ten minutes before the game. This included guys like Bob Barnes and Jeff Lindburgh, who were borrowed from the SFPD basketball squad, and others like Ed Callejas and Mike "Skull Fracture" Puccinelli.

The team didn't fare too well but most important what Machi remembers is that they were never "goose egged" (or rather shut out) in any of the games that week. The original five guys knew that they had a thing going for the future with SFPD soccer, and it would pay off the following year when the Kickers would win their first Olympic medal.

It was a fourth place bronze at the '79 Olympics held in Alameda, and Jim Deasy played a big part in it as he usually does when he plays. That team would include the likes of Jim



SF Kickers as bronze medal winners in '79 Police Olympics in Alameda. Back row: Mario Ceballos (with camera), Al Martinez, Don Woolard, Jim Hall, Bill Dyer, Don West, Mario Delorenzo, Phil Dito, Jim Deasy, Alex Serrano, John Brandt, and Tom Bruton. Front row: Jerry Sarin, Ken Sanchez, Dan Inocencio, Kevin Dempsey, Ed Callejas, and Frank Machi.



Jim Deasy putting a ball from the left side of field toward the goal at Beach Chalet field.



Second Armored Division soccer team: U.S. Army stationed in Germany in 1956 with Captain Jim Deasy in front row with the ball.

"Clydsdale" Hall (because he ran like a horse), Ken "I Wasn't At The Academy Yet" Sanchez, Dan "Pops" Inocencio, John Brandt, Don "Ninja" Woolard, Phil Dito, and Bill "Coconut Head" Dyre. These guys were a strong foundation for department soccer in years ahead; in fact, a second team would be added to the program in 1983 — the infamous "Killer Bees".

Jim had much to do with the development of play of many players as he spent valuable time coaching whoever wanted to listen. This author can attest to that as Jim has helped him become a halfway decent soccer player over the years. No doubt Jim has been a central figure in this program from back then up until the present.

As far as Jim's career went during the 80's, he was an inspector in the Fraud Detail and then the Pawn Shop Detail (later called Fencing) which he remained for a long time. From 1990 until the present, Jim has been at Narcotics and will remain there until this year's retirement.

When asked about the likes of Jim Deasy, Bruton, West, O'Brien and Machi had nothing but nice and interesting things to say. Bruton remembered that in the early years Jim was one of the few on the team that had great ball skills. "He would keep preaching to us to 'let the ball

do the work' and not just play kickball", Bruton said. "He was a great role model for inexperienced players showing them that you didn't have to go 100 miles an hour to make an impact on the game, and that a good trap and a pass was all it took."

West remembers that Jim was always trying to teach the guys who weren't as good soccer players; he also remembers that Jim was in his mid 40's when department soccer first started. "He displayed such great play on the field at that age it would've been something if all of us he has played with had a chance to see him play during his prime" West said.

O'Brien was next remembering how Jim always encouraged players to work out on their own between practices. "We would be at the end of a practice and Jim would always say in his Irish rogue 'C'mon now, you have to run on your own lads' " O'Brien said with a laugh. "He was probably the only one of us who ever did. One thing for sure, he was the consummate left-winger because of it."

Machi remembered that Jim's favorite shot on goal was the "postage stamp" which was letting the ball go from the left side into the upper right hand corner of the net for a sure

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by **Rene LaPrevotte**

Last Summer, a riding partner from Tac and myself were planning to ride to the United States Grand Prix at Laguna Seca. Just prior to departure, my buddy (who shall remain unnamed) asked if I knew anyone who could "Tune" his suspension. I asked why and he told me that his bike was handling strangely and the last time it happened, he took the bike to a guy to "Tune" his suspension. Naturally, after the suspension "Tune-up" the bike had regained its previously razor-sharp handling.

I asked my buddy if he had checked his tire pressure, that barring an accident that would bend suspension components, a bike's suspension doesn't fall out of tune. He said, ya, ya, the tires are fine. I told him I was at a loss to explain his handling problems. We met at my place the next morning for our trip to Monterey, and as I followed him, I could see his rear tire was about fifteen pounds under-inflated and that there was a shiny nail in the rear tire.

Some months ago, another riding companion at Park Station rode his

seldom ridden VFR 750 Honda to work. I asked him how the bike was running, and he said "great, do you want to take it for a ride?" Well, never one to pass-up riding someone else's scooter, I said "sure" and as I rode it out of the driveway at Park Station, the bike fell abruptly in to the turn, nearly putting the bike and me on the asphalt. I turned around and pulled back into the parking lot where I checked the tire pressure and found eleven pounds instead of forty-two pounds in the rear tire.

These two stories of neglected tire pressure underscore how many unwitting riders are fighting their bike through turns with insufficient air pressure in their tires. Even sound tires on unbent rims will leak 3 or 4 pounds of air a week, and believe me, just a couple of pounds of pressure has A dramatic effect of the bikes handling. Low pressure will cause slow, heavy steering and a tendency to "fall" into the turns with no steering feed-back.

The amount of pressure you should run will be listed in your bikes' owners manual. Tire type (radial or bias ply) as well as rim diameter will effect the amount of pressure you run. A

radial 17" tire will typically run 42lbs in the rear and 38lbs in the front, but check the manual for your bike, and maintain that pressure at all times.

Since most of us don't have a compressor in our garages, and tire pressure is supposed to be checked cold, I've found the following to be a great way to bring the tires up to spec. The night before a ride, over-fill your tires by 6 or 8 pounds. The next morning, using an ACCURATE pressure gauge, bleed out the excess air until you are down to the owners manual recommendations.

Another safety tip is EVERY TIME you walk up to your bike to ride it, glance at the portion of the tire that's visible as you approach the bike. I'm not talking about a full-on 360 degree inspection of the tire, just glance at the part you can see and watch for nails in the tire. Several times I've personally found nails that would have later caused a catastrophic failure at high speeds.

My last bit of advise is to buy a good pressure gauge. The little pen-

cil type gauges aren't worth the chrome that plates them. I've got three that register about ten pounds apart on the same tire. No, get a decent \$15 digital gauge that will last a lifetime and can be used on all your vehicles. You'll be rewarded by increased tire mileage, better fuel economy and a better handling vehicle.

#### CALGARY STAMPEDE UPDATE:

As it stands right now, we have about nine riders signed up and will leave July 11th. Our route will take us Northeast and doing about 350 miles a day we will be in Calgary Friday the 15th, 16th and 17th, depart Westerly the 18th, travel South down the Pacific Coast and be home the 22nd. Our plans are open and non-committal until we get to Calgary. We ride until someone gets tired and stop for the night. No reservations anywhere until Canada, so we don't have to "Iron Butt" it to get to the next night's destination. We've got room for another rider, so call me at (415) 883-9092 if you are interested.

## DEASY

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score. Machi said, "It was fun to watch how a trap and a fake by those banty Irish legs with his paunchy Irish attitude would fake the shorts off of people." About the seven years that Jim worked in the Mission Machi then said laughingly, "How the people in the Latin community could understand Deasy and his gaelic accent is above me."

Jim had this to say about them, "I'd like to thank those original guys for starting the program way back then. I've always enjoyed having them as teammates and it's amazing that we're all still playing. They're gentleman on and off the field and I really appreciate the respect they have shown me."

Jim had some things to say about soccer in general, "It's a tactical game like chess where you continually have to be thinking while you are playing; there is more intelligent play off the ball then there is on." Also, he considers himself a student of the game, and despises unsportsmanlike conduct on the field.

For kids, Jim thinks that soccer is great for them to learn team concept and camaraderie as well as eye-on-ball and foot-on-ball coordination. About the World Cup being in the U.S. Jim is very excited about it; but, he doesn't see it lifting soccer past the interest level that it is today in this country.

When it comes to Jim's thirty year stint in the SFPD, he looks back fondly at an illustrious career. While retired, Jim sees himself getting his golf game back as well as possibly competing as a swimmer in the grand master level of future CA Police Games. He's going to spend more time with his wife Theresa which includes a trip back to Ireland soon, and help out his son James as a "gopher" in his construction business.

Inspector Jim Deasy has made "magic" on many a soccer field all over the world. When he retires, he will be missed by many who have played with him as well as many who have worked with him. CONGRATS ON YOUR RETIREMENT JIM AND TAKE CARE ALWAYS!

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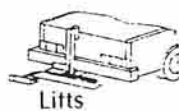
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Funny . . . But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



SFPD's own Lon Ramlan recently arrested Todd Johnson for vandalism after he saw this goof spray-painting a house in the Richmond District at four o'clock in the morning. Another creep who was with Johnson got away. It turned out that these two had graffitied dozens of homes in the area...to a tune of some \$10,000 or more in damage. Johnson was booked for felony vandalism. Ramlan said the guy is the suspect in several vandalism cases all over the City. As a capper...or an Only-In San Francisco...it was later disclosed that Johnson is the instructor of a "Graffiti Art Class" at Mark Twain H. S.!!! School officials said the class gives students "a positive alternative for artistic expression." Johnson told police that he did the tagging because he was "interested in developing a new technique...and was interested in the experience." Hopefully, he won't be allowed to return to the classroom to share his new techniques and experiences with his graffiti students.

Darryl Washington and Maria Ramos were fortunate to escape with minor injuries after being struck by a subway train in New York. Only the quick reflexes of an alert motorman saved them from death. The two, a self-declared homeless couple, had thrown a mattress on the subway tracks and were engaged in sexual intercourse when they were struck. Despite their seeming miraculous escape thanks to the alert subway worker, they have filed suit against the New York Transit Authority for "carelessness and negligence". Seems

to me that it might be called a bit careless to have sex on subway train tracks.

Davis, a California College community renowned for peace and quiet (they favor bicycles over cars for commuting), has soared to new heights in law enforcement. Davis cops recently responded to an apartment and issued the tenant a citation...for "audible snoring." Davis' noise ordinance, usually applied in cases of noisy fraternity parties, carries a \$50 fine. Neighbors took sides, politicians got involved (Davis' mayor, Lois Wolk, said police have no business listening at bedroom doors), the snorer (name withheld by request) went to court, and the judge dropped the charges...

A New York man, Chuck Jones, is on trial for burglary and possession of stolen property. Jones, 52, is the former publicist of Marla Maples...now Marla Trump. He is charged with stealing dozens of pairs of Marla's shoes and boots. He admitted in court to having an "inappropriate and inordinate preoccupation with women's shoes." When the prosecutor asked him if he had a physical, sexual relationship with Marla's footwear, he replied, "Yes." He added that he was fascinated with the imprint a woman's foot makes on the inside of her shoe.

The Funny But True column reported some time ago on the student who carried a shotgun to school in his car but wasn't suspended. Now, though it's not so funny, we are able to add to that item: a recent report revealed that suspensions for carrying weapons have dropped from 63 in 1991 to 10 in 1993. Maybe the schools are becoming safer, right? **NOT!!** Because of our mushy-headed school administrators, over-all expulsions because of safety problems have dropped by nearly 100. Their attitude is neatly expressed by school board member, Steve Phillips, who said (at the time of the shotgun incident), "What do you do with the kid? Kick him out on the street?"

Duh...yeah, Steve, kick him out of school...so the kids who stay in school are safe!!!

A convicted bank robber in North Carolina is still trying to disprove the old adage that crime does not pay. Although Amil Dinisio was caught and convicted after trying...and failing...to cut a hole through the roof of the United Carilina Bank, he is now suing the bank. Dinisio's lawsuit claims that the bank overstated the amount of money it could have lost. Because of this alledged overstaement, he is spending too much time (46 months, to be exact) in jail. He is asking for \$15 million in

damages...in itself something of an over-estimate in FBT's opinion!

A prominent Oakland defense attorney got a tiny taste of what his client's victims had to face recently. After a judge denied a motion by Spencer Strellis to overturn the murder convictions of his client, Joe Eskridge, Eskridge turned to his attorney and popped him one in the snoot. Strellis fell backwards, struck his head and lost consciousness. Strellis was treated and released from a local hospital. It's unknown if Eskridge will face additional charges for the attack on Strellis. If he does...will Strellis defend him on those charges?

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