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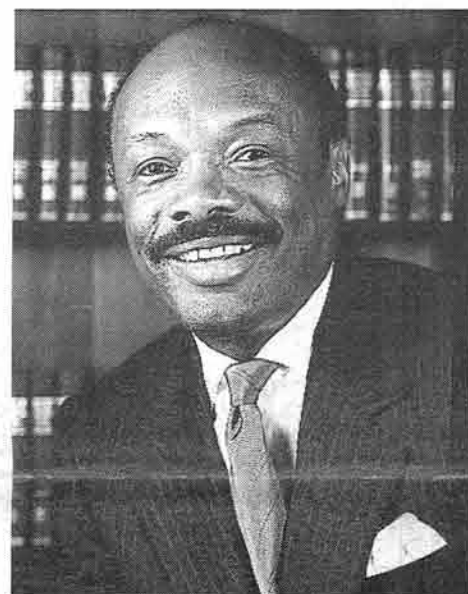
POA Endorses Willie Brown for Mayor

by Al Trigueiro, SFPOA President

Ballots counted at the POA office on September 11, 1995 showed a 73% membership vote for Willie Brown for Mayor in the upcoming November 1995 election. Approximately 1,400 ballots were cast by members of the Department. Frank Jordan received 23% of the vote and the remainder was split between Angela Alioto and Roberta Achtenburg.

The solid vote for Willie Brown for Mayor was consistent with the unanimous recommendation of the POA's Legislative Committee and with the solid 20-1 vote of the Board of Directors' recommendation.

The contest within the POA ended up being one between the incumbent Mayor and former Speaker Willie Brown and the members' decisions were based primarily in this instance on the respective records of the parties. The fact is that Brown won our



endorsement because he has been consistently supportive on collective bargaining and interest arbitration while the Mayor has opposed it. In

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Endorsement Election Results

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association is proud to announce the results of its endorsement election which was held between August 29th through September 10, 1995.

On Monday, September 11, 1995 the Association's Election Committee released the names of the candidates seeking our endorsement. The Election Committee counted 1,367 ballots returned by our membership over the voting period.

The results are as follows:

MAYOR'S RACE

WILLIE BROWN	73%
FRANK JORDAN	23%

DISTRICT ATTORNEY'S RACE

BILL FAZIO	92%
ARLO SMITH	7%

SHERIFF'S RACE

ART CONGER	83%
MIKE HENNESSEY	17%

KEVIN SHELLEY 12TH ASSEMBLY DISTRICT

YES	86%
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Negotiations Update

by Dan Leydon and Chuck Limbert

As this issue of the *Notebook* goes to press, negotiations have been stalled somewhat. Some bargaining sessions have been cut short and others have been cancelled. However, negotiations have been scheduled for September 27, 1995 and your negotiating committee expects that we will then get back into regular sessions.

In any event, no economic improvements will occur until July 1, 1996 due to a charter amendment that was passed by the voters last November. We, therefore, have more than enough time to get a contract. Negotiations were progressing these

past couple of months however, due to the November 1995 election for Mayor.

Mayor Jordan's office has virtual control over the City's negotiating committee under applicable charter provisions and the City's team made clear it was trying to come to an agreement with us, in part, so we would be able to reciprocate with an endorsement for Mayor Jordan. Our committee felt the City was coming up with too little too late. As a result, any agreement will have to be crafted from further negotiations between the parties.

Your negotiating committee will keep you advised of developments and progress as it occurs.

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association was called to order by V. Pres. M. Sullivan at 2:08 p.m. Wednesday, August 16, 1995 in Conference Room, Ingleside.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Pres. Sturken, late. Tr. Hurley Kurpinsky, Milon excused. All other officers present. Other members present: P. Pres. Huff & R. Huegle, also Al Aguilar & F. Forench.

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

NEW MEMBERS: Motion McKee, 2nd Forench following be accepted: Michel Alexander, Josephine Anzalone, Shirley Ayerdi, Lon Banks, Gerald Barbieri, Regina Berrigan, Ann Marie Bretz, Mario Busalacchi, Gaetano Caltagirone, Troy Carrasco, Patrick Cesari, Bernard Corry, Mark Cota, Troy Courtney, Deborah Daher, Peter Damato, Juan Danniels, Thomas Deely, David Dorantes, Matthew Fambrini, Danielle Feccia, Jacob Fegan, Ena Ferdinand, Michel Fewer, Franco Fleming, Andrew Foster, Yesenia Grajeda, Patricia Hanson, Sherry Hicks, Brian Hoo, Gregory Huie, Marwick Kane, Gary Klingbergs, Andrew Kofman, Henry Lam, Gary Lorin, Mark Macias, Iraj Mahvi, Carol Margaretts, Alexander Medina, Mario Molina, Robert Moser, Chris Muselman, Deborah Neil, Tony Ng, Cynthia O'Neill, Robert O'Sullivan, Brian Peagler, Troy Peele, Philip Pera, Janet Perez, Norman Rice Jr., Scott Ryan, Theresa Sangiacomo, Angelina Sanchez, Brian Schaffer, Richard Seidell, Ivan Sequeira, Michael Simmons, Montgomery Sigleton, John Tack, Charles Tanaka, Ellina Teper, Robert Terry, John Torisse, Larry Vales, Arlin Vanderbilt, Kimi Yamauchi, Keith Ybaretta, Jane Yim, Dominic Yin, Frank Zarich, Nelson Artiga, Brian Philpott, Michael Redmond, Joaquin Sanchez, Stephen Ryan.

SUSPENSIONS: Three members suspended for failure to pay dues over six months.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Bricker and Mr. Joe, BofA reported on the Trust Account. Bank feels inflation will be around 3.5% and Feds will not cut interest rates at this time. Prices are holding steady in spite of production being down, due to lowering of inventories. Our bond holdings are in good shape, and equities although down a little are returning a fair percentage. Sale of Treasury Note and purchases of Fed. Bonds maturity a little longer than one sold. Approved by Trustees.

Treas. Parenti presented the regular bills, salaries, benefits, taxes, etc.

APPROVED.

Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths:

EDWARD BARDEN: Born in San Francisco in 1908, Ed worked as a plumber before joining the Department in 1939, age 30. Was assigned to Night Chief's Office for training and after a year was assigned to Traffic Bureau. Ed stayed there for four years before being transferred to Park Station where he remained for two years. Then to Southern for two years. Appointed a Sergeant and Assistant Inspector in 1947, Ed was sent to Inspectors Bureau, being promoted to Inspector in 1948. He remained in the Bureau until his retirement in 1969 for service, age 61. Ed was awarded the following: 1945 C/C for arrest of two armed suspects for robbery and assault; 1946 C/C/arrest of a barricaded armed ex-convict; 1954 C/C arrest of armed burglary suspect. Ed was 87 at the time of death.

WALTER KENT: Born in San Francisco in 1927 he was a truck driver until joining the Department in 1950, age 22. From the Academy to Richmond for three years, Northern for four years. Walter resigned from the Department in 1957 to enter private business. He was 68 when he passed away.

WALTER MARTINOVICH: Born in San Francisco in 1928, Walt worked at the Embarcadero as a clerk-checker. He became a member of the Department in 1951, age 22. From the Academy to Richmond, 11 years. He was the assigned to Narcotics for four years, before being transferred in to the Bureau. He was promoted to Assistant Inspector in 1970, Inspector in 1972, before leaving on disability in 1978, age 49. Walt received the following awards: 1956: 2nd Grade for arrest of two armed men who had help up a tavern; 1962: C/C arrest of two narco addicts wanted by Stockton Police. Walt was 66 at the time of his death.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Tr. Parenti reported all folders alphabetized now must file all new beneficiary forms.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Sturken set next regular meeting for 2 p.m. Wednesday, September 27, 1995 in Conference Room, Ingleside. **NOTE: This is the fourth Wednesday, instead of the usual third Wednesday.**

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:50 p.m. in memory of the above departed Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary

The Veteran POA

The Veteran POA was founded in 1939 by five "gutsy" gentlemen, plus six civilian co-conspirators, for the purpose of "betterment of conditions for active officers and betterment of retirement conditions."

The Veteran POA is a separate organization from the "Retired" status with the SFPOA. Both Associations have an annual membership fee of \$15. With the "Retired" status, you get monthly Notebook newspapers and a membership card and continued participation in insurance plans.

With the Veteran POA, you can attend any or all of the monthly meetings, held on the second Tuesday of each month. The Immaculate Conception Association has a wonderful meeting hall at 3255 Army Street. Parking is good in the lower yard.

We have a social hour from 11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Business starts at 12:30 p.m. and we have lunch by 1 p.m.

The Veteran POA has monthly bulletins which are mailed to all members. We now have over 960 members.

Bill Murphy, former police officer and the West Portal attorney, has a great saying about retired cops which is, "The older we get, the tougher we were." Most everybody agrees the one hour of visiting before the meetings is quality time, because it is the opportunity to stay in touch.

So, by all means, belong to both, but separate Associations.

* Gutsy because the police book of rules stated such an organization could not be started within the department.

SFPD Wives

We had a great meeting in August! Thank you Eileen for playing hostess.

Our next meeting is scheduled for Friday, September 22, 1995 at 7:00 p.m. The meeting will be held at St. Cecilia Church, the Green Room.

Enter the school yard from Vicente Street, between 17th and 18th Avenues, San Francisco. For ride sharing from Marin County call Eileen McEachern 415/898-0494; for general information call Pat Barsetti 415/566-5985.

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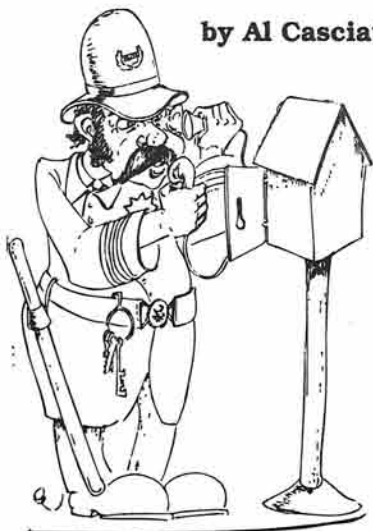
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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



....Correction:

Last edition I listed all the active police officers who had graduated from St. Anne's Grammar School. **Mike Puccinelli** (TTF) who provided me the list, missed one person — the oldest active officer — **Captain Charlie Hoenish** (Personnel). Sorry Charlie...

....Health Benefits:

Currently retirees who have a family, can expect to pay between \$2500 and \$4000 dollars in yearly premiums, depending on plan. Problems with medicare could very quickly drive up the premiums, making it more difficult to retire and negatively impact the standard of living of those already retired. **Jim Deignan** (Co.A), who is on the Health Services Commission, and myself from the Retirement Board, are exploring ways to include medical/dental coverage as part of retirement. We are doing so by encouraging all Unions to make medical/dental issues a priority in contract negotiations. You can help by contacting every city employee and retiree you know and urge them to contact their Unions and Associations to assure that health and dental coverage are a priority..

....Births, Births, and More Births:

Mary Heffernan (Operations Center) and **Lou Glasser** (Southern Station) welcomed beautiful twin girls, **Erin** 2 lbs 11 oz. and **Emily** 3 lbs. 10 oz, on August 11, 1995 at 1637 and 1638 hours, respectively. The twins join Lou's other daughters, **Jeanine** 10 years, and twins **Kathryn** and **Erica** 7 years. Jeanine is the proudest older sister of them all! Erin and Emily are very police connected with **Uncle Tom Heffernan** (Co.B.), **Uncle Peter McLaughlin** (Co.F.) and beaming, proud, happy and ecstatic **Aunt Patty O'Connell** (FOB).

The **Shea's**, **Mickey** and **Marie** (Stress Unit) proudly announce the birth of their 3rd daughter, **Kayla Marie** 6 lbs 1/4 oz 18 1/2 inches, on August 18, 1995. Big sisters, **Jennifer** 9 years, and **Kelly** 3 years are looking forward to helping mom and dad with their new addition.

POA President, **Al Trigueiro** and wife **Moyra**, were blessed with their second son **Anthony John Paul Trigueiro**, 6lbs, 15 oz, 21 1/2 inches, on July 15, 1995. Big brother **Christopher** who is now 20 months old is looking forward to having a playmate.

Jean and **Cathleen Etcheveste** (Ingleside Station) celebrate the birth of their first child, **Louis Charles**, 7 lbs 8 oz., 23 inches, born July 10, 1995 at 2308 hours. Mom and dad are thrilled with Louis' arrival.

Potrero Station's **Dockerys**, **David**

and **Victoria**, are celebrating the birth of twins on August 18, 1995. A boy, **Tyler Ryan**, 8 lbs 3 oz, 19 inches and a girl **Tara Kiana**, 6 lbs, 13 oz, 20 inches long. The Dockery household is now very busy in that there are now six children, 3 of whom are in diapers.

Congratulations to all and our wishes for all the best in the future..

....Good News

Joe Arone (Permits) is recovering very well from a four way heart bypass. Effective September 1, 1995, Joe will be officially retired. Joe is very motivated to get healthy soon as his fifth grandchild **Melissa Lauren**, 8 lbs. 15 oz., 21 inches, born August 3, 1995 to son, **Jason** (Alameda S.O.) and wife, **Karyn** is waiting for a lot of spoiling from grandpa...

....Sick Call

Larry O'Reilly retired civilian dispatcher is very ill. Old friends are encouraged to send a note or card to help brighten his days. Mail to Larry O'Reilly, c/o 3420 Kings Valley Road #27, Crescent City, CA 95631.

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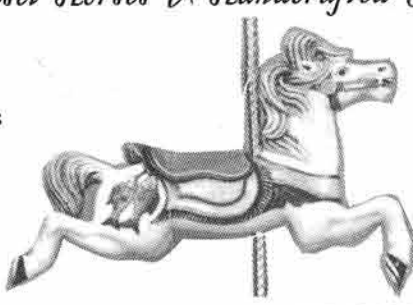
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THE MEMBERS SPEAK

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Detailed Solos — The Real Cost To The Department

by Ray Shine, Co. K

The recent frustrations expressed by officers at district stations at not having Solos available to handle 579s has sprung from an ugly incident that occurred a while ago in the Ingleside. Having been stuck once too often with the run that he felt was a task for a Solo, one officer finally did succumb to the weight of the proverbial Final Straw that was cast onto his already hunched and burdened shoulders. The following is a recounting of that episode. Let us unite as a family of officers and work as a team to make certain that such encounters are never replayed on the streets of our city.

When Steve arrived at the scene of the 518 he was already smoldering. He had been assigned to the run by a sly dispatcher who ambushed him with it as he came 10-8 from 7M. It wasn't much of a crash. Just an ordinary rearend with minor damage. And had that been the extent of it Steve would have soon cooled down. But, as soon as one of the operators complained of neck pain, Steve's temper flashed, and he slammed the dashboard with his fists and screamed expletives to himself in an obscure Italian dialect.

A moment later he bawled for the dispatcher to send him a 4-Boy unit. When she advised him that all Solos were detailed, he flew into a rage and ripped the mic cord from the console like a child in a tantrum disemboweling an

old, worn jack-in-the-box.

Fortunately his behavior went unnoticed by the drivers of the two crashed vehicles. They were engaged in their own spirited dialog. A man and a woman, each middle aged, they had squared off to one another, eye to eye, and toe to toe. Foreseeing that more report writing would be necessary if he didn't intercede, Steve reluctantly stepped between them, and they all three circled one another in the middle of the street, yapping like a pack of frenzied Pekinese until Steve imposed a dominant silence upon the scene by snarling like a bull dog, and actually lifting one leg and bristling the hairs on the back of his neck.

In the lesser cacophony that ensued the events that led to the smash-up were recounted to Steve in a duet of discord. As it turned out, the two drivers were man and wife, and a dispute had developed over a mother-in-law, some bad bowling, and too much beer. A brief pursuit had ensued and terminated when the woman rammed her car bumper into the rear end of her husband's truck. More angry words were exchanged then, in the middle of the street, the kicking and the hitting and the

Steve abruptly interrupted their story and bade them not utter another word under threat of arrest. A devilish idea had come to him, an opportunity too rare to pass up. A villainous smile came upon his face, and he started to chuckle maliciously as he took up his pic radio.

Just barely able to contain himself, he now spoke to the dispatcher as if she had been his fifth grade valentine, cooing, imposing upon her to send a Solo to the scene for "just a little expert advice." Moments later he got a 4-10, and nearly peed his pants.

A short while later a Solo turned onto that block of Cayuga Street and rode his Kawasaki slowly down the middle toward the accident scene.

Until that moment it had been just another dreary Ingleside day, dull and gray. And so it was no small distraction to Steve to see an inexplicable shaft of sunshine burst from the overcast and pan along behind the motorcycle as it proceeded down the street, glinting rays of light off the Solo's white, glazed helmet. The numb and gloomy neighborhood came suddenly to life. Songbirds and butterflies appeared, and also fat honey bees laden with nectar. Flowers bloomed in window boxes. Giggling children skipped on the sidewalks, waving to the motorcycle officer. (And had Steve been a more pious man he might also have heard a chorus and the harps of angels — but... that's another tale.)

As the Solo pulled to a stop and shut down his motor a stray puppy, rib-bare and scraggly, bounded onto his lap and nestled itself deep into the warmth of the officer's partially zipped leather jacket, settling in as if it had always belonged there.

The Solo greeted everyone with a broad and genuine smile. "Hello," he said cheerfully as he tugged at the fingers of his leather gauntlets, ceremoniously pulling each of his large hands free of the gloves. "What'd'ya got here? Little fender-bender?" Both the woman and man began to speak but were quickly cowed to a hush by Steve's wagging finger—and one boiling red eye.

Steve recognized the Solo. He had been the accident investigation instructor when Steve came through the academy. His name was Merle... something-or-other. But Steve would waste no time on pleasantries. He turned to Merle to verify the bitter source of his anguish.

"Hey," he demanded, "can you handle this 519 or not?"

Merle shook his head. "Gosh," he said sincerely. "I really can't. We're all detailed. But I can..."

"NEVER MIND!" snapped Steve. "It doesn't matter now." He turned to the irritable couple and smiled venomously. "Now. Tell this officer the rest of your story. Tell him every little detail."

The man and woman immediately commenced to rail at one another while Merle just stood there and listened politely. When the puppy inside his coat began to stir, Merle bid them to speak more softly lest they frighten it, so they continued in a heightened whisper until they had spent themselves and fell silent. Merle had taken it all in, every blow-by-blow account, wincing ever so often at particularly gruesome details of their mutual combat. When they had finished Merle turned to Steve with a bewildered look.

"What's this all about?" he asked. Steve was nearly beside himself. "Sounds like you have a case of D.V. to me," he chortled perversely, wringing his hands in anticipation, and rocking on the toes of his shoes.

"D.V." Merle repeated. "What's that? Disabled vehicle?"

Steve burst into hysterics. "No!" he

guffawed, "DOMESTIC VIOLENCE! YOU HAVE A DOMESTIC VIOLENCE CASE!"

As spittle spewed from Steve's mouth Merle took a half step back in order to keep it from splattering his boots. "Yeah? So...what's that to me?"

"You gotta handle it, that's what!" Steve crowed.

"Handle it," said Merle. "I can't. I told you. I'm detailed."

There was that word again! It was as if a wicked hypnotist had pre-programmed Steve to transform himself upon hearing it. The fiery features of his face instantly set. His voice dropped, and the cold words that rolled from his tongue were as even and murmurous as steel balls rolling across glass.

"Detailed," he repeated slowly. "Always some self-serving detail. You Solos are a bunch of prima donnas. You guys think you're really something."

Merle was unabashed. His brows arched agreeably. "Well, yeah. Sure. Course we do. So, what's your point?"

"That is the point, you ham bone!" cried Steve incredulously. "Jeez! Take that bucket off your head and get some air in your brain."

(Feeling suddenly self-conscious, Merle did remove his helmet. And although he was trying to be nonchalant about doing it, he did sense a pleasant tingle as the cool air hit his scalp.)

Merle gave Steve a sideways glance. "You upset about something?"

Steve grinned. "No! I'm not upset, Merle ol' buddy. Know why? Know why I'm not upset?"

Merle wasn't sure that he should risk a reply.

"Well I'll tell you why," said Steve, growing bug-eyed and gulping back snorts of suppressed laughter. "Because this is a D.V. and you gotta handle it. And all the details in the world won't get you out of it!" Then Steve let lose with a shrieking cackle and actually demonstrated his glee by dancing in circles in the middle of the street.

Merle glanced over at the man and woman. They had apparently forgotten their own troubles and were staring agape at the officer circling around them, chanting "I'm detailed... I'm detailed... I'm detailed" over and over again.

Merle knew he had to do something. He took a deep breath and spoke calmly to the prancing cop.

"So...hmm, Steve. Why do I gotta handle this D.V. thing?" The question stopped Steve dead in his tracks. He turned slowly and leered at Merle. "Why?" he asked incredulously. "Well can't you see? I'm already 10-7. I'm on this 519!"

"Well, why don't I do the 519. I don't know how to do a D.V. I've never done one."

"TOUGH!" Steve barked. "Too bad! You got it. I'm 10-7 on this 519."

Steve commenced to pace off the width of the street, half laughing and half mumbling under his breath. Merle didn't want to rile him any further, deciding it would be easier to fake his way through a D.V. report than to commit Steve on a 5150. Merle took more information from the man and woman and sent them on their way.

Merle went to Ingleside station to write the report. It took him longer than he anticipated, and while he sat writing and rewriting the report to conform with the

"Hey! No hard feelings, Steve!"

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And closing with a few more kind words from Steve himself, another healthy dose of that insightful, constructive Ratto criticism, followed by a few of his best war stories from his long, hard fought years in the trenches.

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"Thanks for the shot, Steve. We needed that!"

(See RATTO, Page 14)

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Tickle With A Feather

by John Sterling

The highest calling of police work is street work, in uniform, exposed, and vulnerable . . . It is work at the tip of the spear — the first to touch dirt and trouble. Off. Guelff proved that. Plainclothes, undercover, chiefs and all others in diminishing order of importance are strung along the shaft. The remainder with pretensions to law enforcement are but decorative plumage fluttering at the butt end of the spear. Yes, some have done street work but, if I guess correctly, found it exhausting and stressful, and through inventive skills moved into less confrontational affairs within the Department. I believe that this elevation from grungy street work is gratuity enough for their selfless contribution to the suppression of crime. If there are other benefits like provisional rank with its additional pay, discharged it seems to me "piñata" style, street cops should have at least the first whack at it and everyone take their turn at the end of the line. I am only talking of provisional promotions, dispensed through specialized cognitive discretion, not of promotions earned through a process where everyone walks in with a reasonable expectation of the triumph of wits. By the way, isn't it odd that promotions by decree goes through label changes in search of identity? First it's like work-like pay, then it's temporary, then it's non-civil service, and now it's provisional I have a suggestion. Why not call it winky winky promotion. It's done with a wink anyway. What is difficult to reconcile, in addition to "in your face" delivery of the provisional promotions, is the notion that exigency dictated the delivery, right in the midst of a civil service testing process, uh huh, right. Let us accept for a moment that there is a dire need for field supervisors and this quick-fix is intended to fill the vacuum. How much would you like to wager that the vast majority of the promotees to this

position, the very nature of it is field supervision, will after an short appearance, soon be sucked back from whence they came, bringing us back to where we are. A spirited defense was given explaining that the selection was filtered through the social obligation for broader inclusion. I submit that the personnel pool at the station level runneth over in the inclusiveness category. I cast no aspersion at recipients of good fortune, but at the process, and on the assault on logic.

No one hardly speaks for station personnel of all ranks. They are the least to be considered for advancement or for the glamour positions unless they first spend time in the 'Seraglio' where they can be 'examined'. Those who choose to work the street side of law enforcement are deemed not worthy of advancement because their choice of work indicates lack of ambition. Consequently, their input is kaput. They are outside the inner sanctum, unworthy engineer the organization. We should encourage these very people who fight crime and not those who gather statistics about it, and show that the quickest road to advancement is station service. In the absence of formal competition, i.e., civil service test, any giveaways or 'extras' should be tossed in their direction, and any leftovers fought over by those who fight crime from the butt of the spear behind the feathers.

A prescient O.I.C., wisely sensing the cynical mood of the assembly, told the line-up that the new supervisors, when they come to the station, deserve the respect and the support they are entitled to. Here, here. I wish those above this O.I.C. have as much sophistication to read the mood they stimulate from those they command. Betrayal of trust begins when you feel something wet splattering on your back and the person behind asserts it is raining, but alas, there are no clouds above.

Sergeants or Solidarity?

by Tom Feledy, Ingleside Station

What's wrong with this picture? The Association leadership vigorously condemns the recent round of "provisional" sergeant appointments, while at the same time, Association members willingly accept these appointments, and their friends, also Association members, congratulate them for doing so.

Now, maybe it's just me, but doesn't it seem a little odd to you that we can have our leadership saying one thing, while most of us do just the opposite?

If the Association is really serious about putting an end to these "provisional" temporary appointments, they need to be able to get the membership to behave as if they believe in it, too. This means that members should not accept appointments that are made as part of an unfair process — no matter how qualified they feel themselves to be.

If we all acted this way, the "provisional" problem would be solved. After all, it "takes two to tango". The Chief certainly couldn't make appointments if there weren't members willing to voluntarily accept them.

Perhaps you think it would be "unfair" to put pressure for solidarity on those members who have accepted appointments, or who are about to accept them?

After all, isn't this similar to when workers are on strike, and some of the union members start crossing picket lines to get those "unfair" jobs? Of course, the difference in our case is we're shaking the hands of the "appointees" as they pass us by. And, unlike real strikers, those who would decline appointments won't get fired — they just won't get the pay raise and the transfer.

Now, most people I've presented this scenario to aren't willing to accept it. They think it's too harsh. Some have said that "juice" appointments have always been a part of the SFPD system, and you could never expect any member to voluntarily decline a chance at promotion — no matter how it was obtained.

Well folks, that's exactly why the system is the way it is, because we don't feel the needed sense of solidarity, and don't expect it out of our fellow members either.

Until this negative perception of ourselves and others changes, all the petitions in the world are nothing but a bunch of paper.

Goethe once said "Treat people as they are, and so they will remain. But treat people as you want them to be, and so they will become!"

I say, let us stand together on this issue, and become — or we're nowhere!



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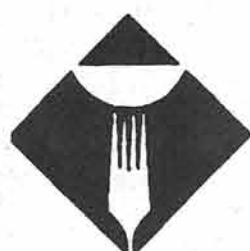


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by Jerry Donovan

Recently a new survey was conducted anonymously stating overwhelmingly that the responding personnel were very dissatisfied with the recent temporary appointments to Sergeant position. I stressed personnel, meaning all ranks were taken in on the survey but the results only affected Q-2 officers , but that part of the problem I'll go into later.

As a result of that "vote" being directed to Mayor Jordan at Candidate's Night, the temporary appointments were reexamined and a 90 day limit put on all future temporary appointments to the rank of Sergeant and a limit of 120 days in the Assistant Inspector rank. (You should all have noticed no other rank is affected, only Q-2.)

While many POA faces have smiles on them with this change, I feel we may soon regret this "victory", and those smiling faces may very well look around and see their noses cut off to spite themselves.

While I was on the Board a major gripe then and now (re: Career Development) is the lack of movement within the Department. It was my opinion then and still is my opinion now that without promoting senior officers to temporary positions the senior officers stay in jobs or positions it took 15 or 20 years to attain and will continue to work in those positions until

they retire. This waiting in position is causing the log jam preventing a "freeing up" of desirable jobs and the specialized units. Some people have called for mandatory rotation to get those "old guys" out and new blood in the coveted jobs (again re: Career Development).

Those of you who remember the abolishment of seniority points, good conduct points, military and Meritorious points can see what has happened . . . STAGNATION. Bring back those points for exams and just watch the lists move. Those of you who condemned the seniority point system then now have seniority on your side, so look at the positives to the system and remember, the only thing we all get in this job is seniority.

I suggest the 90 and 120 day limits on temporary appointments are effective only if the Chief and the Administration want to keep the Department as stagnant or log jammed as it is now, and prevent officers with 28 or 29 years of service without a chance to do a year and retire with a "benny" for being the backbone of patrol for all those years.

I hope all parties having anything to do with this recent policy will contact all sides and rethink the limitations to temporary appointments, and consider restoring seniority points to exam totals, lets try to keep this situation from going from bad to worse.

Another small item for thought, with the POA calling the life of promotional lists extended until the next test is given, what would keep the City from posting a list of say 500 names let it run for more than the two year life now used in order to save the several million dollars now needed to put on a fair testing process

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by Tom Feledy, Ingleside Station

We, the undersigned officers, hereby propose that all future promotions be conducted using the following simple steps:

1. All officers with over 3 years of seniority who have not yet attained the promotive rank shall have their star numbers painted on standard-size white ping-pong balls.

2. These balls shall be placed in a 1 foot by 3 foot rotating wire bin, with attached handle, mounted on a stand to allow it to rotate.

3. At the time of promotion, the drum shall be moved to the 6th floor auditorium of the Hall of Justice, and inspected by a team consisting of representatives of each employee association and the Chief, to ensure that all officers are properly represented by their balls.

4. The public shall be invited to assemble in the auditorium, and a member of the public not affiliated with the Police Department or any employee association shall be chosen at random. Upon being given the signal by the Chief of Police, this person shall commence turning the drum handle for a full minute, causing the drum to rotate and the ping-pong balls to become randomly distributed.

5. After conclusion of the minute, as measured by a stopwatch held by the president of an employee association, a second randomly chosen member of the public shall approach the drum and open a door located at the top. This person shall insert their arm into the drum, and withdraw a single ball, and then hand this ball to a third, randomly chosen member of the public.

6. Upon receiving the ball, this third person shall read the star number painted on it in a loud and clear voice, and then

turn and hold the ball in such a manner as to make the number visible to all members of the public in attendance.

7. The officer whose star number is painted on the ball shall then step up onto the stage and immediately be promoted to the rank of Sergeant by the Chief of Police.

8. This process shall be repeated until all vacancies are filled — at least once a year.

We sincerely proclaim that the above promotion process is superior to all permanent and "provisional" schemes ever used by the Consent Decree and the Chief of Police, for the following reasons:

1. The opportunity for "juice" selection is eliminated — Balls will be inspected prior to handling, to ensure no "juice" has been used to make them sticky.

2. Charges of "adverse impact" will no longer be made—Everyone has the same size balls, with the same color paint on them, providing true "equal opportunity" for promotion.

3. The cost of the promotion process is reduced from over \$1,000,000 to about \$100. No need to hire consultants and analysts to prepare tests — or lawyers to litigate them for years to come. The money thus saved can be used to train the new Sergeants.

4. The time for the promotion process is reduced from five years or more, to about five minutes.

5. The entire process is visible to the public — no more morale problems and rumors regarding secret agendas and quotas being pursued by the Chief or Consent Decree behind closed doors.

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The Art Of Spoon Feeding The Patrol Officer

by James Taylor, Central Station

I would like to preface this opinion by first stating that by choice, I did not become involved in the process to become a sergeant. This decision was based on a prior screwing I received on an earlier exam. I call it a process and not a test. If it were a legitimate test, the results of the test would have a direct effect on who would be promoted to the rank of sergeant.

If per chance you do believe this test means something, please, please, have a friend take you to the nice doctor and tell them you are suffering from delusions. I mean the first clue that the test was going to be a sham came when the chief appointed forty some odd sergeants. This was done even though he knew an exam was about to be administered, and the fact that they had just let a valid sergeants list expire without making any appointments off that list. In fact he didn't even bother to use the old list for the new appointments. Why? If the above didn't give you a clue, then I would say the chief removed any doubt about this test being nothing more than a cruel joke when he dealt those going through the "process" a classless slap in the face by appointing twenty more of his friends to the rank of sergeant, and here's the great part, he manages to have the list sent to the stations on the first day of oral exams for the on going process.

I mean Christ, Manuel Noriega didn't make this many appointments while he was running Panama. If your still not getting the picture, answer this question. When was the last time this department ever took back a promotion to sergeant or lieutenant? This time the appointees have it even easier because all they have to do is get in the band, and they get the job. One of the people who received a temporary appointment told me this.

Now this brings up another question. Why did the department offer the S.T.E.P. program? From what I heard, on the second page of the test packet it tells the candidate that it doesn't matter how well you score, because selections will be made from the band based on the departments needs. In other words QUOTAS. This is where the spoon feeding starts.

The chief now goes station to station and simply says, It's court mandated. He makes it seem as though he didn't want to appoint these people, but the Court made him do it. In other words just refuse to accept responsibility for your actions and blame someone else. From the recent actions of Congress it is evident that

the end to affirmative action is just around the corner. This in turn will end federally mandated quotas and perhaps, return us to an era where a real test, with real unadjusted scores can be given and people will be promoted based on what they know, and not who they know. The chief said the last appointments were made based on a resume. What a joke. Who verified the information being given as true and accurate? At least we could buy someone's test paper if we wanted to check their answers and see how their test was scored. Can we buy someone's resume? I don't think so. Besides that, when did the department issue a bulletin telling us to start building a resume. I thought we were hired to put jerks in jail? Has somebody changed that?

I admit I have been slow to realize that we are no longer a para-military organization. What we have become is a business. This fact was driven home when we joined the S.E.I.U. We are a Union. Unions preach a oneness. It's a we-against-them attitude which we have used to our advantage in the past to gain better working conditions. I now believe that these temporary promotions are driving a wedge into our Union. They are pitting one officer against another and the results can be seen every day just by listening to the conversations going on in the stations. Since the consent decree cannot come up with a valid and fair method of testing, I would like to see everyone refuse to take the lieutenants and sergeants jobs being offered. We as a Union can tell the administration we are not going to legitimize the garbage you produce and call exams. We can do this by not participating in the testing procedure. We also will refuse any temporary appointments. In other words, if the city wants lieutenants, and sergeants, then involve us, the people directly affected, in the making of a legitimate test. Believe me this could be done. Its the old "Just Say No". Refuse the position Like in a real Union, anyone who takes an appointed position should have sanctions taken against him or her. Fine them the difference between their present salary and their new salary. The money could be put in the Catastrophic Illness fund.

I only have two and a half years left before I retire. Like I said in the start of this letter, I have no grand plans to make rank. Thank God, or I'd be a basket case right now. What I see in the future for the younger officers is a return to the pre Seventies Police Department where everything is based on juice. If you think that is a great system, take time and talk to some of the older patrolmen.

The Best of Intentions

Lt. Jim Speros, Planning Division

The captain of a modern luxury liner went to sleep, secure in the knowledge that his ship would safely pass through the night, guided by divine grace and his indomitable will. His orders to proceed at full speed were faithfully carried out, with the best of intentions. So at 11:45 PM on Sunday, April 14, 1912, HMS Titanic struck an iceberg in the North Atlantic. This "unsinkable" ship took over 1500 persons to their deaths 2 1/2 hours later. Now, with some misgiving, HMS SFPD is sailing blithely into waters loaded with "bergs" at full speed with no lookouts or a plan. I am referring to the current inspiration to change the work conditions of patrol Lieutenants by restructuring their shifts to be either 1000 hrs. to 2000 hrs. or 2000 hrs. to 0600 hrs. To make it better yet, the plan would also resurrect the "Metro" and Golden Gate" divisions.

Now maybe it's the cynic in me and good intentions have gone into the creation of this plan, but is it also a long term strategy and why was it kept hidden from all Lieutenants? I have several questions of this plan:

- 1: How much Planning and Research went into this idea?
- 2: How will it benefit affected members, the Department and the community?
- 3: How will it enhance our transition to and institutionalization of Community Based Policing and Problem Oriented Policing in SFPD.
- 4: What are the long term implications of this plan? (After 5 to 10 years of validation)

In my own opinion, I believe there are no positive answers and, in fact, serious questions are raised about the commitment to the whole concept of our members being important customers of this system we call Community Based Policing and Problem Oriented Policing.

I know that no one in Planning and Research was asked to survey other agencies about this shift change, to see if it had been done anywhere else and try to validate its use.

As someone who would eventually be affected by these hours, I can see no benefit for my career, my ability to lead and develop the personnel working with me or for the citizens we are supposed to be partners with.

I see it destroying any credibility the Administration wooed want to maintain with the most crucial, (and often ignored),

link in the chain of command and adversely impact the teamwork necessary to make Community Policing and Problem Oriented Policing a permanent part of SFPD. Will this system last more than 6 to 9 months before it collapses on itself? Is this a back door way of getting rid of the 4/10 plan in the SFPD?

One of the principles of the Department, published in our "Statement of Values" from 1991, states that, "the most valuable resource the Department has is its members." I like to remember that phrase because I brought it down to one of the committee members who was working on our own value statement. It is from the Statement of Values of the Bellevue Police Department in Washington in 1989. You treat people with dignity, honesty and respect because they are the organization and resultant society that makes up our profession. Long after we are retired, the people we are leading and developing today will remain.

A principle often ignored is that "Things" can be managed (time, schedules, inanimate objects, projects etc.) but People are Lead (developed, guided, inspired). An arbitrary change in the work conditions of people will not do much to reinforce loyalty to a philosophy that states one thing while the organizations management does another.

A second issue of great concern is that of honesty and openness. I heard about this proposed change as I was leaving for vacation with my daughters. Where was the "Meet and Confer" in this process? If the intent was to avoid making this a political issue in an election year I think it did not work to well. Did anyone stop to consider the long term affects of strategy and logistics on the Department and the adverse impact on the community?

One last point to consider is again for all members. If this is enacted and changes the work conditions of one group of employees, what will prevent similar changes to occur with all employees?

Now some may take umbrage with my comparison of SFPD to the Titanic, and I am not saying that change should not occur. Change is an every day fact of life that should be planned for when it is deliberate and affects many people for several generations. But if this change is well-intentioned then remember the lesson the Titanic or that famous "E" coupon attraction, "Mr. Toad's Wild Ride". Both started with high hopes and ended up in disaster.

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Police-Fire Post #456 News

by Greg Corrales

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St. Augustine

In withering heat, the Korean War Veterans Memorial opened 27 July on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., 42 years after the war ended. Presidents Clinton and Kim Youngsam of South Korea dedicated the 2.2 acre, 19 statue shrine to the 1.5 million who served in the war from 1950-53. More than 54,000 died in the "conflict" that came to be understood as our first combat with limited objectives.

President Clinton, joined by Kim, U.S. Vice President Gore, and General Raymond Davis (USMC-ret), said, "By sending a clear message that America had not defeated fascism to see communism prevail, you put the free world on the road to victory in the Cold War." Clinton acknowledged that Americans in the past had lost sight of the importance of the war. He also said that he would demand a full accounting from North Korea of the 8,168 missing servicemen. U.S. officials have admitted that there are 389 known U.S. POWs still not accounted for from the Korean War.

Doris Daniels once saw a movie in which the men on a Navy ship walked by their female captain, saluting her. She wanted to be that captain. She says that Navy recruiting officers in Tyler, Texas, laughed at her dream back in the early 1970s. The Navy didn't have any female captains—let alone black female captains—and women weren't even allowed on ships. Twenty-one years later, she has the last laugh—in the Marine Corps. On June 26, she became the battalion commander of the Marine Corps Logistics Base in Albany, Georgia. Lt. Col. Daniels now has nearly 1,000 men and women saluting her as she walks by. Daniels, 44, is believed to be the first black female in the Marine Corps to attain the position of battalion commander, Marine Corps officials said.

A Florida nurse who served as a corpsman during the Vietnam War has been recommended for a Medal of Honor—29 years after his battlefield heroism during "Operation Indiana" in 1966. Navy Corpsman Robert "Doc" Ingram was shot four times as he attempted to sustain the lives of wounded Marines, ignoring his own pain, according to papers filed

with the U.S. Marine Corps. Former Captain Ben Goodwyn, who commanded Ingram's company, recommended Ingram for the medal after learning at a Memorial Day reunion that Ingram had never received formal recognition for his heroism.

On 28 March, 1966, Ingram's company walked into the middle of an ambush in Quang Ngai province, South Vietnam. Goodwyn said that 11 Marines were killed and 44 were wounded of the company's 114 men by an enemy force of approximately 400. Goodwyn said that Ingram was trying to save the life of Corporal Mayes when he was shot in the hand. Still he pressed on, answering the cries of "corpsman!" A bullet hit his knee after he tended his third patient. Then an NVA soldier jumped out of a "spider trap" and shot Ingram in the head—ripping his sinuses apart. So much blood was streaming from Ingram's face that Goodwyn, who had known the corpsman for more than a year, couldn't recognize him. Ingram was trying to dress a fellow corpsman's head wound when he was shot—a fourth time—through his scrotum and buttocks. Because of the pain from the other wounds, the last wound wasn't discovered until several days later.

Although Goodwyn submitted a recommendation for Ingram back in 1966, the paperwork was somehow lost. In 1966, at Clark Air Force Base in the Philippines, Ingram was awarded a Silver Star for trying to save two mortally wounded Marines, and a Purple Heart for his own wounds.

Equality soon will ring in the Marine Corps' twice-annual physical fitness test. Commandant General Charles C. Krulak said he wants to knock down barriers within the Marine Corps that stymie many women's success. First to go may be the PFT's requirement that women run 1.5 miles while men run 3 miles.

"What signal do we send to the Corps when, at the end of a mile and a half, all the women drop off to the side and the men keep running?" Krulak said in an interview with The Associated Press. "To me that's insanity. I'm going to do away with those things that send a signal to my Marine Corps women and men that women are somehow—in their mind—disadvantaged," he said. Krulak said that he's not particularly troubled that women are dropped from boot camp more often than men. He attributed it more to the toughness of Marine recruit training, which he said, "I'm probably going to make it tougher."

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The History and Organization of the Apostleship of the Sea

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In 1920, Catholic Port Ministry was conceived and developed in Glasgow, Scotland by Arthur Gannon, Peter Anson and Archbishop Donald Mackintosh who were concerned about the lack of witness the Church was showing aboard ship. Two years later they approached Pope Pius XI who bestowed his blessings on the ministry and encouraged the Apostleship of the Sea to extend its mission to the oceans and shores of all the hemispheres.

At the present time there are 57 United States Ports having Apostleship of the Sea Chaplains. The mission of the Apostleship of the Sea (AOS) is to reach out to the seafarers and their families. Sailors are often away from their home parish, and some seafarers have no parish setting to help them maintain lasting ties with their faith and families. A network of AOS port officers and Catholic chaplains established a parish that accommodates the seafarer's unique lifestyle and needs.

Around the world, the AOS assists sailors to meet their basic needs: a safe work environment, a just contract, a safe haven while in port, spiritual renewal, communication with loved ones back home, a few hours of recreation, and genuine welcome.

In more than 50 ports throughout the United States and most of the major ports throughout the world, the diocese assigns a chaplain, a priest, deacon, or lay person to serve the seafarers in their milieu—aboard ship and on shore. The ships in the harbor, the crowded wharves, the hospitals, the sailors' homes and clubs—all make up the port chaplain's "parish." The Apostleship of the Sea logo denotes the three beacons guiding and welcoming seafarers to a safe haven, now and for eternity. The rays of the light, (faith) reach for and touch the life preserver (hope) while emanating from a warm heart (charity) upon the anchor of stability. Excerpts were taken from a beautifully written article by Tom Fourre the

manager, who, more than anyone else, cherishes and cares for "The House That Matt Built".

Seafaring men surge into San Francisco believing jobs are plentiful. The port is already flooded with seamen and soon they are destitute. In their trouble they naturally turn to the salty hostelry on the San Francisco Bay—the Apostleship of the Sea. There are never fewer than fifty men living there and there are usually twice that number either at the center or at adjacent hotels at Matt Connolly expense. For 36 years at the Apostleship of the Sea has provided service for seafarers in the city of St. Francis, just one port in the hundreds throughout the world where the Apostleship of the Sea has spread in the 46 years of existence. In its spacious club room gather men from the seven seas.

As a young chaplain just back from his Marine outfit in China, Father Matthew F. Connolly took over the helm of the Apostleship of the Sea just prior to the last major shipping dispute on the West Coast. The fabulous Men's Group luncheons were organized by Father Matt when tempers along the waterfront were short and misunderstandings violent. At those first luncheons Maritime Union officials and the top brass of shipping companies would view each other over the roast beef with the charity of a couple of Airedales over the same morsel. Though tempers in the gallery were volatile it was hard for the guests to stay angry over Father Matt's bounteous table. An excerpt from the secular press of the day reflects the times, "Hard headed union bosses and tough minded shipping executives have recognized and accepted Father Matt as a uniquely effective mediator in their frequently bitter squabbles...maritime people testify that his influence based on trust and respect has cracked some of the tightest of dispute stalemates..."

The roster of the Men's Group read like a "Who's Who" of West Coast shipping. As many as 600 men have

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Retirement Seminar Speakers:

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| 9:00 a.m. - 12:30 | Capt. Mike Hebel (Retired)
Retirement Benefits |
| 12:30- 1 p.m. | Lunch |
| 1:00 p.m. - 1:30 | Off. Duane Collins
State & Federal Taxes |
| 1:30 p.m. - 2:00 | Dep. Chief Stan Cordes (Retired)
Pros & Cons of Retirement |
| 2:00 p.m. - 3:00 | Dep. Chief George Eimil (Retired)
Living Trust and Estate Planning |
| 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 | Tim Heffernan, S.F. Fire Dept.
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Life...Is Everything

by Ric Schiff

On the evening of July 29th, at about 8:30, my beautiful daughter Cryssie died. I don't have the words to describe how I feel about her death, but I know how I feel about her life.

Little Cryssie was the strongest, most life loving creature I have ever known. She stood against the last two and half years of living hell and loved every minute of her life. She fought to live when virtually everyone believed that she had no chance. Cryssie's two favorite things to say were, "I'm fine...." and "that's O.K....". No matter how sick we made her, or what mistakes that we made, I know that she always loved her family and the people who knew her.

I will never be able to communicate what we put Cryssie through. The horrible sickness from her chemotherapy and radiation made her so ill, most of us would have given up our lives just from that pain. We stole her hair, her sight and in the end, her ability to walk and talk. Even then, the night before she died, her strength blossomed. As I tried to suction fluid from her mouth, she clenched her teeth...because she never liked the suction device in her mouth. I literally knocked out her two front teeth to get it in. That's the kind of strength with which she held on to life.

In the end, even Cryssie's will to live couldn't survive my character faults, my wife's dependence or the apathy of her doctors. It was truly a team effort to kill her, and it took all of us to do it.

As I look back over the past two years, I find the truth hard to reckon with. Why did Cryssie have to die? I know now that she didn't. She died because my wife and I failed her, and because her doctors (chemo and radiation), never gave her a chance.

When Cryssie got sick, we were met at the hospital by a Chemotherapist (one who studies cancer). A Neurosurgeon did brain surgery on Cryssie which caused virtually no damage, truly a medical marvel. We were then presented with two choices, chemo and radiation. When we asked if there was anything else we could do, they told us "no, not that we know of". As it turns out, they were lying.

We chose to believe those doctors. We turned our little girl's life over to them, as we now know, so that they could experiment with her. They never had any intention of saving her life. To them, she was already dead. They wanted the opportunity to see

what affect the chemo/radiation would have. Had we bothered to read, or consult with others who had been through conventional treatment, we would have known.

Most of you would rationalize for us by saying that we had to trust our doctors. Well, that's decent of you to say, but our job was to save Cryssie. Instead of meeting the challenge, as Cryssie always did, we escaped into our own self serving fears. I studied for a lieutenant's exam while my wife indulged herself by incapacitating.

By the time I finally came around, the doctors had completed their experimentation. They were very pleased with their results, but warned us that the tumor was sure to come back soon. That was after six months of literal torture for Cryssie. They had minimized the extent of damage that had/would be done, but of course they never figured that Cryssie would live long enough for it to make a difference.

My wife and I started reading and researching, we found literally a hundred "alternative" treatments to the very destructive conventional therapies that we used. We went to a clinic in Houston and put Cryssie on an experimental drug that had no side effects.

Over the next 18 months, Cryssie's health continued to get worse. Doctors tried to blame the experimental drug, but the answer always came back to the chemo and radiation. Last December first, we took Cryssie off the drug. By Christmas, according to our doctors, the tumor was widespread throughout her brain again. Rather than put her back on the drug **again**, our doctors advised their new experimental (and very toxic) chemos. In Cryssie's condition, there could be no doubt that Cryssie would have died, and soon.

Those doctors were not concerned with Cryssie's life. They had already written her off, even though she had been tumor free. We put her back on the experimental drug and all the tumor was gone within nine weeks. The doctors who had given Cryssie the initial chemo refused to have anything more to do with us after that. The excuse that we were given was that they did not feel that Cryssie was worth resuscitating. These were the very people who poisoned her. Of all our human faults, perhaps ego is the most destructive.

Cryssie's final autopsy showed her to be completely tumor free. She had been diagnosed with an extremely rare, and particularly aggressive tumor. Every other child who had that kind of tumor died within six months, even with chemo and radiation. The tumor always came back....except for Cryssie. Radiation and chemo damage was evident however, and significant.

Over the past six months, Cryssie's health had generally been getting worse. She had significant neurological damage from the chemo and radiation, combined with some very strange metabolism problems.

Cryssie required constant attention and strict management of her care. Oddly enough however, the insurance companies tried harder than ever to cut Cryssie's care. Our doctor was wishy-washy and tended to bend towards the strongest wind, the insurance companies.

We literally did not sleep at night because Cryssie needed so much done for her. Everything with Cryssie became a hassle as her needs became more demanding, and support from our doctors became less. We grew more weary and my wife be-

came angry.

In the end, my wife turned down Cryssie's food, which also contained potassium which Cryssie desperately needed. When we went in for a scheduled doctor's visit, Cryssie was low on potassium and dehydrated. She was admitted, but we were not particularly concerned. Strong little Cryssie had always pulled through before.

As they hydrated Cryssie, she lost her "gag", reflex. This was a problem that we had all seen before. My wife and I should have known to stop the feeding based on our previous experience. Certainly the doctors should have known that she was a high aspiration risk. While we all argued over Cryssie's metabolism, she aspirated and died with in days.

Cryssie did not have to die. Even in the condition that she was in just before she died, she could have recovered. The same doctors who said that Cryssie would never be free of her tumor, apparently unimpressed with her, preached the worst possible scenario and allowed her to die. They seemed so intent on her eventual death, I can't help but believe that their apathetic attitudes allowed them to make their "mistake".

Even if the experimental drug had not worked, there were other non harmful treatments we could have tried. Cryssie died the same way thousands of people do every year, at the hands of a medical establishment that refuses to believe. Chemotherapy and radiation always damages. Less than 20 percent of all cancer patients who receive these treatments survive and yet doctors cling to their barbaric ways.

If you ask about alternatives, you will receive the same answer that we did. That is because Oncologists do not study cancer as their name implies. They experiment on us with poisons and damaging radiation. If they become aware of an alternative to their treatments, they balk at it. They generally make no effort to learn anything about alternatives. They seem to view alternatives as competitive and respond accordingly. It is a competition in which we are the losers.

I once showed all the information that we had gathered on Cryssie's drug to one of her Oncologists. Later I asked her about it and she replied, "I'm unimpressed". I wonder if it were her child, how unimpressed she would have been.

Chemotherapy and radiation may well have their place in cancer treatment, but they are a last resort. They damage beyond repair and present no real potential for long term care. In the end, it's always your body that kills the cancer anyway. If you're going to tell someone that they will die no matter what you do, and at best what you offer is damaging, why the hell not encourage them to try something else first?

I have left a great deal out of this article for time's sake. What is truly important to me now is that Cryssie not die a needless, tragic death without meaning. It is my hope that we can all learn from her strength. Eventually, cancer will touch all our lives. Help your loved ones understand that they don't have to die.

Look into yourselves and your lives now. My biggest mistake was that I had not built a healthy life and family environment around me before Cryssie got sick. The only thing I had going for me, and Cryssie, was my family at the SFPD. I hope that with all our differences, we can remember how much we need each other.

You have all been truly wonderful to me and my family. Joining this department was the best thing that I have ever done, and I can't imagine a more understanding group of people. Cryssie knew that she was a part of our department, and loved you all for it. You need only ask the people who came to see her, and saw the shine in her face. Please don't ever be afraid to share your memories of her with me, it's all I have left.

I will always be available to anyone who needs me, particularly with respect to cancer. Please refer anyone to me. I will fight to correct the shortcomings of the medical profession that killed my daughter, and I will take all the help I can get this time. My pager is (510) 946-6368, or reach me at Mission Station.

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Board Of Directors' Meeting

Thursday 8/24/95

Call to Order: 1400 Hours
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:
Present: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Castel, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Gardner, Co. F; Dempsey, Co. G; Limbert, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Torres, Hdqtrs.; Castagnola, Tac.; Balovich, Invest.; Fox, Invest.; Ching, MTPD; Wright, Ret.; Millett, SFO; Scully, SFO; Johnson, Secty.; Dito, Treas.; Delagnes, V-Pres.; Trigueiro, President
Excused: Kowal, Co. E; Sylvester, Hdqtrs.; Cleary, Narc.; Shawyer, TTF; Spiteri, Co. H
President's Report: President Trigueiro explained the status of our contract negotiations stating that there is still no firm resolution to the matters most important to our membership:
Tier II Retirement Issues
Discipline Arbitration
Provisional Appointments/Timely Examinations* (*We do have a tentative agreement with the Department Administration and Police Commission in this regard that will allow for:
1. a limited amount of time that a provisional could hold a position (i.e. provisional sergeants appointed af-

ter 8/24/95; 90 days — and, if any provisional appointments are made to the rank of inspector, the appointment would only be good for 120 days at which time a new group would be selected.
2. timely examinations
Captain's examination no later than 5/31/96;
Inspector's examination no later than 2/28/97;
Lieutenant's examination no later than 11/30/97;
Sergeant's examination no later than 8/31/98;
Captain's examination no later than 5/21/99;
Inspector's examination no later than 2/29/2000
3. ALL PROMOTIONAL LISTS WOULD REMAIN ACTIVE UNTIL A NEW ONE IS ADOPTED.
There are additional issues addressed of benefit to the general membership and they are all delineated in SFPOA Bulletin 95-56 - Please contact your respective representative(s) for copies.
Endorsement Recommendations:
Members of our Legislative Committee had reviewed the list of candi-

dates for the office of Mayor, District Attorney and Sheriff and, subsequently, made endorsement recommendations to the SFPOA Executive Board that were then discussed with the Board of Directors.

Mayoral Race The SFPOA Legislative Committee recommended the endorsement of former Speaker of the Assembly, Willie Brown:

Motion, Dempsey, 2nd, Scully to approve the Legislative Committee's recommendation and endorse Willie Brown for Mayor of San Francisco:

Yes Votes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Castel, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Gardner, Co. F; Dempsey, Co. G; Limbert, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Torres, Hdqtrs.; Castagnola, Tac.; Fox, Invest.; Ching, MTPD; Millett, SFO; Scully, SFO; Johnson, Secty.; Dito, Treas.; Delagnes, V-Pres.; Trigueiro, President.

No Votes: Pate, Co. D

Abstention: Wright, Ret.

President Trigueiro later informed the Board of Directors that Mayor Jordan's Office had received information from the actuary for the San Francisco Employees' Retirement System dated 7/12/95, who informed the Mayor's staff that enhancing the Police/Fire Tier II retirement system to the 2% at age 50 (the Highway Patrol Retirement Plan under the umbrella of the state P.E.R.S. system) would actually result in a cost-saving measure for the City and County of San Francisco — and yet, there has still been no movement by the Mayor's Office in this regard.

District Attorney Race: The SFPOA Legislative Committee members recommended the endorsement of William Fazio for District Attorney.

Motion, Deignan, 2nd, Castagnola to approve the Legislative Committee's recommendation and endorse William Fazio for the office of District Attorney.

Yes Votes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Castel, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Gardner, Co. F; Dempsey, Co. G; Limbert, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Torres, Hdqtrs.; Castagnola, Tac.; Balovich, Invest.; Fox, Invest.; Ching, MTPD; Wright, Ret.; Millett, SFO; Scully, SFO; Johnson, Secty.; Dito, Treas.; Delagnes, V-Pres.; Trigueiro, President.

No Votes: None

Abstentions: None

Sheriff's Race The SFPOA Legislative Committee members recommended a No Position in regards to this race. The Board of Directors subsequently decided by motion (M, Machi, 2nd, Ching) to endorse Art Conger for Sheriff.

Yes Votes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Castel, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Gardner, Co. F; Dempsey, Co. G; Limbert, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Torres, Hdqtrs.; Castagnola, Tac.; Balovich, Invest.; Fox, Invest.; Ching, MTPD; Wright, Ret.; Millett, SFO; Johnson, Secty.; Dito, Treas.; Delagnes, V-Pres.; Trigueiro, President.

No Votes: None

Abstentions: Scully, SFO

Assembly Race

The SFPOA Legislative Committee recommended an endorsement of Supervisor Kevin Shelley who is running unopposed for this office.

A motion was entertained (M/ Deignan, 2nd/Sorgie) to endorse Supervisor Kevin Shelley for Assembly. This motion was carried unanimously by voice vote.

Miscellaneous Balloting Issues: A motion was made to allow our membership the right to vote as indi-

viduals in regards to the recommendations made by the SFPOA Board of Directors on this date. M/Deignan, 2nd/Sorgie — Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Balloting: The ballots will be distributed commencing 8/28/95, to 9/10/95 and will be tallied by the members of the SFPOA Election Committee on Monday, 9/11/95. An additional motion was made (M/Castel, 2nd/Ching) to list all 4 names of the candidates for Mayor and the candidate who received the most votes will retain the SFPOA endorsement. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dito submitted the July/1995 financial statement for review/discussion. A motion (M/Machi, 2nd/Deignan) was made to approve as submitted. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

Secretary's Report: Secty Johnson is currently assisting our in-house counsel with administrative investigations as well as pending grievances and has had to postpone the formal submission of June/July minutes for Board approval until next month's meeting.

Federal Litigation Committee Report: President Trigueiro discussed the tentative agreement that was negotiated and previously discussed in the "President's Report" of these minutes.

Financial Requests:

There were 3 separate requests for donations for charity-sponsored golf tournaments:

- Justice for Murder Victims Golf Tournament (Proceeds assist community participants in helping the families of homicide victims ensure that convicted murderers fulfill their sentence) — Mountain Shadows Golf Course in Rohnert Park - Friday, 10/06/95. Cost: \$500.00 for foursome.

- United Association of Journeymen and Apprentices of the Plumbing and Pipe Fitting Industry (Local 38) is sponsoring a golf tournament on 9/30/95, at the Mountain Shadows Golf Course in Rohnert Park — Proceeds from this event go to the Diabetes Research Institute. Cost: \$400.00 for foursome.

- Wish Upon A Star: This organization benefits seriously ill children suffering from life-threatening illnesses. All of the profits will benefit these children providing them with their special "wish". Will be held on Monday, 10/09/95 at the Sharp Park Golf Course. Cost: \$420.00 for foursome.

- The ability for SFPOA representatives to attend the San Francisco Labor Council's Pre-Labor Day Breakfast scheduled for Friday, 9/01/95, at a cost of \$200.00.

All four financial considerations were consolidated in one motion (M/ Canedo, 2nd/Machi) and that motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

We will be holding a drawing for all three golf tournaments — Please submit your entries on a plain file card with the names of your foursome — A drawing will be held for all three on: Thursday, September 14, 1995, at the SFPOA Office at 1200 hours.

There being no further business before the Board of Directors, President Trigueiro adjourned the meeting at 1830 hours.

Submitted by: Steve Johnson
Secty, SFPOA

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In order to reach all City and County retirees for the upcoming Retirement Board Election, which will be held in January 1996, we are attempting to update our records with current home addresses. We can only do this with your help. If you did not receive your ballot for the '95 Retirement Board Election, don't be left out next year! Complete the form below and mail directly to:

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by Bill Hemby,
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The NRA Shoots Back

Last month, my article "Burton Bill Zaps Killer Bullets" has raised the ire of the National Rifle Association's California State Liaison S.C. Helsley.

It seems S.C. took exception with several points of my article. His opening salvo credits COPS for the defeat of the 1994 Assembly Bill 1105, by Richard Katz, D-Los Angeles. That was the original bill that would have made carrying a loaded concealed firearm a wobbler, instead of a misdemeanor. Carrying a concealed billy club, brass knuckles, or a sap is a felony. Carrying a loaded, concealed firearm is only a misdemeanor.

S.C. thumbs his nose at COPS by saying COPS was of "significant assistance to us" (the NRA) in defeating the Katz bill. What old S.C. was referring to was the decision by COPS' Board of Directors to not endorse any legislator who would vote against AB 1105. Well, as I stated last month, no Republicans voted for the bill — thus according to S.C., COPS helped the NRA to defeat the bill. By the way, no Republicans were supported or endorsed by COPS that year earlier.

Then S.C. chastises me because the NRA is supporting, helping, or doing something with Katz' current CCW bill — AB 632. The current bill keeps it a misdemeanor for someone to carry a loaded concealed handgun but a felony to carry a "stolen" loaded concealed handgun. Their reasoning, I suppose, is "good guys" will carry only loaded, concealed handguns that belong to them, while "bad guys" will carry only loaded, concealed handguns that are stolen. What ever the NRA is doing for Katz' AB 632, it couldn't be too great, because it was made a two-year bill. That means it couldn't get enough votes to pass this year.

So, if a guy shoots someone with his own concealed weapon, he's a good guy, if the gun was stolen, he's

a bad guy! That should make life a whole lot easier for you, on the streets.

With regards to Assemblyman John Burton's AB 99, the armor piercing ammo bill, the NRA is upset because I said, even though they were not opposed to the bill, their buddies of the Gun Owners of California spoke for them in opposing the bill.

The NRA says it is a serious breach of trust for a lobbyist to take a neutral position and then voice opposition through another organization. Well, S.C. is right on that one. The unofficial lexicon of lobbying calls that "Backdooring" a bill. I for one would never accuse the NRA of that tactic. No, sir! It just isn't done. Yeah, right.

The NRA guy says his group isn't related to the other group. It's just hard for me to tell them apart. They all show up at the same hearings, say the same things, eat at the same restaurants, dress in the same gray suits, and maybe even carry the same concealed firearms — although not in the Capitol — it's against the law. They ought to wear special uniforms, so I can tell who's representing whom.

Anyway, as I have previously mentioned, any time COPS opposes gun legislation, we hear from NRA types. But this time, I feel truly blessed, 'cause I heard from the Man himself. Mr. California NRA. It's like swearing in church, and expecting a nasty letter from your parish priest, and instead getting one from the Pope.

But... before any of you NRA guys don your camouflaged fatigues, strap on your trusty .357 Magnums, with crossed ammo belts, night scopes, assorted Assault Rifles, loaded with your special armor-piercing, heat-seeking, Black Rhino or White Elephant exploding ammunition, and come looking for me... please accept my heartiest apologies for casting dispersions upon your God-given right to bear arms and your quest to arm the entire population.

By the way, I have started my own monthly Newsletter. It is kind of like my biased, perverted view of the goings on at the State Capitol, gossip, rumors and even some legislative stuff. If you are interested — it'll cost you \$12 for the year. Just send in a subscription request to: "The State of Things," P.O. Box 901, Weimar, CA 95736.

SFPD Training Certified For Export

Police Academy Training Goes On A Road To Saipan

In 1994-1995 the SFPD Human Resources Unit (HRU) developed a new psychological tool for street patrol officers. This new tool is the technique of using communications skills to avert violence when serving people with developmental disabilities and / or mental illness.

Chief of Police Anthony Ribera Ph.D., has tasked his officers to pursue the active suppression of crime, yet he has also required this pursuit to be performed within the constraints of the departments budget. Working with this challenge Chief Ribera has allowed the department members to employ their creative energies to development non-traditional funding sources.

Responding to Chief Ribera's challenge Sergeant Forrest Fulton Ph.D. of the SFPD Human Resources Unit wrote and developed a grant on how to train police and law enforcement officers about communications techniques for responding to community members who have disabilities.

This year the California State Council on Developmental Disabilities funded a prototype lesson plan for law enforcement officers. This lesson plan has helped provide an in depth communication theory for both SFPD recruits and in-service training for senior officers. In July three disabilities classes for sergeants and senior officers was delivered. During the class students were exposed to the newest, and most current theories about responding to persons with developmental disabilities and, or mental illness. The new prototype curriculum covered the spectrum, from understanding the different categories of disabilities and appropriate arrest procedures. The sergeants and senior officers were issued a workbook and the supplies to perform this training at their home units. The training was designed to be performed in an "in-service", "role call" or classroom format.

The reviews from the class participants were outstanding and the results were beyond expectations. Many of the students have become so proficient with the material, that they have become core instructors.

The results of the training have begun to spread throughout the California Law Enforcement Community. Many law enforcement agencies have requested the training for their officers. Unexpectedly Sergeant Forrest Fulton received a request by Mr. Max Olopai, the Program Coordinator of the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems, to present

the new class to the members of the Department of Public Safety located on Saipan. With Chief Ribera's support Sergeant Fulton traveled to Saipan and delivered the new SFPD's communications training for officers. Participating in the class were police officers, firefighters, EMT's, health care advocates, parents and family members of people with disabilities. The response to the training was overwhelming, more than fifty students were in attendance. The response to the training was so intense that some persons had to be turned away, and had their names placed on a waiting list. The eagerness, skills and dedication of the Commonwealth Of The Northern Marianas Department Safety Officers was truly inspirational. All the officers that were able to attend received the newest curriculum from the State of California. This training has placed the small Commonwealth Of The Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) Department of Public Safety on a level that exceeds the training of many major law enforcement agencies in the United States. CNMI is now on the cutting edge of techniques for the responding to persons who are in crisis or are developmentally disabled. On August 18, 1995, Sergeant Fulton met with and reviewed the training with Jose M. Castro the Commissioner of Public Safety CNMI, and Francisco C. Lizama the Director of Training Department of Public Safety. Sergeant Fulton presented Commissioner Castro a gift from the San Francisco Police Department, a SFPD Baseball Cap and a SFPD T-shirt. Commissioner Castro awarded Sgt. Fulton a plaque from the Department of Public Safety and patch for Chief Ribera. Francisco (Beet) Lizama presented Forrest Fulton a belt buckle of the Police and Fire Departments. This training was funded by the Northern Marianas Protection and Advocacy Systems. The guiding forces behind the classes was Mr. Max Olopai (Program Coordinator), Lydia B Santos (Executive Director), Daniel L. Camacho (President Board of Directors), William C. Carter (General Counsel), Jimmy Ngraked (Advocate) and Frank Cepeda (Volunteer).

If a member of the San Francisco Police Department ever travels to the Commonwealth of the Northern Mariana Islands (Saipan, Tinian, or Rota) he or she should know that the members of the CNMI Department of Public Safety are brothers and sisters in training, skills, and commitment to serving some of the most disadvantaged members of our community.

Disability Outreach Program

The Human Resources Unit of the SFPD recently implemented a Disability Outreach Program. The purpose of this program is to contact those officers who have been placed on disability (long term) to see how they are doing and if we can be of any assistance to them. For further information, contact the Human Resources Unit at #557-6748.

Also, for those members already on permanent disability there is a new organization. The Disabled Police Officers Association/Project Hope has a series of plans:

1. To organize an association aimed

to serve those who have been disabled in the line of duty.

2. To develop a national program to maintain contact with these officers.

3. To offer training and guidelines to police departments as policy.

The president of Project Hope is Trooper Jesus Blanco, himself a disabled officer. For further information you can write to: DPOA Project Hope, American Police Hall of Fame Building, 3801 Biscayne Blvd., Miami, Fla. 33137. Their phone number is (305)573-0070.

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by John Hennessey,
S.L.E.S. Coordinator

In 1980, the San Francisco Police Department began fully utilizing section 10b of the city's Administrative Code. This statute allows the police department to bill private entities for police services that are provided for their special needs. This all began with movie productions that filmed in San Francisco, and required traffic control and other police services. Special Law Enforcement Services (S.L.E.S.), very soon began to encompass other profit making endeavors such as conventions, transportation, sporting events, street fairs, and construction.

One of the most regular subscribers to S.L.E.S. service in the construction field is Pacific Gas and Electric Company. Their General Construction Gas Department is presently embarked on an ambitious project to replace approximately eighteen miles of aged cast iron and steel natural gas lines in San Francisco's inner city each year. The replacement lines are polyethylene (plastic), which is safer, more reliable, and more responsive to the P.G.&E. customers. This work requires the P.G.&E. crews to excavate surface streets in residential neighborhoods, the financial district, and business districts. This process is not only expensive and time consuming, but poses an imposition on the areas impacted by the work.

Much like the police department, Pacific Gas and Electric Company is

very concerned about their interaction with the public that they serve. Part of this concern is reflected in the way that the utility approaches the neighborhoods it is working in. Quite often community meetings are a prelude to the construction effort. Company officials explain not only what the impact of their work will be, but also, explain that police personnel will be present as part of their program, when necessary. P.G.&E. officials have consistently utilized our officers in the true spirit of community policing. They have stressed problem solving and communication with the people affected by the work, in order to minimize the negative impact and impositions on the community.

The San Francisco Police Department and Pacific Gas and Electric Company have worked well together over the many years we have been associated. This was demonstrated very poignantly after the tragic death of Officer James Guelff. Many of the P.G.&E. crews recognized Jim's photo on the news, others knew him by name. All of them felt the same sense of loss as Jim had worked with them regularly in the 10b program. Mr. Richard Hong of the General Construction Gas Department sent a floral arrangement and condolences to the Guelff family on behalf of P.G.&E.

The association P.G.&E. and the SFPD is an excellent example of the ways that city government and private enterprise can work in conjunction with one another to effectively serve the same community.



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CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

by Steve Johnson,
SFPOA Secretary

Officer Michael Toropovsky had only been assigned to the Canine Unit for 3 weeks and was still getting used to handling his dog when he responded to a report of multiple shooting victims at Golden Gate Park a little after midnight on Saturday, 8/19/95. Other officers had already locked down the perimeter so Mike hooked up with his fellow canine handler, **Officer Michael Koltzoff** and his dog, **Sendy**. Sendy had been bred and trained in Czechoslovakia and was the first police dog ever purchased, the monies raised from community contributions.

Officer Toropovsky and Officer Koltzoff were then approached by a woman who told them that she had been present along with two other male companions at an encampment in the park when a man entered their shelter and demanded they leave. An argument ensued and the trespasser pulled out a gun and shot both her companions. All three fled from their campsite and, while the two males were being rushed to SF General Hospital, the woman told both officers

she could lead them back to the site where the shootings took place and where the suspect was probably still hiding.

The officers volunteered to conduct a search where the suspect was last seen and cleared it through the command post, overseen by **Captain Gregory Winters**.

The woman witness lead Officers Toropovsky and Koltzoff to a heavy brush area with a slight incline upwards and then a sudden drop off into a ravine where the suspect was last seen. The civilian witness was then lead back to the command post by another uniformed officer as Officers Toropovsky and Koltzoff started to approach the area of the encampment. Both officers could hear the suspect nearby, rambling about something, speaking incoherently but they could not see him. (Officer Toropovsky later related to Homicide Investigators that it was so dark they couldn't see more than maybe 1 or 2 feet in front of them and they could only place the suspect when he spoke.) The officers identified themselves and ordered the suspect to come out from his position of concealment several times. The suspect told them to leave, threatening to kill

them. Officer Koltzoff was in the process of telling the suspect that, if necessary, they may have to send their dog in to force him from his position when the suspect suddenly started firing at both officers. The officers both dove for cover and, just as the shooting had started Officer Koltzoff had released Sendy and Sendy immediately responded to her training and attacked the armed assailant. The officers then heard two shots and then sounds as though an animal had been injured and they both suspected the worst — Sendy had been shot.

The suspect now continued shooting at the officers and they could only return fire based on the suspect's muzzle flashes — they could still not see where the suspect was or what he was doing and they had absolutely no idea as to what fire power capability he had. At one point when both officers were reloading their weapons Officer Toropovsky felt a pain in his right leg and, with a quick check by flashlight, he realized he had been shot. Officer Koltzoff saw the wound and ordered Officer Toropovsky to leave and get medical aid before he lost consciousness. Officer Toropovsky refused to leave his partner but Koltzoff eventually won the argument and Officer Mike Toropovsky barely made it back to uniform help and was then rushed to SF General Hospital. Officer Koltzoff was now faced off with a madman that he could not see, a madman who would intermittently start yelling incoherently in the dark. Mike had no idea whether this suspect might charge at him at any time. It seemed like hours until finally Officer Bob Miller, a SWAT Team member, came crawling up beside Officer Toropovsky and stayed with him for approximately 5 hours until both officers could safely leave the area.

The rest of the night was just as

strange as when it started — police officers on the perimeter wondering what this madman was up to — unable to rescue the two officers (Koltzoff and Miller) because they were too close to the suspect — and now the suspect was blowing a whistle. It wasn't until a helicopter from Oakland Police Department was dispatched that officers were able to pinpoint the suspect and, just when the red light was going to change to green, the suspect surrendered.

Many of the officers who were present told me that this tactical operation was so successful because of the leadership of people like:

Captain Gregory Winters
Lieutenant Bruce Marovich
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Officer Bob Miller

and a whole lot of other very special people in uniform, all ranks, who put their lives on the line when it counted.

Sendy (1989-1995)

Sendy was a loving companion and adopted member of Officer Michael Koltzoff's family, and will be especially missed by Mike's two daughters, Julia, 10, and Sonia, 7. There will be a memorial service held for Sendy, an extremely exceptional police dog who had been credited with assisting in the capture of over 25 felony suspects, searched over 500 buildings, and was recently responsible for flushing three rape suspects out of park brush.

We have established a trust fund for the SFPD Canine Unit:
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Justice For The Salarno Family

Dear Family and Friends;

We have been notified that Steven Burns (C-20341), the murderer of our daughter Catina Rose, is once more eligible for a parole hearing in October.

A jury convicted Steven Burns of Second Degree Murder for the killing of Catina. He shot her execution style, left her on the ground, then went to his room and watched Monday night football. From his window he could see her as she bled to death.

In California a Second Degree Murder carries a life term. Steven Burns was sentenced to a life term by the jury and he should serve a life term for the callous murder of Catina Rose. At his sentencing the Judge said, "Steven Burns has shown no remorse for his heinous act." However, with the unfairness of the Criminal Justice System to victims of violent crimes, he is allowed to request a parole release date every two years and drag us back into this trauma.

Thus, we are again asking for your support to write a letter of opposition to his release.

The address is:

Mr. James E. Nielsen, Chairman
Board of Prison Terms
428 "J" Street, 6th Floor
Sacramento, CA 95814
RE: Steven Burns (C-20341)

Enclosed are some sample paragraphs for your letter, or you may wish to use the letter we have pre-

pared.

Your letters, once received by the parole board, are kept strictly confidential and will be seen only by them. We would, however, ask you to send a copy to us. We need the letters by **September 30, 1995**. We will take them to the hearing to be sure the commissioners do receive your letter.

Thank you on behalf of our family and the other victims we may be able to help.

Sincerely,

Mike and Harriet Salarno

SAMPLE PARAGRAPHS FOR THE PAROLE BOARD

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Please keep letters relatively short, such as:

On behalf of the Salarno Family, I/we wish to protest a possible parole date for Steven Burns (C-20341) — murderer of Catina Rose Salarno.

Samples for following paragraph:

We demand that the State of California respect the life term he received for Second Degree Murder.

OR

His callous disregard of human life denies him the privilege of a place in our society.

OR

He has not shown any remorse for the crime that he committed. We should not accept him back into our society.

OR

The Salarno Family and their friends live in constant fear for their own lives should he be released.

OR

Nothing can change the enormity or the horror of his crime and he remains a threat.

OR

I hope that for the Salarno Family and, for that matter all of society, that he will not be released.

OR

Please consider not only the victim but all the lives of the family and friends who were affected by this brutal crime. We pray that he will not be released.

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Please DO NOT grant a parole date to the prisoner Steven Burns (C-20341), murderer of Catina Rose Salarno, 18 years of age.

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Mom...Dad, Can I Borrow \$40,000?

by Marci Strange

Buying a home is difficult enough these days. Asking your parents for a loan to assist in purchasing a home may even be more difficult!

However, family members are often the best people to look to for help in buying a house. While family members are an obvious source of funds, many borrowers don't feel comfortable with this alternative, either for emotional reasons or pride.

Keep in mind that your family doesn't have to bear the name "Trump" for you to consider their resources. Too many times when I'm prequalifying a prospective buyer, I hear "But I don't feel right asking my folks to give me money for a down payment."

I agree — no one likes to ask for money. Yet, I'd also like buyers to know that all too often I've heard parents say, "It's one of the last things that I can do for my children that I agree with," or "They're going to get it someday, at least I can see today where some of it is going!"

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as long as the note is recorded.)

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1. Selling and moving up in value.
2. Refinancing the existing first mortgage and second mortgages into one loan.

The end result is that your folks are earning more on their \$40,000 by lending it to you instead of the bank — approximately \$1,400 more per year!

Meanwhile, you own your own home — a home that you couldn't have obtained without their help. You also get tax write-offs saving you thousands per year — and you own a property that should go up in value while you pay off the mortgage over the years.

If a borrower is unable to qualify for a loan to buy a house — even though they've obtained the money from family members — it may be necessary for a family member to go on the loan with the buyers. This is not always the case, however, for all lenders have their own guidelines.

Pride has very little to do with a good financial decision for both the buyer(s) and family members. Remember, even though you may receive temporary help in purchasing the home at first, ultimately you are buying and paying for the home yourself.

Marci Strange is a mortgage specialist. She can be reached at 415/371-1677.

RATTO

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editing and criticism of the station sergeant, Steve submitted his completed 519 report and went home for the day. Several hours later Merle was still struggling with his domestic violence report.

Frustrated with the ordeal of having to coach a veteran officer in the writing a routine report, the station keeper finally detailed a recruit — whose FTO was late — to sit down with Merle and take him through the report, box-by-box and line-by-line. At first the recruit officer was a little flustered but in the end she saw to it that he produced a complete and thorough report.

(But, when he finally submitted the report, the Lieutenant did not recognize the name of the Sergeant who had approved it. The sergeant's name, Merle said, was Frank Kerlin. The lieutenant seemed perplexed, and Merle had to confess that Sgt. Kerlin had been retired for six years, but that his name was put on all the Solos' reports because "it was kind of a tradition in the unit." The lieutenant would have none of that and insisted that Merle have an active duty sergeant approve the report.)

The report was finally approved and Merle went home. In a departing gesture of gratitude to the recruit officer, he gave her the stray puppy he had found on Cayuga Street. She was delighted and named the little dog "Solo."

The Lieutenant, a conscientious career officer, brought Merle's case to the attention of her superiors and it was decided that he would be sent off to a domestic violence refresher course. Initially, Merle was loathe to attend the classes, unable as he was to relate the subject matter to any section of the vehicle code. But, in the end, he came away enlightened and motivated.

By the Spring of the following year Merle had received Federal funds to establish the nation's first Domestic Violence Traffic Unit. The mission of the fledgling unit was, as Merle wrote in the

grant proposal, to prevent all manner of domestic violence committed "...in any vehicle in motion upon a roadway, or in any vehicle not in motion, but juxtaposed in such a way as to be reasonably perceived as a threat..." The workload developed quickly, and shortly after its implementation four Solos were detailed to the unit on a full time basis.

That summer Merle married the recruit officer who had helped him with the D.V. report, and "Solo" had her first litter of rambunctious pups.

But Steve did not fare so well after the Cayuga Street incident. He deteriorated to the point where his entire bio-chemistry went into an acute imbalance. He became paranoid and delusional and was placed on extended medical leave by the Police Surgeon. Blaming them for his demise, he became intent on bringing ruin to every Solo in the department.

One day, following a particularly restless night, in an effort to set a Solo up for a crash in a bogus pursuit, he drove back and forth through a red signal light while Merle sat duck-ponding at the intersection. To ensure that the Solo would chase him down, Steve had donned a latex mask of Art Agnos, knowing that would certainly motivate any officer into initiating a pursuit.

But there was no hot chase that day. For that very same morning the Co. K Matrix detail had been changed from citing red light runners to citing drivers who had failed to signal for 100 feet prior to making a turn. So Merle just sat there on his detail, watching traffic, and curious why some madman was racing up and down Mission street disguised as a popular former Mayor.

Steve never returned to the department. He was last seen roller blading recklessly on the boardwalk in Santa Cruz, dressed as a Solo motorcycle officer, and making siren noises into a megaphone.

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COPS Strikes Back At Hate Groups

In an effort to confront groups on both sides of the political spectrum, who preach hate against law enforcement officers, COPS has taken a position of criticizing and publicizing its concerns and displeasure.

Last month, COPS joined with State Senator Richard Polanco D-Los Angeles in sponsoring a Senate Joint Resolution which commends former President George Bush for his stand against the inflammatory rhetoric of the National Rifle Association by resigning his lifetime membership.

While COPS supports law abiding citizens rights to possess firearms, we abhor the comments of the leadership of the National Rifle Association in their fund raising letter, wherein federal law enforcement agents are characterized as "jackbooted government thugs"; and "federal agents wearing Nazi bucket helmets and black stormtrooper uniforms".

It is a sad commentary when the leadership of an organization representing law abiding citizens, must resort to hysterical and inflammatory statements to raise funds.

This month, COPS again is standing up for law enforcement officers by publicly criticizing an editorial which appeared in the May issue of *Voz Fronteriza*, a student newspaper at the University of San Diego, which by the way, is officially recognized and funded by the university.

The editorial was in response to the death of Border Patrolman Luis A. Santiago, who fell to his death in an accident. While his relatives and colleagues mourned him, *Voz Fronteriza* cheered the agent's death in an editorial headlined, "Death of a Migra Pig". (Migra is border slang for Border Patrol.)

The editorial stated; "We're glad this pig died, he deserved to die. All Migra pigs deserve death." "We feel absolutely no remorse for this pig, for he is the worst kind of pig there is." "We do not mourn the death of Santiago, instead we welcome it," ... "it is too bad that more migra pigs didn't die with him."

The *Voz Fronteriza* editorial called for the Mexican community to organize an anti Migra patrol — to fight back. That all migra pigs (Border Patrol agents) should be killed. "There are no good migra agents, the only good one is a dead one."

In a letter to UC San Diego Chancellor Richard Arkinson, U.S. Congressman Duncan Hunter, R-El Cajon, requested "an immediate retraction and apology to the men and women of the U.S. Border Patrol, who serve our country at great sacrifice."

Instead, Congressman Hunter received a standard "we can't interfere with First Amendment rights of free speech" letter from the Chancellor's office. Unfortunately, the powers that be a UC San Diego, are less than enthusiastic to do anything about this hate literature.

K.L. Billingsley, a media fellow of the Pacific Research Institute in San Francisco, stated in an article which appeared in the *Sacramento Bee* on July 17th: "Politically correct UC officials have shown themselves eager to regulate speech on campus. In late 1993, University of California, riverside, evicted a fraternity based on complaints about T-shirts portraying a man with a sombrero. One may be certain that if a UC student paper had called illegal immigrants "pigs", and editorialized that "the only good illegal immigrant is a dead one," the administration would have reacted loudly and swiftly."

COPS will seek to sponsor another Senate Concurrent Resolution condemning this editorial with its hate laced verbiage.

While a joint resolution doesn't have force or effect in law, it does draw considerable attention to the problem. The resolution must be heard in both the senate and assembly, which affords an opportunity to voice our concerns, and bring the problem to the attention of legislators who may then support future legislation to curb misuse of governmental funds for this type of hatred.

It is incumbent upon all law enforcement organizations to stand up and defend our officers against this kind of hatred. This is the type of rhetoric that encourages lunatic fringe elements to resort to the use of deadly force against law enforcement officers acting within the course and scope of their duties.

ELECTION

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Willie Brown has been a friend to this Association and to police officers statewide over his 31 year career in the State Assembly, as is evidenced by his support from statewide police agencies such as California Organization of Police & Sheriffs, PORAC, and the Highway Patrol.

This Association believes that Mr. Brown also will provide the leadership for and the partnership with San Francisco Police Officers in order to be effective in efforts to fight crime in San Francisco.

Mr. Brown is uniquely suited to advance a public safety agenda that will bring the neighborhoods and the Police Department together. During his tenure as an Assemblyman, Mr. Brown has fought to keep police staffing levels high statewide with the passage of Proposition 172.

He has been a tireless supporter for fair and just retirement, promotional processes and collective bargaining for police officers.

Willie Brown is a man of his word and we believe that he will never politicize public safety, especially in the difficult times.

Finally, the membership of the

San Francisco Police Officers' Association want a Mayor who will provide true leadership and be a fair partner. Willie Brown is our membership's choice and the best choice for Mayor.

BROWN

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addition, in connection with disciplinary matters, Willie Brown is supportive of our efforts to obtain fair and neutral appellate rights for our members, while Frank Jordan has consistently opposed disciplinary arbitration. Most significantly, the Mayor has opposed all of our efforts in the past to be able to negotiate improvements in retirement benefits for our members, while Speaker Brown has always supported those efforts and has committed to do so in the future.

While this Association supported Frank Jordan for Mayor when he ran against Art Agnos four years ago and is still pleased that he obtained the office, he simply does not have a record that warrants an endorsement over the candidate with an outstanding track record like Willie Brown's.

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Al Trigueiro, President
 SFPOA

Dear Al Trigueiro,
 I am writing to you to express my feelings on an article entitled "Detailed Again!" under, "The Members Speak" in the August issue of The Notebook. I am not only appalled by Officer Steve Ratto's lack of respect for fellow Officers, I am also angry at his lack of dedication "To Protect and to Serve." I too am a Civil Servant. I am a Paramedic for our City's 911 system. I am also married to a Solo. I would like to respond to some of Officer Ratto's comments. First off, Yes, the Solos are an Elite group. Just like your Swat/Tactical Unit and your Dog Unit and your Horse Unit and your Hondas and your Stations. Yes, the Stations are Elite too. If you have to ask why then Officer Ratto you need to find a new job. As far as your comment about record numbers of red lights and not doing anything else you are correct in the record numbers of red lights and wrong on doing anything else. My husband alone did 307 red light citations in July alone. As far as doing anything else that month, my husband also had felony arrests for outstanding warrants; He had numerous citations for 14601s; He responded to a 211 at a bank and was the first one on the scene (not the

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patrol force); (I remember 101 California where the first units in were two Solos); He was detailed to numerous demonstrations, He had funeral escorts. So you see Officer Ratto, Solos are working out there and are doing more than just "details." You speak of long tedious escorts in your article. They indeed are long and they are beyond tedious. They are dangerous! I question why you think you should get hazard pay when you knew what your job description was when you joined the force. I as a Paramedic have been held at gun point, I have had knives thrown at me, I have been assaulted numerous times, and yet I don't whine about hazard pay. I don't even get to carry a gun like you do. I respond on the domestic violence calls you speak of, very often arriving before you do. Let's be real Officer Ratto, When was the last time you came up on the radio to respond to a 519 report? Sounds like you hate the thought of doing a 519 report so much that you wait until a fellow officer has to come up for the call. You say it takes you four hours to do a 519 report. Maybe you need to take a course at the academy on accident investigation so you can learn how to do the report in a shorter period of time. I know when my husband was working nights (most other jurisdictions don't allow Solos out after dark — hence the hazard pay) he and his fellow officers were often doing 2-3, 519 reports in 2 to 3 hours as they were being called out to other calls. You speak of the work load increasing for the rest of the work force because you are doing a 519 report. Don't blame the Solos for the increased work load. Remember it is you Officer Ratto who is taking the four hours to do the report. Remember too Officer Ratto that the backbone of the Police Force is all the Q2s. If you feel you need hazard pay then maybe you should think about

LETTERS

changing jobs if you feel this one is too hazardous for you. I have a high respect for The San Francisco Police Department and all its officers. They all do their job and do it very well. They all put their lives on the line every time they put on that uniform. After reading your article I have no respect for you as an Officer and I feel like you are a disgrace to the SFPD. In my opinion you have not only put down the Solos but all Police Officers. I don't hear the rest of the force whining about hazard pay. I hear them out there doing their jobs with pride and respect. I also don't think that two months of doing accident investigation qualifies you for the Winged Wheel patches. I think you are more correct in your statement that you deserve a donut with wings! I have attached a copy of where the winged wheel patches came from. In my opinion that patch is an honor and a privilege to wear. Two things in my opinion you don't qualify for.

I hope this gets printed in the Notebook. I think that another opinion besides Officer Ratto's needs to be heard. I also want you to know that my husband had nothing to do with this letter. He probably wouldn't let me send it in if he knew I was writing it. I guess if it does get published in the Notebook I'll have some explaining to do. I just hope that other Officers will read this and realize that we are all overworked in this City and unless we can all work together as a team and stop backstabbing each other, the administrations will continue to overwork us.

Sincerely,
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510 7th St.

Dear Al and Association Members:

On behalf of the Miller family, I am writing to thank you for the beautiful flowers you sent to Bob Miller's memorial service last Sunday.

Your remembrance of Bob is greatly appreciated by us all. Thank you again for your thoughtfulness.

Most Sincerely,
Evelyn Miller

SFPOA
510 7th St.

Dear Members;

Thank you so much for the beautiful flowers you sent for Ray's services and the tremendous support you gave him these past several months. We know that Ray valued his work with you so very much and the tribute you paid to him last April was truly wonderful. With our sincere gratitude and appreciation,

Ray Benson's Family
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Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro:

Thank you so much for the generous donation from the San Francisco Police Officers' Assn. to the Senior Action Network.

Your contribution will help SAN continue our efforts to improve the quality of life for seniors and all San Francisco residents.

Sincerely,
Geraldine G. Earp
President, Senior Action Network

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Al;

On behalf of the San Francisco Police Youth Fishing Program, I would like to thank both you and the POA for your generous contribution towards this years activities. Over the years the POA has joined in an unofficial partnership with our program in helping to provide outdoor activities to local youngsters. The Association's support provides a sizable percent of our annual operating expenses and enables nearly 200 kids to participate in our activities. Our goal of improving the level of understanding between our police officers and kids from our community is greatly enhanced through support such as that from our POA.

Once again, thank you and our Association for your continued support. It is greatly appreciated by our program and enjoyed even more by many local youngsters.

Yours Truly

Captain Larry Minasian
Executive Director
S.F. Police Youth Fishing Program

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA
510 Seventh Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

We would like to thank and acknowledge the donation of \$125.00 for the August student field trip to see the Ringling Brothers, Barnum & Bailey Circus.

The kids really appreciate your donation.

Sincerely,
Ethel Newlin
Program Coordinator
St. John's Educational Thresholds
Center

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Re: *Alexander vs. John Willett et al.*
U.S. District Court N.C. 91-1338
D.L.J.

Dear Ms. Renne:

I would like to bring to your attention the outstanding work performed by two attorneys assigned to your office, Patrick J. Mahoney and Andrew Cuyugan McCullough.

They faced the formidable task of convincing a jury that the Police Department execute an inspection warrant which resulted in the death of an elderly, mentally unstable recluse was reasonable and proper.

Since October 16, 1990, I have second guessed myself about the decisions made on that day. Certainly no officers at the scene prior to entering his house wanted to see any harm come to Mr. Quade.

As the trial approached I was aware that the plaintiffs had a case that could evoke enough sympathy to win over a jury.

I was concerned about the level of expertise and trial experience that the attorney who would be defending me possessed.

Patrick Mahoney somewhat set my mind at ease. He took the time to show me he knew more about the case than I did. He step by step walked me through our trial strategy.

I was convinced he spent a tremendous amount of time in preparation for this trial. However, my apprehension persisted. I had never seen him argue a case before a jury and I knew a courtroom was a lot different than a library.

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Thank you for having this caliber of attorneys on your staff and the money and resources you committed to my defense.

Sincerely,
John E. Willett
Captain of Police
San Francisco Police Department

Mr. Al Trigueiro
President
San Francisco Police Officers' Association
510 7th Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Mr. Trigueiro:

Thank you for your correspondence on behalf of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, supporting Nandor J. Vadas for a judicial appointment.

We are grateful for your views, which we value, and you may be assured that your recommendation will receive careful consideration.

Sincerely,
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Honoring Our Spouses

by **Daniel Hampton**

We need to give honor to our spouses during our October 11th luncheon at the Apostleship of the Sea. I know that each day should be a day of appreciation for them. They support us when our morale is down, help in the raising of our children, provide tender words of love and encouragement, and support our dreams and inspirations for the future. Yes, our loving spouses are a solid foundation which we lean and depend upon. And not only us but our children also. I would like to see many married couples, engaged couples, dating couples, and even singles interested in marriage attend this luncheon. The idea is to give thanks to Almighty God for providing our spouses to us. We must recognize that their commitment to us and our commitment to them is the only way to a more healthy and stable society. I'm tired of hearing the divorce rate is higher among police officers. Let's do something positive to reverse this trend. Let's recognize, honor, and love our spouses not only by bringing them to this luncheon, but through loving words and actions everyday of our lives.

Our special guest speaker will be Police Chaplain Michael Ryan. He has prepared a special message for us. The topic will be, *Police Stress And A Vital Marriage*. Mike has been a police chaplain for our Department for several years. I know his heart identifies with police officers. His concern for our well being and our family life will be reflected in his message. I know you and your spouse will receive special insights regard-

ing marital relationships as he presents his message to us.

I'll need a special favor from all of you this time. To help me partake in the sit down luncheon I'm asking you to please send in your check or cash in advance for this special luncheon. I need a head count way in advance so that Vern, our cook, will know how much food to prepare. All the money collected goes to Vern.

The cost per person is \$10.00. Please make out the check to: Apostleship of the Sea, and send the check to Officer Dan Hampton, Planning Division Room 500, 850 Bryant Street, San Francisco CA, 94103. Please put the name of your spouse, fiancée, fiancé, or friend on your check memo or not when you send in your check. If you pay cash please give it to me personally before the luncheon.

This special luncheon will be held on Wednesday, October 11, 1995, 12:00 P.M. at the Apostleship of the Sea, 399 Fremont (Fremont and Harrison). The theme will be "Honoring Our Spouses". Let's make this a special event. Yours truly will sing a love song or two. I'm praying that you will take the initiative and bring your spouse.

Our luncheon honoring past retired officers was a great success. We had seventy-four persons attending the luncheon. I personally want to thank all the retired members who attended this luncheon. You deserve to be honored. All of us enjoyed the message given by Retired Chief of Police, Thomas J. Cahill. Tom's intimate life story of how God directed his life touched all of our hearts. His sufferings and triumphs in life was summed up by Tom with these words, God was with me. Yes, Tom, God surely is with you and He has blessed you with Felipa your wonderful wife. Felipa ended the meeting with a beautiful poem of faith and love. May such poetry come from the lips of all our wives or spouses. Thank you, Tom and Felipa!

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arrived for a single luncheon although the regular number less than half that many. During those hectic days hundreds of men were sleeping at the AOS and elsewhere at his expense. Three hundred were fed daily. Shipping officials still smile when they relate how the young priest was "dinging" them for supplies to feed the striking seamen from the very vessels that were being struck. His unruly mop of red hair earned him the sotto voce nickname of "Big Red" is less unkempt now and has lost some if its flame. The audacity has not diminished in the two decades that he spent on the waterfront. In recognition of his work with the seamen he was elevated to the rank of Monsignor. His sea going parishioners have no trouble with the less pretentious "Father" and so "Father Matt" he remains through the years.

There is an old analogy not entirely without merit that suggests that seafaring men may drink to excess. Father Matt forestalls this contingency by removing Jack Tar from the source of compulsion. Seamen felt that they had been helped in this problem at the AOS. They utilized the time honored, "tarpaulin muster" to raise funds for down payment of 75 acres of heavily wooded hills. They named it "Fiddler's Green". Father Matt maintains this drying out spot two hours North of San Francisco where those men may recuperate and again be ready to ship out. He was annoyed by the expression "rehabilitation center" as he maintains this a state of mind rather than geography.

Since their men first went to sea, women have petitioned the Creator for their welfare and safe return; it was not until 1921 in Glasgow that the formal step was taken that established the Apostleship of the Sea. Dedicated to the social and spiritual welfare of the merchant sailor it received the immediate support of the Holy Father. He felt directly responsible as seamen could hardly call any diocese their own. Under the jurisdiction of the port visited, they were there for only a brief period of time and a strange language was an added barrier. He placed the seamen under his special jurisdiction. Within ten years the Apostleship of the Sea was carried throughout the world. Today an ample steel and concrete building houses the AOS. The dining room seats at least 500. Sixty men are sleeping in its rooms, dormitories and even below decks club room is being utilized for further accommodations. As no charge is made for its services, funds for its support must come from donations. They come not just from San Francisco but far inland where some man who left the sea carried home tales of this apostolic. Sometimes there is a generous remembrance in the will of a seaman who years before had partaken of the hospitality. The National Conference is generous and there is always that long suffering Men's Group who view with resignation the approach of Father Matt and reach for their wallets.

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Many of the local unions were prevailed upon to ask their members to donate time on weekends and they responded with great generosity. This was an unprecedented example of cooperation between management and labor, since the contractors had to agree to the arrangement.

Construction was joyfully begun in 1960 and was completed in September of 1962. Father Matt lived and worked there until 1979 when he was called by God to his final Port of Call. He left behind him not only many wonderful memories but a legacy of loving care to the merchant seamen of the world. His memory lives on not only in our hearts but in the building itself, "THE HOUSE THAT MATT BUILT".

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to Inspector Thomas Vigo and Monsignor John Heaney who without their assistance, the story of Matthew "Big Red" Connolly could not have been told.

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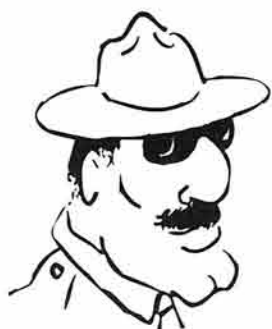
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PAL Vipers Shine on Don's Home court by Bob Twomey, Director

Memorial Gymnasium: Record numbers of kids were drawn to the University of San Francisco Memorial Gymnasium this summer to watch the inaugural season of SF PAL Viper Summer League. Games were well attended by players from throughout the Western Addition. The competition was fierce as our boys and girls put into action the fundamentals they were learning during the SF PAL Viper Camp. Loren Moyer and Barbara Moore displayed their officiating skills. The teams used a combination of zone and man-to-man defenses to stifle their opponents. Stellar individual performances were put in by some of the seventh graders but many fifth and sixth graders had memorable games. There were even a couple of third and fourth graders who ventured in and played, and for the most part, holding their own against the bigger, faster players. A highlight of the league was a visit by Florida State Assistant Coach Robert McCullum.

The San Francisco Police Activities League and Hayes Valley Vipers Athletics would like to thank Ndidi Opia, Director of Operations at USF, for her help in making this league happen. She personally opened the gym and stayed to help with the clock.

Plans are underway for out players and coaches to visit with the Dons during the regular season. All SF PAL Viper Camp participants are welcome to any USF Dons home games.

Choose Your Poison at SF PAL Viper Camp

Margaret Hayward Playground: Hoops or hoofs, computer screens or backside picks, SF PAL Viper Camp has it all. From early June until late August, children of the Hayes Valley and the Western Addition participated in a unique summer program combining soccer, basketball, computers and drug prevention.

Hayes Valley Vipers coaches Dennis Brady and Jack Contreras were joined by local soccer legends Jose DeAraujo, Gus Eadie and Toby Rappolt, bringing the best in local youth instruction to Hayward Playground. Boys and girls participated in drills and scrimmages, honing their skills for the upcoming fall season. The variety of coaching techniques gave the kids an opportunity to experience various styles of play. Big hits were the snacks and T-shirts provided by the guest coaches.

Bob Twomey, who directs the program, shared his ten years of coaching experience with the boys and girls on the blacktop. Barbara Moore

and Loren Moyer of John Muir School led activities ranging from 3 on 3 games to "dirty hunch." Three point shoot-outs were not uncommon and shouts of glee could be heard throughout the neighborhood when play heated up. Team play led by Coach Currington on Wednesdays offered a change from the pickup game atmosphere at the end of the week. Teams are now forming for the fall SF PAL.


Martin Mansman and his volunteer crew at the Buchanan YMCA Learning Center opened new avenues for the sport-oriented participants. Computer games, creative writing and hands on computer use has expanded the minds of the camp goers.

Visits by SFPD officers and their animal "partners" have certainly spiced up the program. Officers Brian

Delahunty, Bob Guillermo and "Illo" gave a stirring demonstration of attack dog techniques. Many camp participants were surprised to learn that Illo goes home with Officer Brian every night and is a family pet. In August, Officer Barry Cooper and his partner "tom" of the SFPD Mounted Patrol gave camp attendees the unique opportunity to have a ride on a police horse. Many of the kids had never ridden before and it was quite a sight. Barry also gave a presentation on child safety. One child exclaimed, "wow Tom and Jerry are pretty cool" ... That's Barry, Barry! We would like to extend our thanks to the many volunteers who gave freely of their time. A special thanks to Officer Colleen Fatooh. Thank you all!!!

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The Spectator

by Dennis Bianchi

Joe Carroll

For the last several years the SFPD has been represented by fewer and fewer runners at local races. In the past this Department would have ten or more runners at the San Francisco Fire Firefighter's "Hook & Ladder" run, held every summer in Golden Gate Park. This year there were three that I know of, one a retired inspector, and there was a conversation I overheard that one woman officer ran, but I didn't see her or get her name. I can only apologize if more of you ran than I saw or heard about. All of that aside, young Joe "The Jet" Carroll was the first police officer to cross the finish line, running the 10K in 49 minutes. This improved his past time by over one minute and he looks like he will be improving with each race. He sure kicked my butt! After a four-year absence, and with inspiration coming from all angles, I entered and completed a 10K race. I've got to tell you something; races are fun! I'm overweight and slow but I made my goal time, had some laughs, met some very fine people and forced myself to get out on the roads and trails and train. It's a good thing I did some training because running that day was retired Inspector Mike Shubin. Not everyone reading this knows Mike, but those of you who do probably remember his fierce competitive spirit. He hasn't changed. It took me five miles to catch him, and I wasn't going to let him know I was passing him because it would have only made him run harder.

I truly recommend finding a local race, set yourself a goal time, (don't be too ambitious — something within reach is all that is necessary) and then go do it. You will have yourself a great time. And next year, plan on running the "Hook & Ladder." Maybe you can catch Joe "The Jet" Carroll. The race director, Jim Gallagher, puts on one hell of a good race.

Morgan Peterson

Morgan Peterson was always successful at any athletic endeavor he took on, especially as he aged. Well, since retiring to San Diego, where he is a professor at a junior college in the area, he continues his successful ways. He entered the Donner Triathlon and, although 61 years old, he had to compete in the 50-59 age group. It was no problem for Morgan, however, and he came in second. He also entered the Carlsbad 5,000 meters and then decided running around wasn't enough of an adrenaline rush, so he did some automobile racing at Laguna Seca. Some guys really know how to retire, don't they?

Well, I thought I would leave you with some future running dates, just in case you become motivated. This September 24 is the Lifespan-Run Across the Bay Bridge. Yep. You get to run across the Bay Bridge as the upper deck is closed to traffic for a while. I'll be reporting next month on this race, not because I'll be running in it but because other Department members will be. Why don't you join them? Also, on October 1 is the yearly running of the Bridge to Bridge, a race that usually rewards all of the runners with plenty of goodies at the end.

See you next month with some more, but in the mean time, go do it!

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Loon's Nest Report

by Ed Garcia, Co. E

Gary Lorin Burns Up Course In Summer Golf Classic

On July 12th, the Loon's Nest Golf Club traveled to Franklin Canyon Golf Course for the fifth edition of the Summer Golf Classic. Upon our arrival we found good weather and a course in good shape. All the ingredients were there for a fine tournament, although the Loons had no idea what the day would hold. As players warmed up on the practice range, a new member had arrived for his first Loon tournament and he was ready to play. Rookie Gary Lorin of Co. E, (son of veteran Loon, Lt. Bruce Lorin of permits) started his round off with a birdie on the first hole, as current club champion Mike Renteria and former club champ Mike Dudoroff watched the rookie's opening hole. Lorin went on to also birdie the 2nd and 9th holes, posting a one under par 35 on the front nine. As Lorin checked the leader board at the turn, he found himself five strokes ahead of Steve Landi, who had posted a 40 and six strokes ahead of Renteria, Glenn Mar and Ed Garcia, who all made the turn at 41 strokes. Renteria turned his game on for the back side, getting a birdie on the 14th hole en route to a 37 on the back nine. Lorin ran into three bogies on the back side, but finished the last three holes in par,

birdie, par for a 38, giving Gary an outstanding round of 73. This is one stroke off the club record set by former club champion Mike Yee, who had posted an even par 72 in tournament play in 1991. Current club champ Mike Renteria finished with a 78 for 2nd low gross in the first flight, followed by Steve Landi of Co. A, who posted a 79. Warren Omholt fired a 38 on the backside to finish with an 80.

In first flight low net, Warren "The Big Bopper" Omholt had a sizzling net 66 to finish one stroke ahead of Jeff Dort and two strokes ahead of juvenile's Perry Morris. Warren also unloaded a super drive of 283 yards on the 15th hole to win the long drive contest. Warren is also a previous long drive winner. They don't call him "The Big Bopper" for nothing.

In second flight low gross, Armondo Chang came with his mind made up and fired an 88 to beat second place finisher Rich Daniele by four strokes. Bob Voeth came in third with a 93, one strong behind Daniele. It should be noted that Armondo Chang started off his round with a triple bogie 8 on the first hole. Instead of getting mad, he buckled down and started playing good golf en route to a fine victory.

Second flight low net saw Larry Mack fire a blistering net 66, taking the trophy by three strokes over Frank Machi of Co. A. Frank posted a net 69 to beat Earl "The Pear" Wismer of Fraud by three strokes. In route to his victory, Larry Mack made natural par on seven holes. Combined with his current 24 handicap he ran away with the prize.



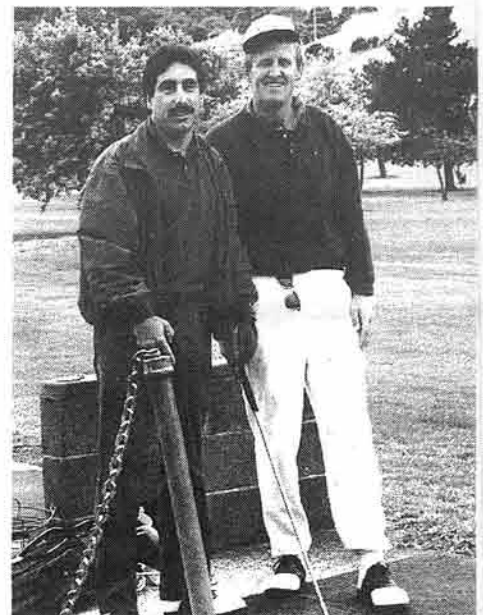
Chang and Omholt, Trophy winners



Anzore and Parenti

The two winners in "Closest to the Hole" play were Rich Daniele of Co. M and Bill Roualdes of Co. E. Roualdes put a tee shot within 5'6" of the hole on the 17th hole. Rich Daniele found his ball just under 14 feet from the hole on the fourth hole, which measures 183 yards. It was a good day for Rich Daniele, as he took home a trophy, two dozen new balls and a very nice side pot.

Our next tournament will be the 9th edition of the club championship, which will be played at Oakhurst G.C. in Clayton. Please get your entries in early for this event, which will include golf, cart, range balls, tees prizes, prizes and prime rib dinner. We hope to see you there.



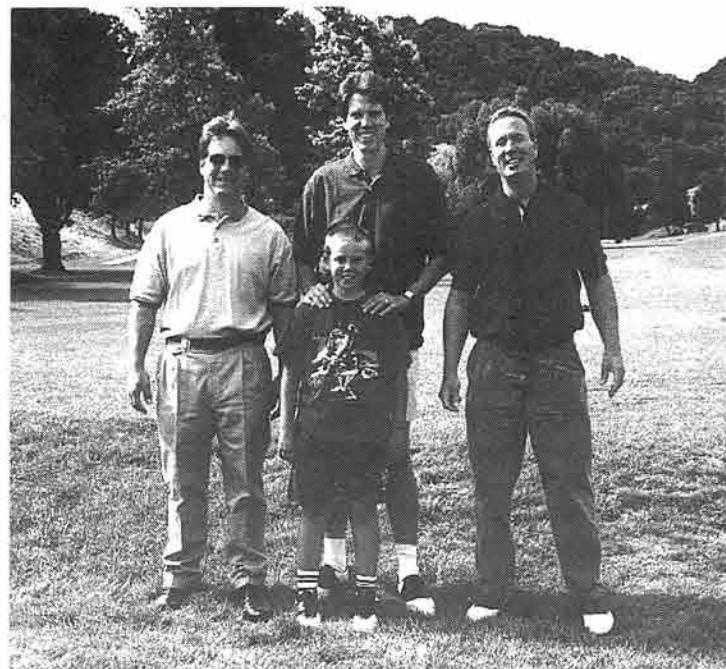
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SFPD Special Operations Division Housing Task Force

January 7, 1995, the San Francisco Police Department's Housing Task Force (commander Richard Holder, Commanding Officer), in conjunction with The Mayor's Office of Children, Youth and Their Families (Anthony Lincoln, Director), O.M.I. Community Association (Darleen Franklin, Director), Ella Hill Hutch Community Center (Leonard "Lefty" Gordon, Director) presented a 12 week educational, conditioning and training program, for children at risk boys and girls ages 6-12.

Commander Richard Holder requested a program that would serve as a balance between the SFPD Police Department's Housing Task Force and San Francisco's nineteen Public Housing sites. Officer Billy Ray Smith, Housing Task Force Division, was appointed as the program coordinator and over 75 youth applied to the program.

Each Saturday, at 0800, from January 7 to March 25, 1995, breakfast was served, followed by a selected workshop. Several locations within San Francisco were used as training sites, including the beach.

After the workshops the children entered the conditioning and training session. Officer Billy Ray Smith, a certified (10 years) United States of America Track and Field (USAT&F) youth coach included the techniques of running. "The workshops prepared and conditioned the mind for additional knowledge. Running and jumping condition the body for the children to become well-rounded. The children had a grand time, because the play area environments were controlled. There were no speeding cars, no drive by shootings, just a safe area to play, grown and have fun". During the techniques of running session, several individuals demonstrated very good skills in running and jumping. Several children performed extremely well at the national level of the individual age group. "With a few added skills, several children could compete nationally."

The program concluded with a track meet, "The Second Annual 100 Meters Championship". Approximately 700 youth from the Bay Area, Stockton, Sacramento and USAT&F Pacific Associations' track clubs were entered into the track meet, which included sixty-three youths from the educational program. After the track meet the San Francisco Striders Track Club was formed. An application was filed and accepted by USA Track & Field, Pacific Association.

The USAT&F Pacific Association's schedule started on March 11 and

ended on July 30 with the National Championship in San Jose. Each weekend the youth were invited to a track meet in Northern or Central California. The youth visited some of the most prestigious colleges and universities in California and this nation. During these track meets several of the team members qualified for the 18th Annual International Track City Classic Track Meet. This meet was held July 20-23 at the University of Oregon in Eugene, Oregon. The team returned with four first place awards, one second place award, two fourth place awards, three fifth place awards, one sixth place award and one eighth place award.

On July 27, nine members arrived at the 1995 USA Track and Field Junior Olympic National Championship. The meet was held from July 27-30, 1995 at San Jose City College. The nine members returned with the following results:

100 meters: Eric Wright, boys 9-10, 4th place, time: 13.49 seconds;
100 meters: Brenton Casteel, boys 9-10, 6th place, time: 13.53 seconds;
800 meters: Arthur Higgins, boys 9-10, 25th place, time: 2 mins, 31 seconds;

Shot Put: Calvin Bishop, boys 9-10, 30th place, distance 20 feet, 4 inches;

4 x 100 meters relay: boys 9-10, 2nd place, time: 53.91 seconds, Brenton Casteel, Eric Wright, Arthur Higgins and Olatunji Richards;

4x400 meters relay: boys 9-10, 10th place, time: 4 mins. 34 seconds, Arthur Higgins, Eric Wright, Olatunji Richards and Brenton Casteel;

Long Jump: Sharonda Robinson, girls 11-12, 2nd place distance, 15' 10";

4 x 100 meters relay: girls 11-12, 5th fastest time, 51.80 seconds, Felecia Johnson, Latalia Goins, Sharonda Robinson and Lillian Dunn.

Because of the program's success, fourteen additional weeks of workshops have been added. The 1995-96 Educational, Conditioning and Training will start Oct. 7, 1997 and end July 26, 1996 at The 1996 USA Track and Field Junior Olympic National Championship, University of Houston, Houston, Texas".

Mail your contribution to: O.M.I. Community Association/San Francisco Striders Track Club, PO Box 34514, San Francisco, CA 94134.

For additional information on the educational program and track club contact: Officer Billy Ray Smith, SFPD Special Operations Division/Housing Task Force 553-9755.

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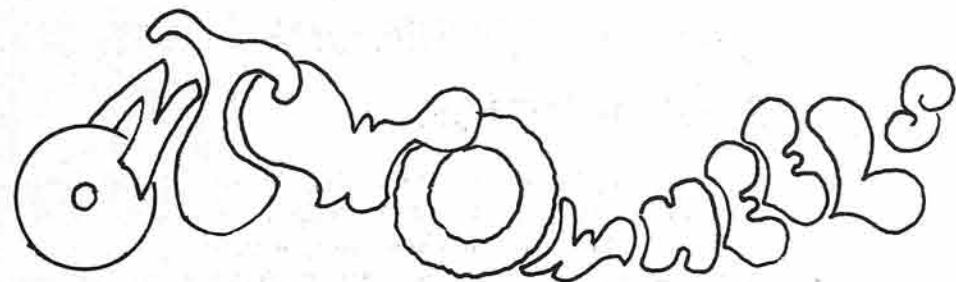
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SPORTS



by Rene LaPrevotte

Saturday, July 29th, Mike Favetti of Potrero Station and I rode to Sacramento for the second annual Police Memorial Ride hosted by the Sacramento Sheriff's Department. Saturday night saw a party for all in attendance.

Sunday morning the riders, all 789 of us, met at the Police Memorial at the state capitol. We listened to a few speakers thanking our brother and sister officers who made the ultimate sacrifice as we walked about the bronze statue which bears the names of every California police officer killed in the line of duty. I saw far too many familiar names, John Blessing... Jim Guelff... and as I thought about how their lives were cut terribly short, I glanced over to a near-by park bench, and there sat a bronze statue of a weeping wife holding a small infant as she watched over the memorial. I had to walk away, hoping Mike didn't see the tears welling-up in my eyes.

At 1100 A.M. the bikes fired-up, one by one until the entire Capitol Mall shook with the staccato din of nearly eight hundred motorcycles of all description. Riders dressed in leathers, jeans, shorts, heavy black boots and tennis shoes from all walks of life filed out of the capitol, two abreast, escorted by the Sacramento P.D. and Sac S.O. as well as the C.H.P. while all traffic was halted for our departure. As we entered I-50 Eastbound, the C.H.P. had all freeway traffic stopped for our grand entrance onto the freeway. Once our convoy was safely on the freeway, I found myself mid-pack with motorcycles in front of me as far as I could see, and behind me to the vanishing point as well. Traffic on all the overpasses on Highway 50 stopped as motorists got out of the cars and waved at the passing motorcycles until their arms tired. Several of the motorists waved the American flag as we passed below. Our group was escorted by uniformed Sacramento P.D. and S.O. solos as we cruised Easterly. Just above Kyburz at Strawberry we stopped at the picnic area

where we were treated to a BBQ chicken dinner, and listened to a crusty band called the "Beer Dawgs" who looked like the concert might have been a condition of probation. To my surprise the band was excellent, something of a "ZZ Top" take-off right down to the tattoos and long straight beards. Raffles of donated gifts were held between sets and all funds raised went to maintaining the Police Memorial. One highlight was a cut-throat bidding war for a Jerry Rice autographed football that sold for seven hundred dollars, bid by a Sacramento area business man. As the day continued, groups of riders departed several at a time, until Mike and I decided it was time to head back to the home of Assistant Sacramento District Attorney Nina Salerno, whose father, Mike owns Andre's T.V. near our credit union on Irving Street. Nina, Mike and I in the company of some seriously crusty looking Sac County narcs (on Harleys of course) made it to "Poor Reds

Bar-B-Que in Placerville for ribs and libations, then back to Nina's in Sacramento.

Next year the Police Memorial Ride promises to be even bigger, with a target of a THOUSAND riders, and with your help it will happen. The pace is slow, the weather perfect, the food and entertainment first rate and camaraderie so thick you can taste it. Try to make it next year... for Jim and John and Isiah and the others.

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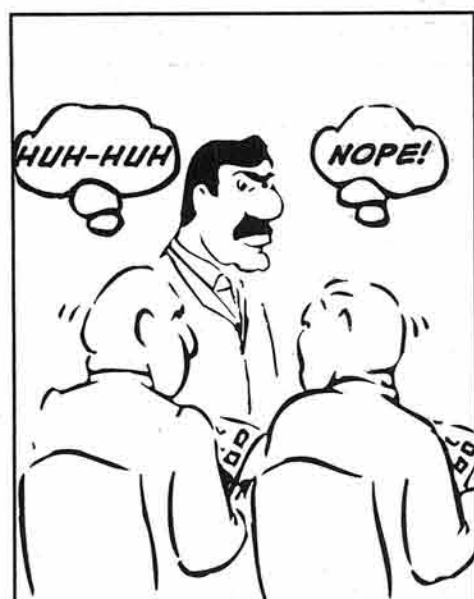
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ON THE STREET/ Tom Flippin



Funny ... But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



Robert Moore, from Independence, Kansas, ran afoul of the law after he attacked Main Street from the cockpit of his light aircraft. Residents of the peaceful little town were rightfully outraged when Moore bombed them with several rolls of toilet paper. Police apprehended him and charged him with flying an aircraft while under the influence of alcohol. Moore ended up being acquitted of that charge but **was** convicted of littering! Judge Russell Canady promptly gave him the maximum sentence...60 days in jail.

The cops in Syracuse, NY were more than a little upset with Philip Whaley when they took him into custody at last, but at the same time they were very appreciative of his thoughtfulness. Whaley, 42, had led them on a long pursuit that went all over Syracuse and two other nearby towns. However, a police spokesman said that he never went faster than 50 miles per hour and always signaled well before making any turns. The authorities were not so appreciative that they failed to charge him with grand larceny, drunk driving and many more traffic violations.

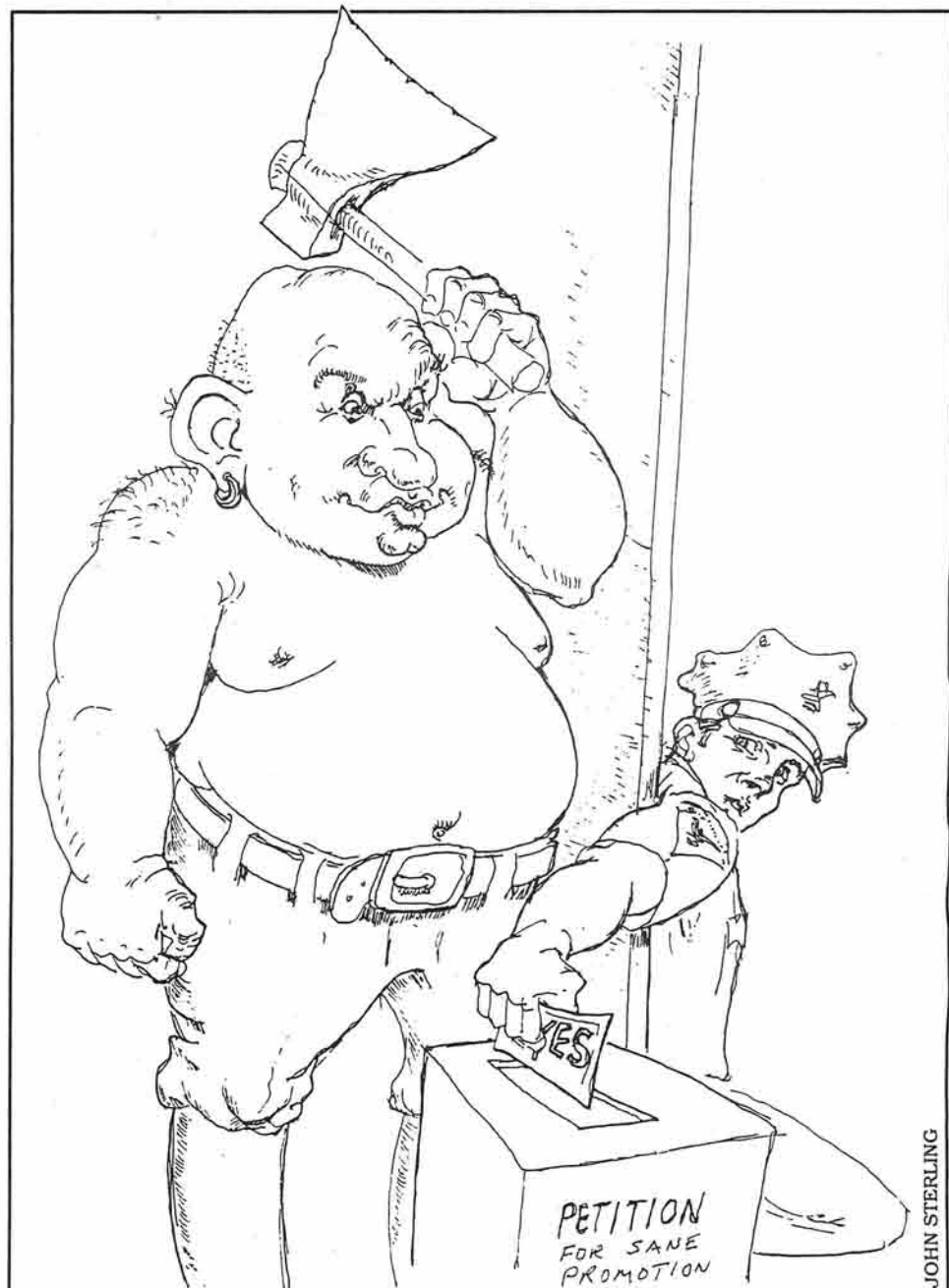
Company B's Officers Tong, Singer, Lafin, and Miller recently busted a marijuana dealer in the Civic Center area. They were standing there with their new prisoner...in handcuffs...being assisted by two Federal officers...in uniform...at about one o'clock in the afternoon, when they were approached by the world's dumbest doper. Bennie Lee Sowell walked up to Singer and Tong and asked if they had any "mota". The SF cops all looked at each other...then looked at the two federal cops...in uniform. One of whom was still holding onto the dealer they'd arrested first. Then the eager buyer says, "Come on, man...I'll give you nine dollars for a bag!" Officer Tong handed

"The Dope" a baggie of marijuana that he'd gotten off the first guy they arrested, and "The Dope" handed Officer Singer some cash. The two then placed a "bewildered" dope fiend under arrest...after the cops had all stopped laughing, no doubt.

A couple of Florida kids proved to all concerned that they definitely hadn't completely learned their lesson when they came out of a Florida courtroom recently. The two juveniles were leaving a court hearing where they were held to answer for 25 counts of car theft. Since the wayward tikes needed a ride home for themselves and two other friends, they knew just what to do. Unfortunately for them, they got their "ride" by stealing a car parked near the courtroom...a car belonging to a police detective. The detective noticed his loss, and a high speed chase ensued. They crashed the detective's car and were captured. Undoubtedly, the incident will reflect a trifle unfavorably on their claims of innocence on the other 25 charges of car theft.

Cops in Oroville were called to a local Neighborhood Watch meeting not long ago...but it wasn't to make speeches or advise residents on safety issues. It seems that Nanci Miller, an Oroville resident had decided to get involved in making her neighborhood safer after her house was burglarized. When she attended her very first Neighborhood Watch meeting, she noticed that the hostess was wearing one of her dresses...taken in the recent burglary. She thereupon began to wander around the house and found the rest of the furniture and household goods stolen from her. She surreptitiously called the Oroville police who responded and gave the meeting a fine demonstration of law enforcement in action as they arrested and hauled away the host and hostess.

This one is courtesy of "True Scoop", a column in the San Diego POA's paper *The Informant*. It isn't even about law enforcement, either...but it was just too good for me to pass up. So this one's for all you "jakies" reading FBT. A recent fire in Elko, Nevada got a great turnout. The fire was only a two-alarm blaze, but three crews showed up from Elko, two units with full crews of volunteers made it from the Spring Creek Volunteer Fire Department, more units showed up from Carlin, and several different crews and rigs of Nevada's Division of Forestry responded to the scene. Oh, yeah...the fire?...it was at Inez's D&D Bar and Brothel on the outskirts of Elko.



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