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## Officer Raymond L. Benson

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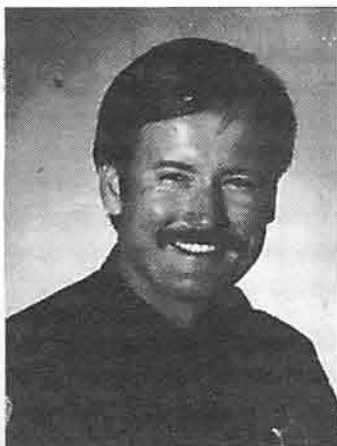
Ray Benson left this world, lights flashing and sirens wailing on the morning of June 28, 1995. He was born in San Diego on December 5, 1946. He grew up there and eventually studied architecture at San Diego State University.

Ray worked as an architect both in San Diego and in San Francisco until he decided that he needed a change. Looking for a job that was outdoors and dealt with people, Ray applied for and in 1980 was accepted as a recruit into the San Francisco Police Department.

As one of the first openly gay officers, Ray fought against stereotypes of gay men and proved that he could be a good cop. During his tenure in the department he worked at Potrero, Southern, Muni and of course the Mission — where he always seemed to return.

Ray was also the Gay Community Liaison under Chief Jordan where it was evident that his greatest skill was working with community groups. He took great pride in his ability to bring together all sorts of people and help them work with the department for the better good of the community. Ray's last position with the department was as the CPOP coordinator for the Mission.

In the last few years Ray was also very active in the Police Officers' Association as both a board member representing the Mission and as the Legislative Chairman.



He also represented the POA at the city level as a member of the San Francisco Labor Council and at the State level as the POA's representative to The California Organization of Police and Sheriffs. Ray was very committed to helping the members of the POA and worked hard to bring all of the various police organizations together.

Ray was also the founder of the Golden State Police Officers Association. What started as a party at Ray's cabin in Sonoma County, originally called "Pigs in Paradise," has now become a statewide organization for Gay and Lesbian peace officers.

Additionally, Ray served the children of the city as a member of the Delinquency Prevention Commission. The Honorable Mr. Benson (as he would jokingly call himself) served as the commission president for many years.

Ray won so many awards and acknowledgments during his career that it would be impossible to list them all. However, Ray took the most pride in the ones that were from the people he served and his peers. Ray was the only officer to be voted "My Favorite Cop" twice. First in 1985, then Mayor Dianne Feinstein proclaimed September 24, 1985 as Police Officer Raymond Benson Day in honor of his being selected "My Favorite Cop." Then again in

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## Negotiations Update

by Chris Cunnie

On the 14th of June, our POA Negotiation Committee met with the City representatives to start the process that will bring us the contract we need to get a total compensation package that will bring our members up among the top ten law enforcement agencies in the state. We all hope that process is short and sweet, but we have been there before and know negotiations can be long and complex. If need be, your Executive Board, Board of Directors and joint Steering/Negotiation Committees have done their homework. We are prepared for the long haul.

Members are understandably curious of the status of negotiations. Let me just say that the committees have met three times to date. The first session simply concerned ground

rules. In the next two sessions the POA presented our proposals and then explained each in detail.

One basic rule that applies to labor/management negotiations is confidentiality of the talks. This is to protect both sides of the table. We thus tend to keep the negotiations between the parties and out of the papers, etc. However, I can tell you that everything from a Tier II upgrade to working conditions at specific units . . . and everything in between . . . are on the table.

Thanks to the hard work of Ray Shine, Matt Castagnola, Troy Dangerfield and other committee members on the 1995 membership survey, the Steering/Negotiation Committee had a very good start on what the rank and file wanted. Leading the negotiations for the POA are

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## Election Announcement

by Al Trigueiro, SFPOA President

In the June edition of the Notebook, POA Vice-President Gary Delagnes and Treasurer Phil Dito both announced that they would not be seeking reelection to their respective positions in the upcoming January Executive Board elections. While both Gary and Phil will be moving on, their efforts and work on behalf of the membership will long be remembered as they have been instrumental over the past seven years in producing positive changes for the Association; including the passage of Proposition D (Collective Bargaining with Binding Arbitration), the negotiation of a good contract, and their general excellent representation and counsel. Fortunately, both will continue to help improve the wages, benefits and working conditions of the membership through their committee work which is the backbone of the Association's structure.

At this time, I am pleased to announce the candidates for the executive positions being vacated in January by Gary and Phil. Chris Cunnie (Central Station) will be seeking the position of Vice-President and Chuck Limbert (Taraval Station) will be filling the Treasurer's spot. Steve Johnson and I will be seeking reelection to our currently held positions. It is the philosophy of this POA Administration that the membership comes first in making any and all decisions and that patronage of any sort will not be tolerated. If elected Chris and Chuck will place the membership and their needs ahead of any personal advancement or gain. They, as has been the practice with this Executive Board, will be seeking better wages, benefits and working conditions for the membership; not the chauffeuring of elected officials nor the appointment of any political position.

## Mark Your Calendar

San Francisco Police Department's Second Annual Christmas Gala will be on December 2nd. It was a huge success last year and will sell out early. The SF Hilton welcomes us back to the CityScape Restaurant on the 47th floor (what a view!) Mark your calendars now and watch for more details. See you there!

**Committee members needed.**  
Call Tom Walsh (G.W) x 9132  
or Jim Bosch (H&R) x 1644

## Smash Hit Broadway Shows!

*Kiss of the Spider Woman* and *West Side Story* are headed for San Francisco later this year.

Jim Bosch will be putting together another fun group outing for each. Don't miss out. Watch here for dates & times.

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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 J. Sturken at 2:06 PM Wednesday June 21, 1995 in the conference room at the Ingleside Station.

**Roll Call of Officers:** Treasurer Hardeman and Milon excused. All other officers present along with past president M. Duffy and A. Agular.

**Minutes of Last Meeting:** Approved as present in writing to the membership.

Treasurer Parenti presented the regular bill for benefits, salaries, taxes, supplies etc. Approved.

Treasurer Parenti reported the death of Barnaby O'Leary who was born in Ireland in 1908. Barney worked as a janitor before joining the Department in 1941 at age 33. From the Academy he worked 2 years at the Ingleside station, 2 years at the Mission station and 5 years at Central station. He was appointed to a Sergeant in 1950 and was assigned to Ingleside for 1 year, then to Central for 2 years, back to Ingleside for 2 years, to Central for 2 years, Mission for 2 years and finally Ingleside for 2 years. In 1962 he was appointed to Lieutenant and was assigned to Central for 2 years, Northern for 1 year, Mission for 2 years and then finally to Richmond where he retired in 1972 at the age of 64.

Barney received the following awards: 1946 - C/C for the arrest of an ex-con engaged in a burglary; 1947 - C/C for the arrest of three burglary suspects, one of which was armed; 1947 - 2nd Grade arrest of an armed burglary suspect; 1958 - C/C for the arrest of three suspects in a stolen auto; 1960 - 2nd Grade arrest of three robbery suspects all of which were armed; 1964 - C/C arrest of five suspects who had burglarized a school office. All of the stolen property was recovered; 1966 - C/C for

disarming a would-be suicide. Barney was 87 at the time of his death.

**Report of Trustees:** Mr. Bricker, B of A, being out of town, Mr. Gary Joe advised the membership that the Portfolio had followed the trend of the Market and had appreciated a fair measure. The Bank will have a new roster when some of the graduated members from the Academy come on payroll.

**Unfinished Business:** Treasurer Parenti reported that the fireproof filing cabinet and folders had been delivered. With the help of Al Agular, Mark Hurley, Bob Klurpinsky, and Rudy Milon, most of the beneficiary forms had been alphabetized. The next job is to paste the names on folders for easier and less costly ac-tuaries.

**New Business:** The Secretary reported that there are four new Academy Classes. We have been assigned the following times to address them: June 26 at 11:00 AM, July 3 at 2:30 PM, July 3 at 6:30 PM and July 10 at 9:00 AM. At the June 26th presentation, 32 of 37 members joined. The five will be contacted before graduation.

**Good Of The Order:** President Sturken set the next regular meeting for 2:00 PM Wednesday July 19, 1995 at the Conference Room at Ingleside Station.

**Adjournment:** There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 PM in memory of Brother Barnaby O'Leary.

Fraternally,  
Bob McKee  
Secretary

All Beneficiary Forms have not been returned. Please get them in as soon as possible. If you have not received them, leave a message on voice mail #979-4563.



# Police-Fire Post #456 News

by Greg Corrales

*"I have always regarded the forward edge of the battlefield as the most exclusive club in the world."*

Sir Brian Horrocks

Every year at the American Legion State Convention, the Law and Order Committee meets and selects the state Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. I would like to detail the process and then inform you of this year's honoree.

The American Legion Department of California has divided the state into six "Areas". I am the Law and Order Commissioner for Area Two. There are over one hundred Legion Posts in Area Two. Throughout the state posts nominate their candidates for state Law enforcement Officer of the Year. At the state convention, one candidate is selected from all the nominees as the state Law Enforcement Officer of the Year. This year Police-Fire Post #456 nominated Sergeant John Payne as their candidate. On June 22, 1995, in Pasadena, John Payne was selected as the American Legion State Law Enforcement Officer of the Year! This is an honor which John obviously deserves.

On Saturday, 22 July, Police-Fire Post #456 is honoring past commanders at a fund raiser at the Police Athletic Club. It is the best deal in Town! Twelve dollars for an outstanding feed, and drinks are four for five dollars! For tickets contact myself (715-4900), Mark Hurley at the club, or Rene LaPrevotte. You post members that don't attend meetings despite my monthly exhortations, can show you much needed support for the post by attending this gala affair. BE THERE!

My son Greg and I went to Candlestick to watch the Giants lose a close game to San Diego, 15-3. During the pregame activities it was announced that in honor of the fiftieth anniversary of the end of World War Two, a number of WWII veterans would be honored. At that time many WWII veterans marched to the baselines, representing many veterans groups. As the contingent from the Purple Heart Society marched in front of home plate carrying our country's flag, the band began to play "America." As I stood up to honor those heroes of the Second World War, I looked around and saw only two other people in my area standing to honor them. I turned to my son and pointed out to him (perhaps in a voice louder than necessary) that the people around us will stand up for a home run, but it's too much of an effort to stand up to honor those responsible for us not having Japanese as our official language.

As part of the pregame ceremony

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### "Keep in touch"

On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit and have lunch with your police friends at the ICA Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good. Annual dues of \$15 includes a monthly Bulletin.

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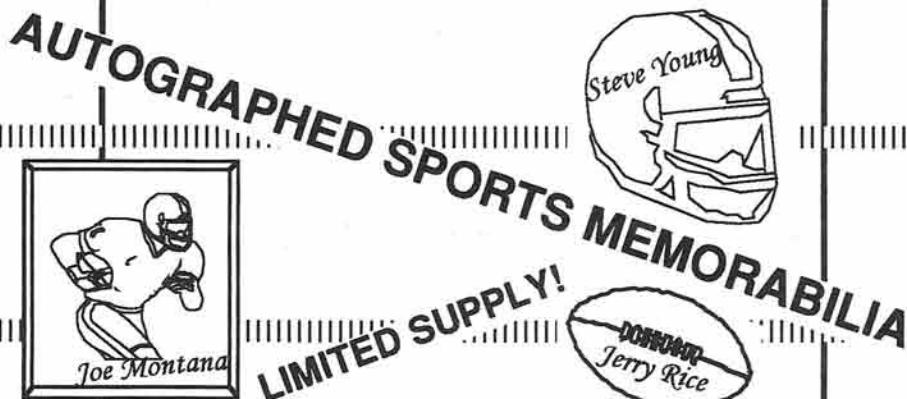
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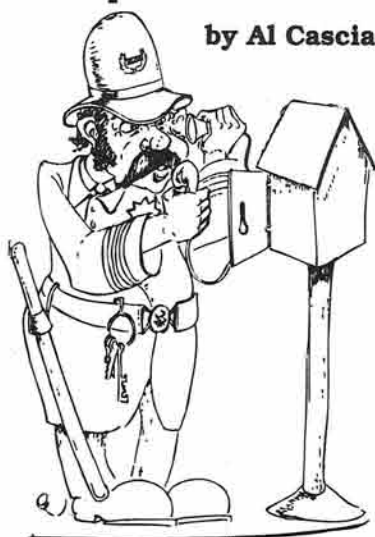


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# Around The Department

by Al Casciato



## ...Keep Up the Good Work, Friend:

On Wednesday June 28th the P.O.A lost one of its most dedicated members, Mission Station's **Ray Benson**, who after a long battle succumbed to AIDS. On the day before his death, Ray was visited by Potrero's **Jack Ballentine** and **Bob Belous**. During the visit Ray asked about how the contract negotiations were going and told them, "...be sure to get a good contract quickly for the troops." Several days earlier Ray had been visited by **T.J. Anthony**, who is the Supervisorial aide to **Barbara Kaufman**. During that visit Ray had inquired as to the status of proposed OCC legislation before the board. He expressed concern to T.J. that rank and file Officers were being unfairly targeted. Ray worked for us right up until the end. Even in death his work continued. At his memorial service on July 7, attended by many Supervisors, including **Tom Ammiano**, who is chairing the OCC legislation at the board Ray continued his P.O.A work. When Mission's **Dave Tussey** stood to eulogize his friend, he spoke about how some people get lots of OCC complaints, and what Ray's philosophy had been about complaints. Supervisor Ammiano was observed to react. What message he got, will only be known when the legislation leaves his office — but it was obvious, a message had been sent from the other side. Our friend is still representing us, even though he now walks the beat where the streets are paved in gold and lined with angels...

## ...Rest in Peace:

On Monday, June 26th **Ellie Stein**, age 37, passed away from a brain aneurysm. Many will remember her as Ellie Downey, the Insurance Agent for Greater Bay Insurance, which handles many of our disability policies. Ellie had left active field work several years ago when she married San Mateo PD's, **Bob Stein**. Besides Bob she leaves a 4 year old daughter, **Colleen**. Friends of the family have established an educational trust fund for Colleen in memory of her "mommy". Donations can be made by sending a check to Colleen Stein Trust Fund c/o Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club, 405 China Basin St. San Francisco, Ca. 94105...

## ...Wedding Bells:

**Mike Hebel**, POA welfare officer and retired captain, was married on June 2nd in Kadugodi, South India. The hour long Hindu ceremony, conducted in ancient Sanskrit, was performed in a Ganesha temple. The bride, **Gity Sharifi** (a Persian beauty), wore a traditional red sari, while Mike was dressed in white silk. Still

recovering from his recent Boston marathon, it took Mike two attempts to break the coconut signifying the end of the ceremony. Congratulations Gity and Mike, our best wishes are with you...

## ...Award-winning poet:

**Kelly Ross** daughter of **Don and Lori**, Central Station, recently won first place in a Novato poetry contest which focused on the theme "Today's Youth — Tomorrow's Leaders." Besides a medal, Kelly received a nice check. Mom and Dad are extremely proud of her efforts, and I get to take personal privilege here and say that I am really proud of my Goddaughter. "Atta a way Kell"...

## ...Births:

**The Mullins, Patrick, Co. C and Kathleen, Co. H** were blessed with a baby girl, their first child, on Sunday June 4, 1995. **Olivia** 8 lbs. 6 oz. 20 inches is happy, healthy, and very beautiful. Mom and Dad are ecstatic.

**Lauren Conlon Mannix** 7 lbs. 9 oz. 20 1/2 inches was born on May 30, 1995 to **Ann** (Tactical) and **Kevin** (Muni). Lauren, who is their first arrival, is adorable, pouty, and has an incredible appetite. Ann's brother **Rich Corriea** (Mgt. Control) is a proud Uncle. All are happy though Ann is wondering how much overtime she'll have to work in order to put Lauren through college. Those of us with college-age children must of made a real impression on Ann while she was light duty at the academy.

On May 9, 1995 **Matthew Martin Dito** 8 lbs. 5 oz. 20 inches, was born at John Muir Hospital in Walnut Creek. He is the 5th son of **Marty and Christine Dito, Co. F**. He joins brothers **Christopher, Jeffrey, Joseph, and Kevin**. Proud Grandparents for the 17th time are **Joe** (property clerk retired) and **Josephine**. On June 20, 1995 grandchild number 18 arrived **Andrew Joseph Galvin** 7 lbs. 2 oz. 19 1/2 inches was born at Kaiser, San Francisco to **Tim** (CHP Redwood City) and **Catherine**. Both happy events are being celebrated by Uncles **Phil Dito** (Fraud) and **Tom Bruton** (juvenile) as well as Aunts **Diane, Therese**, Cousins **Deanna, Kimmy, Robyn**, and **Lori Jo**.

The **Lazars, David** (Mission Station) and **Julie** Background Investigations), celebrate the birth of their first child, **Adrianna Mahealani Lazar**, 7 lbs. 4 oz. 10 3/4 inches, born on mom's birthday, June 30, 1995 at 0235 hours. **Donna Cimino** of Communications is the proud grandmother. Congratulations, have fun, enjoy life; our best wishes and hopes for the future are with all of you...

## ...Who are those people?

Tenderloin Task Force's **Jay Newman** was touring the district with three Matrix workers from the Department of Social Services when they came upon an encampment of 647 types. One of the campers yelled out, "Hey Newman, are they part of the 6 week class?" Making reference to the news articles the day before about the 179th class being shipped to the stations. The campers would not accept the denials of the DSS folk, and proceeded to lecture the new "recruits" what life on the streets is all about. Jay patiently stood by watching and listening as the "recruits" counseled the campers. Perception is 90% of life, and quite a howl was had by all when the true identity of the DSS 3 was finally accepted...

## ...Sick Call:

Retiree **Vincent Desmond** is hospitalized . . . friends can call 924-0638.

Police Chaplain, **Monsignor John Heaney**, is in Seton Hospital recovering from emergency surgery. Cards can be forwarded to the POA and will delivered to him as soon as he is able to receive them. Our prayers are with the Desmond and Heaney families.

## ...Disability Retirees:

By now all disability retirees should have received a letter from **Mike Hebel** and **Jesse Brown**, regarding

issues pending before the IRS. If you have not received any correspondence, call the POA Office, 415-861-5060, leave your name and mailing address. We will forward you the letter and update your address at the retirement system. Remember if you are on direct deposit, the Retirement System must have a separate mailing address for announcements, notices and ballots...

## ...Proud Parents:

On June 26, 1995 the following proud SFPD dads had sons sworn into the 181st and 182nd Academy classes: Inspector **Lou Bronfeld — Marcus Bronfeld**; Sergeant **Roger Battaglia — Michael D. Battaglia**; Inspector **Gary Fox — Jason G. Fox**; Officer **Joe Zamagni — Joseph A. Zamagni Jr.**; Officer **John Brandt — David M. Brandt**; Retired Inspector **Mike Nevin — Michael D. Nevin Jr.** Congratulations to all; we welcome you and all your fellow classmates to our police family...

## ...One Thankful Lady:

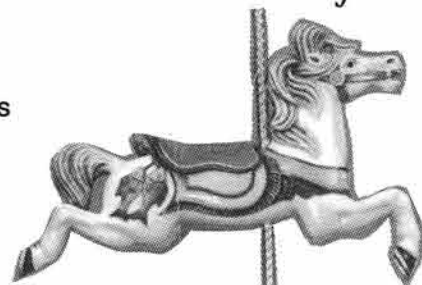
On Saturday, June 24, 1995, **Barbara "Kitty" Lee** came to San Francisco for a visit from Woodland Hills. Kitty, on the list for a kidney transplant, had a cellular phone assigned to her by which she was to be notified when a kidney was available. During

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## Attention Police Wives

Over the past few years the number of participating members of the Police Officer Wives Association has diminished. In an attempt to catch the attention of potential members who live in the Greater Bay Area; i.e.; Marin, Sonoma, Contra Costa, San Mateo, Alameda and San Francisco Counties, we have decided to change the structure of our regular meetings. Since a large majority of police families reside outside the city limits, it is our hope that our future meetings will be at locations to accommodate our new and old members. Our next meeting will be held in Novato. Because of the importance of family, we want to include children at this meeting. While we are discussing the many issues of the Police Officers Wives, we will have an afternoon of backyard fun supervised by a trusted baby-sitter and family friend. We look forward to seeing many new faces.

Our next meeting will be held on **Saturday August 19, 1995 at 12 Noon**

For address and directions, contact Eileen McEachern at (415) 898-0494 or Dayna McEachern at (415) 897-0696.

## Ask ANNIE

Dear Readers:

This is category three, of the question what can we, as spouses, do about the "us" versus "them" bond that police officers seem to have associated with them. Remember the categories are: 1. "We have different shifts and hours than most people. We don't have the same time off, so we socialize with other cops who are in a similar situation." 2. "People in the same occupation usually hang around with other people they work with. Cops are no different." and 3. "Most police officers with less than 10 years on the job seem to have more enthusiasm for the job. They seem to want to eat, talk and associate only with other cops."

When I consulted with Rosalind Thompson, MA, she suggested that we first have a clear idea of what it takes to become a police officer. First there is the hiring process. Usually, there are hundreds of applicants for a few openings. So, when a person passes the written, oral and physical tests and is accepted into the Police Academy, they feel, well, a little special. And why not, they have been selected over many others. Then there is the Academy itself, with all the procedures that they have to learn: arrest and booking, the physical demands, the paper work. It's quite similar to going to college; EXCEPT that at this college (the academy), everyone there joins the same fraternity or sorority. The people you go through the academy with become your close friends. While going through the academy you watch others fail and fall by the wayside, but you're still hanging in there. Boy, you are special! Now you've graduated and, just like college, you get a job and start at the bottom. You are a rookie, and now you've gone from special to having to prove yourself all over again. Whether you are a male or a female, all rookie police officers enter the work force with a strong desire to prove themselves to the seasoned officer.

Rookies have to pull the worst shifts, usually in the worst areas, and of course, weekends and holidays. Their home lives may fall apart, so couples really should talk about these realities to avoid misunderstandings and unreal expectations. The intensity of the competition, as well as the novelty of the work is very exciting and absorbing. It's easy to see how rookies can get caught up in being police officers. Mixed in with the tedium of paper work is enormous excitement, challenge and danger.

Most police officers join the force because of a desire to help others. There are a range of other occupations also made up of people with a desire to help others and which carry similar stress and conditions: emergency room personnel, fire fighters, paramedics, crisis counselors, and some military personnel. They all join to help, but it usually doesn't work out that way. They all help a

little, but the hours, the need to be utterly focused on the job, the tedium of paper work, and the work conditions make it hard to help those who need it, and it's also very hard to leave the job behind when the shift is over.

Still, these folks need a family, but they don't often have the energy it takes to work on the family relationship. Then, of course, home life suffers and requires even more attention. So to complete this vicious circle, the police officer (fire fighter, paramedic, etc.) loses him/herself in his/her work to avoid any family confrontation. The police officer then rationalizes that s/he is competent at work but does not feel competent at home, so better to be in a space where one feels competent, right? Well, no, but that's the scenario. We, the spouses/partners of the police officers have to work extra hard to help our police officers get through those first ten years. The best way for us to understand what our officers are going through and how to cope with it is to talk with others who are in, or have been in similar situations. The tough part is finding others who are in similar situations. Fortunately there is a Police Wives Association, right here, for us. Don't be misled by the "Wives" part of the group; my understanding is that they welcome girlfriends and same sex partners as well as wives. What about the male partners of our police officers, too? I'm sure there is a need for them to be in a group. The next meeting of the association is Saturday, August 19, at noon, in Novato. Babysitting and lunch will be provided, and Eileen McEachern will be more than happy to coordinate carpooling if someone needs transportation or just doesn't want to go alone. This is a perfect opportunity for us to get together, get to know one another and find out that we really have someone to talk to who understands what we, as police officers wives and lovers go through. If you have any questions regarding this luncheon please call Dayna McEachern at (415) 897-0696 or Eileen McEachern at (415) 898-0494. Rosalind Thompson and I plan on attending, so we'll see you there!

Rosalind Thompson has been in practice for fifteen years, including four years of working directly with police officers and sheriff deputies. She has also worked with the Department of Justice on drug related issues.

"Ask Annie" encourages any and all who want to raise an issue or talk about a problem to write. Please write to the Notebook and put "Ask Annie" on the envelope. The letter will not be opened by anyone but "Annie". Letters used will be printed anonymously. "Ask Annie" also will make sure that any letter published will be edited to avoid revealing the identity of the author.

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the trip to San Francisco, Kitty had utilized the accessory cord for the phone, and after arriving had inadvertently left the phone off. During this period the call came to her home that a kidney was available in Los Angeles at the UCLA Medical Center. Her son, **Michael**, immediately called her cellular — panic the phone is off! A frantic call to SFPD dispatch, and a search commenced. Central Station's **Neal Griffin** locates Kitty at Fisherman's Wharf, but time is running out. UCLA transplant team is preparing to call the next person on the list. So it's code 3 to SFO — hold the plane — she makes it on time and

as of June 29th, Kitty is doing very well with her new kidney. She is very grateful to Neal and all those who helped search for her...

### ...Plan for the Future:

In my role as Retirement Board Commissioner I have been visiting the Academy Classes and many other worksites to encourage all to prepare for the future by working on improving retirement benefits, participating in the deferred compensation program, and being properly insured. **Planning for retirement begins on day one of the academy.** I look back 25 years and thank **Harry Beare**, then the loan officer at the Police Post Credit Union who talked me out of buying a fancy car and convinced me to start saving, to purchase a home. Today as we proudly send our daughter, **Melissa**, to UC Davis and prepare for son, **Alexis**, to attend college two years hence; we are ready. So remember Harry's advice "...save your money kid. Before you know it you'll be retiring..."

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# CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

by Steve Johnson

The investigation involving the members of Richmond Station who were present during the incident on Bush Street continues. We have been very fortunate to have a Mayor, Police Commission and a Police Chief who have refused to be swayed by public opinion but instead, are waiting until all the facts are in before they reach a conclusion.

Officer **George Cima** was parked on his motorcycle in the area of 6th/Harrison monitoring the busy intersection for traffic violators when an individual driving a Volkswagen van failed to stop for the red light and continued through the intersection, southbound on Harrison Street. Officer Cima attempted to make a traffic stop at 7th/Harrison but the van took off. Officer Cima was now in pursuit heading towards the Mission District. Sergeant **Kevin Cashman** and Officer **Mark Laherty** were close by and took up a position at 14th/Valencia Streets. The suspect drove right where Kevin and Mark figured and, after he failed to negotiate a turn, striking a parked vehicle, he left his damaged ride and started running. The suspect was carrying a small black satchel with him but he didn't get very far with the three officers closing in and he was soon in custody.

A search of the black satchel the suspect was carrying revealed a fully-loaded, .380 Sig Sauer (with 2 extra clips) and, when the officers inventoried the suspect's vehicle, they found a high-powered rifle, with scope, mounted on a tripod.

When you make 80 felony arrests, seize 6 loaded guns, and book over \$50,000.00 in cash in one night you would think it had to be from a narcotics search and arrest warrant service operation... not necessarily. It was about 1:30 a.m. when **Sgt. Ed Dullea, Sgt. Steve Bosshard, Officer Dan Cunningham, Officer Clifford Cook, Officer Robert Hart and Officer Richard Struckman** assisted the members of our city's Animal Control unit in their investigation of a South of Market warehouse where all of the above contraband and suspects were taken into custody while attending an illegal pit bull fight.

This event was touted as one of the largest ever, championship pit bull fights to take place in San Francisco. There was no doubt, considering the number of arrests and cash recovered, that the officers interrupted a major illegal operation. (Real sportsmen, these gamblers, they let the dogs fight to their deaths and then just stacked their bodies in a vacant room.)

**Officer Ray Ragona and Officer John Peterson** raced to the Warfield

Hotel in the Tenderloin after being notified that there was a man going crazy who was armed with a large knife. The officers arrived to find the suspect in an agitated condition chasing after passing citizens, flailing at them with the knife. Officer Peterson attempted to approach the suspect from behind as Officer Ragona drew his gun and covered the armed suspect. The officers' numerous verbal commands to relinquish his weapon went unanswered as the suspect continued to brandish the knife and now started to advance on Officer Ragona. The suspect, for whatever reason, finally decided to heed the officers' warnings and dropped his weapon.

How many times do we go through this routine in our City?? Way too many.

And, speaking of standoffs, how about the one **Sergeant John Haggett** was involved in while he was off-duty, in his personal vehicle, in the middle of the afternoon, driving his wife home... John was 3 vehicles deep at a red light when he saw the passenger in the car directly in front of him get out carrying a gun. John watched as the armed suspect walked up to the first car at the limit line and pointed the weapon at the passengers inside yelling that he was going to kill them. The driver of the assailant's interest wisely drove through the red light to elude the suspect. The weapon-bearing suspect returned to the passenger seat of the vehicle in front of John and John followed the car as it drove off. The vehicle eventually stopped and Sgt. Haggett instructed his wife to get to a phone to make a 9-1-1 call as he confronted the two occupants of the suspect vehicle. The passenger, whom John knew was armed, came out with a gun in his hand turning to face the sergeant. There was at least a minute of hesitation on the suspect's part (probably felt like hours to John) until he finally complied with the order to relinquish his gun. Unfortunately, he tossed the weapon back into the car, onto the car seat next to the driver, who just happened to be a felon on parole (prior drive-by shooting conviction). The parolee, still in the vehicle, complied with Sgt. Haggett's orders and now John had them both pruned out until the calvary could arrive. Turned out that the first suspect was also on parole for drugs and weapon offenses and, the gun in question was a fully-loaded 9mm (a round in the chamber and safety 'off').

Ingleside units raced to a residence on Geneva Avenue where a mentally disturbed individual was present, threatening to assault his parents. (This subject was already wanted for a prior assault on the couple and there was an emergency

protective order issued, barring him from returning to his parent's home.) Once the officers arrived (**Sgt. Lucio Perez, Sgt. Ann Cazahous, Officer Geoffrey Williams, Officer Michael Androvich, Officer Jerry Neitz and Officer Ignacio Martinez**) the suspect attempted to escape by climbing onto a neighbor's roof. The officers utilized the assistance of the San Francisco Fire Department to position a ladder for access when the suspect suddenly appeared and pushed the ladder away from the roof, narrowly missing several firefighters below. Now the suspect had armed himself with a 3' wooden club and was walking on the rooftop swinging the club in anger. The officers decided to place the ladder against a ledge 3' from the roof the suspect was on so that they could gain access. The officers placed the ladder in position and Officer Geoffrey Williams took the lead. Once the officers were in position, it was necessary for them to jump the 3' alley space between rooftops to get to the suspect's location. Officer Williams was the first to jump and as he did, the suspect ran up and struck him in the side of the head with the club he was wielding. Officer Williams, fortunately, gained his balance and was able to charge the suspect and tackle him. The suspect was trying to choke Officer Williams with his club but was prevented as the other officers also jumped the 3' gap and joined in the arrest. The suspect resisted violently, trying to throw the officers from the roof but he was eventually subdued.

Let's see, we do guns, pit bulls, knives, rooftops, and... It was anything but a pleasure cruise last July 4th when the crew on the San Francisco Police Boat "SFPD 1" received a "May Day" distress call from the occupants of a 40-foot motor yacht carrying 28 passengers that had run aground on the rocks off Alcatraz Island. SFPD 1 moved in to

help remove those aboard as the 41-foot Coast Guard vessel also present could not make the same maneuvers. The first passengers to come aboard SFPD 1 were three hysterical children (a 1-year old and two 2-year olds). This feat was accomplished only through the skill of the skipper of the police boat because the ocean waters were extremely violent. So violent that, at one point the SFPD 1 was thrown into the disabled vessel and the bow anchor of the disabled craft smashed through the Police vessel's cabin where a crew member was comforting the children. Police crew members were placed in jeopardy as they were trying to free their boat from the anchor as the waves continued to pound the 2 vessels against each other. SFPD 1 made 7 approaches to the disabled craft and they were successful in removing all of the passengers of the yacht.

## Crew of the SFPD 1

**Police Commissioner Clothilde Hewlett** (Assisted passengers to the safety of a nearby Coast Guard Vessel during all 7 high-risk passes and shielded young children from flying glass/debris caused by the disabled vessel's anchor smashing into the cabin of the police boat.)

**SFPD Lieutenant Gerald McCarthy** (Remained at the front bow, at great personal risk, receiving passengers and transferring them to the nearby Coast Guard Cutter.)

**SFPD Sergeant Richard Wallet** (Controlled the helm of SFPD-1 Made a total of 6 high-risk passes to remove passengers from the disabled vessel)

**SFPD Sergeant Daniel Greely** (Originally at the helm and made the 1st high-risk pass to take children to safety. Remained at the bow, at great personal risk, receiving passengers)

**U.S. Park Police officer Dean DeVlugt** (Remained at the front bow, at great personal risk, receiving passengers)

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## RETIRED MEMBERS COLUMN

by Gino Marionetti & Mike Sugrue



### WILLIAM KEAYS by Gino Marionetti

Great grandfather was born in Tipperary, Ireland. He served as a captain in the Duke of Wellington's Army during the Peninsular Campaign in Spain against Napoleon. Veterans of that war were offered land in Canada, where his great grandfather emigrated.

Bill's grandfather was born in Canada, served in the New York Cavalry during the Civil War. His company guarded the bridges outside Washington, D.C., looking for Lincoln's assassin, John Wilkes Booth, and was in on the capture. His dad was born in Canada and emigrated to the United States, graduating from Cornell University with an engineering degree. He served in Cuba during the Spanish-American War and during World War I was a captain in the Engineers' Corps.

Bill's mother was born in New York City. The family moved constantly to wherever his father was sent on an engineering assignment. Bill's two sisters were born in San Francisco, but he was born in Madera where his father worked at that time.

The family moved back to San Francisco and Bill attended Redding Elementary School. He continued his education at Crocker Jr. High and Polytechnic High. He was an honor student at both schools. While at Poly he delivered Western Union telegrams. On his days off he was an elevator operator for the Charles Brown and Sons' Hardware Store on Market Street. He graduated in 1932 and went to work for a sausage and bacon company in the city. During his evening hours he attended the James Quigley Coaching School and studied for civil service examinations. Bill accepted a temporary assignment as a police officer on February 1, 1939, and was appointed a permanent police officer on December 29, 1939.

Bill was assigned to the Richmond Station and worked the radio cars. His next station was central. He responded to a call of an intoxicated person who had fallen to the pavement at Broadway and Montgomery Streets. The man was on his feet but

had trouble manipulating his feet. He took him to the Harbor Emergency Hospital. A preliminary examination revealed that the subject should be transferred to the Veterans Administration Hospital in the East Bay. He was there for a brief period when he expired. He was an epileptic and kept having spasms. That was what caused his death. The deceased had an important position and was a man of prominence with one of the leading newspapers. The newspaper people were all over the police department. They checked out every move that Bill made but couldn't find any imperfection. It was the end of his tour and duty. The man had been drinking and he could have been booked for being drunk, but that wasn't Bill's nature. It saved the department from the consequences and ill publicity that could have resulted if Bill had taken the easy way out. Bill took the oath that he would assist anyone who needed his assistance regardless of station in life.

The year 1941 was a period of isolation. It was the start of the lend-lease program of transferring goods and services to an ally to aid in a common cause. There was concern; and tension grew as there was a threat of Adolph Hitler declaring war on the United States. The Japanese empire had two of their ambassadors informing Franklin Delano Roosevelt in Washington, D.C., that the United States had nothing to fear from the Japanese empire. Their words of encouragement were expressed two days prior to their sneak attack on Pearl.

Many of our young, gallant and brave men gave their lives that day. December 7 was a day of infamy that would live in peoples' minds for eternity. Bill had applied for a military leave in October 1941. He volunteered his services to the United States Army Air Corps. He was accepted in February 1942 and attended the Army Air Corps navigation school at Camp Mather, Sacramento. He graduated from the navigation school in 1943 and was assigned to the original cadre of the 381st Bomb Group Boeing B-17s. The ten member crew were all volunteers. They flew to England where



William Keays

they started flying bombing missions in June 1943. On August 17 of that year, Bill was on his thirteenth mission. The target was the ball bearing factory at Schweinfurt, Germany. Of the 360 planes that took part, sixty were shot down. They met heavy fighter attacks after their escorting fighter planes were unable to stay with them all the way. Bill's plane had two engines shot out and was on fire when the command was given to bail out. The escape hatch in a B-17 is just behind the navigator's position. It was up to Bill to open the hatch and get out of the plane so that the bombardier, pilot, and the turret gunner/engineer didn't have to wait to bail out. Bill was the first to bail out. He didn't pull the rip cord until he was a few hundred feet above the ground as it would assist him in evading capture. He landed in a forest, falling through branches of trees for about 50 feet and was fortunate to sustain only a sprained back. He landed near Aachen, Germany, during the early afternoon hours. On two occasions Bill was fortunate to get to the Belgian border but ran into patrols of German soldiers and had to turn back into Germany. The third approach proved to be his undoing. A German patrol spotted Bill and took him into custody. He was a POW for 622 days.

Two of his crew members were awarded for being the first American crew members to get back to England after being shot down over Germany. They landed together in Germany near the German-held city of Luxembourg. They managed with the help of the underground to get to France, then over the Pyrenees Mountains to Spain where they were flown back to England. The two men received the Silver Star for their achievements.

At the start of the bombing mission, Bill's plane was in the deputy lead position of the group and led the wing which was composed of three groups. The other two groups were the 351st in which Jimmy Stewart flew some missions and the 91st in which Clark Gable flew.

When Bill's Boeing B-17 left England on their last mission, there were eleven men on board, one more than necessary. The squadron leader was assigned to their plane as co-pilot. The replaced original co-pilot could have stayed at the base, but he decided to go along with the group. The squadron leader would have become the leader of the mission if the command plane were shot down. If Bill's plane also was still available, it would then have led the mission.

The bombardier and Bill were the only two to get to Stalag Luft 3, which was about 90 miles southeast of Berlin in what is not Poland. The pilot was killed, and the original co-pilot who didn't have to go on the mission was sent to another POW camp. Bill was unsuccessful in attempting to locate his whereabouts.

Stalag Luft 3 was an established POW camp. The POWs included a brigadier general, six full colonels, lieutenant colonels, captains, and lieutenants. They were happy and grateful to receive Red Cross parcels of food that kept them from starving as German rations were very meager. At first, the Americans shared the camp with British POWs, but they were transferred to another camp. The Geneva Convention called for prisoners of war to be segregated according to their nationality. In the adjacent camp, the British POWs had dug an underground tunnel completed. On the night it was to be used, all 2,000 men were ordered outside their barracks. The Germans located the tunnel and made it inoperative. The British Broadcasting Company then sent a secret message to the POWs to not try to escape as the war was coming to an end.

The Russian invasion was closing in which caused the German soldiers to march the POWs across Germany into Munich. Bill held the radio hidden in a large loaf of bread and kept the troops informed of the progress of General George Patton, who headed the tank division that liberated them. The efficiency of those army men were fantastic. While Patton's men were chasing the enemy and keeping up the artillery fire, they were feeding and delousing thousands of American prisoners. The prisoners were taken to France and put in evacuation camps for transfer to the United States. Back in the States, they went through the three R's—rest, recuperation, and rehabilitation—at Santa Monica. Bill was discharged with the rank of first lieutenant in December 1945. Had he completed his thirteenth mission, he would have been a captain. A friend of Bill's confided in me as to the medals that Bill received—Air Medal and Oak Leaf Cluster. The Air Medal was given for the fifth mission and an Oak Leaf Cluster was awarded for every fifth mission after that. Bill received a Caterpillar pin for bailing out of the B-17, and recently all POWs were given medals.

Bill spent four years in the Army Air Corps and was happy to return to the San Francisco Police Department in February of 1946.

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## A Tribute to Ray

by Gary Delagnes

I met Ray Benson in 1989. It wasn't long after I had made some ill-considered comments regarding how police officers should handle the threat of aids-contaminated blood being thrown at them during the "International AIDS Conference". I was painted as a homophobic lunatic in every "alternative press" newspaper in San Francisco. Ray, who was openly gay, was coming on board at that time as our Legislative Chairperson.

I am sure that Ray was apprehensive as to how we would get along, and I guess I was as well. It was in one of our first meetings together where Ray gave me that reassuring smile and said, "Gary, you can't shoot all of us, you know". He had a disarming, pleasant way about him and was impossible to dislike; over the course of time, we developed a strong friendship based on trust and a mutual respect. Our goals were the same, to make a "cop's" life better, and Ray never deviated from that objective. Although Ray was instrumental in standing up for the rights of gay officers in this Department, he was always a police officer first, and put his fellow "cops" above all else.

I can remember another time when we were at City Hall awaiting the returns on our Proposition "D" Initiative in 1990. We were both so happy when it became apparent that it would pass, that we were almost in tears. I put my arms around him and gave him a hug, and he said with a smile, "You better knock it off, Gary. That's how rumors get started". We disagreed on very little in the years I knew him, and he actually became a person I would go to with my prob-

lems because he was such a good listener and so easy to talk to.

In the last year, when it became apparent that Ray was in rapidly failing health, he never quit, he never gave in to his worsening illness. Once we were having a hard time agreeing on a candidate in the supervisors' race; the arguments were getting quite heated, and I walked Ray to a back room and said, "Ray, our friendship is too important to let something like this tear us apart." He looked at me and said, "Gary, I'm dying, and our friendship means more to me than the fate of any politician."

Ray Benson was a hero and gave more of himself to the people of this Department than most of you will ever know. Because of my inability to cope, I didn't visit him those last two weeks in the hospital because I didn't want to see him that way. I wanted to remember him sitting in that conference room at the POA saying, "Let's do whatever it takes to help the kid on the street," something he so often said. So, Ray, what I would have said to you at the hospital I will say to you now:

You were a very special person, and over time you became one of my best friends. In the last year of your life you were an inspiration to me. You never complained, you never quit, and you never gave in. You showed a courage in facing death that I have never witnessed before, and you have left a lasting mark on my life. You lived your life with a sense of pride, dignity and purpose and died with these virtues intact. I will remember you always and I will miss you a lot — and so will the San Francisco Police Department. Goodbye, my friend.

els in the Sahara, elephants through jungles in Thailand, rafts down white water in Bali and taxis through the streets of Europe. However, sailing in the Caribbean was his favorite and he took many trips there with his fellow officers.

Ray leaves behind his partner Richard Ernst, his parents Raymond and Beverly Benson, sisters Nancy and Alice, brother Robert and his teddy bear Billy Bob.

Ray could be tough on the streets, but he was a gentle man who only wanted to be loved. Now the streets that Ray patrols are paved in gold and lined with angels. Sleep well my friend; your shift is over. 10-7E

## BENSON

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1992, Mayor Frank Jordan honored Ray as the October 1992 "My Favorite Cop."

The SFPOA also honored Ray by naming him "Cop of the Month" for March 1990. Then at a special benefit held by the POA in Ray's honor, April 9, 1995 was also named Officer Ray Benson Day in San Francisco by Mayor Jordan. State Senator Milton Marks then made it Ray Benson Day statewide.

Ray's greatest passion outside of work was traveling. Every time Ray saw a jet taking off he said that it made him think of freedom. In the last few years, Ray has ridden cam-

## 'Get a Contract!'

by Al Trigueiro, SFPOA President

About a year ago, Officer Ray Benson, Legislative Committee Chair, approached me with the request that he be reappointed to the Negotiating Committee which would be working on the upcoming new contract. Ray had been a member of our first negotiating committee which had crafted our initial, legitimate contract under Proposition D and had done his usual terrific job. What made Ray's request so unusual was what he told me next.

"Al", he said, "my doctors have told me that I don't have long to live and if negotiations begin as expected, I just may die during one of the negotiation sessions!" On June 28, 1995 after a fierce struggle and much suffering, Officer Ray Benson passed away and the members of this Association lost a caring and dedicated union representative. Five days be-

fore his death, Phil Dito, Chuck Limbert and I visited Ray in the hospital where despite his great pain, his spirit and resolve remained unbroken. During our visit, Ray was interested in learning about how our negotiation sessions were progressing and just as we were saying goodbye, he ordered me in his best 16th & Mission voice to "Get a Good Contract!". He repeated this command to Jack Ballentine when Jack visited him the day before his passing.

Despite being a closet Republican, Ray was a tried and true Association Representative who only wanted the best for the "kids" on the street. Moreover, my wife, Moyra, our son, Christopher, and I have lost a dear and valued friend, and he will be missed. But Ray's final request and command will be honored — We will get a Good Contract!

## A Very Special Person


by Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

I was very fortunate to have known a particular officer who could only be described as "special," because he was a very unique person who had the ability to maintain the confidence of the leaders of the many political factions in our city because they respected the ethical manner in which he dealt with people. One of his most cherished quotes, "You live life and then you die," sounded extremely cavalier, but certainly did not represent the way he lived his life. This officer's every spare moment was dedicated to what he felt was most important to other people, and he did a good job at it.

This officer was the ultimate professional in maintaining a perfect balance as both a police officer who had earned a silver medal for valor, who was hand-picked by former Police Chief Frank Jordan to serve in the capacity as the designated representative overseeing much of the Department's community relations needs, and, as a representative of labor who, somehow, still managed

to give 100% to his uniform responsibilities after volunteering to serve as the Chairman of the Legislative Committee for the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. His Union endeavors always had him watching over the young police officers of our department, (mainly because he, himself had served many years in Patrol and knew of the constant dangers) and there wasn't anything he wouldn't do for them.

I failed to mention the fact that he was an extremely modest person, modest to the point where he would never take credit for all the good things he did — he'd never let anyone mention all the many hours he put in to make sure our members received the recognition in the labor community that they now have — and, despite the physical discomfort he endured over the past several months from the crippling disease he contracted, he would never complain. This young, idealistic, selfless police officer died on Wednesday, June 28, 1995. This young, idealistic, selfless police officer was my best friend. And best friends like Ray Benson are hard to find.



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## SFPOA Special Board Meeting

Wednesday, June 7, 1995

**Call to Order:** 1200 Hrs.

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call: Present:** Deignan/Co A, Castel/Co B, Sorgie/Co C, Pate/Co D, Canedo/Co E, Kowal/Co E, Gardner/Co F, Spiteri/Co H, Limbert/Co I, Sylvester/Hdqtrs., Torres/Hdqtrs., Castagnola/Tac, Balovich/Invest., Fox/Invest., Shawyer/TTF, Johnson/Secty, Delagnes/V-Pres, Trigueiro/President.

**Excused:** Machi/Co A, Ellis/Co D, Dempsey/Co G, Shine/Co K, Cleary/Narc., Ching/MTPD, Wright/Ret., Millett/SFO, Scully/SFO, Dito/Treas.

**President's Report:** President Trigueiro convened this Special Board Meeting for the purpose of discussing the Administration's intent to place members of the 179th Recruit Academy Class on patrol with approximately 10 weeks of training. President Trigueiro stated that discussions with Chief Ribera were continuing but that there may be a need

to pursue other legal remedies should further mediation efforts fail to provide an acceptable resolution. There was a motion (M/Gardner, 2nd/Delagnes) made to allow the Board to continue with mediation but, if necessary, to proceed to court and attempt to obtain a preliminary injunction. The motion passed after a roll call vote was taken:

**Roll Call Vote: Yes Votes:** Deignan/Co A, Castel/Co B, Sorgie/Co D, Pate/Co D, Canedo/Co E, Kowal/Co E, Gardner/Co F, Spiteri/Co H, Limbert/Co I, Torres/Hdqtrs., Castagnola/Tac, Shawyer/TTF, Johnson/Secty, Delagnes/V Pres, Trigueiro/President.

**No Votes:** Sylvester/Hdqtrs., Balovich/Invest., Fox/Invest.

There being no further business before the Board at this time President Trigueiro adjourned the meeting at 1330 hours.

Submitted by: Steve Johnson,  
Secty SFPOA

## SFPOA Board of Directors Meeting

May 30, 1995, 1400 Hours

**Call to Order:** 1400 hours

**Pledge of Allegiance**

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Deignan/Co A, Machi/Co A, Castel/Co B, Sorgie/Co C, Canedo/Co E, Gardner/Co F, Dempsey/Co G, Spiteri/Co H, Limbert/Co I, Shine/Co K, Sylvester/Hdqtrs., Torres/Hdqtrs., Cleary/Narc., Castagnola/Tac, Balovich/Invest., Ching/MTPD, Shawyer/TTF, Wright/Ret., Millett/SFO, Scully/SFO, Johnson/Secty, Dito/Treas., Delagnes/V-Pres., Trigueiro/President.

**Excused:** Ellis/Co D, Pate/Co D, Kowal/Co E, Fox/Invest.

**President's Report:** President Trigueiro introduced the new SFPOA Staff Attorney, Katherine Mahoney, selected from a field of candidates who had been interviewed by members of the SFPOA Legal Defense Committee. Katherine Mahoney has an excellent background in the legal field, and is extremely familiar with the many different arenas in which her services will be needed (i.e. Police Commission, Office of Citizen Complaints, Management Control Division).

**Contract Talks:** President Trigueiro stated that the SFPOA Negotiating Committee would begin talks with City representatives commencing Wednesday, 6/14/95, and would be focusing on the issues that were most important to our members as gleaned from a recent survey we conducted. A modification of the present Tier II retirement system is paramount in the committee's purposefulness.

**Treasurer's Report:** Treasurer Dito provided the financial statements from both March/1995, and April/1995, to the Board for review/comments and a motion (M/Dempsey, 2nd/Sylvester) was made to accept both statements as presented. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Secretary's Report:** Secty Johnson had the minutes from the Board of Directors' meetings of March/1995, and April/1995, published in the Notebook and submitted to Board members for review and discussion. There was a motion (M/Dempsey, 2nd/Diegnan) to accept both reports as submitted. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

**Financial Requests:** There was a motion (M/Castel, 2nd/Ching) to finance the purchase of uniforms of the SFPD Race Team, headed by Officer Curt Dowling, at a cost of \$1500.00. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote. A motion was made (M/Dito, 2nd/Deignan) to purchase 2 tickets (Cost: \$300.00) to the Bay Area Union Labor Party Leadership Awards Dinner being held on 6/30/95. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

There being no further business before the Board, President Trigueiro adjourned the meeting at 1730 hours.

Submitted by: Steve Johnson,  
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# THE MEMBERS SPEAK

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## Alioto For Mayor

by Robert Swall

It was interesting to read the article by Chris Cunnie, "Mayors Race Will Impact Contract Negotiations", in the June issue of our Notebook. Chris mentions (and rightly so) how unfairly Art Agnos treated the POA and all police officers, during his time as mayor. What Chris forgot to point out is that our 1990 Proposition D binding arbitration ballot measure which was passed by the voters, was sponsored and spearheaded by one of the current mayoral candidates. The candidate that I am referring to is of course Supervisor Angela Alioto. Our ability to arbitrate is truly the heart and soul of our financial well being. It gives us the ability to support a family. It puts us on an even keel compared to other police agencies within California. As Vice President Gary Delagnes stated in his June article, "Most of what we have been able to accomplish was of course made possible with the passage of Prop D in 1990. This measure allowed us for the first time to go to the negotiating table for our wages and benefits, and resulted in a 43 million dollar contract which we negotiated in 1991." (By the way, I am sorry to see Gary Delagnes leave the executive board of the POA. He will be irreplaceable. He has been one of the most honest and forthright board members that we have

ever elected).

Let us not forget that when the City attempted to lay off 85 police officers, it was Alioto who led the charge to stop it. Alioto was the only City official to have the decency to come down to the POA office to talk with those 85 officers and their families and to explain to them what was being done by her to halt those lay offs.

Let us not forget that it was Alioto who was a strong supporter of the full staffing ballot measure for the SFPD, which was passed by the voters because they were sick and tired of more and more crime and less and less police officers to deal with it. Let us not forget that it was Alioto who was one of the first of the City officials to strongly support the issuance of semi-automatic weapons to police officers so that we could protect ourselves and protect those who live and work here.

During the first mayoral debate, Alioto was the only candidate to list public safety as her #1 priority after she is sworn in as mayor of San Francisco. It says something of us as individuals, and as an organization, if we endorse (or do not endorse) a candidate who has been supportive of us 150% of the time. Now it is time for us to do the right thing. It is time for us to vote for a strong San Francisco. It is time for us to vote to endorse Alioto for Mayor.

## Buyer Beware

by Janice Musante

Ray and I recently took a trip which included Turkey and Greece. Mistakenly, we believed that by using our credit card, specifically, our SF Police Credit Union Visa, that we, as consumers, would be protected from misrepresentation, inferior products, or even fraudulent conduct on the part of the merchant. We also mistakenly believed that we would get the best exchange rates by using a credit card.

We found out that once you leave the United States, any concept of consumer protection remains behind. Apparently, Federal Regulation Z applies to consumer protection, but is not applicable outside the United States. Further, there is nothing to protect the consumer from a merchant who holds onto the charge slip until the exchange rates are more favorable to him/her. In our case, the merchant held onto the charge slip for one month before posting it at which time the

dollar had weakened, and there was nothing we could do about his conduct.

In Greece, we learned that as to VAT, there is no refund at the airport when a credit card is used, and the refund is put through later but at a significant commission to the entity which puts through the credit card refund. In our case, the commission to refund our credit card charged by the Tax Free Club was approximately \$40.00.

When we contacted VISA membership services, we were told that because the purchase was made out of the Country, we had no charge back rights nor could we dispute the charge. In fact, there was nothing that VISA could do for us.

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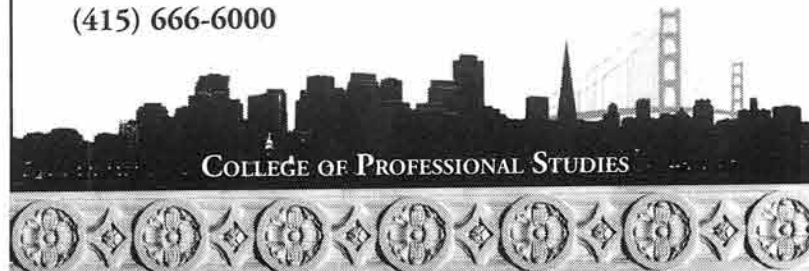
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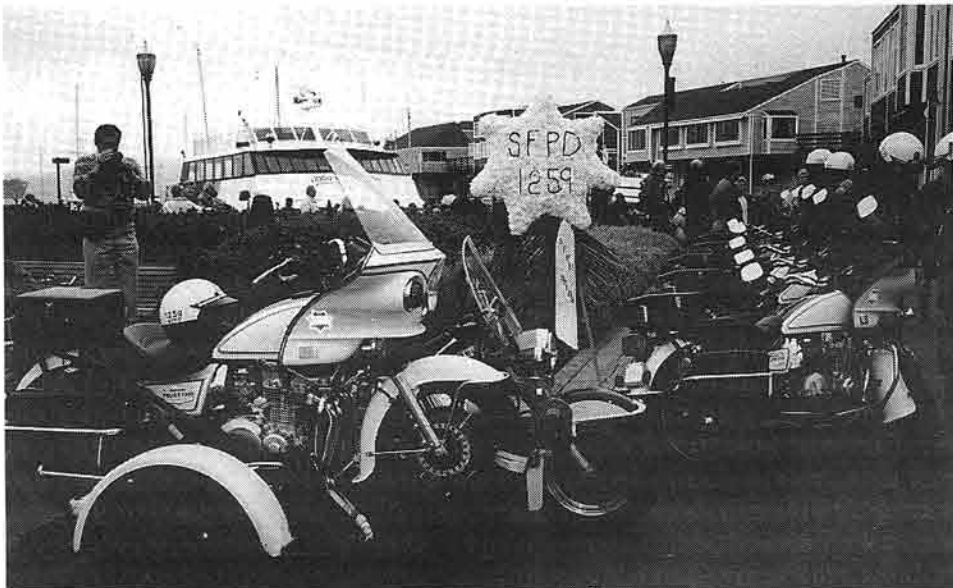
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Our thanks, too, for the church service that you all attended and the buffet so beautifully served and enjoyed. Last but not least, the generous gesture you have all made to the Trust Fund for Kristin's education. This is without doubt, the most caring and loving act for the child of a fellow officer.

Our hearts fill with love for you all and our prayers and safe wishes are always with you as you so bravely represent us in your dangerous work.

God be with you all.  
Gratefully, Chris and Kristin Bill



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## Honoring Those Who Have Retired

by Daniel Hampton

It is proper for us to honor retired police officers who have served our City so well. They have been found faithful in service and are hopefully enjoying the fruits of retirement for a job well done. I admire each and every one of them because what was found in their hearts when on the force was dedication to protect life, property, society and the Constitution of the United States. These that have retired have left to us a rich legacy that all of us must hold onto. We must take on their mantle as in the passing on of a baton in a relay race. It is important for all of us to reflect upon the foundation which these retired officers have laid down for us to follow. A foundation of professionalism, sacrifice, servant hood, compassion and mercy, and dedication to protect the defenseless and innocent, and to bring the criminal element to justice. We must take the time to listen to these who have gone on before us, so that the rich police culture of our Department is not forgotten. Now, I'm asking all police officers, retired police officers, and friends of police officers to attend the Fellowship of Christian Police Officers Luncheon on Wednesday, August 9, 1995, at the Apostleship of the Sea (Fremont and Harrison) to listen to our Retired Police Chief Tho-

mas J. Cahill. Tom will tell us how God helped him throughout his career, especially when he was Chief of the San Francisco Police Department. He will also share how God has blessed him in retirement. It is appropriate and an opportunity of a life time to hear Chief Cahill reflect upon his police career and also to see and talk to all the retired members who will hopefully attend. I'm asking all of you who are reading this article to call all retired officers you know and tell them that this luncheon is really in honor and appreciation of them. We who are currently in the Department want to attend the luncheon because charity or love really begins at home. And isn't it really true that these retired members are part of our police family and will always have our respect and support.

Now the call is out. Those of you who are retired officers, active officers, and friends of police officers please send in your \$10.00 (Ten dollars) for the luncheon and reserve a seat. The menu consists of two hot plates and plenty of salads. Please! Please! Make out a check to the Apostleship of the Sea and send your check to Officer Dan Hampton, Planning Division Room 500, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco CA, 94103. All the money goes to Vern the cook, he's great!

Our last luncheon with quest speaker Captain George Kowalski was a great success. Just to let you know there were 49 persons attending and everyone told me they enjoyed the message and fellowship. As I listened to George's message I know he was telling all of us to have faith in God. That as God guided him in his career and life He would also guide us. Thank you George, and thank you Patty. For every good man, adjacent to his side is a good wife.

I'll see all of you on Wednesday, August 9, 1995. Let's show our support for Tom Cahill and all retired police officers.

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- He was Elected as a member of the City's Charter Revision Committee in 1978.

Tom Cahill's leadership as Chief spanned the longest period of time of any modern police chief. During his term more police-related activities were added to the Department than at any other time. He became one of

the City's more popular chiefs. Tom is a dynamic personality and coupled with his ability as a public speaker I know you will enjoy his message at our luncheon. Reservations: Please call in your reservation to the Luncheon and advise Officer Daniel Hampton at 553-9565. Monsignor John Heaney needs to know the count of persons attending the luncheon so your call to Dan is critical. Cost: The cost for the luncheon is only \$10.00 (ten). It is a hot meal with a variety of dishes that you'll enjoy. The camaraderie is also unbeatable, so send Dan your check to confirm your reservation. If you pay by check make it payable to: Apostleship of the Sea. Send the check to Dan Hampton, Planning Division, 850 Bryant Street Room 500, S.F. CA. 94103. All money goes to Vern the cook, he's great!

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## A Move to Ban "Garbage Guns" Fails

In the wake of the assassination of Robert Kennedy, Congress passed the Gun Control Act of 1968, which established Federal Factoring Criteria which defined guns that were safe and manufactured for "sporting" purposes. In order to stop the importation of unsafe, low quality handguns, the Act prohibited importation of guns that failed to meet certain criteria. These cheaply made handguns were commonly known as "Saturday Night Specials", because they are easily concealable and commonly used by criminals. I call them "Garbage Guns".

The factoring criteria is based upon a point system. First, the firearm must meet all of the prerequisites. If it is a pistol, it must have a manually operated safety device. The combined length and height can't be less than ten inches with the height being at least four inches and the length six inches. If the firearm is a revolver, it must have an overall frame length of four and one-half inches and a barrel length of three inches.

A point value is assigned to the handgun's individual characteristics such as length of barrel, overall length, frame construction, weight, caliber, safety features, type of sight, trigger, hammer and grip.

What all of this is leading to is, Senate Bill 933. Senator Richard Polanco, D-Los Angeles, authored SB 933 — to ban "Saturday Night Specials" made in California.

Oddly enough, over 80% of these cheaply made "garbage guns" are made by six Southern California companies. Bryco Arms of Costa Mesa; Arcadia Machine and Tool, in Irwindale; Davis Industries, in Mira Loma; Lorcin Engineering, also in Mira Loma; Phoenix Amms, in Ontario; and Sundance Industries, in Valencia.

These six companies produced over 685,000 handguns in 1992, or 34 percent of all handguns made in the United States. Many are made of inferior metals.

Unfortunately, any discussion about handguns pits antigun groups against pro-gun groups. The same is true in the case of SB 933. The only difference is now law enforcement organizations, along with the medical community are joining the fray.

7,000 Physicians, represented by the California Academy of Family Physicians concerned over the killing and maiming, by gun shot wounds—especially of children—has joined the battle. A publicity release about handgun violence estimates: . 10 kids are killed everyday by handguns. A kid commits suicide every 8 hours using a handgun. . More kids are killed by handguns in California than by car crashes, diseases or drugs. . In California in 1992, there were 603 handgun injury deaths among youth 19 and under. . Willful handgun homicides of juveniles ages 17 and under, were reported in half of all California counties.

The direct hospital costs for firearm injuries for California taxpayers in 1991 was estimated at \$175.8 million.

On the law enforcement side, the California Peace Officers' Association (CPOA) has taken a stand against the proliferation of handguns. Larry Todd, Los Gatos Police Chief and former President of the Police Chiefs Association testified at the hearing that most police officers are killed by handguns.

Other law enforcement groups supporting SB 933 are the California Organization of Police and Sheriffs (COPS), Association for Los Angeles Deputy Sheriffs (ALADS), the Los Angeles Peace Officers Association (PPOA), Fontana Police Department, El Segundo Police Department, California Probation, Parole and Correctional Association, Los Angeles District Attorney's Office, and the Callexico Police Department. To their credit, the COPS' Board has long supported banning unsafe firearms. It is only of late that other law enforcement groups are coming on board.

For the gun lobby, the line up is, the National Rifle Association (NRA), American Shooting Sports Council, Inc.—representing the firearms industry, California Rifle and Pistol Association, Law Enforcement Alliance of America, and the Gun Owners of California.

The NRA contends the bill would

not only ban so-called "Saturday Night Specials", but because of the way it was written, would ban such well-made and expensive handguns as Smith and Wesson Model 49 Bodyguard revolvers, Walther PPK and Sig Sauer P230 pistols, the American Derringer Semmerling LM-4, and all two-inch revolvers currently employed by police detectives.

As presented, SB 933 adopted the federal guidelines for banning foreign made handguns—without adopting the safety standards set down by the ATF. Opponents are right in their assertion that certain accepted American made handguns, notably snub nosed revolvers would be banned.

Of equal concern for gun owners is: "Where does all this end?" Will it end by banning so-called "Saturday Night Specials", or will the anti-gun lobby keep pressing until all guns are eliminated?

Another criticism by the NRA is: "a prohibition of a class of firearm merely because of its low price, works an unfair burden upon law-abiding, low income people who are as entitled to obtain weapons for self-defense or sport as any other citizen. The NRA asserts that "to remove low cost items from the market might simply disarm a significant portion of the population most often finding itself threatened by neighborhood violence."

Regardless of the dialog about "a citizen's right to bear arms", "guns don't kill people—people kill people!", "guns afford law abiding citizens a defense against bad guys!" — all of which is true, the bottom line is the proliferation of handguns in California must be curtailed—especially the out-pouring of these "garbage guns".

When 685,934 of these garbage guns are sold in California in one year, something must be wrong. People buy up these cheaply made, inaccurate firearms thinking they are buying security, when most of these guns couldn't hit the broadside of a barn.

As a cop in San Francisco, I often advised people who wanted to buy a

firearm for personal safety in their home, to go out and buy a double barreled shotgun. At least with a shotgun, you can't miss, and if you wake up in the middle of the night and grab your gun, you've got to be wide awake to operate it — so, at least you won't blow away your spouse or kid.

A recent poll conducted for the California Wellness Foundation by EDK Associates found that 8 in 10 people polled (78%) supported a ban on poorly made, cheap handguns. The EDK polls stated; "...that support crosses party lines and demographic categories." "Moreover, fully three-fourths (76%) of respondents in gun-owning households support a ban."

In the Assembly Public Safety Committee hearing, it was obviously a partisan Democrats for the bill—Republicans against mentality. Paula Boland, Republican chairperson, at the outset, called the bill a ban on all handguns, not just "Saturday Night Specials". Democrats on the other hand, applauded the bill saying it just adopted the federal ban against cheaply made, dangerous foreign handguns.

There was a lot more rhetoric, but the outcome was a predictable standoff, with four Democrats voting for the measure, and four Republicans voting against it—The measure died.

The sad part of this exercise is both sides—the gun lobby and the anti-gun lobby are entrenched. Both sides are digging in their heels. I know that the Firearms Industry would like nothing better than to put these garbage gun manufacturers out of business. They would profit immensely.

The NRA actually supported the federal law banning cheaply made foreign made handguns. I would expect that if we could all sit down somewhere, we might be able to resolve the issue and come back to the legislature with a bill that would take garbage guns off the streets, but at the same time, preserve gun owners' rights to purchase quality handguns.

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the same team that skillfully brought us our current contract, led by Al Trigueiro and Gary Delagnes. Dan Leydon and Chuck Limbert have put out a bulletin updating the negotiations and listing the members of the

Steering and Negotiation Committees.

If you have any questions about who is on which committee or would like a list of committee members, see your rep, or check the list printed below.

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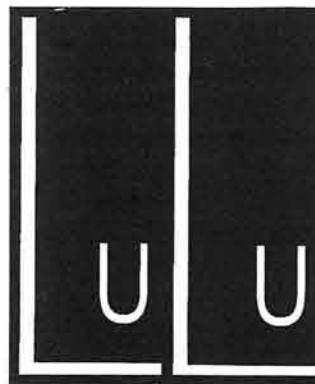
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# UNION NEWS

## IRS Eyes SF Police & Fire Retirees

by Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

In the April 1995 issue of the *Notebook* in an article entitled "IRS Pursues Disability Pensions", I stated that the Internal Revenue Service wants to eliminate the tax exempt status of pensions received by disabled public safety officers (police and fire) when they reach eligibility for service retirement. Public safety officers who have been retired for the effects of a disabling job incurred injury have traditionally looked to Section 104 (a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code as well as Revenue Rulings 80-44, 80-84, and 59-269 to exclude pension payments from their taxable income. **Beware...The IRS has now focused its attention on the Retirement System of the City and County of San Francisco.**

### 1320 Disabled Recipients

There are presently 1320 police officers, firefighters and their surviving spouses who are receiving monthly industrial disability retirement benefits from the Retirement System of the City and County of San Francisco. **Alert... The IRS is watching your reporting of disability benefits.**

During the fall of 1993 the Retirement System staff met with the staff of the Tax Compliance Division of the Internal Revenue Service. The meeting pertained to reporting requirements of tax information on the annual Form 1099R. For tax year 1994 the Retirement System made reporting changes which included printing the distribution code "3" on all ordinary and industrial disability retirements and death in the line of duty cases, but still indicated that the "taxable amount was not determined."

A 1995 agreement between the Internal Revenue Service and the SF Retirement System requires the Retirement System now to determine the correct application of various tax codes and revenue rulings relative to the California Labor Code, SF Charter and Administrative Code to the reporting of the taxable amount, if any, of industrial disability retirements and death allowances after the date the police officer or firefighter did or would have qualified for a service retirement (QSR).

The Retirement System is currently looking at 3 options:

(1) 50% taxable and 50% non-taxable (minimum industrial disability retirement is 50% under both Tiers); (2) all payments from QSR (service retirement eligibility of 25 years + age 50) date forward are subject to taxation; and (3) all payments from QSR are non taxable (in lieu of a workers' compensation statute).

### POA / Local 798

Both the S.F Fire Fighters Union Local 798 and the Police Officers'

Association have established and announced a firm position on this issue ... *all payments for industrial disability retirements are non-taxable since they are, as stated in the San Francisco Charter at sections 8.515 & 8.516, in lieu of a workers' compensation statute and therefore properly and lawfully excluded under section 104 (a)(1) of the Internal Revenue Code.* Historically, industrial disability retirements and on duty death benefits have been exempted from federal and state taxation as a matter of public policy since job injuries have prematurely ended police/fire careers and left these public safety officers with significant job related disabilities.

On May 17, 1995 POA and Local 798 officers met with Clare Murphy, General Manager of the CCSF Retirement System to discuss this issue. Ms. Murphy assured the officers that the Retirement System had adopted option #3 (all payments from QSR are non taxable) as the correct manner to report industrial disability retirements and death allowances. Furthermore, this position was fully supported by the City Attorney's office which had extensively researched the issue.

Ms. Murphy and her staff along with the a city attorney will meet with IRS officials in August to present the Retirement System's position.

### Disabled Police & Fire Assoc.

**The siren and alarm has been sounded and heard...**Anthony Sacco (retired SFFD), Robert Bergeron (retired SFFD), and Jesse Brown (retired SFPD) have formed the **San Francisco Police & Fire Disability Defense League** to help protect the interests now under IRS review. The Defense League is officed in Santa Rosa (P.O. Box 4584, Santa Rosa, CA 95402). The Defense League is now sending information about itself along with an application for membership to the 1320 disabled SF police officers, firefighters and their surviving spouses.

It is my understanding that the Defense League intends to use monies collected to retain legal counsel, if needed, and to represent its members when and if their reporting of disability pension monies is questioned or audited by the IRS. The Defense League further intends to be present at all Retirement System meetings when this issue is discussed to insure that industrial disability retirement monies retain their tax exempt status. No officer of the Defense League will receive compensation and monies not used will be returned to its members.

For more information about the San Francisco Police & Fire Disability Defense League contact: Anthony Sacco (415-587-1871), Bob Bergeron (707-538-2681), or Jesse Brown (415-488-1343).

## Code 1013

## Contract Negotiations Update

To: All San Francisco Police Members  
From: Dan Leydon, CO.I / Chuck Limber, CO.I  
Communications Officers  
June 16, 1995 #95-34

On 6-14-95 the Steering and Negotiations Committee met prior to the meeting with the city. The Negotiating Committee went on to meet with the he designated representatives of the city to begin the process of negotiating our next contract.

The first meeting took place at 44 Gough St.

No official proposals were exchanged or made.

Ground rules were established and agreed upon as follows:

1. Future meetings to take place on Wednesdays at 1000 with rotating locations.
2. It was agreed that there be two (2) units within this bargaining unit. a. Q-2's and Q-50's b. Q-60's and above
3. It was agreed that the Negotiating Committee would bargain as one unit except on issues exclusive to one unit.
4. It was agreed that each party would be prohibited from discussing specific proposals. The contents of the sessions are determined confidential.

### Developments

1. POA requested financial disclosure regarding the Retirement System.
2. POA will submit our initial proposals on Wednesday, June 21, 1995 to the City.

### Comments

- The Chief made a brief appearance suggesting that both parties cooperate openly, and reach a fair and equitable agreement.
- The Chief expressed hope that an agreement would be reached quickly in order to improve morale at a time when it appears to be waning.
- Both parties agreed that it would be in everyone's best interest to negotiate in good faith without posturing and reach an agreement A.S.A.P.

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# Career Development Unit

The Career Development Unit is up and running and many questions have been directed to the unit. This newsletter will address some of the confusion that seems to prevail within the Department about the Career Development Unit.

At the present time, the goal of the Career Development Unit is to offer services to Q-2, Q-50 and civilian personnel within the San Francisco Police Department. Career Development consists of the following services and program components:

- Referrals to academic institutions in the Bay Area for those who wish to pursue their educational development outside of the Police Department
- Elective police-related training courses. Most of these courses have been developed as the result of your suggestions. Several of the courses that were listed in our first Career

Development Newsletter have now been P. O. S. T. certified and will so be offered at the Academy (see schedule below).

• Counseling regarding career development issues, such as the identification of individual goals and guidance in the formulation of a personal plan that will help achieve these goals.

**MENTOR PROGRAM.** Additionally, we're in the process of developing a formal, voluntary mentor program. The program consists of individuals who have volunteered to provide one-on-one guidance as mentors in their area of expertise. The Career Development Unit will generate a list of these mentors and make the list available to officers who want to access these individuals' guidance.

**CAREER DEVELOPMENT ROTATIONAL PROGRAM.** One component of the Career Development Program that has made many people appreciative about getting involved and signing up for the services offered through the Unit is the Career Development Rotational Program. This program will be offered later in the year and is totally voluntary. The program will consist of a number of training positions in various work assignments. Officers who choose to participate in this program will be rotated through different assignments that will vary in length. After completion of the assignment they will return to their original station or detail. No

rotational assignment will be extended past an established cutoff date. Additionally, individuals who volunteer for these rotational assignments will be afforded priority in training related to their specific rotational assignment.

The obvious question that arises is, "What criteria will be used to select individuals for this program?" To answer this question, those who wish to participate will be required to complete an application and assessment portfolio packet. Individual knowledge, skills, education, personal goals and interests that most coincide with the needs of the particular Career Development training position will be given first priority. Seniority will also be a significant factor in the assignment to rotational training positions.

We recommend that if you are contemplating involvement in the Career Development Program, you first consider the following questions, then feel free to contact our unit at 695-6941 or 695-6908.

- What job or occupation would you like to have in three to five years?
  - What skills, experiences and competencies are required by the job?
  - What are you planning to do to prepare yourself for that job?
  - How can we, the Career Development Unit, support your efforts?
- It's our intent that members be able to participate in any or all phases of Career Development programs. We hope we can be of assistance to anyone who desires to become involved in planning personal career goals. We truly believe that our most valuable resource is our personnel.

## CAREER DEVELOPMENT COURSES

### Advanced Instructor Skills

August 14-18, 1995  
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Presenters: Captain Jim Barbour, Alameda District Attorney's Office and Officer David McCrery, Fresno Police Department

For individuals who have some exposure and/or experience in making training presentations. Course will focus on improving presentation techniques and course development. Ten student openings only. Please contact the Career Development Unit as soon as possible to register.

### San Francisco Gangs

August 21, 22, 23 and August 28, 29, 30, 1995, vary depending on the

number of officers from each shift. 2-to 4-hour course

Presenter: Sergeant David Horton S. F. P. D. Gang Task Force

Individuals will receive current information on S. F. gang activity and current trends. If you are interested in attending this course please contact our unit as soon as possible.

## Fundamentals of Instructional Communication

Many of you have signed up or expressed interest in Sgt. Bray's upcoming course, "Fundamentals of Instructional Communication." This course is designed to improve public speaking skills in a teaching environment. Course material will include developing and delivering four speeches that will begin with a general informational speech of your choice and evolve through the semester to a final presentation that emphasizes the interaction between teacher and students. Although this class is structured around public speaking, you will also learn interpersonal skills, which will serve you in any encounter.

The course will be offered on Wednesdays from 6:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m., beginning in September and continuing through the second week of December. Anyone interested in improving his or her communication and teaching skills is encouraged to apply. This course offers three undergraduate units in Communication from San Francisco State University. There are still some openings available, so please call for registration.

## CLASSES PLANNED FOR FUTURE PRESENTATION

• Sgt. John Murphy's P. O. S. T. certified 16-hour class on the mechanics of search warrants focuses upon familiarizing patrol officers with search warrant procedures will be offered in September. If you are interested in attending, please call as soon as possible since the class size is limited to 22 students.

• Officers Nelson Lum, Victor Tsang and Jay Dowke of the Crime Prevention Company will be presenting a three-day course on tactical firearms for patrol personnel. This P. O. S. T. certified course will be announced as soon as the dates are arranged and the range site is confirmed.

• Sergeant Lilli Hitt and Officer Frank McKee will soon be offering an ongoing intermediate and advanced defensive tactics course on Thursdays from 5:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m., beginning July 27.

Additionally, specialized three-day defensive tactics courses will soon be offered covering personal weapons and impact weapons.

More classes will be announced as they are developed. We ask that you advise us of your training needs so we can find a way to meet them, either by offering an in-house course, locating a course outside the Department that can be presented on site, or by informing you of courses in the public or private sector that may be of interest in helping you achieve your personal goals.

**NOTE:** Some of the elective courses will be P. O. S. T. certified and others won't; some will be offered free of charge and others will have a minimum cost. Also, the Career Development Unit will not be involved in arranging details of members to any of the courses. The unit merely offers information and services to you, and any coordination of your time to attend should be worked out with your supervisor(s).

## POST

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nies, the Giants honored a number of Bay Area residents that had been professional baseball players and had served in WWII. 496 Major League and Negro League ball players began their careers before the outbreak of WWII and lost playing time to serve their country. Those 496 were honored with the dedication on Memorial day of an 18-month exhibit, "Baseball Enlists," at the National Baseball Hall of Fame and Museum in Cooperstown, NY.

Dallas firefighter Fletcher Dahman volunteered to lend a hand in the Oklahoma City bombing rescue — and it cost him two weeks of his vacation time. According to the *Dallas Morning News*, Dahman went to Oklahoma City at the request of his Air Force Reserve unit. His bosses say that no one forced him to participate in rescue efforts at the Alfred P. Murrah federal office building. Dahman said that his supervisor approved his trip but his vacation was not discussed. "I didn't expect a hero's welcome when I got back to Dallas," he told the newspaper, "but I also didn't expect this."

Recently I made a brief reference to the honor bestowed upon the two Marines murdered in the Oklahoma City bombing. This month's issue of *Leatherneck* has an outstanding ar-

ticle about the recovery of the bodies. I urge each of you to contact me and I will send you a copy of the article.

Thanks for the memories, the Navy told Bob Hope on his 92nd birthday in naming the first of a new class of ships for the entertainer. Hope participated in a Memorial day ceremony to lay the keel for the \$250 million, 950 foot, 33,000 ton USNS Bob Hope. "I consider you among the rarest of men," U.S. Navy Secretary John Dalton told Hope as a crowd of 400 looked on. "The entire Navy and all the armed services salute you, sir, and wish you the happiest of birthdays."

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—Advertisement for Arizona lawyer Major Hopkins, 1895.

Semper Fi, Jack.

# WESTERN BAR-B-QUE

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# LETTERS

Tom Flippin, Editor  
SFPOA Notebook

Dear Tom:

I would like to publicly extend my thanks to Chief Tony Ribera, POA President Al Trigueiro and Richmond's POA representative, Mike Dempsey, for their support regarding the Aaron Williams incident.

Chief Ribera came to Richmond, not once but twice, to lend support to our officers. In my 25 years on the job, I cannot ever recall a Chief of Police making this kind of effort for his troops. It was not only appreciated...it was impressive!

Al Trigueiro came out to the Station, had dinner with our watch (he even picked up the tab) and stayed there for a few hours talking to us. This was a class act from a class guy. Our own representative, Mike Dempsey, has worked tirelessly since the night of this incident to afford the officers both legal and moral support.

We were also visited by Lt. Al Benner, Reverend Mike Ryan and Off. Mark Lundin of Park Station, in his capacity as a Critical Incident Counsellor. Their sincere interest in our officers was greatly appreciated.

As the Platoon Commander on duty that night, I have much more that I would like to say. However, as this incident is still part of an ongoing investigation, that will have to wait.

Thanks again,  
Sgt. Jerry D'Elia  
Richmond Station

San Francisco Examiner  
Letters to the Editor  
Attn: Mr. James Finefrock  
Due Process

Our Association is representing the officers involved in the incident that occurred on Bush Street on Sunday, June 4, 1995, in which a subject who had been taken into police custody expired. We have been assured by the officers' advocates that there will be complete cooperation with all of the different investigative agencies looking into this matter and they welcome the opportunity to provide a factual account of the circumstances surrounding the arrest. We

must, however, speak out against the baseless and inflammatory remarks provided, so far, by the media covering this incident. The officers involved have every right to be given the opportunity to explain their actions and to be judged by the standards of their profession and, as such, we must express our outrage over the "media trial" which has only served to prejudice our community against officers who deserve better.

Al Trigueiro, President  
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Mr. Alfred Trigueiro, President  
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Many borrowers today are thinking about refinancing their adjustable to a fixed rate mortgage, or purchasing a home since interest rates are down again.

I get many inquiries as to whether a borrower should go with a 30 or a 15-year fixed rate mortgage. No doubt about it, a 15-year mortgage is not for every borrower. For some people, it can save them thousands of dollars by building equity faster compared to a 30-year mortgage—if they qualify.

Compare a \$100,000 loan amount on a 15 year fixed rate mortgage at 7.0 percent to a 30-year mortgage at 7.5 percent. Assuming both loans will be paid off in full, a 15 year mortgage will cost a borrower approximately \$61,789 in interest compared to \$151,717 for a 30-year loan. That's a savings of about \$89,928 by going with the 15-year mortgage!

Payments on this 15-year loan will be \$899 a month compared to payments of \$699 for the 30-year loan. Even if a borrower kept their mortgage only five years before they moved or refinanced again, a 15-year loan would pay down the principal by \$18,779 compared to \$4,502 on a 30-year loan.

So why doesn't everyone apply for a 15-year loan if they can save thousand of dollars and obtain a lower rate of interest?

Most people either can't qualify for the payments, as they are usually at their maximum payment allowable for a 30-year loan. Also, many people would rather keep their payments as low as they can—especially if they have plans to purchase more property in the future. A 15-year fixed rate mortgage will offer lower interest rates, but higher monthly payments.

In the example used above, 15 year payments are about 22% more than a 30 year payment.

However, if you have a 30-year fixed rate mortgage at a good interest rate, and wish to pay off your loan sooner, you can apply more of a payment towards your principal, and pay off your 30-year loan in 15 years. It is always advisable to check with your lender to make sure there are no prepayment penalties and that it is made clear to the lender that any additional monies are to be applied to the principal only.

While a 15-year loan can save a borrower thousands of dollars in interest payments, it will also eliminate interest tax write-offs once the loan is paid off.

I recently refinanced a mortgage for a couple in San Francisco from a 30-year loan to a 15-year loan for a variety of reasons:

- They didn't plan on moving again
- They expect to be retired within 15 years of sooner, and anticipate their income to be substantially less than it is now. Fifteen years from now their reduced income will put them in a lower tax bracket compared to their earnings today. Therefore, they will not need the interest tax write-offs as much as they do today.

- They already own other investment property, and don't plan on incurring more debts, therefore, a 15-year loan is affordable to them.

Depending upon the borrower's financial profile, goals and income, a 15-year loan could be beneficial.

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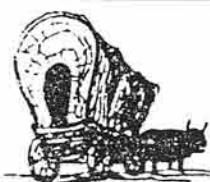
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## Spring Soccer

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Under 10 Boys East - Blue Sharks  
Under 10 Boys South - Guadalajara  
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Under 12 Boys North - S.F. City Chargers  
Under 12 Boys West - Mazcala Eagles  
Under 12 Girls - Ghostbusters  
Under 14 Girls - S.F. City Tigers  
Under 14 Boys North - Lowen  
Under 14 Boys south - Eagles  
Under 16 - J.C. Schockers  
Under 18 - Viking Travelers

Many people helped to make this season a success for the youngsters. A big thank you to Ernie Feibusch for allowing us to use two fields at Lowell, to Gus Eadie for letting us use his voice mail number for rain-out info, to Siena Perez for being our Assistant Registrar and for helping with rain-outs and computer input, to Monica Labe for her patience and courtesy with all coaches, and last but not least, to Jose DeAraujo, Assistant PAL Soccer Director, who rain or shine was out at Beach Chalet lining the Under 8's fields and for his invaluable help in running the PAL Soccer League.

## PAL Soccer and Basketball Camp

The San Francisco Police Activities League is sponsoring a Sandlot Soccer Start and a Blacktop Basketball summer camp with the Viper Athletics. The first 5-week session which began June 5 will conclude on July 7 with 80 kids from ages 5-12 who signed up. The summer camp for both soccer and basketball is from Tuesday through Friday from 4:30 to 6:30. Special activities include coach guest, Jose DeAraujo, Gus Eadie, Toby Rappolt and a Child Safety Narcotics Prevention Dog Demonstration by Officers Brian Delahunty, Bob Guillermo and "Illo" the mighty SFPD dog! The best part of the Wednesday guest slot seems to be the treats brought by the guests. Gummy bears and Snickers are favorites. In addition a draft was initiated for the basketball camp participants and they were placed on teams which play at the USF gym and Margaret Hayward playground.

The San Francisco PAL and Viper Athletics are grateful for the support of Margaret Hayward Playground, Buchanan YMCA Learning Center and Bob Twomey for running this camp. Following a week's vacation, the second 5-week session will begin on July 18, 1995.

## Youth Tackle Football and Cheerleading

If you are between the ages of 8-14 come be a part of the San Francisco PAL Seahawks Football and Cheerleading teams which are affiliated with the Pop Warner Football League.

Sign-ups will be held on Tuesday, July 11, 1995, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM and Tuesday, July 18, 1995, 6:00 PM - 8:30 PM at the Hamilton Recreation Center Auditorium (Located at Geary Blvd. & Steiner Street)

## San Francisco PAL/Jr. Giants League

The PAL Jr. Giants League will kick-off on July 11, 1995. There will be two divisions, ages 8 - 10 and 11 - 13. All games will be held at Balboa Park on Tuesdays and Wednesdays.

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## San Francisco Police Youth Fishing Program Update

Well, the early results are in and it looks like this is going to be another banner fishing summer for our Youth Fishing Program. The start of our fishing season was delayed for a week because of UN-50 staffing needs but our first boats ventured out to sea on Wednesday, June 28, 1995 and the results were great. For three days, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, all hands on board our boats came home with no less than one salmon and in most cases a limit of two fish. Not only were there lots of fish but most of the fish were of bragging size with many going bigger than 20 lbs.. Combine the fishing results with smooth seas and a relatively short boat ride, what more could you ask for?

This year marks the 27th year of operation for the S.F. Police Youth Fishing Program. What many people don't realize is that our program is the biggest and longest standing program of its kind in the country. While many other police departments are attempting to get off the ground with new community policing philosophies, our program and others such

as the Wilderness Program and PAL have been serving our community for many years.

The schedule for this year's fishing activities include salmon fishing every Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday, and trout fishing at Lake Merced on Mondays through Fridays. It is our hope to include over 2,000 kids in this summer's activities. Included in these kids will be more than 20 groups which have been organized by district station and Housing Task Force personnel. We strongly support the concept of cops getting involved in the community by organizing fishing trips and then accompanying the group on their trip.

If any Department members are interested in volunteering a day to go fishing with local youngsters, you are more than welcome. Just call Larry Minasian (Crime Prevention Co.) at 557-6756 or Sandy Tong (General Works) at 553-1140 to schedule. Who knows, you might even go home with a monster salmon for your week-end barbecue.



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## Striders Advance To State Championships

by Billy Ray Smith

On Saturday, June 10 and Sunday, June 11, 1995, the United States of America Track and Field (USAT&F) Pacific Association Youth Division Championship was held at Sacramento State College, Sacramento, Ca. Members of the San Francisco Striders Track Club (SFPD & Public Housing Children) advanced to the USAT & F, California State Championship Meet which will be held, June 23 - 25, 1995 in Fresno, Ca.

### Team Results

#### Boys 9-10 Years (Bantam Division)

100 meters  
1st Eric Wright 13.8 seconds (rank with national times)

200 meters  
1st Brenton Casteel 29.37 seconds (rank with national times)

300 meters  
2nd Arthur Higgins 2 minutes 35 seconds (rank with national times)

4 x 100 meters relay  
1st Eric Wright, Brenton Casteel, Arthur Higgins and Olatunji Richards 54:6 seconds (rank very high with national times)

4 x 400 meters relay  
1st Eric Wright, Brenton Casteel, Arthur Higgins and Olatunji Richards 4 minutes, 39 seconds (rank with national times)

Shotput  
2nd Calvin Bishop Jr.  
3rd Myron Bishop

#### Boys 8 & Under Years (Sub Bantam Division)

100 meters  
5th Jerold Robinson 16.4 seconds

400 meters  
4th Jerold Robinson 1 minute 21.5 seconds

Long Jump  
1st Jerold Robinson 10 feet 10 inches

Girls 11 - 12 Years (Midget Division)

100 meters  
4th Latilia Goins 13.20 seconds

200 meters  
4th Lilliam Dunn 27.8 seconds

400 meters  
7th Tiffany Ball 66.7 seconds

Long Jump  
1st Sharonda Robinson 14 feet 6 inches  
5th Felecia Johnson 13 feet 1 inch

4 x 100 meters relay  
Team "A"  
2nd Andrea Lewis, Felecia Johnson, Sharonda Robinson & Lilliam Dunn 53.1 seconds

Team "B"  
3rd Tiffany Ball, Latilia Goins, Kamilah Latimore & Bianca Bishop (time unavailable)

4 x 400 meters relay  
Team "A"  
2nd Andrea Lewis, Sharonda Robinson, Tiffany Ball & Felecia Johnson 4 minutes 28.1 seconds

Team "B"  
4th Latilia Goins, Kamilah Latimore, Bianca Bishop & Lillian Dunn 4 minutes 50.5 seconds

#### Boys 11 - 12 Years (Midget Division)

4 x 800 meters relay  
2nd Anthony Rollins, Andre Moore, Rashad Williams & Jordan Sandidge 11 minutes 2.3 seconds

4 x 400 meters relay  
3rd Anthony Rollins, Andre Moore, Rashad Williams & Jordan Sandidge 4 minutes 36.4 seconds

Girls 13 - 14 (Youth Division)  
400 meters  
7th Camille Hearst 63.2 seconds

Long Jump  
3rd Georgia Leung 15 feet 6 inches  
4th Camille Hearst 13 feet 4 inches

Triple Jump  
3rd Georgia Leung 30 feet 6 inches  
4th Camille Hearst 30 feet 3 inches

## The SFPD SOD/Housing Task Force Strikes Back!

by Billy Ray Smith

The San Francisco Police Department's Housing Task Force (under the command of Commander Richard Holder) in conjunction with The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families (Anthony Lincoln) O.M.I. Community Association (Larry Chew) and Ella Hill Hutch Community Center (Leonard "Lefty" Gordon) will conclude it's 12 weeks educational and training program. The final event of the fall session will be held at Kezar Stadium on Sat. April 1st and Sun. April 2nd, 1995. At 7:30 a.m. the participants that completed the 12 weeks educational and training program and other youth from the bay area (ages 6-12) will assemble for the opening ceremony parade.

The program coordinator, Office Billy Ray Smith (S.F.P.D. Special Operations Division/Housing Task Force) stated that in 1994, a six weeks training program was made available for boys and girls, ages 6 - 10. For 1995, we have made the following changes due to public demands and communities involvement.

1. A 12 week training program and two more age groups (11 - 12)

2. Thirty-eight (38) part-time jobs for high school and college students.

3. Transportation to and from the training sites.

4. A free breakfast program on their arrival.

5. An educational workshop each week, with a guest speaker(s), a special guest etc.

6. Field trips and BBQ options.

7. A summer session.

This is a long term program with public and private donations used as a jump start. I am convinced within the next two years this program will be able to fly from its nest and request for matching funds only.

Special thanks to Commander Holder for including this program to serve as a balance for the youth in high risk areas.

Our children (all children) can only be what they have been exposed to. For additional information contact Officer Billy Ray Smith — SFPD Special Operations Division/Housing Task Force — Hall of Justice 850 Bryant Street — S.F., Ca 94103 Phone 415 /553-9755.

Donations: O.M.I. Community Association-Educational Program-Post Office Box 34514 San Francisco, Ca 94134

## History Of SOD/Housing Task Force's Educational & Training Program

Richard Holder, the commanding officer of the SFPD Special Operations Division/Housing Task Force's 12 weeks Educational and Training Program, for boys and girls 6 - 12 (which began Jan. 7, 1995 and concluded April 2, 1995), created the birth of the San Francisco Striders Track Club.

Commander Holder requested a program to serve as a balance between the police department and San Francisco's 21 public housing sites and their youth. During the program breaks/playtimes we saw children running and jumping while playing. They were having a grand time, in a controlled environment. No speeding cars, no drive-by shootings, just a safe area to play and have fun. A decision was made to include the techniques of running and the condition the body requires to run competitive.

After a month of training and participating in several USAT&F track meets in the bay area, we made the following discoveries. Several boys 9

- 10 and girls 11 - 12 running times ranked very high at the national level.

On Sat. May 20 & Sun. May 21, 1995, the young striders were invited to the University of California in Berkeley at Memorial Stadium for the 3M Invitation Track Meet. The boys, ages 9 - 10 (the bantam boys division) ran 55.9 seconds in the four by one hundred meters relay (4x1) and 4 minutes 40.6 seconds in the four hundred meters by four hundred meters relay (4x4). The girls, ages 11 - 12 (the midget girl division) ran 52.1 seconds in the four by one hundred meters relay (4x1). These are very good times and will rank high at the national championship in San Jose, CA in July.

On Sat. and Sun. June 9 - 10, 1995 the team have another large task to enforce in Sacramento, Ca (Sacramento State College). The team will challenge the Pacific Coast Association Teams before advancing to Fresno, Ca, for the California State Championship July 23 - 25, 1995.

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## The Spectator

by Dennis Bianchi

### Annette Carrier — Definitely, Hot Wheels

Just suppose someone invites you for a bicycle ride. If you like riding bicycles and it's a good-weather day, you might say, "Yeah, sure. Where we goin'? Around the lake?" And the invitee says, "Nah. How about Los Angeles? And we do it in seven days. Does that sound cool or what?" I don't know about you but I have always wanted to go on a nice extended bicycle trip, say, two days with all the amenities of home surrounding me like one sees advertised in sports magazines frequently, but seven days and five-hundred and fifty or so miles is not appealing. Of course I'm out of shape, and I haven't found the motivation that would propel me to such an ambitious project. Annette Carrier, of the Muni detail, found such a challenge — well, appealing!

Annette answered the call from the San Francisco AIDS Foundation when they asked for athletes who would raise money, through pledges, by riding from San Francisco to Los Angeles this past May. Annette invited her sister, Alice Carrier, who resides in Connecticut, to join her. Alice quickly accepted and the two sisters set out from our fair City to Los Angeles (whoops) on May 14. Their first day was a cool tour of 93 miles. I know several people who have ridden 100 mile rides, called "Centuries" by cycling groups, but when I asked an experienced rider what he would have thought about getting up in the morning after a "century" and riding approximately 75 miles again the next day, and the next day, and the next — well, you get the picture, he recognized the possibility of severe strain and hedged a little about joining such an adventure.

To be accurate, the group of civic-minded athletes cycled only 45 miles on one day of their tour. I wonder how they ever broke a sweat, seeing as how it rained most of the seven days. No one ever sweats while bicycling while wearing wet-weather gear, right? And at the end of the ride, there is no slick, four-star hotel. There

is a tent to be pitched and clothes to be dried.

Annette has prepared herself for just such an event by riding in at least five or six previous "centuries", and she commutes to work from Potrero Hill to the Muni Detail office on her bicycle every day.

When I interviewed Annette about her ride she was typically modest. Rather than discuss her tremendous accomplishment she raved about the Los Angeles AIDS Clinic that was created by the parents of a victim of AIDS approximately four years ago, and receives backing from events such as this ride. Within the few years they have been in operation this clinic is financially solvent to the point that they can offer free medical care to those patients who cannot afford this expensive care. This clinic is a marvel but nowhere near as marvelous as those people like Annette Carrier who answer the order of "Just Go Do It!" with such gusto! Our own POA pledged money to this worthy cause, and Annette expects to be back next year, grinding away at those hills. Annette is obviously in great shape. A mutual acquaintance of our remarked she had "quads of the gods," but Annette said she was wondering if she might be too old for this event. That is until she noticed a 62 year-old cyclist in the group who finished strong and ready to repeat the tour next year.

When you see Annette next be sure to give her a big "Way to Go," as she truly went out and Just Did It!

### SF Marathon Update

This month will be the City of San Francisco Marathon, and at least two Department members will be out there giving it their best: Don Carlson and Susan Rolovich. If you can find time, find a place on the route and root for our runners. The challenge of the marathon is huge and every bit of support offered is truly appreciated so let them know you're there and want them to finish strong!

Don is running his first marathon and his inspiration has moved me back to the roads, albeit at a ponderous, plodding pace. Nonetheless, thanks, Don, for being such an inspiration. I'll see you out there, and I hope to see more of us out "there" on the trail to health. Go Do It!



Annette Carrier (big smile — left) and her sister Alice as they begin their S.F. to L.A. trek.



Annette & Alice at finish — same BIG smiles!

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## The 1995 Mike O'Brien Memorial Pistol Match

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The 9th Annual Mike O'Brien Memorial Pistol Match started with great weather, hot coffee and donuts, a newly added Semi-Auto Distinguished Match and only a few shooters willing to try the morning light. For the first time since anyone on the pistol team can remember, Eric Cranston of SFGH was not the first in line to register, he was second. As the day wore on and relay after relay was full of shooters, many shooting in all three matches, we all realized that policemen really do enjoy shooting competition.

Once again, a great lunch of roast chicken, pasta and salad filled the bellies of our hungry competitors. Food was courtesy of your P.O.A. and Susan, Jonathon and Matthew O'Brien.

Forty teams joined in the competition, with this year's winner being the Administration team of Zurcher-Fairbairn-Walker Reed. The Dead-eye Winner is Richmond Station, the Hotshot Winner is Central Station, the Gunner Winner is Narcotic #3 and the Open Winner is Company K-Solos #3. No Plinker teams entered so no winner this year.

The Match Winner, for the third time in four years, is once again J. Christman and for the second time in a row, R. Farrell is the 1st Place

Deadeye. M. Furosho won the Hotshots, M. Maloney won the Gunners and A. Dorsett won the Plinkers. J. Drilon proved he can shoot a Semi as well as a revolver as he squeaked out a win in the Open "Tenderfoot" Class.

The Distinguished Revolver Match had 26 Non-Distinguished shooters and Distinguished Buckles were won by G. Pamfiloff #18, J. Drago #19, B. Austin #20 and J. Mayers #21.

The first year of the Distinguished Semi-Auto Match had 56 shooters with the top nine shooters winning buckles #1-#9. Once again, Roger Farrell wins Distinguished Buckle #1 which he is having specially cast in Sterling Silver, as he had done with his Distinguished Revolver Buckle #1 four years ago.

This year we had shooters representing numerous police agencies, including SF Police, SF Sheriffs, SFGH Police, US Park Police, SFPD Retired, SF DA's Investigator, SF DAs, US Army MPs, SF Housing Police, SF Community College Police and the Secret Service.

Thanks PROFESSIONAL POLICE SUPPLY — Rep. Michael Chang for their generous donations and congratulations to all the shooters for making this years match such a resounding success!

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### 1995 Mike O'Brien Pistol Match — Distinguished Semi-Auto Match

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458-18 #7	MARTIN S	TAC
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## S.F. Police Youth Fishing Program's Second Annual Golf Classic

The Presidio of San Francisco Golf Course will again be the site for this year's fundraising golf tournament. Scheduled for Friday, Sept. 8th, the S.F. Police Youth Fishing Program has put together a great day's activities.

Tournament day will begin with an 11:00 a.m. registration and distribution of tee prize packages. You might also enjoy a complimentary Bloody Mary to get your day started right. A shotgun start at 1:00 p.m. will get the golf tournament underway with four person teams playing a scramble format. Somewhere on the course will be a hole-in-one hole which will offer a brand new Lexus to the first person scoring an ace on that hole. There will also be a long drive contest for those who fancy themselves long hitters. Lunch and liquid refreshments will be provided during the day but be careful as our beer cart driver has not earned his driving license yet.

After golf, participants will drive down to the beautiful Golden Gate Yacht Club for a sitdown prime rib dinner. There will be entertainment and music during the evening so golfers are encouraged to invite non-golfers for dinner. We have scheduled a great silent auction that will offer such prizes as a trip for two people to Buena Vista Beach Resort in Cabo San Lucas, a Bianchi mountain bike, a Great America package, hotel/dinner packages and a number of other wonderful items. All in all we have a great day scheduled for all participants.

For anyone wishing to sign up for our golf tournament or simply to get more information please call Sandy Tong at 553-1140 or Larry Minasian at 557-6756. Easier yet, just complete the attached entry form and send it in. We are sure that all participants will have a wonderful time and they will also be helping to support the San Francisco Police Youth Fishing Program.

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## Loon's Nest Report

# Mike Renteria Wins Spring Championship

by Ed Garcia, Co. E

On May 23rd, the Loon's Nest Golf Club made its fifth trip to the Sonoma Golf Club for the playing of the club's sixth annual Spring Championship. This great course was in top condition, having recovered from the heavy storms of the season and we got a beautiful spring day. But this tough course was not about to give up easy rounds to the visiting Loons. Pin placements were very tough on firm, fast greens and the course played long.

Through the early part of the day, two veteran Loons started a see-saw battle that lasted through the day. Current club champion Mike Renteria and Harry Pearson both opened with pars, but ran into disaster on the second hole, a tough par five. Harry double bogeyed the hole for a seven. Renteria, one of the department's finest golfers, posted a nine on the hole. Renteria, being the fine tournament player that he is, did not give up. Mike played the rest of the side in three over par and posted a 43 on the front nine. Harry put together a smooth 42 on the front, giving him a one stroke lead at the turn. On the back side, Renteria posted six pars and three bogeys en route to a 39. Pearson faced a tough three stroke deficit going into the 442 yard par four 15th hole. Harry responded by posting a par on 15, 17 and the tough

18th hole, allowing only one bogey on the 16th. This left Harry two strokes off the pace and Renteria was the 1995 L.N.G.C. Spring Champion. Finishing two strokes behind Pearson for third low gross in the first flight was guest Jerry Cox, who fired an 86. One stroke behind Cox at 87 was Tom Hanacek. Hanacek posted eight pars in a round that allowed Tom to show the crowd some fine shotmaking.

In first flight low net, Phil Fee of Park Station was in the money again, as he took first place with a net score of 73. In the battle for second place, three players posted net 74's. Bill Siebert of Park Station, Mike Mahoney of Hit & Run and Richmond Station's Charlie Anzore. Cards were matched from the first hole as the tie breaker and 2nd place went to Mahoney who had a natural birdie on the opening hole. 3rd went to Siebert and 4th to Anzore.

Second flight low gross was a battle between Dan Mahoney of Co. E and Rick Parry of Narcotics. After the front nine, Parry had a three stroke lead over Dan Mahoney, as Parry posted a 47. Mahoney was not going to give up, as he posted pars on 14, 16 and 17 and the two players tied with scores of 95. Cards were matched from the first hole, where Dan posted a par and Dan took first place. Parry took 2nd and following one stroke behind was Jere Williams of Juvenile



Phil Fee takes 1st Low Net.



Jim Molinari accepts prize from Glenn Mar.

with a 96. Earl "the Pearl" Wismer took fourth with a 97. Earl is off to a good start this season, as he and his playing partner Jeff Dort took 1st place in the two-man championship last month at Adobe Creek.

2nd flight low net saw the field devastated by the play of Jim Molinari, who posted a net score of 70 and won the flight by six strokes over Jerry Senkir of Juvenile. Molinari posted three natural pars in the round and used well all of the 30 strokes of his handicap. Right on Senkir's heels was Charlie Honesch who posted a net 77 in his first Loon's Nest Tournament. Rob Daniele of Muni Com-

pany picked up the fourth place prize with a net 79.

In the "closest to the hole" contests, the two winners were Charlie Anzore and Bob Voeth. On the 7th hole, which measures 180 yards from the white markers, Charlie left the ball 9' 4". On the 17th hole, Bob Voeth left his iron shot 8' 5" from the cup. Jerry Cox was in winner in the long drive contest, with a super drive of 274 yards on the 5th hole.

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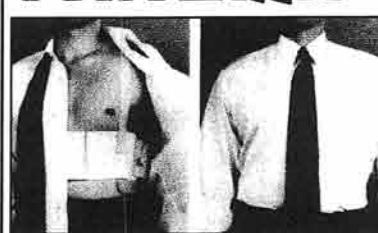
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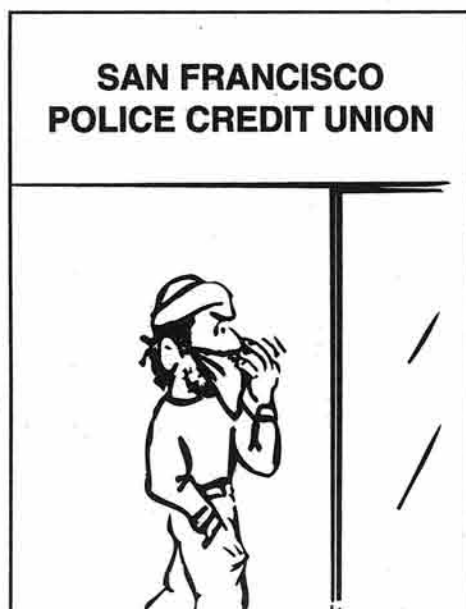
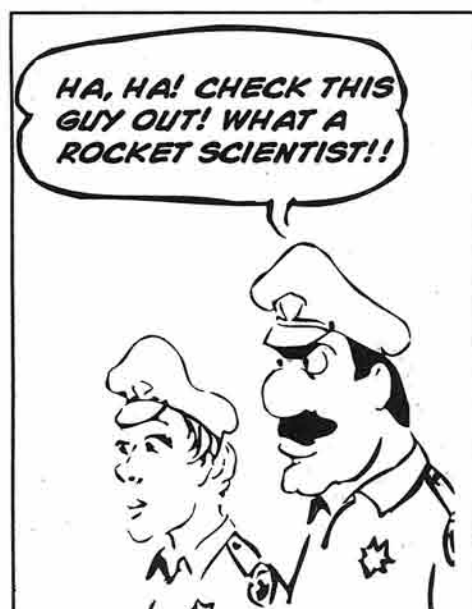
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# ON THE STREET/Tom Flippin



## Funny ... But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



**Sgt. "Rock" of F Troop reminds me that it was only through the intensive efforts of two fine ladies that you readers were able to enjoy (at least, I hope you enjoyed it!) last month's FBT...the one featuring two dumb-dumbs who talked their way into prison via an unseen tape recorder. Those ladies were...and are...Kim Roccaforte and Robin Elawady, both of whom are students of Court Reporting at Trinity Business College.**

**Thank you, ladies!**

A San Jose judge recently sentenced a defendant in a drug sale case to five months...five months at home, that is. Superior Court Judge David Leahy wasn't being lenient for the sake of the druggie. He was thinking of "the difficulties the sheriff's department would have..." in maintaining custody of Kenneth Saasta. It seems that Saasta weighs in at some 600 pounds. Santa Clara County Jail's regulation bunks and unreinforced toilets wouldn't come close to holding Saasta's bulk, so the judge placed him in an electronic monitoring program. Even the monitoring program probably isn't really necessary, since Saasta admitted that most of his life, including his career in selling drugs, has been spent inside his home.

A Texas judge has been publicly reprimanded for his behavior on the bench. The reprimand stated, among other things, "such behavior...damages public faith in the judicial system." Judge J. R. Musslewhite's behavior included several instances of fondling the buttocks and breasts of female prosecutors during court sessions and making suggestive statements to them during open trials. Apparently, the final straw came when Judge Musslewhite was presiding over a drunk driving case. The

judge asked to see an alcoholic beverage that had been admitted as evidence in the case...whereupon he proceeded to drink it! When the prosecutor told him he was drinking up the state's evidence, he replied, "Yeah, I am sure glad you lost so that I didn't have to preserve this evidence." The public reprimand, though they are very seldom handed out by Texas' Commission on Judicial Conduct, in no way stops Musslewhite from continuing to serve on the bench.

New York cops were caught by surprise when they arrested a robbery suspect and he started gasping for air on the way to the station. The crook had mugged a woman in a parking lot but was caught trying to make his get-away. During the ride to the police station he complained of an asthma attack, so police headed for a nearby hospital. However, as the robber was being examined, he collapsed and died. No, he wasn't the victim of police brutality...no, it wasn't hyper-excitability (or whatever)...it turns out he was attempting to dispose of some evidence. He choked to death when a \$50 bill taken from the victim became stuck in his throat as he was attempting to swallow it.



The legendary luck o' the Irish stayed out of the reach of Belfast resident Bob Finnegan. As Finnegan was crossing a busy street in the Northern Ireland city he was struck by a taxi and thrown over its roof. The taxi's driver kept going, leaving Finnegan lying stunned in the road. Then another taxi came speeding down the street and also struck the unlucky Irishman, rolling him into the gutter. As a crowd gathered, a delivery van plowed into them, injuring three of the gawkers...and, once again, striking Finnegan. As a fourth speeding vehicle came down the street, the crowd wisely scattered, leaving only poor Bob Finnegan to be hit one more time. Though he sustained a fractured skull, broken pelvis, broken leg and various internal injuries, hospital authorities said he was expected to recover. Maybe there is something to this "luck o' the Irish" stuff, after all.

Co. E cops, with a lot of help from a quick-thinking victim, arrested a hot-prowl burglar at Fillmore and Jackson (across the street from the mayor's house). The burglar, after getting acquainted with the female victim a few days earlier, picked a time when he figured she'd be at work, broke a window and climbed into her apartment...not realizing that the woman was at home and in bed,

having called in sick. Thinking fast, the woman greeted the burglar as a friend and asked if he would give her a hand. She told him she was moving and asked if he'd carry some boxes of stuff downstairs. While the dopey crook was going up and down the stairs, the woman called 911 and reported the burglary-in-progress. As police responded, the woman told the gullible bad-guy that she wanted to check her mail. So she walked brazenly downstairs and opened the door for the just-arriving cops. They went upstairs and found the would-be cat burglar checking out possible loot. Since our boy was already on probation for the same sort of thing, he is now residing in the state pen once again.

Thanks to Susan Reesink-Black (formerly of the SFPD) for this one...her brother Mike made the arrest.

The boys of F Troop caught themselves a crook who couldn't have made things much easier for them. Michael Sim, a recent resident of San Quentin (released on February 26, 1995, in fact) was arrested on February 27th by Dave Goff and Jim Hunt after hot-prowling three houses and leaving a trail that Inspector Cleauseau could have followed. Sim first was seen breaking into 706 Broderick (during the break-in he cut himself thoroughly, leaving blood all over the place). When Dave and Jim arrived he was gone, but he had left behind a paper bag containing several letters addressed to him at San Quentin. Then the F Troopers heard from a resident at 714 Broderick that someone had broken in there. The 92-year-old victim told Goff that he heard someone breaking

in and found Sim throwing stuff around. Sim, who was still bleeding heavily, resisted the elderly man's attempts to lock him in a bathroom and managed to escape out a window, this time leaving behind his wallet with his California Department of Corrections ID card. By this time Dave and Jim, with the assistance of A. J. Hartzer and Sgt. Charley Keohane, were hot on the trail. They caught up with Sim (still bleeding like crazy) at 710 Broderick, where he was hiding in a bedroom with two guns which he'd found there. Fortunately for our heroes, the guns were unloaded and no shoot-out resulted. Sim is currently back enjoying the hospitality of the state.



Denver judge, Larry Bohning, says that many of the city's attorneys and public defenders are closely following a case of disturbing the peace and assault, involving David Zaba and his wife. It's not exactly your typical domestic violence case...Angela Zaba called police and swore out a complaint after her husband David poured varnish on her during sex instead of the chocolate syrup and honey that she was expecting. According to the police report, Angela told them that she and her husband have been using food products during sex for several years. She admitted that this wasn't the first time he had surprised her by introducing varnish into their sex play, but she complained that the varnish caused her hair to fall out and said this time she'd had enough.

