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President's Column

by Chris Cunnie, SFPOA President

When Al Trigueiro resigned on Thursday, December 12, 1996, I assumed the presidency of our 2,000 member association. Although I did not anticipate being in this position when I was elected as Vice-President last year, I feel prepared to meet the challenge.

I joined the Police Department in 1980. In my 17 years on the force, I have worked at Mission, Southern, Park and Central Stations and the Stress Unit. I have worked every watch and a wide variety of Details, and I believe being a police officer in San Francisco is the most vitally important and challenging job in this city.

One of my goals as President is to bring the POA back to basics. When it comes to the SFPD, there is only one color, and that color is blue. Whether you work in patrol, as an inspector, in an exempt rank or on special assignment, we are all part of San Francisco's finest, and we need to maintain that pride and professionalism which sets us apart.

There are several important issues and goals facing us in the upcoming year that I want to address.

First of all, we have our contract negotiation re-opener this month. Gary Delagnes has been appointed the POA's chief negotiator. Gary has a proven track record as an effective negotiator, and he has a history of service and dedication to the association that is unmatched. I will oversee the negotiations, and I intend to provide Gary and the members of the Negotiations Committee the support necessary to get the job done.

In addition to his duties on the negotiations committee, Gary has agreed, at my request, to return to the Vice-President's post on an interim basis. Gary's father passed away recently and he has been, understandably, spending more time with his family. If Gary chooses to step down from the vice-presidency after the negotiations are settled, I will respect his decision.

We are also planning to return to the ballot with a proposal to improve the Tier II Retirement System. This ballot measure will mirror the Firefighter's Proposition D, essentially a 2 percent at 50 upgrade. In hindsight, we know that the language of Proposition E was too complex and confused many voters. But we also know that the voters of San

Francisco did not reject Proposition E because of our involvement. San Francisco voters will support their police officers at the ballot box if we present them with a straightforward ballot measure. Like most of you, I am a member of the Tier II Retirement System. We simply cannot allow ourselves, and our families, to settle for anything less than the upgraded retirement package we rightfully deserve. Toward this end, I have been gathering support from Labor Unions and the Board of Supervisors. I will be meeting with the leaders of the Committee on Jobs as well. But the real campaign is already on the street. There are 2,000 campaigners out there. Every time a police officer talks to a citizen, helps someone or attends a community meeting, they are representing the entire department and what we stand for. San Franciscans rely on us to provide them with a safe and secure place to live. They appreciate our work. You, the members of this association, are our most valuable political resource.

The POA's affiliation with SEIU is another major issue facing us this year. The benefits of union affiliation are not always tangible. Affiliation gives us significant leverage in negotiating contracts, lobbying City Hall and Sacramento and preparing for ballot measures. Our members will have an opportunity to vote on our union affiliation. Our membership will be provided with views from all sides, pro and con, before the vote takes place. Organized labor in San Francisco still carries significant political influence. I believe we can accomplish our goals and still maintain a solid working relationship with our allies in the labor force.

The Association's financial situation is also of major concern. We have never, in the history of the POA, had the number of disciplinary cases we have had in the past year. We have never before faced such a critical need for criminal defense nor such an extensive need for legal representation during administrative proceedings. Although the Proposition E campaign was paid for primarily by the member assessment, there were some lesser secondary costs incurred by the campaign as well. However, these costs did not cause any significant strain on the Association's finances. We absorbed

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Contract Re-Opener

by Gary Delagnes, Vice-President

There has been much talk recently about our contract re-opener, which is scheduled to commence January 15th, 1997. We have heard the concerns of our members and will do our best to address those concerns in the negotiations.

The original purpose of the re-opener language was to have a fall back position if Proposition "E" failed at the ballot. As we all know, we took a thorough beating on Proposition "E", and we now return to the table to negotiate "alternative benefits," as it is written in the MOU.

We have already agreed on a re-opener date of January, 1999 to re-negotiate salary increases for the following two fiscal years. The spirit of this re-opener was to seek an alternative to the Tier 2 pension by exploring options such as trust funds, deferred compensation, and annuity plans that would close the gap which an inadequate pension creates. We are now considering our option of again going back to the ballot for pension upgrades in lieu of the aforementioned events. We think that a "Prop. D" type initiative will be successful, but our timing will be critical.

Regardless of what we decide to do at the ballot box, we believe that there are other things that we can negotiate and are viable in a re-opener that can enhance our members' total compensation package. It is important for the City to realize that even if we are able to obtain a Tier "2" upgrade, we still trail many cities in California in our total compensation package, and we intend to address that, not only in our January, 1997 re-opener, but also in our salary re-opener in 1999.

In 1988, we were 92nd in the state in total compensation for police officers. With the help of our collective bargaining measure, we are now in the top 50...our goal is to be in the top 10 by the year 2000. We have made great strides, and we will use this re-opener and the one in 1999 to complete our goals.

At the same time this POA administration will always regard upgrading the Tier 2 retirement system as our number one priority. We will not rest until that mission is accomplished. We have to prioritize our goals and be reasonable in our expectations. If the membership can be patient a little longer, I am confident we will accomplish all of our goals.

Treasurer's Report

by Chuck Limbert, Treasurer

There is no one more optimistic over the coming New Year than me. We incurred, during 1996, major financial costs due to the extensive legal representation we provided our members in both the criminal as well as the administrative forum.

The Harrison Street case, the Aaron Williams case, two major criminal trials, multiple Police Commission hearings as well as numerous Management Control Division and OCC investigations taxed our resources to the limit.

1997, however, will allow us the opportunity to recoup and with the current investment schedule I have set up, **we will be free of debt within 8 months.** (Not bad, considering the fact that we are currently providing a criminal defense team of outstanding attorneys for three of our members in trial at a projected cost of \$150,000.00.)

It took me a great deal of time to modernize our present accounting system to more accurately reflect where we stand financially and, I can assure you, 1997 will be a much better year.

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by Pres. M. Sullivan at 2:07 p.m. Wednesday, December 18, 1996 in Conference Room, Ingleside.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: V.P.R. Milon excused. All other Officers present with members A. Aguilar, R. Crosat, L. Duffy, D. Fontana, J. Garrity & O. Guinther.

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

NEW MEMBERS: Motion McKee/2nd Forench that following be accepted as New Members: LOUIS BARBARINI, EDWARD CLARK, GEORGE FERRAEZ, BRIAN HOPKINS, EDWARD HUNT, WENDY HURLEY, KEVIN KNOBLE, BRIAN LUJAN, DAVID MARON, ANDREW MEEHAN, HOPE NECHUTA, ROBERT NG, BASSEY OBOT, ERIC PEREZ, CATHERINE SCHIFER, DIAN X HA, PAUL YEP — APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS: Following donations received and acknowledged by Secretary: LAYTON DUFFY: in memory of David Sheehan, MRS. FORWARD — for members of Taraval helping locate her lost father; MR./MRS. FRANK BARNES — in memory of Kari Johnson; all the following in memory of INSPECTOR EDWARD TANK — MAURICE & EMILY WEINGER, MR./MRS. T. VIGO, JERRY & BARBARA LAKOS, MARILYN KARCZEWSKI, JEAN & SARAH HAR, CHARLES HUDSPETH, MR./MRS. J. PRENTICE & LINDA BICKEL, MARIANNE ROCHE & PEGGY, JUSTIN & VINCENT HOLMES, LANA & HOWARD GOODMAN.

Treas. Parenti presented usual bills — benefits, salaries, taxes, computer cost, etc. APPROVED.

Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths: GERALD D. MAHONEY: Born in San Francisco in 1923, Jerry joined the Department in 1954, age 31, after working as a teamster. From the Academy to Taraval 2 years, Central 3 years, Taraval until appointed Sergeant in 1967 and assigned to Communications. He remained there

until appointed Lieutenant in 1980, assigned to Taraval, where he remained until his retirement for service in 1982, age 59. He received the following awards: 1959 — 2nd Grade for disarming an insane man who was threatening others with a rifle; 1971 — Bronze Medal for rescuing occupants of a burning auto, which could explode at any time. Jerry was 73 when he passed away.

DAVID SHEEHAN: Born in San Francisco in 1933, Dave worked as a fingerprint technician before joining the Department in 1957, age 24. From the Academy to Bureau of Identification. After five years he was transferred to Co K — Accident Bureau. Appointed a Sergeant in 1970, Dave went on the Solo Motorcycle Detail where he remained until appointed a Lieutenant in 1983, assigned to Richmond, from where he retired on Service in 1985 age 58.

JOHN M. O'CONNOR: Another San Franciscan. Born 1928, he was a tractor driver before becoming a member of the Department in 1950, age 21. From the Academy to Ingleside for a year. Granted Military Leave from 1951-53, John returned to duty at Park. There for 2 years he was transferred to Southern for a year, Richmond 3 years, Northern 1 year, then short stays at Park, Mission, Southern until appointed a Sergeant in 1976. John was then again, had short visits to Ingleside, Park, Southern. His final stop was Ingleside from where he retired on Disability in 1978, age 49. He was awarded the following: 1956 — 2nd Grade for arrest and disarming of a Narcotic and robbery suspect; 1958 — C/C arrest of 5 burglary suspects; 1975 — Bronze for arrest of armed robbery suspect. John was 69 at the time of his death.

EDWARD TANK: Born in San Francisco in 1941, Ed was a student and working as a Parking Control officers before becoming a member of the Department. From the Academy to Northern. Granted Military Leave for 22 weeks, Ed returned to Northern, staying there for 6 years. He was then assigned to Bureau of Inspectors, becoming an Assistant Inspec-

tor in 1970 while working in Burglary. Appointed a Full Inspector in 1977, Ed went to Homicide where he was working when his death occurred at age 55. He received the following awards: 1968 — 3rd Grade for arrest of 2 suspects, one of whom had pulled a gun, but was disarmed; 1969 — 3rd Grade for arrest of armed Narco & Burglary suspect; 1970 — 3rd Grade arrest of armed robbery suspect; 1970 — Bronze for arrest and disarming of 2 burglary suspects; 1970 — C/C arrest of homicide suspect wanted by Fresno Police; 1971 — Bronze Medal for arrest on a warrant and disarming of a suspect with an automatic weapon; 1974 — for arrest & disarming of a felon who had escaped from Michigan prison; 1980 — Silver for shoot-out with robbery suspect, an ex-felon, resulting in the death of the suspect.

JULIUS VON NOTTITZ: Born in San Francisco in 1908, Julius was the owner of a German restaurant, when he decided to become a Police Officer in 1942, age 34. From the Academy to Taraval for 9 years, then to the Police Academy, teaching and involved in background investigations. He retired from the Academy for Service in 1967, age 59. Julius missed his 88th birthday by one day.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Bricker (B of A) reviewed the portfolio — stocks down slightly thus showing a slight loss for the month. Bonds redemption out 3-1/2 years with current yield of 6.65%. Expects no increase in interest rate. Corporations will be up about 8% in 1997. No recommendations at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treas.

reported the computer and software etc. had been picked up and was at the office. Waiting for printer installation. Probably the program will be set up by the Accounting firm.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS: There being no nominations from the floor, and no contest for any of the offices, motion Jeffery/2nd Crosat that the nominated officers be duly elected. Approved. OFFICERS FOR 1997: PRESIDENT — ROBERT KURPINKSY (Retired), VICE PRESIDENT — FRANK FORENCICH (Retired), TRUSTEES — DAVID FONTANA (Honda), JOHN J. GARRITY (Northern), GEORGE JEFFERY (Retired), SECRETARY — ROBERT MCKEE (Retired).

NEW BUSINESS: Bro. Sturken suggested in the near future that a committee be appointed to find suitable quarters for new equipment. Possible flat with an office below.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Sullivan set next regular monthly meeting for 2 p.m. Wednesday, January 15, 1997 in Conference Room, Ingleside Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 p.m. in memory of the above departed Brothers.

Fraternally,
Robert J. McKee, Secretary

IN ANNUAL LETTER THERE WILL BE A MEMBERSHIP FORM, WHICH EVERY MEMBER MUST FILL OUT AND RETURN ASAP. THESE ARE NEEDED TO UPDATE OUR RECORDS IN ACCORD WITH NEW GOVERNMENT REGULATIONS.

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PRESIDENT

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our major costs from criminal and administrative issues. We are committed to providing our members with the best possible legal representation in these cases and consider that to be one of the POA's primary responsibilities. Despite these rising expenses, we are maintaining a steady course toward balancing our financial picture. Chuck Limbert, our Treasurer, has computerized our entire accounting system, outlining areas where cost cutting adjustments may need to be made. Chuck's expertise will also allow us an immediate view of the long-range impact of all proposed expenditures.

Kathy Mahoney, our in-house counsel, will continue to handle as many of our disciplinary cases as she can, in addition to serving as the association's general counsel. Another one of our great resources is POA Secretary Steve Johnson. Steve devotes a tremendous amount of his own time to representing our members. He handles everything from OCC and MCD interviews to Chief's hearings and grievances. We are also fortunate to have an outstanding group of dedicated POA representatives on our Board of Directors. The competence of our representatives is well established and demonstrated by the fact that the OCC can sustain only 6% of the thousands of complaints filed against our officers. However, as recent history shows, situations may arise where multiple charges are brought against several officers. In these cases, additional attorneys may need to be hired. We will continue our practice of hiring attorneys who are proven professionals capable of providing our members with the type of quality legal

representation that they deserve. Defending our reputations and careers is worth the investment.

Our relationship with the current administration at the Hall of Justice is a good one. I have both personal and professional respect for Chief Fred Lau and his command staff. I believe we have a solid working relationship. Although I don't expect that we will agree on every issue, we can be assured of a cooperative approach on the part of this Administration. I recently met with Deputy Chief John Willet regarding a matter of officer safety, and he addressed the issue immediately. We are currently working on several pending grievances which we expect to see resolved soon.

Being President of the POA is a challenging responsibility which includes a wide variety of obligations. In the upcoming months, I will be preparing for meet and confer sessions over new general orders, overseeing the January/97 contract talks, meeting with the members of the Police Commission and Board of Supervisors, attending the Federal Litigation Committee meetings, preparing for life after the Consent Decree, and ensuring full community and political support for the ballot measure to improve Tier II.

It is important to me that you know my first priority will always be representation of this Association's members. This is your POA. Your priorities and goals will determine our agenda. I'm looking forward to visiting each station and meeting with as many of you as I can to discuss your concerns, answer your questions and keep you informed. I encourage all members to get involved in your Association's activities. We know there is a wealth of untapped talent within our membership, and we welcome your help.

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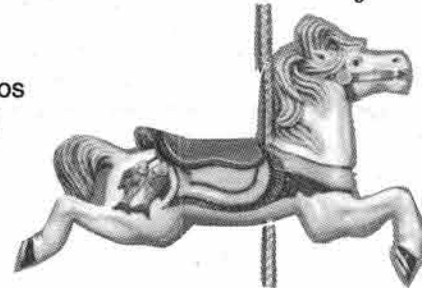
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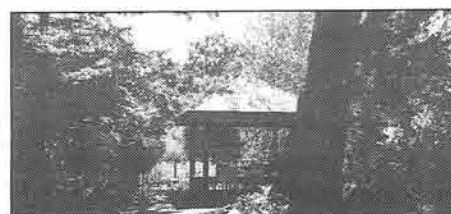
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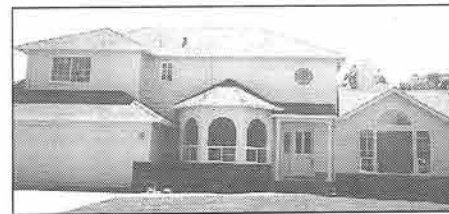
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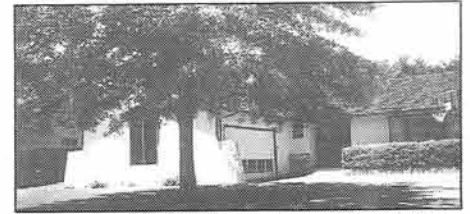
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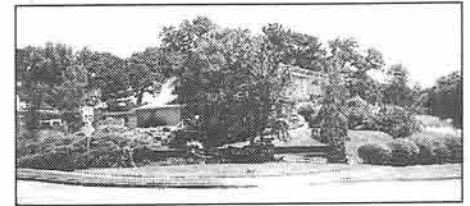
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The Members Speak

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Pledge Of Support

by Kevin Cashman

I would like to thank my friend, Al Trigueiro, for his many years of dedicated and loyal service to the San Francisco Police Officers Association. His experience and compassion will most certainly be missed. I would also like to pledge my full support for Chris Cunnie, Steve Johnson and Chuck Limbert, all of whom I have the utmost confidence in. During this transition period, the POA will be confronting many issues. It is vital that we continue to work together and remain focused. Thank you.

A Bad Marriage

by Tom Mandelke
Southern Station

The marriage between the POA and the SEIU must end due to a blatant conflict of interest and financial incompatibility. Police Officers have been placed in a compromised position of being the buffer between building owners and SEIU members who are demonstrating for better working conditions. This confrontation has resulted in arrests and civil disobedience by the demonstration participants. Police Officers should not be compromised by having a Union alliance that appears to give them a vested interest in one side or the other.

The price of this marriage is between \$12,000 and \$15,000 per month. The POA cannot afford to sustain this expensive relationship that is not mutually beneficial. We are in a financial crisis and must reevaluate our expenditures and eliminate those that we cannot afford. While the SEIU is a fine union for its members, it is not the alliance that the POA should be involved in. We must negotiate a mutually acceptable separation and admit that the marriage did not work. Neither side has been at fault, only incompatible.

Is That All There Is My Friends?

by Steve Ortiz, Southern Station

Al, (I forgot to carry the decimal over) Trigueiro has stepped down. And is that all there is? No explanation why we are just about bankrupt. Why we, or who allowed, or who knew Al and his bunch put most of our hard earned money out on a dead horse, Prop E.

I believe our heavy political involvement with his mayorship has clouded the true possibilities and made us turn an eye or two.

How much did you keep from us Chris Cunnie. How much honesty can we expect from you in the next two years, if you make it that far.

Our association may go belly-up by then. But that's in the future. We will see what the SEIU want to do. Since they sure as hell want that eighteen thousand or so a month of our money they get. Al did not tell us about that fine print. That's about 30% of our monthly union dues.

Chris, I hope you stay away from heavy politics. Hey, let's try using our bargaining ave. that we already paid for. I find it hard to believe Chris did not know what was going on. Let's cut some costs. Get a law firm which likes the police and will not charge us for a retainer fee. How about that leased vehicle. It will look good if you try for a true election by your POA members. I can go on for pages. But I will not.

We also need to develop trust in our reps. Because they do not tell us, or say they did not know. Break out the booze.

A Time To Work Together

by Sergeant Michael L. Hughes

Over the next few months the POA, through new leadership with Chris and Gary, has a chance to set out on a new path. I encourage all members to rally our support behind them. At the same time I urge them to work more closely to involve the membership in the organization.

The POA will have its hands full with upcoming potential conflicts with the administration and public officials regarding the ten hour work day; overtime issues; the Captain's list; and our labor association with the SEIU. We will also be working on another ballot initiative to improve tier two benefits.

After any critical incident in the department there is always a debriefing. We need to do the same to evaluate what happened with Proposition E so that we will never again be so soundly defeated at the ballot. With the new leadership in place, it is a perfect time to coalesce with certain politicians (Quentin Kopp) and civic leaders (Doug Shoreinstein). They are respected within the City and I believe that they would work with us if asked.

In order to involve our fellow officers in the Association, I suggest that monthly membership meetings be held at district stations. This will give the membership a chance to voice their opinions and feel that they are a strong part of this organization.

In closing I urge my fellow officers to call Chris and offer their support. And, Chris, we hope to see you at the stations.

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THE MEMBERS SPEAK

History Repeats Itself

by Ben Spiteri

I have to admit that I had trouble deciding on an appropriate title for this article. Some of the runners-up were: "Political Officer Association," or "You Don't Know it, But You Are Paying For It," how about "Trust Us?", I really liked "What's Goin' On?"

For the fine members of this department who either have short memories or were not in the department in the late seventies to early to mid eighties, let me take you down memory lane. Remember when disco was in, then out? The 49ers were the doormat of the NFL until they became Super Bowl champs in 1981. Now that you are in the right frame of mind, let's take a look at what was happening in our POA. The hierarchy who was in charge during this time was spending so much of its members' money in political campaign contributions and dinners, while telling the members as little as possible and only what information they wanted to be disseminated. When asked what was going on, their reply was: "trust us." Some of the hierarchy became mayors' drivers, liaison to the mayor, or were promoted from the infamous Sergeant's test which was eventually ruled bogus by the California Supreme Court. In the meantime, the rank and file were losing court overtime (when the voters finally awarded us time and half for overtime), other personnel issues and their patience with the POA. Without a doubt, this was a time when the smoke-filled back rooms at 510-7th Street were really smokin'!

Let's walk a little back up memory lane to the mid-eighties. Ronald Reagan was beginning his second term as President of our country. In the Soviet Union, Chernenko died and Mikhail Gorbachev was chosen to lead. In our department, a career patrolman from Potrero station wins the top post in the POA. He ran a successful campaign, promising the members that he will take the politics out of the POA and once again open the lines of communication and instill the trust that is vital in running a successful association. The members would vote on all substantial issues, with all the cards (information) placed on the table. The smoke-filled back room was locked with the "No Admittance" sign clearly posted and the smoking lamp was turned off. In a nutshell, the man delivered on his promises. Unfortunately, he served for only one term, but he instilled in the members the trust and confidence that had once been abused and taken for granted by prior administrations.

Our walk continued up memory lane to the first of the last two administrations. The POA started in the right direction

with a successful campaign for salary negotiations with binding arbitration (Proposition D). Some might say that they could have added retirement benefits with that proposition, but let us not cry over what could have been. Somehow, somewhere, someone in the POA decided that it would be advantageous for us to be aligned with the other labor unions in the city. You know the one, the Service Employees international Union which has just about all the other city workers as members including plumbers, electricians, clerical workers, janitors and even exotic dancers! One would have to ask oneself: "Why should we, a group of men and women, who cannot strike, sick out, picket, or honor a picket line become members in a union?" The one thing we certainly could do is pay union dues. The POA failed to inform its members, prior to voting, of one small, somewhat inconsequential item: dues, the cost that we would have to pay monthly for the privilege of joining the SEIU. Ask yourself: would you have been so eager to vote in the affirmative if you had known that the cost to the members would be in excess of FOURTEEN THOUSAND DOLLARS PER MONTH? The real question is: why did the POA hierarchy fail to make the cost of this alliance crystal clear to its members?

Continuing on our little journey, this administration then backed into endorsing Frank Jordan for mayor. This was a no brainer for the association, since after Angela Alioto failed to make the runoff, the only other candidate was the incumbent Art Agnos. Remember, we endorsed Art during his initial campaign for office and in return for our support we received nothing but bad indigestion. Ironically, the ex-chief, now mayor, gave us one of the best contracts that we have had in nearly two decades! In reality, we probably received a decent contract because we had fallen so far back of the pack, that the city did not want to take their chances with binding arbitration. Just prior to the end of this POA administration, came a move to eliminate the rank of inspector and implement a career development plan under the facade of a vote on the combination of the rank of Sergeant/Inspector which conveniently made no mention of career development.

Let's start down the home stretch. I know you must be tired by now, the journey has been a long one, but let's take a look at where we are now. Willie Brown left his influential position in Sacramento, due to term limits, and runs a successful campaign for Mayor of our city. In the POA, there were a couple of changes in the executive board as they ran unopposed. Some might say that there was no opposition for the top spots

because we endorsed Mayor Brown and did not want to rock the boat in the upcoming salary negotiations. With the new mayor in place, there came many changes in the top spots in our department and in the POA. Once again, influential players in the POA became drivers for the Mayor. The "movie cop" was taken off his post for the sake of diversity. When he complained to the hierarchy of the POA, he was turned into management control for some of the comments he made to his union representative. The President, by the approval of the Board of Directors, was given a leased vehicle to drive with all expenses paid at a cost of tens of thousands of dollars to the collective members over a period of time. This was accomplished to the surprise of the majority of the rank and file who would only become aware of this purchase by reading the monthly board minutes which are published in our paper or by the department grapevine. Shouldn't we have had the opportunity to vote on this very costly issue? Doesn't the Board of Directors have a fiduciary responsibility to its members.

When a Sergeant of patrol wrote his own interpretation on the major points of our recently ratified salary, he was called a "coward" by an Executive Board Member. Don't the members have a right to their opinions, especially opinions that appear to be reasonable and based on information supplied by the President of all members? Just prior to the ratification vote, we were informed by the POA to: "trust us." Where have we heard this before? The ballots were mailed out to the members with one little oversight. The contract that we were to vote on was not enclosed. What was enclosed was a letter advising us that our POA directors unanimously voted to approve the contract! What do you say to the members who were either on vacation, disability, extended sick leave, maternity leave, or just did not have an opportunity to either be present at the POA meeting or see the contract at their respective station or detail? Why didn't the POA enclose a condensed version of the contract detailing the major points? The same case can be made with the vote for approval of

Proposition E. Ask yourself, did you read the entire proposition which contained all the hidden minutia prior to your vote? Did you really expect the voters to pass a proposition which gave the Mayor so much power and included nearly every city worker's retirement benefits? Does the SFFD know something that we don't? They had their own proposition all by themselves, which PASSED! Are we ignorant or are we not being told the whole story? What is going on? I believe it is all about trust. You wouldn't buy a house, a car, or any other item that requires a long term contract without reading it in its entirety. Apparently, the majority of us will believe whatever the POA hierarchy tells us and vote that way. Cops are a different breed of people, especially street cops. You see, a good street cop can tell when a suspect is lying to him by the mere aura the suspect is emitting. You take that same street cop and when another cop tells him a lie or half truth, that cop will believe it almost without question. Trusting your fellow cop goes hand in hand with the job. The last two administrations have been manipulating the information that they disseminate. In doing so, they manipulate the vote outcome and the direction of our wages, benefits and working conditions. Let us not forget that they have spend hundreds of thousands of our hard earned money in ways which the majority of us are not even aware of.

Our POA continually plays the "let's endorse a political candidate" game. We throw our hard earned dollars at these candidates and no one can make a strong argument as to what good it does us. With the sudden and suspicious resignation of our current POA President and legal counsel, we can only hope for the good of the entire membership, that the POA takes a deep breath, a step back and reevaluates the direction that they have taken us. For history has a way of repeating itself.

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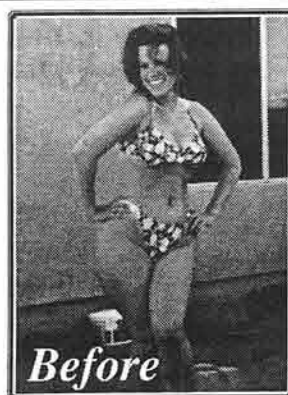
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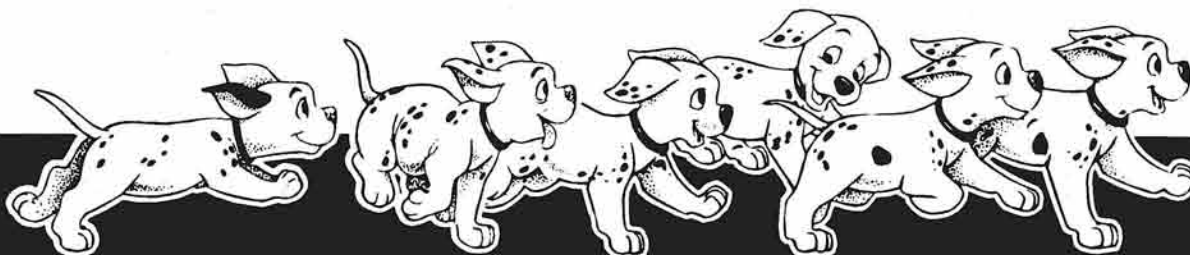
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Policing Old San Francisco: Murder at San Miguel Station

by Kevin J. Mullen

On Thursday September 15, 1876, the evening quiet at the San Miguel Railway Station was shattered by the report of a heavy shotgun blast. Pellets from the shot broke the window of a front bedroom of John McNamara's saloon/hotel and struck 27 year old Jeanne Bonnet lying in the bed beyond; she died instantly. Blanche Buneau, who was in the room with her, was not hit.

In 1876, the little hamlet at San Miguel, the last San Francisco stop on the San Jose Railroad — near where today's harried commuters rush in and out of the Daly City BART Station oblivious to the bloody history of the site — consisted of a dilapidated little railroad station, a country grocery store, and McNamara's four room saloon/hotel.

Two days before the shooting, Blanche, described by the contemporary press as a "French woman of bad character," had shown up at the little settlement on the county line in a rented buggy. She took a room at McNamara's where she was joined that evening by Jeanne.

On Wednesday, a young boy from the downtown livery stable, where Blanche had rented the vehicle with a promise to return it the same day, arrived to retrieve the equipment. Some time later, the stable foreman showed up and demanded a \$10 late charge. Blanche refused to pay and Jeanne joined in the dispute. Threats were exchanged and pistols brandished, but in the end he left without his \$10.

The next evening at about 8:30 p.m., Blanche and Jeanne prepared for bed in McNamara's guest bedroom which faced out on the building's small front porch. Jeanne had already gotten into bed, and Blanche was sitting on its edge removing her stockings when the shotgun blast crashed through the window. Neither McNamara, who was tending bar in the adjoining room, nor anyone else in the nearby buildings heard any sounds of escape.

The nearest police officer, whose 20 square mile beat covered San Miguel, was miles away across Twin Peaks at the Mission. There was nothing more to be done that night, so McNamara and his family sat up all night with Blanche in the saloon, while Jeanne lay dead in the adjoining bedroom.

The next morning, McNamara made his way to the Mission where he reported the murder to Officer Richard Falls who telegraphed the report to police headquarters at Kearny and Washington streets. Detectives were dispatched to the scene of the crime and the morgue wagon was sent to pick up Jeanne's remains.

At first, the thinking was that the shooting was the deadly outcome of the dispute with the stablekeeper the preceding day. But that theory was quickly discounted. It was thought highly unlikely that an established businessman would have resorted to such extreme measures over such a small debt.

As police considered the victim's early life and recent activities, a more likely theory began to emerge. French immigrants formed a distinctive and colorful part of the cultural tapestry that was nineteenth century San

Francisco. Along with many more respectable members, the French community contributed its share and more to the city's entertainment world, including the demimonde.

As a small child, Jeanne Bonnet was one of two daughters in a family of popular French theatrical performers in the post-gold rush city. She had appeared in juvenile parts on the stage and seemed to have a brilliant future ahead of her.

However, reported one local newspaper after her death, "about twelve years ago she stepped from the path of rectitude, and been so wild that it became necessary to have her committed to the Industrial School."

The family broke up: her mother died a few years before Jeanne met her own end; and her 16 year old sister was incarcerated in the State Insane Asylum at Stockton where she also died. Her disabled father moved to Oakland seeking work, leaving Jeanne to her own devices.

Jeanne remained in San Francisco where she supported herself by catching frogs in the ponds near Lake Merced and across the county line in San Mateo, which she sold to French restaurants in downtown San Francisco.

Jeanne was in continuous trouble with the law, most frequently for refusing to wear female attire. She "bore a strikingly boyish appearance," according to one contemporary description. "She was of slight figure, below the medium height, rather good-looking, and always wore her jet-black hair cut short after the masculine fashion." Bonnet wore men's clothing, she said, "because a dress and skirts incommoded her in the prosecution of her frog-catching operations."

Nonetheless, commented one editor, that didn't prevent her "from strutting on Kearny street where no frogs were to be found." It was Jeanne's oft expressed opinion that the law prohibiting her from wearing male apparel was an infringement on the rights of women, and she said that she intended to continue, no matter what the consequences.

Hers was a turbulent life. "She made considerable money at her business," it was reported after her death, "but being addicted to drinking she made the acquaintance of bad women of her own nationality, and became embroiled in many fights, after each of which she found herself in prison...."

When interviewed by the police on the morning following the shooting, Blanche related that she had come to California from France about a year earlier with her lover [read pimp], a man named Arthur Deneve, with whom she had a child. About a month before the shooting, she had broken up with Deneve, and in reprisal Deneve and his close friend, Ernest Gerard, had stolen her child.

As far as she was able to tell, Blanche continued, Deneve had departed for France a few weeks before the shooting. A week prior to the murder, however, while she and Jeanne were walking on Waverly Place, they had been accosted by Gerard who accused Jeanne of luring Blanche away from her lover. He assaulted both women, Blanche said, and then called a police officer to have Jeanne arrested for wearing male apparel.

Hearing later that Gerard had

threatened to throw acid in her face, said Blanche, Jeanne arranged lodgings for her with a Frenchman named Pierre Logis and his wife Caroline at a cottage on the old county road at San Miguel.

Later she moved with Jeanne to the nearby McNamara's hotel. On Wednesday evening, Blanche said, she was warned by Caroline Logis not to go about at night because there was talk in town "that the men of the class to which my lover belonged were making threats against us," particularly Jeanne, for having alienated Blanche from her pimp.

With Blanche's statement in hand, the detectives picked up Gerard. He denied having made threats against anyone. He did admit, however, that he had indeed met Blanche in the street, along with Jeanne Bonnet, who he said he didn't know, and who he at first assumed to be a man.

When he upbraided Blanche, he said, for having abandoned her child, Bonnet intervened and tried to pull a knife on him. He disarmed her, he claimed, and then called an officer to arrest her when he found out she was in fact a woman. Gerard offered witnesses to prove that he had been in his rooms on the night of the murder.

In hindsight, San Franciscans were not surprised at Jeanne's violent end. For all her vaunted independence and feistiness, it was evident that she was struggling with personal demons. In the Industrial School years before, it was said, she would gain entry to the boy's dormitory and there "attack the largest boy found in the room, just to show how she could whip him."

As an adult, she was constantly getting into drunken scrapes. Her entanglement with Blanche was not her only run in with pimps. "She was the cause, frequently," said one report, "of separation between the courtesans and their more degraded paramours, which of course excited the hostility of the wretches."

Two years earlier she had attempted suicide by ingesting laudanum, but was saved by medical intervention. And a few months before her death she was hospitalized with a gunshot wound. (She told the city physician that the man who visited her in the hospital was the man who shot her. The physician identified that man as Ernest Gerard, putting the lie to his claim that he did not know Bonnet.)

It was very much in character that Jeanne went to her death sporting two black eyes, sustained a few days earlier in a drunken fall from a horse.

With Deneve apparently out of the country, and Gerard having a cast-iron alibi, the case went nowhere; then the police got a break. Captain of Detectives Isaiah Lees learned from one of his many stool pigeons that a Pacific Street saloon keeper had been bragging that he knew who the killer was.

When Captain Lees braced the man, he named Pierre Logis as the killer, the very man with whom Jeanne had sought shelter for Blanche two weeks before, which explained the absence of any sounds of escape on the night of the murder. He just entered his house a few doors away.

The deal had been cooked up in his saloon, the barkeeper said, by Arthur Deneve, who offered Logis \$2000 to kill Blanche as an example to the other girls. According to the saloon keeper, Bonnet's death was a mistake. Lees and his detectives hastened to the farm near San Miguel but by then Logis and his Caroline had flown the coop.

There was nothing more on the case for almost a year when Captain Lees received a note from Caroline Logis, postmarked Vancouver, British Columbia. Caroline wrote that Logis had indeed killed Jeanne Bonnet. She confirmed that Blanche, not Jeanne, was the intended victim, and said she was in fear of her own life, having left Logis when he threatened to kill her if she told what she knew.

Captain Lees rushed to Vancouver but found out that he was again too late. Logis had hanged himself the day prior to his arrival. Lees did find out from Caroline, however, that Arthur Deneve had not gone to France before the killing but later, after Pierre Logis threatened him with exposure for demanding the return of part of the money for killing the wrong woman.

Captain Lees asked the French National *Sûreté* to pick up Deneve, but was later informed that his man had been killed in a knife fight in a Montmartre dive.

By then most of the principals were dead — Blanche died of throat cancer six months after Jeanne — or scattered to the winds, so police quietly closed the case of the murdered Jeanne Bonnet.

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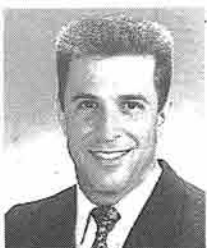


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Retired Members Column

by Mike Sugrue



Physical Exercise...Start The New Year Right

One of the topics Ret. Deputy Chief Stan Cordes presented at our last pre-retirement seminar, was the value of physical exercise. Exercise is extremely important for the longevity of the person in retirement. Proper physical exercise can be used to reduce stress and to improve health at the same time. In a book published by Pallock C. Price titled, "Physical Fitness Programs for Law Enforcement Officers," it was stated that middle aged police officers are in poor physical condition. Price had conducted a study of officers in the age range of 45-55 years, an age at which many officers retire. His findings indicated that officers are below average in work capacity and cardiovascular fitness, and high in body fat, waist circumference, and very high in cholesterol. Price also found older police officers to be at an increased risk for coronary heart disease.

Regular exercise is one of the best natural ways to help the retired police officer improve physical conditioning — especially aerobic exercise which works best (walking, running, swimming, rowing, etc.). Aerobic exercise consists of raising the heart-beat to some prescribed level and sustaining it for a period of time. This type of exercise has the effect of detoxifying the body of harmful stress hormones.

The American Heart Association has published a pamphlet on exercise. It states: exercise can (1) decrease risk factors associated with heart disease, (2) enhance the ability to do physical work, (3) increase the feeling of well being, (4) release tension, (5) help control weight, and (6) encourage changes in other positive habits.

One does not have to be a super athlete to obtain the benefits of an exercise program. In a study that followed both men and women ranging in age from 55-65 years for eight years to discover how exercise ben-

efited those who "exercised moderately" (i.e. walking for 30 minutes a day) had better health and longevity than those who did not exercise. Moderate exercise has also been defined as gardening, yard work, home repairs, dancing, and home exercise conducted for about an hour daily. Although greater benefits can be obtained from strenuous aerobic exercise such as running or biking, moderate exercise was still helpful in decreasing heart attack risk.

As stated, exercise can also increase longevity. A study reported in *Runner Magazine* stated that men between the ages of 45-54 who engaged in regular exercise had almost a 70% chance of living to be 80 years of age, and more.

If an officer who has recently retired has not exercised regularly during his or her career, it is essential to consult a doctor prior to any exercise program. Police work is noted for being a sedentary occupation, and retirees should not start out with vigorous exercising. The American Heart Association recommends that you first start out with mild exercise and increase as your fitness increases. It is best to begin with a warm-up period, where you can stretch muscles and tendons. The American Heart Association offers several other suggestions for exercise:

- 1) Check with your doctor before starting any exercise program.
- 2) Choose activities which are challenging, yet at the right intensity for you.
- 3) Choose activities you enjoy, which suit your needs, and which can be done year-round.
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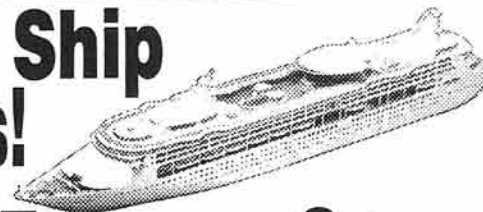
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20	Naples (Pompeii, Capri)		9:30 a.m.	8:00 p.m.
21	Olbia, Sardina		11:00 a.m.	6:00 p.m.
22	At Sea			
23	Barcelona		8:30 a.m.	7:00 p.m.
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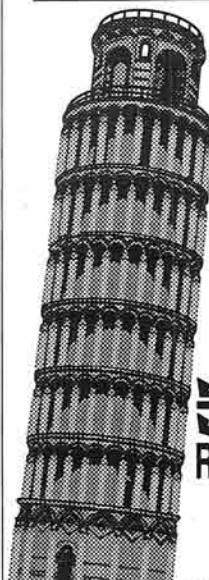
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NOMINATIONS FOR BOARD OF DIRECTORS 1997-1999

At the regularly scheduled SFPOA Board of Directors' meeting on Tuesday, 12/17/96, the following individuals were nominated for the position of Board Director of their respective units:

Central Station: (2 Reps.)

James Deignan
Neal Griffin
George Rosko
Tom Yuen

Southern Station: (1 Rep.)

Ed Santos
Ben Spiteri

Mission Station: (2 Reps.)

Charlie Ellis
Dan Linehan
John Robertson
Mike Serujo

Potrero Station: (1 Rep.)

Carl Tennenbaum (Unopp)

Northern Station: (2 Reps.)

Mike Favetti
Dave Hamilton
Richard Struckman

Park Station: (1 Rep.)

Matt Gardner (Unopp)

Richmond Station: (1 Rep.)

Dean Sorgie (Unopp)

Ingleside Station: (1 Rep.)

Robert Kaposch (Unopp)

Taraval Station: (1 Rep.)

Joe Finigan (Unopp)

Traffic Division: (1 Rep.)

Jack Minkel (Unopp)

Headquarters Co.: (2 Reps.)

Lynne Atkinson
Dan Gardner
Jack Kowal
Mike Sullivan
Glenn Sylvester

Inv. Bureau: (2 Reps.)

Jim Balovich (Unopp)
Anthony Casillas (Unopp)

Narcotics: (1 Rep.)

Steve Balma (Unopp)

Tactical Division: (1 Rep.)

Matt Castagnola (Unopp)

Muni Transit: (1 Rep.)

Vince Cantillon
Tim Gibson

TTF: (1 Rep.)

Bob Mammone (Unopp)

Airport Police: (2 Reps.)

Jim Millett (Unopp)
John Scully (Unopp)

Retired:

Gale Wright (Unopp)

In accordance with Article VII: Nominations, Election and Installations, Section 4: Regular elections shall be held commencing at 8:00 a.m. on the fourth (4th) Monday of January and continuing until midnight (12:00a.m.) of the second (2nd) Friday in February. If nominations for a member/members as Director(s) for a particular unit are not opposed, ballots need not be mailed to elect the Director(s) of that unit.

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Northern Station

Richard Struckman

I am currently seeking the opportunity to serve as one of the P.O.A. station representatives at Northern Station. I have several reasons for running in the upcoming Board of Directors election, but the most important reason is to give the rank and file a voice.

Recently we had our contract presented to us for a vote, without the chance to read the fine print. We were asked to support a ballot measure that was destined for failure, and pay for it through an assessment without even reading the charter language. Now we find out that the association has deficit of over \$450,000.00.

Over the last two years we have been assured by our current Board of Directors that our best interests were being served. Now we find out that all of our money and decision making responsibilities had been handed over to a lawyer, and we are half a million dollars in the hole!

I think it is safe to say that the majority of our members are disappointed at best. It has become obvious that backroom dealmaking with lawyers and politicians is not an effective way to improve our working conditions. We have become used to a system that allows a few individuals to make important decisions that effect all of us. When we are asked to vote on various issues, we are presented with "something or nothing" and "take it or leave it" ultimatums. This needs to stop.

In upcoming months we will face several issues which will have a major impact on the rest of our careers. Our contact re-opener begins this month. If it is handled in the same manner that it was before, we will

probably get screwed. In 1991 we won the right to use binding arbitration when negotiating for benefits, but we have yet to use it. I think it is essential that we use it now.

I feel that the P.O.A. has lost focus of its primary purpose. While the association's leaders have lined the pockets of lawyers and labor unions with the best of intentions, they have failed to listen to their members' concerns, and now we are broke.

It has become clear that our association needs some "new blood". Nothing changes if nothing changes. If I am elected I will ensure that the voice of the rank and file is heard. I will make sure the officers of Northern Station know what the association is doing before the deals are done, and more importantly, that the association knows how they feel about it. I will not attempt to influence co-workers with self-serving political agendas. I will just tell them the truth about what's going on and let them make their own decisions.

It is important that the membership become more active in the decision making process of this association. Lack of oversight has got us in a real bind. I am committed to do what I can to change that, but I can't do it alone. You have a chance to restructure your union in the upcoming Board of Directors election. Listen to what the candidates have to say and consider your best interests. Remember, this is not a popularity contest, it's your future. Your voice should be heard....after all it's your dues and your association!

Sincerely,
Richard Struckman,
Northern Station

Mission Station

Dan Linehan

I am seeking your support to become one of Mission Station's representatives to the POA Board of Directors. There are many reasons for seeking this position but the most important, is to give you a voice. We have seen an erosion of the members role and input within the Association. With your support, this will come to an end.

Last August, we had our contract presented for a vote, without a chance to see the fine print. Due to last November's ballot failure, our current contract will be re-negotiated in 1997. I promise that you will see a final version of the contract *before you vote!*

The Chronicle states our Association is nearly \$450,000 in deficit. How did this happen? Where did the money go? Was it to our attorneys? If

so, why so much? Why don't we have answers to those questions?

If I am elected, you will have answers to all of these questions.

The Association has had a recent change in leadership with the resignation of our President. We have a chance to start fresh. We must direct and support our current President Chris Cunnie, if we are to return to our former position within the labor community and financial stability. We need experienced people, who have only the best interests of our membership, at heart.

If I am elected, I will make sure that we will know what the Association is doing before the deals are done. Your voice will be heard...

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The Spirit of Giving

by Mark Hawthorne

It gives me great pleasure to thank and acknowledge all of those who participated in the December blood drive and gave the gift of life. The final count for the blood drive was sixty-five pints for the week of December 9-13, 1996. With those who donated, our contribution of blood was over 300 pints for 1996. I want to also thank all those members who have donated throughout the year for providing something there is yet to be a substitute for, blood.

Beginning in 1997, I will be expanding the blood drives from bi-annual to tri-annual. That means instead of having to give only twice, we all get to give three times a year. To make your participation much

easier, I will be scheduling the blood drives throughout the stations or at the SFPOA building. And to further motivate you in donating, the blood committee will be preparing an epicurean delight. (The sandwiches and nibbles were good, but I think we can do better). I guarantee you will not leave hungry and you might brag to your compatriots which might lead to more blood being donated. Choosing the profession we have shows that we are people who care. Let us carry on that principle through a little thought of, but very important gesture, giving blood. Be on the look out (BOL) for an announcement about the April blood drive. I look forward to seeing you there with veins and appetites at the ready.

by Officer Bob Mattox,
Traffic Company

The California State Legislature enacted numerous new laws which will go into effect during 1997. The one that will make the most impact on drivers in California is the new insurance requirement law. It is a new and improved version of 16028a CVC and will go into effect on Jan. 1, 1997. There has been little public notification and the information that was in the newspapers was confusing and inaccurate. The two main errors in the newspaper articles are one; Officers cannot tow away violator's cars if they are unable to prove that they have insurance and two; the minimum fine is not \$500.00. If the violator has insurance, but forgot his insurance information, the violation can be signed off for a \$10.00 fee. If on the other hand the person is in fact in violation of not having insurance, the minimum fine, with the State's penalties, is \$1361.00. This is not a typo. The fine can go up with a second or third conviction.

The new 16028a CVC will affect only those drivers who drive a motor vehicle upon a highway **which is required to be registered in California**. Officers cannot stop the vehicle for the sole purpose of checking for insurance. If the driver is driving an employer's vehicle during the course of employment and cannot show proof of insurance, the employer shall be cited instead and the driver will sign for the employer. This section also applies at a scene of an accident since the violation is only an infraction.

The driver will have had to write the information on his registration card or show a prepared card by an

insurance company. The information shall include the Insurance Company Name, Policy Number and effective date. If the driver is self-insured, the certificate number or insurance number. The citing officer will include this information on Notices to Appear (Citations). Our Department is now in the process of making up new citation forms which will have boxes for this information to go into. This section will not apply to vehicles that are owned by the Federal Government or any public entity.

The Department of Motor Vehicles will require proof of insurance in order to register vehicles. A special form is being made up which will be included in the registration process. The DMV states that they will be set up by April or May, 1997 to start this procedure. Officers may see the insurance information on registration printouts by June or July of 1997. The DMV is working with the insurance industry to come up with a standard insurance form that can be presented to officers or the DMV upon demand.

The Legislature also emphasized that driving is a privilege and not a right. Those drivers who already have a suspended driver's license most likely will not have insurance, so be sure to add this charge. Those violators who fail to appear or are convicted will eventually have their driver's license suspended if they don't comply. The enforcement of 16028a CVC, 14601 CVC and 12500a CVC will go a long way in making our streets a safer place for everyone.

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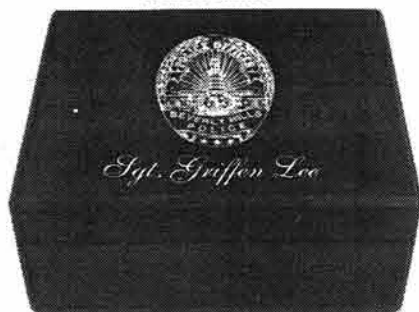


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Month	Submission Deadline
February	Monday, February 3, 1997
March	Monday, March 3, 1997
April	Monday, March 31, 1997
May	Monday, April 28, 1997
June	Monday, June 2, 1997
July	Monday, June 30, 1997
August	Monday, August 4, 1997
September	Tuesday, September 2, 1997
October	Monday, September 29, 1997
November	Monday, November 3, 1997
December	Monday, December 1, 1997
January	Monday, December 29, 1997

Anyone who needs information about submitting material to the *Notebook* should contact Tom Flippin, *Notebook* Editor, at the POA office: 861-5060, or at Park Station: 242-3000.



CLOSE ENCOUNTERS

by Steve Johnson, Secty/SFPOA

Thursday: 11/09/96: Sergeant Brian Canedo's very first tour at Mission Station on the nightwatch and he ends up with 4 separate drive-by shootings.

Also on that watch, **Officer Jake Fegan and Officer Lisa Frazier handled a total of 31 calls for service, one of which was making a traffic stop on a Transam leaving the scene of a shooting with 4 on board.** The occupants of the vehicle turned out to be victims and not, fortunately, armed suspects. Nevertheless, all 4 teenagers were kind of nervous since their assailants managed to blow out their driver's side window and also put a big gauge hole through their front windshield.

The night before, **Officer Pete Richardson and Officer Doug Farmer** were only a few blocks away from a drive-by shooting, they could hear the gunshots, but when they arrived at 24th/Potrero all they found was the victim. A young man who took a bullet through his mouth.

Officer Milt Andaluz was also real close to another drive-by at 20th/Mission Streets, a few hours before the 24th/Potrero hit, yet when he arrived all he had were victims with bullets in their legs and no witnesses.

This could make for a very difficult Holiday Season . . .

Good news, for a change, **Officer Lorraine Lombardo** responded to a call at 16th/Bryant Streets and found a motorcyclist who had dumped his bike so that he could capture a suspect who had just robbed a 56-year old woman of her purse. The suspect complained that his captor "hurt him" during the citizen's arrest so Lorraine had him shipped off to General Hospital for evaluation. **(The 56-year old woman was also hurt but had no time to be evaluated because she had to get back to her job.)** While at the hospital, the cowardly purse-snatcher bragged to Lorraine that the week before he had robbed an "older woman" of her purse (keep in mind that Lorraine's current victim was 56 years of age) at 16th/

Mission Streets. The suspect was upset that his most recent victim fought back since the other victim never got up once he knocked her down. Lorraine did an outstanding job researching the previous incident and even managed to get a statement from her suspect in custody which held up to several formal robbery charges being filed.

We plan to honor the citizen-hero at Mission Station and swear him in, unofficially, as an auxiliary blue suit.

It was tough for **Officer Lorraine Lombardo** to go from a high like that, capturing a serious felony offender who preys on the elderly, to have to respond to the hospital and have the very difficult task of booking two new-born infants for shelter. One of the infants was withdrawing from her mother's crack habit, the other was the victim of a "baby-shaking" incident (that's where adults become so agitated with infants, for whatever reason, that they physically shake the baby so hard that they cause irreversible brain damage).

Speaking of children, **Sergeant Jim Calonico and Officer Sam Christ** found a 2-month old child all alone in an apartment on 25th Street. The mother left the baby to go shopping for an hour or two. She apparently didn't want to take the child with her because the baby had a fever . . .

Officer Jim Strange and Officer Gordon Clark, Mission Station, happened upon several individuals who set up residence at an empty building advertised for lease on Mission Street. The owner had previously asked the transients to leave several times to no avail, so he called us. Jim and Gordie served notice and, during their investigation found a great deal of stolen property on the premises for which the transients were charged. Two days after the arrest the owner called Jim as there had been a large shipment of suspicious materials sent to his property. Jim checked and it turned out that the materials sent were designed to be used in setting up a methamphetamine lab. Now that's bold. . .

Officer Manuel Bonilla and Officer Marc Bronfeld, Potrero Station, responded to a '913' (complaint unknown) call and, as they turned the corner at the reported location they were faced with a man shooting a gun in their direction. Officer Bonilla and Officer Bronfeld bailed out of their car and managed to disarm the suspect. Turned out the suspect was shooting at another individual who, when Manuel and Marc turned the corner, ended up standing directly in front of their patrol car. The shooting victim died at the scene. The shooter went to jail.

And on Hilpitas Street in the Ingleside District, a distraught man started randomly firing his gun in all directions until the arrival of police units. **Sergeant Mario Delgadillo and Sergeant Jones Wong** did an outstanding job of talking to the armed suspect, trying to reason with him. Eventually, thanks to the persistence and patience of Sergeant Delgadillo and Sergeant Wong the armed man surrendered.

Police work is certainly not a one-dimensional job.


Officer Scott Warnke and Officer Joe Sweeney were the first two Northern Station officers who responded to the robbery of a commercial establishment and were told that the two suspects who had just escaped were armed with guns. Officer Warnke and Officer Sweeney did an outstanding job setting up a perimeter and were immediately assisted by **Officer Mike Fewer, Officer Mike Deeley, Officer Rob Ziegler, Officer Tony D'Amato, Officer Pilar Torres, Officer Steve Murphy, and Officer Sherman Lee.** The officers spotted one suspect who, after a brief foot chase, surrendered. He thought he managed to cleverly dispose of his fully-loaded, .380 semi-automatic handgun, but the officers located it. The other suspect was still outstanding and it took a coordinated, fence

jumping chase to catch the other robbery suspect who also tried to get rid of his fully-loaded, .380, M-12 assault weapon.

The store owner at 21st/Hampshire Streets was just trying to make a living when an individual walked in and pointed a gun in his face. The armed suspect, for whatever reason, never finished what he was intending to do and, instead, ran from the store. **Officer Brian Devlin and Officer Russ Gordon** picked up the victim and started a tour of the area in an attempt to locate the suspect. Several blocks away the victim, unfortunately, waited until the police car was only 4 feet from the suspect when he yelled, "That's him!" The suspect, to no one's surprise, took off running. **He didn't get far and was soon taken into custody sporting a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic handgun. Officer Devlin and Officer Gordon no longer feel as young as they look ever since they came so close to finding out just how accurate a 9mm could be within a 4-foot range.**

Officer Art Johnson and Officer Shaughn Ryan responded to a call at 24th/Capp Streets that was described as, "Gang members exchanging guns." (This was not like your basic Christmas-style gift-exchange. 24th/Capp is an area notorious for criminal activity involving gang members. It is located a block away from the 24th/Mission BART Station where there was a recent gang-related shoot-out that had innocent passengers diving for cover.) Anyway, Art and Shaughn detained several individuals, one of whom tried to hide a very heavy knit cap. **Hmmmm ... turned out the knit cap was so heavy because it concealed a fully-loaded, .357 revolver. The gun was also reported stolen.**

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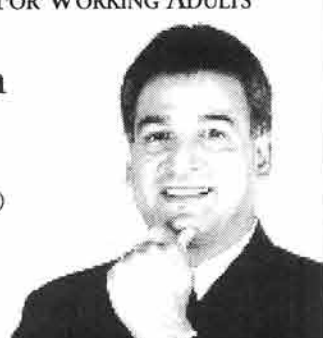
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Dear Police Officers' Association:

The children and I would like to express our deepest gratitude to the members of the San Francisco Police Department for their friendship, love and concern after Edd's death.

The memorial service was a wonderful tribute to a man who loved his job so much. As one friend explained, "You couldn't have twisted Edd's arm hard enough to get him to retire."

I would like to personally thank Lt. Barry Johnson of Traffic, who coordinated the motorcycle escort; Mike Kemmit, Commander of the Mounted Unit; and John Sullivan, Unit Commander of the American

Legion Ceremonial Unit. The echo taps were the most beautiful I have ever heard.

Thank you to Assistant Chief of Police Earl Sanders, Lt. David Robinson of Homicide, my brother Dr. Martin Pasqualetti, and especially Inspector Ora (Whitey) Guinther, Edd's partner, for speaking at the service and making it a true celebration of Edd's life.

A very special "thank you" again to Inspector Whitey Guinther for his work and perseverance in organizing and coordinating the service.

Very truly yours,
The Edd Tank Family

POA Notebook
Editor Tom Flippin

Dear Nick at Night and
Editor Tom Flippin:

Thank you both so very much for writing and publishing the article about my Dad, Waldo Reesink (November issue — Sports). The article came out just in time for his 80th birthday party. Everyone sat and read the article and asked him questions about surfing at Kelly's Cove. It was wonderful and really was "the icing on the cake" at his party.

Some of my Dad's old surfing buddies were at his party to celebrate the "Big Kahouna's" birthday. This article and the photographs gave them plenty of "surf stories" to remember.

A bonus has been that many of his old friends have looked him up in Windsor. (Telephone: 707-836-9064). He was also the conversation point at Chancellor Place, where he lives, when everyone saw he was an original surfer at Kelly's Cove at the Cliff House.

Thank you for making his day!! and ours!!

Sincerely,
Susan Reesink Black
Former SFPD Class #126

SFPOA
510 - 7th St.
San Francisco, CA

Gentlemen:

Although my son, Gary, has expressed our gratitude to the Department and his fellow officers for their kindness and generosity during our recent bereavement, I feel that I should do so, too.

To lose a beloved husband and father is a traumatic experience beyond description; however, the kindness of friends at such a time does help to ease the sorrow. I feel it would be impossible to find a more caring and generous group of people than the men and women of the SFPD. Their attendance at the services and their beautiful floral offerings meant more than I can ever say.

My husband, Ray, would have smiled to see his motorcycle escort to Holy Cross Cemetery. Whenever he would witness such a procession, he would say to me, "Must be some big shot!" Well, of course, to our family, there could never be anyone more important than our husband and father, and you may be assured that we will always remember the participation of the Department in his services with heartfelt gratitude and prayers.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Raymond Delagnes

To The Editor
S.F. Examiner

Editor:

Your editorial regarding the Golden Gate bridge protesters ("A bridge too far" 11/27/96) went beyond any measure of fairness when assessing the performance of the California Highway Patrol and police officers in general. You implied that the traffic congestion was caused by the responding officers who parked their vehicles on the bridge and not those protesters who intentionally caused the congestion so that their views could be expressed and you were outright insulting when your staff

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wrote that the officers "better lay off the doughnuts".

The protesters dictated the closure of the bridge due to the officials' concern for their safety and the safety of the motorists. The officers who responded to the scene parked their vehicles near the protesters so that the protesters could be transported as soon as they were arrested. The officers' actions were reasonable when you take into consideration the totality of the situation. Your staff has chosen to blame the officers who were dealing with a problem that was created maliciously by the protesters who were hiding under the banner of being environmentally concerned.

The comment regarding "donuts" showed a complete lack of respect for all law enforcement officers and perpetuated the stereotyping of cops and junk food. I have been a member of the San Francisco Police Department for over 21 years, I have witnessed first hand that the overall fitness level of our officers is improving. There are a lot fewer smokers among the ranks and more are quitting every day. As a member of the Physical Fitness Committee of the department that is responsible to promote health and fitness for fellow officers, I have worked to increase the fitness and health awareness of our officers. Officers are human and they have the same problems of keeping fit as most people do. Admittedly, there are still officers who are not as fit as they should be, working night shifts and eating on the run is not conducive to great health, positive re-enforcement is needed in order for these officers to improve their fitness. Your derogatory remark toward hard working officers will not serve your biased and incorrect editorial to our citizenry. If you insist on making fun of others due to their lack of fitness, I find it necessary to reciprocate in kind and inform your readers that I have met some of the staff of the Examiner and I must say that "doughnuts" certainly have not been missing in their diet.

In this day and age when we try to teach our youngsters that mutual respect is a key element in promoting harmony for our society, the Examiner staff has chosen to exercise their editorial rights to cheap-shot and degrade a group of professionals. Shame on you!!!

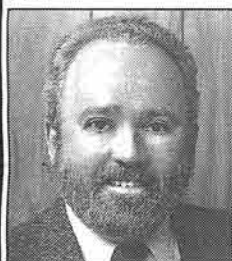
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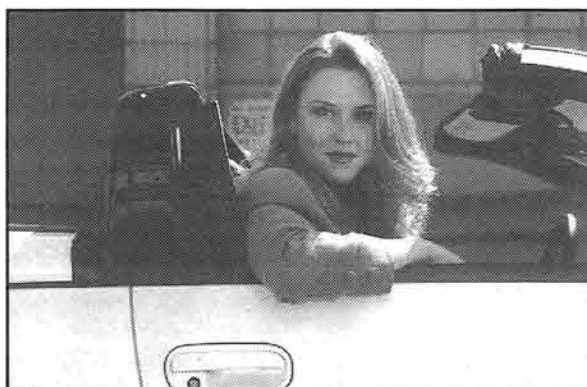
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Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

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Let me share with you some of the ways your contribution will help make a difference for families this year:

- Each day 36 children will receive enriched, early childhood services at our Tenderloin Childcare Center;
- Over 150 families will receive counseling, housing, and pre-employment skills training through the Compass Family Center;
- Formerly homeless parents living at Clara House will attend GED programs, college courses and vocational training.

We invite you to visit our programs to see first hand our work with families: call Jane Johnson at 399-9406 to make arrangements. As you will see, your support is quite important to our success. Together, our efforts can provide lasting solutions for poor and homeless families.

Sincerely,
Kathlyn Taylor Gaubatz
Executive Director

Al Trigueiro
SFPOA
510-7th Street
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Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

On behalf of the Parents' Auxiliary of RCH Inc., I want to thank you for your very generous gift of \$100.00 to our Auxiliary. We are grateful for the recognition your organization has given to us.

All money that the parents' Auxiliary raises during the year is given to RCH to be used for programs for our developmentally disabled children and adults. Your donation will be used for those programs.

Again thank you for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Lucille Peterson
President
Parents' Auxiliary

Al Trigueiro
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Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

I wish to sincerely thank you and the San Francisco Police Officers' Association for the contribution to Instituto Laboral De La Raza of \$100.00. Your assistance is very timely, and will enable Instituto Laboral to continue advocacy and support of low income, unorganized urban workers, and their families. Our staff and Board of Directors are wrapping up our 15th year working on behalf of these workers, addressing many issues of employment and labor law, and the benefits of unions.

Your support will also contribute to the expansion of our services in

1997, continuing our mission to counsel, educate, protect, defend and help organize workers in our communities, regardless of their finances.

We are a nonprofit organization registered with the Internal Revenue Service as a 501 (c) (3) organization, and contributions to us are deductible under Code section 170 of the Internal Revenue Code.

We extend our best wishes to Local 911 this year.

Sincerely,
Sarah M. Shaker
Program Director

Editor
San Francisco Examiner
925 Mission Street
San Francisco, California

Dear Sir:

My name was listed in the Wednesday, December 4, 1996 paper as one of the top San Francisco Police Department overtime earners. I think the story was very misleading to the readers and some very important issues were not included. For example, in my case, probably 80% of the overtime that I worked was paid in full by movie production companies or a construction company. The city also added on a substantial "administrative fee" (up to 24% of the total dollar amount). This is profit to the city for hours which I worked. Because of the high percentage of hours paid in this way, perhaps I brought more money into the city's budget than that amount which I cost the City. All hours that I worked were on my scheduled time off and did not affect my normal duties. Every one of those hours I was in my police uniform, so to the public I was "just another cop on the street".

Oh, by the way, I was informed yesterday that my scheduled day of on New Year's Eve has been canceled. I'm being **forced** to work at least ten hours overtime.

Very truly yours,
Paul Schlotfeldt
San Francisco Police Department
Motorcycle Officer

Letter To The Editor
San Francisco Independent

Greater Protection At No Cost
Mr. Hinkle's column, "Golden Apple of Cop O.T.", severely misrepresented the benefits of a process that puts 20 extra, uniformed San Francisco police officers on the street each day at *absolutely no cost to the City*.

The process utilized, billing private corporations for police services, has not only increased uniform presence on the streets where most needed, but also nets the City of San Francisco an extra \$600,000.00 a year!

I think the real question is why would anyone criticize a program that provides for greater police protection at no cost to the taxpayers??

Sincerely,
Steve Johnson, Secretary
San Francisco Police Officers' Association

To: Chris Cunnie, President
S.F. Police Officers Association
510 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Tom Flippin, Editor
POA Notebook
510 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Cunnie and Mr. Flippin:

I have read Mr. Cunnie's letter published as a story under the heading "Innocent? ... Let Them Prove It, THE OCC PHILOSOPHY", on the front page of the POA Notebook in the December 1996 issue. I first saw the alleged quotation attributed to me, "If they are innocent, let them prove it," in a letter by Mr. Cunnie to the Police Commission, to which I elected not to respond. My choice in that context was based upon the knowledge that members of the Police Commission could not sanely believe the letter. Now that the attribution has been made public, I must respond: **The quotation attributed to me is false.** I note that there is no checkable source attributed for the quotation; this is because the quotation is fabricated.

When people publish false quotations with malice toward the person to whom they have

attributed them, this is called defamation, and it violates the law. I do not appreciate this violation of my rights. Far more important, I do not appreciate this bald and dishonest effort by the POA to prejudice police officers and the public about the philosophy and methods of the Office of Citizen Complaints.

A retraction from you is called for. I will settle for this: please publish this letter by me, unpurgated and unglossed, on the front page in the next issue of the POA Notebook.

Best regards,
Mary C. Dunlap, Director
Office of Citizen Complaints

Editor's Note: Sorry, Ms Dunlap, but your allegations of defamation are misplaced. Mr. Cunnie's letter represented his response to a published article in the September 6, 1996 issue of The Independent. The article, written by Joe Strupp, clearly attributes those exact words to you. The entire quotation is as follows: "The existence of the OCC is politically motivated, the city of San Francisco is politically motivated, and that doesn't mean anything in these cases. If they are innocent, let them prove it."

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Women in Leadership

Women in leadership positions, whether in families, socio-economic, religion, or politics, is a good thing for our nation. When you study the divorce rate in this nation, fifty percent, you'll find statistics that show most women raise their children. Their ex-husbands flee to supposedly greener pastures, but women, with their maternal instincts, will remain faithful to raise their fatherless children. Yes, women are left to raise the children in poverty, while state employees hunt for delinquent fathers who owe child support. I'm not making this up. Quite a few of our retired officers have found employment in different counties going after dead-beat dads. My brother, Jim, being just one of them. This is a fact — women, for the most part, remain true and loyal to the family, while many, many men have shirked their responsibilities and left their families high and dry. Socio-economic opportunities for women have recently improved to a small degree. Some women have made it to the top, but the vast majority of CEO's are male. Most likely, if there was a reversal of this trend and female CEO's outnumbered male, there would be less downsizing and restructuring where literally thousands are laid off to boost shares and margins of profit. I believe feminine maternal instincts would protect the common worker like you or me, and female CEO's would find it repugnant to boost their yearly earnings and dividends at the cost of our jobs. But how will we ever know unless more and more shareholders vote for, and the Federal government legislates, that qualified females make up 50 percent of all CEO's in this nation? Pay equity still lags behind where women perform the same job as their male counterparts but are paid less. In the field of fire and police work in The City of San Francisco, we see the scales balance regarding pay. A fourth year

female officer makes the same as a fourth year male officer, and a female captain makes the same pay as a male captain. Politically speaking, women have been unrepresented and under-represented, and this to the shame of our nation. In 1890, Susan B. Anthony helped organize the National American Woman Suffrage Association (NAWSA). And on August 26, 1920, the 19th Amendment granted the ballot to American women. Does it take a genius regarding history to follow that men use war for political ambition and material greed? Maybe if world governments voted in feminine leadership there would be less spillage of our sons' and daughters' blood. In 1997, our Department has a chance to correct the under-representation of women in the upper levels of command. I'm praying that our Chief will find that the qualities of female officers make them quite capable of handling any position assigned to them. Many of our female officers are career oriented and their feminine characteristics of the love and joy of serving, peacefulness, patience, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control will make the citizens of San Francisco feel safe and secure. In religious institutions I also see that women are under-represented in leadership positions. But religious institutions tend to be "man" made. When you go to church what do you see? Do you see many single moms taking their children to Sunday Bible School? And who do you suppose are teaching the youngsters scriptures and bible stories? Usually other women are. Many men are missing from church. Most men are uneducated about Jesus Christ and His Teachings. *It's not a man's thing to do.* And how about at your house, who's praying for and with the children for the morning blessing or bedtime prayers? Let's be real, it will usually be the moms. Women have become the High Priest of the household regarding spiritual truths because most men have abdicated. I believe that Jesus Christ is more interested in persons attempting to emulate the deeds of Mother Teresa than whether a male or female is taking a leadership role. God help us!

Remember to support Captain Sylvia Harper on Wednesday, February 12, 1997. See her flyer regarding the luncheon at 1200 hours, at the P.O.A. building.

Guest Speaker: **Captain Sylvia Harper**

Sylvia Harper has eighteen years in the Department. She was one of the first female officers to be promoted to lieutenant and appointed to Captain. Her experience spans the three divisions. She managed a detail for Investigations, took the helm over Personnel, and currently is the Captain of Potrero Station.

Sylvia has attended our luncheons several times. She has told me that she has enjoyed several guest speakers and the different topics each speaker addressed. I asked Sylvia to talk about female leadership in the Department, because I personally believe we need female officers in command positions now. The qualities of feminine characteristics can only enhance the overall performance of our Department. Qualities such as peacefulness, patience, kindness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self control are just a few to mention here. Whether you're female or male let's give our support to Sylvia at this luncheon!

Cost: The cost for the luncheon is only \$10.00 (ten) per person. You must pay in advance for this luncheon (**Not Tax Deductible**).

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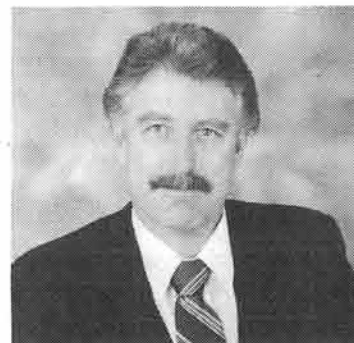
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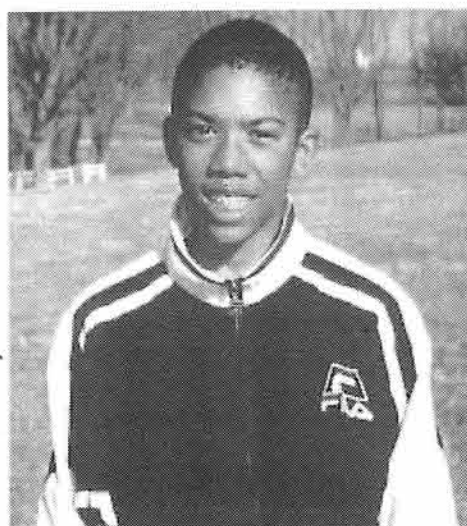
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At the 1996 United States of America Junior Olympic National Track and Field Championship, held at the University of Houston, Houston, Texas, July 23- 28, 1996, Sean placed 9th in the nation in the 800 meters run, 4th in the nation in the 1500 meters run and 4th in the nation on the 4 x 800 meters relay.

At the 1996 United State of America Junior Olympic National Cross-Country Championship, held in Lexington, Kentucky, December 14, 1996, Sean placed 5th in the nation out of 3000 entries.



Sean is an excellent role model for youth athletes on training and academic studies, said Officer Billy Smith, program coordinator and head coach.

We are now accepting membership for our 1997 club and more boys and girls (ages 6 - 14) similar to Sean, with a winning attitude on the training field and in the classrooms. The club will represent San Francisco's Bay Area at the 1997 Junior Olympic National Track and Field Championship, scheduled for July 1997 at Southern University, Baton Rouge, Louisiana, and the 1997 Cross-Country National Championship, scheduled for December 1997 in Portland, Oregon. For additional information please contact Officer Billy Ray Smith SFPD Juvenile Division-Youth Programs Section 415 558 5553.

The Loon's Nest Report

by Ed Garcia, T.T.F.

Steve Landi — 1996 Holiday Champion

Gray November skies hang low over the Solano County countryside, threatening storms and havoc to the previously dampened environment. Ignoring predictions of violent storms, 48 members of the Loon's Nest Golf Club circled and landed at the Rancho Solano Golf Club. The Rancho Solano club was playing host to the L.N.G.C.'s 1996 HOLIDAY CLASSIC. This tournament would mark the end of the Loon's ninth season of play and many members had their games fine tuned and were ready to meet the challenges of the North Bay's toughest track.

Loon's found the course to be in fine condition, as the greens had been cut that morning and they retained enough moisture from the previous day's rain to make them soft enough to hold approach shots. The enormous Rancho Solano greens, which normally putt like a marble floor, were slower and more forgiving, allowing for some excellent scores. As players completed the front nine Scott Bowen held a one stroke lead after opening with a one over par 37 having picked up a birdie on the 8th hole. In second place were Ed Anzore, Tom O'Connor and 1996 Club Champion Bruce Lorin with 2 over par 38's. Occasional mist came down from the clouds, but the weather held as the Loon's worked their way through the treacherous back nine. Lurking back in the pack was Steve Landi, who had posted a 41 on the front side. Landi settled down on the back and began to split fairways and sink putts en route to an even par 36 on the back side which included a birdie on the par 5, 17th hole. Meanwhile, Big Tom O'Connor of Traffic Administration was putting together a fine round, as he heading into the 18th hole at 2 over par for the round. An unfortunate tee shot put Tom's ball O.B., as Tom finished at 77, tied with Landi and Scott Bowen. Scott had the lead at the turn, but slipped up to a 40 on the backside. Matching cards to break the tie, first place went to Steve Landi, 2nd to Tom O'Connor and Scott Bowen had to settle for the third place trophy and prizes.

First flight low net saw a tight race with Jeff Dort taking first place. Jeff had a gross 80, including a fine 37 on the back side. Jeff come up with a net 67 to finish one stroke ahead of Juvenile's Perry Morris. Morris shot a round of 81, including a birdie on the par 4, 6th hole to give him a net 68. Ingleside's Steve Spranger took third low net with a net 69, having fired a gross score of 85.



Second flight low gross honors went to Jerry Donovan of the Honda Squadron. Jerry, Also known as the "Half Moon Bay Bomber", came out and picked up 4 pars and a birdie on the front side to post a 42 for the front. But Jerry was still one shot behind Richmond Station's Roy Sullivan at the turn. Roy had started the tournament day with five pars on the front side, posting an opening 41. Lurking in the pack was Earl "the Pearl" Wismer of Fraud, sitting five strokes behind at the turn. Into the final nine holes, Donovan and Sullivan began to falter, as Wismer was picking up the pace and making his charge. Donovan finished with a par on 17 and bogey on 18 to take first low gross in the flight with an 89. Sullivan and Wismer both consumed 12 strokes to finish the final two holes, which includes the 522 yard par 5, 17th hole. This brought Sullivan in with a 90 for 2nd place and Wismer took third with a 91.

Second flight low net went to a new member from Co. A, Neal Griffin. Neal made his debut with a net score of 68, as he had posted very consistent gross scores of 49 & 49 for a gross 98. It appears that Neal may be a new power to contend with in second flight play in 1997. Second place went to Juvenile's Jere Williams, as Jere posted a net 71, finishing three strokes behind Griffin. One stroke behind Jere was Sonoma County's own Bob Voeth. Voeth continues to be a tournament machine, finishing in the money once more as he posted a net 72.

In "closest to the hole" action, Scott Bowen gave the gallery a thrill with a shot on the 15th hole that stopped 2'1" from the hole. Ingleside's Steve Spranger took first place on the 5th hole with a shot 8' 2" from the cup. Earl Wismer took home additional loot, as he picked up a second on the 15th hole, leaving his ball 6' 2" from the target and Park Station's Jean Etcheveste took 2nd on the 5th hole with a shot 16' 8" from the cup. The Long Drive contest winner was Eddie "swing from your shoes" Del Carlo of Co. C. Eddie is a former long ball champ and on this day he cranked out a drive of 268 yards under damp and soft conditions.

This brought an end to the 9th season of Loon's Nest play. We will open the 1997 campaign with the Two Man, Best Ball tournament at Sonoma Golf Club on 1/23/97 We hope to have a big turnout and a dry day as we start our tenth anniversary season.

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1997 POA Golf Tournament

by Bruce Lorin



Mark your calendars, the POA Golf Tournament at the Olympic Club is set for August 25, 1997. The format is a four-person scramble, divided into three separate flights. The applications should be available beginning in March 1997. Our tournament is one of the most successful in the Bay Area and sells out quickly. Our goal is to have two officers in every foursome with two business people possibly from the officers' working area playing together as a team. The last couple of years we have had to turn some of our own officers away because the tournament sold out and the officers waited too long to apply. Get your applications in early to avoid disappointments. It's a class tournament on a class golf course. The tournament proceeds benefit the POA Scholarship Fund which is beginning to flourish. The Daly City PAL Tournament will be held on the Ocean Course the same day. This is an attempt by the Olympic Club to reduce outside play on their golf course and still take care of law enforcement charities. Prize contributions will be appreciated. Don't wait too long to apply, those that snooze will lose.

Community Involvement

by Sergeant Michael L. Hughes

I was pleased to read in the December issue of the POA Notebook that Lt. Don Carlson will be participating in California AIDS Ride 4. I will be joining Lt. Carlson as a rider from San Francisco to Los Angeles between June 1 and June 7, 1997.

I would like to take this opportunity to explain to you a little about THE CALIFORNIA AIDS RIDE. It was launched on May 1, 1994 when 478 cyclists departed San Francisco for a 525 mile, 7 day journey to Los Angeles. The goal of the first riders was to raise one million dollars. They exceeded their expectations by raising \$1.6 million. In June 1996, California AIDS Ride 3 raised \$8.2 million, with 2,193 people participating.

Fifty percent of the \$8.2 million

raised in 1996 went to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Now in its 14th years, the San Francisco AIDS Foundation sees more clients than ever. These people mirror the diverse faces of this epidemic.

Working and living in a city that has been so drastically affected by an insidious disease as AIDS, I am proud to participate in an event that will benefit people living in my community that are ill and in need of care and treatment.

I am proud that the San Francisco Police Department will be represented in CALIFORNIA AIDS RIDE 4, and I encourage other members of the department to join Lt. Carlson and I either as riders or volunteers.

For more information on the CALIFORNIA AIDS RIDE 4 call 908-0400.

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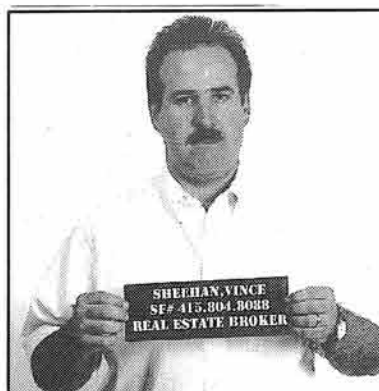
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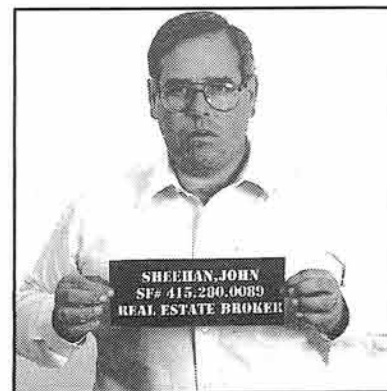
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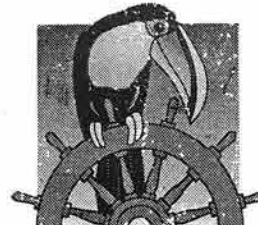
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ON THE STREET/Tom Flippin



Funny ... But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



The Arcata Police Department has been dealing with a growing "Urban Camper" population. Recently they were doing the usual downtown camper sweep, when one of the officers stopped and checked a person bundled up in a doorway. The officer recognized him as one of their regulars...well known for his odd behavior. Checking him is usually a toss-up as to whether he'll go on his way or fight. The officer woke our hero and he started up, saying: "I have an appointment here in the morning!" He was given his nightly "out of bounds" camping ticket and sent on his way. The Arcata cops don't think the judge will buy his excuse. He was on the steps of Paul's Chapel...Arcata's funeral parlor.

Thanks to Tamara Borok, Planning Division, for this submission.

Next up we've got a couple of local candidates for the Dumb-Crook-Of-The-Month award.

First, our thanks go to Ray Ragona, TTF for letting us know about the dummy who fell afoul of the new main library. It seems that the library maintains a certain number of lockers for the use of patrons. Our hero rented one of the lockers, then stepped out into the Civic Center and started selling narcotics. He was quickly arrested and booked. That doesn't end our story, however. Library rules require that unvacated lockers be opened every 24 hours, so library security officers duly opened this stupido's locker and discovered a variety of drugs and paraphernalia. Some three days later the guy gets outa jail and comes looking for his stuff. Finding the locker empty, he calls library security and asks for his property to be returned. Security officers make an appointment for him to pick up his "property", then they call Northern Station. When the dummy shows up to get his drugs...Bingo!...he gets popped again!

The second dumb crook is Oakland's own Robert Monroe Ingram Jr. San Mateo police say that Ingram was one of two robbers who held up a grocery store recently. The two masked men tied up employees and stole \$18,000. Shortly after the robbery occurred San Mateo Officer John Mitchell stopped two men in a 1974 Oldsmobile and radioed that the men matched the descriptions of the suspects. However, while he was on the radio the car sped off across the San Mateo bridge, and he lost them. Hayward police later found the car abandoned. It contained the masks, a handgun, about \$16,000 in cash...and a wallet with Ingram's I.D. Ingram was arrested when he went to Oakland police to report that he had been carjacked and kidnapped. San Mateo authorities don't believe his story. "It wasn't real hard for us to figure out who was involved," said San Mateo detective Jim Novello.

These things don't happen here do they? Maybe in Chicago, but...well, here goes. The L.A. District Attorney charged Barbara Ann Bordenave, 53, with seven counts of election code violations. The charges all stem from a couple of weeks in 1994 when she was being paid an hourly wage to register voters as Democrats. Evidently, Barbara Ann wasn't getting enough potential Democrats to sign up. She has been charged with, among other things, registering several people without getting their permission. She even went so far as to register the names of at least five dead people. In Chicago it probably wouldn't have been noticed, but in California the voters are defrauded differently, right?!

Rumor Control No Merit to Forced Blood Tests

by Matt Krinsky,
Night Investigations Unit

Rumors have abounded of late regarding a miscommunication which occurred on 12.29.96. Because of the distress being caused by these rumors, let me give you the facts, very succinctly, and assure you of a few things.

First, the incident in question involves a terrible tragedy, one in which the lives of 6 individuals have been changed forever: 2 were killed, ages 14 and 10, 2 were injured, ages 14 and 15, and 2 others were made to look upon sights no one should be forced to see...and subjected to disinformation and a possible violation of their rights they should not have been subjected to.

A vehicle fleeing the police in the Potrero, where the driver had every opportunity to surrender, turned deadly when the driver tried to outrun the police. The ensuing crash, which occurred over a quarter mile away from the closest police vehicle, killed two and wounded two others. The two young officers were placed in the position of having to manage a crime scene consisting of death, destruction and carnage on the scale of minor war.

The two officers involved, to compound their misery, were told they would have to take a blood test by the Deputy Coroner at the scene,

on a suggestion from above.

This was where the miscommunication and disinformation began, and its mushroom effect caused the summoning of the POA attorney, and the entire Night Command Staff.

Without going into specifics or naming names (those involved know who they are) there was **no merit** to the rumor that the officers were forced to submit to a chemical test, nor did they take a chemical test. Had they volunteered (which one did) they would have been within their rights to do so. However, no one can compel you to submit to a chemical test if you are involved in a shooting, a fatal 519, or any other case, unless it can be clearly articulated that you are impaired to some degree; this was certainly not the case in the Potrero. The officers are young, sober, industrious, concerned individuals, and they were as damaged, emotionally, by the accident as they were by the possibility that they were even suspected of being anything other than what I've described.

Once again, **there were NO chemical tests administered**, either voluntarily or by order from a superior. Anyone with any specific questions about this can call me at my office (553-9180) and I'll be happy to fill them in. Leave me a message if I'm not there.

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