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President's Message

by Chris Cunnie, SFPOA President

While the last month has been a tumultuous one for the Police Department and the Commission, this roller coaster ride has served to solidify and unite our membership more than ever.

I am proud of our members who have taken the time to attend the Police Commission meetings. Your mere presence at those meetings sent a message, which was received by the Administration and the Commission, that the rank and file are concerned with the way business has been conducted.

We cannot lose this momentum, and we must maintain our unity. We are the San Francisco Police Department. We will be faced with a number of other challenges in 1997. However, if we continue to stand together and work for and maintain an open dialogue with the Police Department,

the Commission and the community, we can achieve each and every one of our goals.

We have 10 new members on the POA Board of Directors. They bring fresh ideas and enthusiasm to an already dedicated group of Association leaders.

Your representatives are just that — they represent you. They will keep you informed, and you need to make sure that they are kept apprised of what's going on with you and the officers with whom you work.

Over the next few months we will face a number of challenges, including proposed changes in the discipline system, our affiliation vote regarding SEIU and upgrading the Tier II retirement system. With an Association as strong as you have shown yourselves to be over the last few months, I am confident we will meet each challenge head on.



"Baldy" Siebert and "Dome-Top" Ziegler enliven Australia's Crop-A-Cop.

Let's Give Back to the Community

by William Siebert, Co. F

Last August, Off. Ziegler and I participated in a fund-raiser in Australia. We were asked to represent the SFPD in Crop-a-Cop '96. We left San Francisco and flew into Melbourne. At the airport, we were met by Senior Constable, Karl David. Karl is the founder of the event.

Karl started the event three years ago; he got himself into a pickle with a bet. His fellow officers bet him that he wouldn't shave his head. Karl's simple bet, with a few of the blokes, turned into a \$1000.00 pot. Karl, being a man of integrity, shaved his head. He felt bad about taking his mates for so much money. Karl an-

guished over the decision of the money, for a while, until he saw a young boy with the same coiffure as his. Karl inquired about the boy's situation. Karl found that the boy suffered from cancer and had lost his hair in chemotherapy. Karl decided to donate his winnings to a charity which would help the boy.

The following year, Karl organized forty-three officers in a head shave. The officers were instructed to raise \$1000.00 apiece for charity, which they did. This was just the beginning for Crop-a-Cop. In 1996, Karl hosted the event in Sidney. Karl's imagination and hard work put together an

(See CROP-A-COP, Page 15)

Close Encounters

by Steve Johnson,
SFPOA Secretary

We will be visiting Sacramento once again this year on May 9th to participate in the Peace Officer Memorial Service at the State Capitol. We will have a special guest with us this year, Mrs. Harriet Hamilton. Harriet is the widow of Police Officer Harold Hamilton who was killed in the line of duty in 1970. Mrs. Hamilton will be accompanied by her daughter, Brenda, her two sons, Officer Dave Hamilton, Northern Station and Inspector Michael Hamilton, as well as Harold's brother, Inspector Sam Hamilton. Brenda was only a year-old, Dave was six and Mike eight years old when their father made the ultimate sacrifice.

I can't tell you how much your participation in this event means to the many families of our deceased officers. But I will guarantee you that if you take the time to attend, you'll witness it for yourself, and you'll never regret it.



SFPD members at last year's memorial ceremony

Close Encounters is continued on page 13

San Francisco Health Service System Open Enrollment April 28-May 30

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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. R. Kurpinsky at 2:05 PM, Wednesday, March 19, 1997, in Conference Room, Ingleside.

Roll Call of Officers: Tr/Jeffery, excused. All others present with members A. Augikar and P. Pres. Duffy.

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

Communications: Following donations received and acknowledged by Secretary: Sunset Chapter of AARP for use of Taraval meeting. Mrs. Gerald Mahoney—in memory of Dorothy Nichols. M/M Eihorn—Assistance by members Taraval. Sidney Bloomgarden—Assistance of members in locating his grandson. Following in memory of Inspector Edward Tank—Kruger Brothers, Douglas Berry, M/M De La Plata, M/M R. Lee, Frank McCoy, M/M John Marotto, M/M De Merritt, M/M J. Evangelista, Patricia, Richard & Tim Smith, The Fa, Coners, M/M E. Evangelista.

Treasurer Parenti reported the following deaths: **Renzo Panelli**; born in San Francisco in 1931. After working for State Harbor Police, he joined this Department in 1957, age 25. From the Academy to Northern for 6 years, then to B.S.S. for a year. Assigned to the Bureau of Inspectors, while there being promoted to Assistant Inspector in 1966, a Full Inspector and Sergeant in 1969. Renzo's last 2 years in The Department were in Intelligence, from where he retired in 1978, age 43, on Disability. He received the following awards: 1961—1st Grade for arrest and disarming of two suspects who had just robbed a liquor store: 1963—3rd Grade for arrest of armed suspect who had fired shots at another person: 1963—C/C arrest of suspect for armed robbery: 1963—2nd Grade arrest and disarming of an insane man: 1964—2nd Grade arrest of suspect who had committed two armed robberies: 1964—arrest of suspect who had committed two armed robberies and stolen a car from one of the victims: 1969—capture of a felon wanted for murder of a Police Officer. Renzo was 65 at his death.

James Murray; born in San Francisco. Jim was a salesman before joining The Department in 1934, age

25. He received his training working out of The Office of The Night Chief. He was assigned to Taraval, worked there for two years, then to Legal for two years. When the Accident Prevention was formed, Jim was assigned there. He stayed until promoted to Sergeant. He returned to Legal Office until he resigned in 1951 at the age of 42 to begin the practice of law.

Report of Trustees: Mr. Bricker, B of A, Portfolio is down this month slightly, due to changes of last month. On the Economy, expect Federal Reserve to increase interest rates in either March meeting or April (did it this meeting) Market this year will be more volatile, will have more ups and downs instead of straight ups. Our Bond holdings should not be affected by any increase in interest rates, as we have an average maturity rate of 3 1/4 years. No recommendations at this time, but we do have some cash that may be used to pick up some bargains if there is a drop in the Market.

Unfinished Business: Person has been hired to place required information in computer. Parenti—still have to file new Membership Applications. When all are opened will need some help from trustees.

New Business: Suggestion by Hardeman that the Treasurer and Secretary have been doing unusual work in setting up computer program, that they be awarded a bonus. Put over for further talks. Suggestion by Fontana that an ad be placed in Notebook, showing Membership Application and requesting same to be returned. Put over until number of failed returns are counted.

Good of the Association: Pres. Kurpinsky set next regular meeting for 2:00 PM, Wednesday April 16, 1997 in Conference Room, Ingleside Station. All are invited.

Adjournment: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:55 PM.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary

If you have not received yearly letter and membership application—call voice mail 681-3660. If you have received and not returned—do so now.

SFPD Unit Receives Appreciation Award

Lt. Kevin Hay,
US. Park Police, SFFO

On December 18, 1996 the San Francisco Police Department's Crime Scene Unit was presented with a U.S. Park Police Appreciation Award. The SFPD Crime Scene Unit has been very helpful to the SFFO's ID Unit in recent years. They have assisted in training our ID Techs, working with them in the field. They have accepted the latent finger prints lifted at numerous Force crime scenes, classified them and entered them into the A.F.I.S. computer, resulting in the identification of suspects in

some significant cases. In three short years, the San Francisco Field Office's ID Unit has become very proficient, adding a new dimension to the capabilities of the SFFO. ID Tech Officers Bob Waidman and Mike Falzone have attained the training, equipment and experience necessary to process crimes from auto burglaries to homicides. They are to be congratulated for their hard work. The ID Unit has recently been given a larger building on the Presidio where areas will be set up for vehicle processing, ninhydrin tests, air drying chambers and a variety of other capabilities.

Correction

The election results for Mission Station published in the March issue of the Notebook were incorrect. Dan Gallagher, SFPOA Election Committee, announced the correct vote tally for the Mission candidates. The editor regrets any embarrassment which may have been caused by this error.

Dan Linehan 77
John Evans 61
Charles Ellis 41

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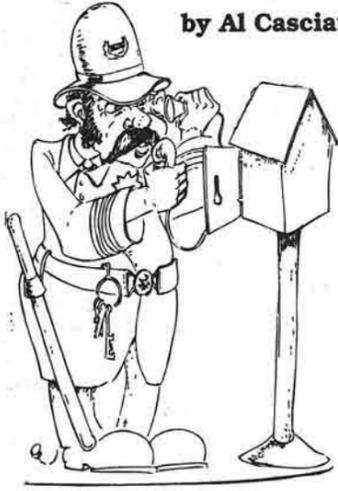
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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



...Last Day on the Job:

Tactical's **Ed St. Andre** went out on patrol March 25, 1997; his last day on the job prior to retirement.

Ed and partner **Terry Cotton-reader** patrolled as 4TIG and affected a traffic stop on a violator who rode his bicycle through the red light at 22nd/Mission. The officers issued a citation but were unable to conduct a warrant check as the computers were down.

Ed and Terry had an uneasy feeling about the violator but had to let him go after issuing the citation. After the computers came back on line, they conducted a warrant check and found outstanding warrants for \$12,000+ in vehicle code violations. Playing a hunch, they searched the Mission — locating the suspect at 16th/Potrero. Ed placed the handcuffs on the wanted subject and asked, "Do you have any weapons?" The reply was, "yes". Ed found a .45 cal automatic — serial number filed off — fully loaded.

Ed's last day on the job was a fitting end to the career of a very hard working officer.

Enjoy your retirement Ed — You Deserve It...

....Births:

Southern Station's **Michael** and **Stephanie Petuya** are the happy parents of **Adrianna Maria**, 7 lbs. 14 oz, who was born on March 30, 1997. Big brother **Michael**, 3 years old, is very proud of his little sister as are the ecstatic Grandparents **Frank** and **Angie Petuya**, SFPD retired.

Ingliside Station's **Davin** and **Sonia Cole** proudly announce the birth of **Cindy Marie**, 8 lbs. 0 oz., 22 inches, who debuted March 11, 1997 at 0115 hours. Mom, Dad, and little one are doing great.

Kenwade Lee (Fraud) and his wife, **Aline**, are the happy parents of their newborn daughter **Kendall Rose**. She was born on January 29, 1997, weighing in at 7-1/2 lbs. and measuring 19-1/2 inches.

Congrats and best wishes for future happiness...

....Image is Everything:

Mission Station Sergeant, **Steve Johnson** (our POA Executive Board Secretary) points out that when seeking benefits at the ballot box, voters generally vote the image they have of us. Since the majority of voters never have any contact with the Department (us), they usually base their opinion on what they observe as we walk or drive by.

Steve was very distressed recently when he observed a radio car drive by with an officer slouched down in

the passenger seat, cigarette hanging from his mouth — Steve knew that votes were being lost. Everyday is a campaign day — if benefits are to be improved at the ballot box or negotiation table...

....Thoughts to Ponder:

- The people who complain the most are the ones who do the least for the good of all.
- Praise in public; criticize in private; confront, if necessary.

....A Few Spots Left:

There are six spots left for the SFPOA Retirement Planning Seminar scheduled for Saturday, April 26, 1997, 0900-1230 hours at the POA. Call **Mike Hebel** at 415/861-0211 to reserve space. The seminar is free...

....Graduate:

Glenn R. Sylvester, Academy staff, graduated on March 5, 1997 from P.O.S.T.'s Robert Presley Institute of Criminal Investigation with a specialty in: Computer Crimes Investigation.

Congratulations — Keep up the good work...

....Give it a Thought:

If you can do it this year do it — move to Health Plan I and get out of the HMOs. It's too long to go into here, but in the long run you and your family will be happier, our system will be much healthier, and we will have better coverage as the years go on...

...Alaska in '97

Retiree **Frank Kalafate** and daughter **Teri** have organized a cruise to Alaska Aug. 20-31st. SF to Alaska to SF. No flying. Group rates apply. (\$1749-\$1949 pp). Call 1-800/660-4776. Eleven days sound like a great vacation...

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

View From The Crow's Nest

by Jack Schreiberman

Enough is enough. For years, police and other law enforcement agencies in America's couple thousand jurisdictions have employed a silly, unnecessary and inaccurate usage. The thing has spread to newspaper, radio and TV, and it has got to stop...well, at least it ought to.

I refer to use of the word "suspect," in describing an unidentified criminal doing a dirty deed or being hunted for committing some awful thing— robbery, homicide, assault or whatever. Police are trained to use certain standard language in their crime reports so that they can be readily understood within the force. That gave birth to improper use of "suspect."

So here is an officer practically looking down the muzzle of a villain's pistol, and the officer describes the guy as a suspect. At that point, the bad guy is no suspect. He's a gunman! He shouldn't be referred to as a relatively respectable "suspect."

Police, when hunting a criminal who has committed some rotten act, refer to the huntee as a "suspect." Wrong! At that point, there is no

suspect. What they're looking for is an unnamed villain, criminal, gunman, robber or whatever.

A suspect is an individual suspected of committing a crime, period. No one is legally defamed when police or anybody else calls an unidentified person being sought a thief. When some robber has the drop on you and threatens your life on the spot he sure as hell is no suspect. Such usage in the circumstance is simply lawyerly baloney.

Consider the recent horrendous North Hollywood shoot-out, in which a pair of heavily armed gunmen terrorized a neighborhood with automatic gunfire, wounding several brave officers. Police commanders describing the carnage, as well as on-air reporters, call the obvious gunmen "suspects." I mean, when the guy is shooting up the landscape right in front of you, he's certainly more than just a "suspect."

Lets use words that have realistic meaning.

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SFPOA Board of Directors' Meeting Tuesday, 1/21/97 1400 Hours

Call to Order: 1400 Hours
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Deignan/Co A, Castel/Co B, Yoshii/Co C, Pate/Co D, Hamilton/Co E, Favetti/Co E, Gardner/Co F, Dempsey/Co G, Kaprosch/Co H, Finigan/Co I, Minkel/Co K, Atkinson/Hdqtrs., Sylvester/Hdqtrs., Balovich/Invest., Fox/Invest., Balma/Narc., Castagnola/Tac, Ching/MTPD, Mammone/TTF, Millett/SFO, Scully/SFO, Johnson/Secty, Limbert/Treas., Delagnes/V-Pres., Cunnie/President
Excused: Machi/Co A, Ellis/Co D, Wright/Ret.
President's Report: President Cunnie recognized Paul Chignell for his many years of work with the C.O.P.S., an organization that represents peace officers throughout California.
Building 606 Committee Report: (Chairs Castagnola/Ching) President Cunnie discussed the situation involving the transfer of specialized units to a building located in Hunters Point. The environmental analysts hired by the SFPOA, Arc-Ecol-

ogy, have reported that the building site itself is safe to occupy. President Cunnie will continue meet/confer meetings with the Department Administration to ensure all safety standards are maintained.
Contract Re-Opener: (Chair Delagnes) President Cunnie deferred the contract re-opener update to V-Pres Delagnes who reported that his committee was ready to proceed as early as 1/23/97 and would be utilizing Ken Akins, from University Research and Associates, to assist in dealing with the Mayor's representatives.
Captains' Exam: (Chair Catanzaro/Shawyer) Chair Catanzaro reported that Jim Lassart, the attorney handling this matter, has filed an appeal questioning the purpose of banding since there was no adverse impact on the exam and that a stay is also being considered at this time.
Meet/Confer Issues:
4/10: The Department has not yet submitted their proposals for the 4/

10 Committee's review.
Department Accident Board of Review/Field Training Officer Program Changes: These documents were given to Board members at the December Board meeting for review and comment. No requests for clarification or change were received.
Department Response to and Employee's Exposure to Infectious Diseases: D/C John Willett submitted a proposal that will provide for 24-hour coverage for any member who may require medical/counseling services for exposure to infectious diseases. This proposal was submitted to Board members for circulation.
The Board was informed that credit for military service (if the individual served in an MP Unit) can be utilized for POST certificates for a maximum of 5 years.
A resolution that would give the Board greater control over providing representation in criminal matters was introduced for discussion. A motion (M/Gardner, 2nd/Castag-

nola) was made for adoption. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Limbert submitted the financial report for December '96, for review and discussion. Special note was made regarding the preparation of a proposed budget for the coming year. A motion (M/Minkel, 2nd/Balovich) was made to accept the report as submitted. This motion was approved unanimously by voice vote.
Secretary's Report: Secretary Johnson had submitted the minutes for both the regular Board meeting of 11/19/96, and the Special Board meeting of 12/17/96, for review at the December meeting. A motion (M/Minkel, 2nd/Balovich) was made to accept both reports as submitted. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
President Cunnie then went to Executive Session so that two personnel issues could be discussed involving members of our Association.
There being no further business before the Board, President Cunnie adjourned the meeting at 1845 hours.
Submitted by
Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

SFPOA Board of Directors' Meeting Tuesday, 2/17/97 1400 Hours

Call to Order: 1400 Hours
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call: Present: Griffin/Co A, Spiteri/Co B, Tennenbaum/Co C, Ellis/Co D, Gardner/Co F, Sorgie/Co G, Kaprosch/Co H, Finigan/Co I, Minkel/Co K, Atkinson/Hdqtrs., Sylvester/Hdqtrs., Balma/Narc., Gibson/MTPD, Millett/SFO, Scully/SFO, Wright/Ret., Johnson/Secty, Limbert/Treas., Delagnes/Vice-Pres., Cunnie/President
Excused: Rosko/Co A, Linehan/Co D, Struckman/Co E, Favetti/Co E, Balovich/Invest., Casillas/Invest., Castagnola/Tac, Mammone/TTF
President's Report: President Cunnie announced the results of the membership vote for representatives and presented plaques of appreciation to those representatives leaving the Board of Directors, thanking them for their many hours of service and support.
President Cunnie then introduced Supervisor Angela Alioto and Super-

visor Tom Hsieh who were present to welcome the new Board members. District attorney Terrence Hallinan was also present with his staff and reiterated his commitment of full cooperation with our Association in all matters of mutual concern.
Labor Issues: President Cunnie has established a Labor Committee to deal with the disaffiliation from SEIU (Chair/Mammone) and issued a 90-day notice as required under contract terms, informing SEIU of our intention.
Federal Litigation Committee Report: (Catanzaro/Sorgie, Co-Chairs) The Department intends to promote 18 Captains, 7 Lieutenants and 10 Sergeants in March. There is no new Police Academy scheduled until July/August, 1997. A motion was made (M/Gardner, 2nd/Balma) to send correspondence to our Department reaffirming the POA's position that all promotional appointments should be made in rank order to include sub-

groups. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
Patrol Special Contingent: President Cunnie has established a committee to meet with the Department over their intention to change the status of Patrol Special officers to full peace officer status.
4/10 Schedule: The POA 4/10 Committee has met with Department representatives and has come to an agreement regarding the work schedule. Board members were briefed on the arrangement.
Vice-President's Report: V-Pres Delagnes informed the Board of the progress of the re-opener. There was also discussion of plans for the November '97 ballot.
Secretary's Report: Secretary Johnson has scheduled representative training for Thursday, 2/27/97, 0900—1200 at the POA Office. There was a question concerning the scheduling of OCC interviews and appropriate compensation that needed to

be addressed at the Chief's level. A letter has been forwarded requesting a meet/confer over this matter.
Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Limbert provided the Board with the balance sheet for Jan. '97 for review and discussion with the anticipation of this year's budget report available at the March '97 Board meeting.
New Business:
A motion was made (M/Sorgie, 2nd/Millett) to reimburse the principals who sponsored a fund-raising event for a child with cancer in December '96. Cost: > \$150.00. This motion passed unanimously by voice vote.
President Cunnie requested an Executive Session Meeting for the purpose of discussing the appeal of two members requesting representation.
President Cunnie adjourned the meeting at 1830 hours.
Submitted by:
Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

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Retired Members Column

by Mike Sugrue



Exercise #6
Position—Hands (fingers pointing forward) on floor about 6 inches in front and slightly outside shoulders, right knee fully flexed, left leg extended backward (Fig. 11).
Movement—One—Bring the left leg forward (toe pointing forward), fully flexing the knee, as you extend the right leg backward. Two—Position. Repeat rhythmically 6 to 10 times.



Exercise #7
An excellent exercise for the abdominal region.
Position—Supine, arms extended behind head, legs out straight and together.
Movement—One—Pull up to sitting position and touch hands to toes keeping legs reasonably straight (Fig. 12). Two—Position. Three—Bend knees and spread feet about 18 inches apart as you pull up to sitting position and touch hands to floor beyond toes. Four—position. Repeat 6 to 12 times.



Exercise #8
For coordination, agility and condition in general
Position—Standing, arms at sides.
Movement—One—Squat to modified deep knee bend and place hands (fingers pointing forward) on floor in front and outside of feet (Fig. 14). Two—Thrust legs backward to front leaning rest position (fig 15). Three—Bend elbows and touch chest to floor keeping body straight. Four—Extend arms, returning to front leaning rest position. Five—Jump legs forward, returning to modified deep knee bend with hands on floor. Six—Return to starting position. Repeat 4 to 8 times.

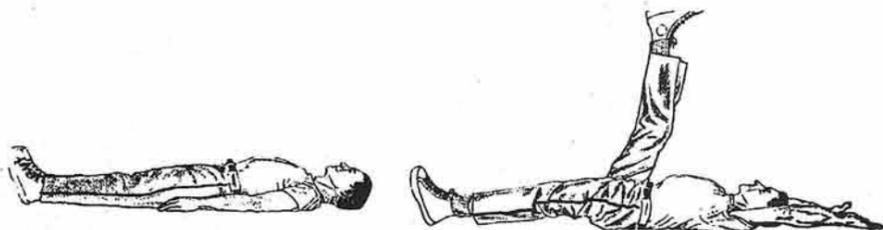


Exercise #9
Position—Legs extended upward buttocks raised off floor, hands on lower back, with body supported on arms and shoulders.
Movement—Move legs as in bicycle riding. Extend each leg 10 to 20 times.

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Begin by performing the minimum number of repetitions of Routine I and Routine II together with the minimum number of repetitions listed for each exercise Routine III. Gradually increase number of repetitions of Routine III until maximum number can be performed.

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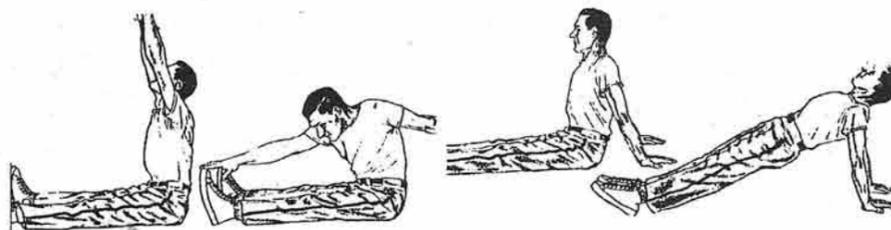


Exercise #1
General Limbering Up.
Position: supine, arms at sides. Fling both arms forward—upward until extended on floor, and at the same time fling the right leg to vertical position. (Fig 2) Remember—Keep arms and legs reasonably straight. Repeat in same manner with left leg. Repeat 8 to 12 times.



Exercise #2
For shoulders, upper back and lateral trunk muscles.
Position—Front leaning rest—body straight, supported on hands and toes, with feet and hands shoulder width apart (Fig 3).
Movement—One—Fling the right arm sidewise-upward as far as possible (Fig. 4). Two—Position. Three and four—Repeat with left arm. Repeat 4 to 8 Times.

Exercise #3
For thighs, hips and abdomen
Position—Supine, arms extended behind head (Fig. 5).
Movement—One—Both knees upward bending, clasp hands around knees and pull toward chest (fig. 6). Two—Position. Repeat 8 to 12 times.



Exercise #4
For back of thighs and lower back, and lateral trunk muscles
Position—Sitting tall, legs reasonable straight and spread apart, arms extended upward, with the head back and eyes looking at hands (Fig. 7).
Movement—One—Reach out over left toes with right hand as you fling the left arm backward (Fig. 8). Two—Return to position, stretching arms and trunk upward. Three and Four—Repeat in same manner, reaching out over right toes with left hand. Repeat 4 to 8 times.

Exercise #5
Position—Sitting (lean slightly backward, hands behind for support), legs extended and together (Fig. 9).
Movement—One—Lift hips forward-upward and move head backward until body is straight from head to heels (Fig. 10). Two—Position. Repeat 8 to 12 times.

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THE MEMBERS SPEAK

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Dear Editor,

A couple of weeks ago two officers, neither of whom I know, received a lengthy suspension for their involvement in an in-custody death. It seems a gentleman smelling of alcohol, with no signs of external trauma, died while in police custody. Evidence showed that the man had received an internal head injury hours prior to any police contact which resulted in his death. If this is cause for discipline I'm owed a number of suspensions.

Over the years I am guilty of taking passed-out drunks to the station with the malicious intent of removing them from the rain, cold, and most important of all preventing them from being robbed or beat-up. Not realizing how insensitive I've been I guess I should have driven by

these men and left them lying on the city streets in order to prevent them from dying in police custody.

If the Monday morning quarterbacks want to prevent any future in-custody deaths there is a solution but will the city act?? Since being drunk is a medical problem why shouldn't all intoxicated persons be brought to a facility where they can be left in custody of medical personnel and professionally diagnosed. Once medically cleared they could be released from that facility. It won't work, it makes sense. Besides that, it's easier to give the problem to the police. Everybody knows that the police receive a couple of hours of CPR training every two years so that should qualify them for diagnosing any medical problem.

Sgt. Bob Johnston

Dear Editor:

I have been a sworn member of the San Francisco Police Department since Monday, August 15, 1977 and work at Richmond Station. Over the past couple of years, our officers have been named in the newspapers, shown on television and blamed for the death of Aaron Williams. As a result of that incident, some of the officers involved have been suspended. In my opinion, the officers should not have been suspended and this entire case closed two years ago.

June 4, 1995, Aaron Williams decided to burglarize a veterinary clinic on the corner of Lyon & Sutter Sts. Witnesses called the police, gave a description, and within a few minutes the police were in the area. Williams fit the description and an investigation attempt was made by officers in front of Williams' sisters residence on Bush St. Instead of cooperating with the police officers, Williams decided to fight. Versions of what took place before and during the fight vary.

Aaron Williams is dead; he can't give his version. I read his sister's version the night of the incident. That version has been recanted and she now contends it was an unprovoked attack upon her brother by the police. The media has its version and it (the media) doesn't care if the version is accurate. It only wants to generate enough interest to get people to watch their news shows or buy their newspapers.

The reason the incident took place seems to have been forgotten. Williams, under the influence of CRACK COCAINE, committed a crime. When confronted by police officers, he fought. As a result of smoking CRACK COCAINE, from Thursday to Sunday, Williams died. He didn't die because the police used pepper spray.

He didn't die because the police used excessive force or brutality. He didn't die because the police shot him. Aaron Williams died because his body was full of CRACK COCAINE.

Many people attended a recent police commission hearing and were given an opportunity to express their opinions. They believe the police are responsible for the death of Aaron Williams, wanted officers involved terminated, and continually disrupted the proceedings with vocal outbursts. I say; The police are in no way responsible for the death of Aaron Williams and that is what should be said by my department. Instead, the police department bows to political pressure.

Aaron Williams is responsible for his own death. He was a smoker of CRACK COCAINE and that is what killed him. Where were all the people from the community, the watchdog agencies, the religious people, and the family when Aaron Williams was smoking CRACK COCAINE while he was alive? Where were all these concerned people when Aaron Williams was loading the pipe, putting it to his lips, sucking, inhaling, and becoming a worse person than he already was? Why weren't they attempting to help the man before his death? Since the family loved him so much, why weren't they doing anything to help him while he was alive (RATHER THAN GET MONEY BECAUSE OF HIS DEATH) he might be alive today.

The officers involved are all fine officers and are being unfairly punished for doing the job they were sworn to do. No excessive force. No brutality. Only fighting with a person under the influence of CRACK COCAINE.

Larry Murdock #1982
San Francisco Police Department
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Living on Death Row

by Scharleen H. Colant,
Donor Mother

Imagine yourself being given a death sentence—but not by a jury in a court of law.

"Doctor, lawyer, merchant, chief"
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This is happening every day in the United States to people who have never committed a crime.

How can that be? It is simple and can happen to anyone of any age, at any time, with little or no advance notice.

"You need an organ transplant", is the verdict given to one person every thirty minutes in this country, as their name is added to the waiting list for an organ transplant by their doctors.

Given the shortage of organs available for transplant, for many people, this is equal to having the cell doors closed behind them for the last time—"without the possibility of parole." No organ may ever become available that is suitable because too many individuals and/or families do not recognize or understand the drastic need for organ donation. Instead, without realizing the affect, will fail to give consent for donation should something unexpected and fatal occur.

Fortunately for others, there is the "possibility of parole." They may be sentenced to an indeterminate time

facing "death row." Then—suddenly a "reprieve" will be granted as some generous loving person gives "the gift of life" by making an organ available.

Would you sit on a jury and knowingly sentence an innocent person to death? Would you want this to be the fate of someone in your family—a friend or even an acquaintance?

Unquestionably, there would be a negative reply. Then it follows that if you would desire to receive an available organ, in turn you should be willing—equally—to decide to become an organ donor should the situation face you.

Seven thousand people are on death row in our prisons—all charged with crimes against society.

More than 50,000 people are on death row in our nation—awaiting an unavailable heart, kidney(s), liver or pancreas. Does it shock you to read that many of these "prisoners" are children and half of them will die before they can obtain an organ? Shock waves ripple across our country each time a prisoner is executed. Yet there is no public out—cry when eight to ten people are unjustifiably "executed" each day as they die for lack of organs.

Think about this! The only "crime" the candidates for transplant have committed is becoming ill. Keep in mind this could even happen to you. Through an organ transplant, they can be granted "a pardon" and proceed to live a normal life.

Discuss the reality of this "unfair jury system" that sentences innocent people to death. Discuss it with your family and friends and come back with the only verdict that is fair and reasonable in this crisis situation. Become an organ donor.

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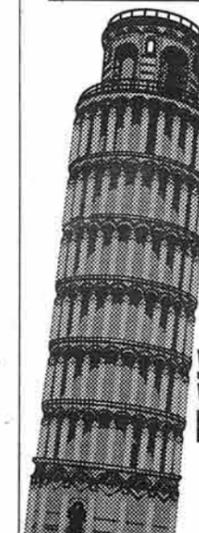
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Policing Old San Francisco:

The First Murder in American San Francisco

by Kevin Mullen

The occurrence of last Sunday evening must startle this community from their (sic) fancied security. One of our most quiet citizens, an innocent victim, is shot down in a general quarrel originating in a grog shop.

—The San Francisco Californian, November 17, 1847

When American forces seized San Francisco from Mexico in June 1846, the little town of Yerba Buena — from which the city of San Francisco would grow — was a little hamlet of 200 permanent residents dwelling in the 50 or so buildings scattered along the slope fronting the shoreline at what is now Montgomery Street.

The settled portion of the town was bounded roughly by the future lines of Pacific, California, and Dupont streets (Grant Avenue), and the waterfront at Montgomery. Down by the beach were commercial warehouses and grogshops to slake the thirst of visiting seafarers. More saloons, and a sailors' boarding house, were located over by the deep water landing place (embarcadero) at Broadway and Battery streets.

To the south of California street, a trail led through the sand dunes to the Mission, and on the north a few residences straggled off through the *puertosuelo*, the cleft between Telegraph and Russian Hills, toward the Presidio.

Almost at once after the American flag was raised, the previously somnolent little settlement took on new life.

A few weeks later the population of the town more than doubled at a stroke with the arrival of the Mormon ship *Brooklyn*, with 200 immigrant settlers. The town received another spurt of growth with the arrival of Colonel Jonathan Stevenson's regiment of New York volunteers at the end of March 1847.

The regiment had been formed earlier in New York and sent to California to assist in the Mexican War. By the time the regiment arrived in San Francisco, however, hostilities had ended in California, so the various companies were distributed on garrison duty around the newly acquired territory. Two companies were assigned to the Presidio at San Francisco and a detachment was detailed to the old Mexican Custom House on the Plaza (Portsmouth Square) at Yerba Buena as a town police.

By mid-summer of 1847 the town had a population of 459, not counting military personnel and residents of the Mission. Men, most of them under 40 years of age, outnumbered women by two to one, and about twenty percent of the population was identified as Indians, African-Americans, and Sandwich Islanders (Hawaiians).

By the Fall of the year, with hostilities at an end, the military authorities began to turn over the reins of government to civil authorities. A civilian town council was elected in September and the military guard was replaced by two constables charged with keeping the peace and enforcing the law in the little settlement.

Private McKenzie Beverly was among those who served in Stevenson's regiment in San Francisco. The former seaman signed on with the regiment in San Francisco in May. At first he had been placed on detached duty in San Jose where he got in trouble almost immediately and he was sent to Monterey under arrest. He escaped from custody there, though, and returned to San Francisco where he was rearrested in early November.

Testimony at later proceedings supported the contention that Beverly was subject to depressive episodes involving violent outbursts directed at himself and others, all of which, no doubt, had an affect on events which followed.

On Sunday afternoon, November 14, 1847, a motley group of sailors, townsmen, and soldiers from the volunteer regiment were in John Ellick's grocery/saloon at what is now Pacific Street, just west of Montgomery. About 7:30 p.m., a young sailor on shore leave from the ship *Confederacion* anchored in the nearby cove, jostled his way to the bar to get a drink.

William Landers, a member the volunteer regiment, punched him in the head and announced that he could "whip any son of a bitch in the house," always a dangerous claim in a room full of drunks. Just then, David Ward, a mate from the *Confederacion*, who was rounding up his fellow shipmates to take them back to the ship after shore leave, entered the saloon.

Ward took Landers up on his challenge, and gave him a sound whipping, but when he tried to shake hands after the fight, the soldier declined. Instead Landers left the saloon, but returned almost immediately, insulted Ward verbally, and went back outside again. Ward followed him out, whereupon Landers picked up a rifle leaning against the porch railing and tried to aim it at the mate.

Ward disarmed his adversary and, to avoid further trouble, took the rifle for safekeeping to George Denike's bakery/saloon down the hill on the beach near the current intersection of Sansome and Pacific Streets. The rifle, as things turned out, belonged to Private Beverly. Nowadays anti-gun advocates wouldn't let things pass. But no one at the time seems to have wondered why a man with a well documented mental problem,

and awaiting trial for military desertion, was allowed to go about armed with a loaded rifle and visit drinking saloons in the first place.

In any event, aroused to action by the loss of his rifle, Beverly armed himself with a rifle belonging to another soldier and made his way down to Denike's, goaded on by about 30 of his fellow revelers. Once there he stood outside and demanded the return of his rifle, threatening to shoot if the weapon was not forthcoming. Ward, from inside the saloon, refused the demand and closed the door in Beverly's face.

Beverly fired through the door and struck a cigar maker named Charles Dornte — the inevitable innocent bystander — who was standing at the end of the bar. Dornte fell soundlessly to a table mortally wounded and Ward handed out the requested rifle. A group of bystanders seized Beverly and hustled him immediately before Alcalde George Hyde. The recently appointed constables don't seem to have become involved in any part of the proceedings.

Hyde immediately convened a preliminary examination at which Beverly's responsibility for the shooting was established, but since the defendant was a military man, turned the case over to the military authorities for trial on a charge of murder.

Beverly's trial before a military courts martial commenced at the Presidio on December 18, 1847. It was clear from the evidence that Beverly had shot Doernte under the circumstances described, despite testimony elicited by the defense that some of the prosecution witnesses were drunk and that their testimony was thus of questionable value.

The main efforts of the defense were directed at creating the impression that Beverly was suffering from a severe form of mental disease. Several of his fellow soldiers were called to testify that he was subject to frequent convulsions after which he would act "perfectly crazy, talking to himself and calling on others who were not present." The witnesses recounted several previous instances during which Beverly had become uncontrollably violent for no appar-

ent reason, and that he had tried to kill himself several times while in a state of depression.

Regimental physicians testified that they had observed Beverly while going through convulsions, and concluded that the man's mind was seriously impaired. San Franciscans of that day were not yet ready for insanity defenses — the staple of the defense arsenal of tools of a later time.

The military court found Beverly guilty of murder, and sentenced him to fifteen years of penal servitude. He was incarcerated in the guardhouse at Clay and Dupont streets, erected after the conquest by military authorities for defense of the town against a feared Mexican counterattack.

A few nights later, however, Beverly somehow escaped, and another soldier, Henry Woolard, was later courtmartialed for aiding him in his escape and concealing his departure from the officer of the guard. Woolard was acquitted at trial.

Less than a month after Beverly's conviction, gold was discovered on the American river, setting in motion the great California gold rush. In the excitement which followed, Beverly was lost to history, and any punishment the courts could exact. There were later were stories that he was operating with a band of brigands near San Jose, but no one seems to have felt compelled to go after him.

Ironically, had Beverly been able to remain in San Francisco he might have become a wealthy man. In 1847 he acquired title to a lot at Montgomery and Pine streets for \$12. A few years later similar lots there sold for between \$30,000 and \$50,000, and those who held the land still longer made great fortunes. There are quietly wealthy San Francisco families today who live comfortably on the earnings from lots bought in the same sale at the same location. But since Beverly was not around to make the improvements on his lot as required by the terms of the sale, title reverted to the city, and the property was resold to others.

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Second Annual Bay Area Peace Walkathon Organized by Youth

The Mission District Community Peace Initiative (CPI), facilitated by the Real Alternatives Program (RAP), is a community collaborative working to reduce violence in the Mission District. CPI, with other Bay Area organizations is organizing the Second Annual Bay Area Peace Walkathon as a fund-raiser benefiting various programs serving youth throughout the Bay Area. As so many budget cuts devastate youth programs working to reduce violence, this Peace Walkathon is one way for all of us to unite and support these programs. The theme of this day is to promote respect and appreciation for our differences and to be a celebration of the diversity throughout the Bay Area.

Communities all over the Bay Area have been affected by violence and are searching for ways to address the problem. CPI, with the help of many Bay Area organizations, is organizing this Peace Walkathon to:

1. Raise desperately needed funds for violence prevention programs
2. Provide youth the opportunity to develop their leadership skills through the experience of mobilizing their communities and organizing this event.
3. Unite people of all colors to send out a powerful message of peace to the Bay Area right before Summer, as violence often rises when youth are out of school
4. Build off the Walkathon momentum and use some of the funds raised to organize a Bay Area Peace Youth Summit.

The Walkathon will begin and end at The Yerba Buena Gardens located at 3rd and Mission Streets in San

Francisco on Saturday, May 17, 1997. We chose Yerba Buena because it truly celebrates diversity, is a place that honors people of color in the Arts, has a special memorial to Martin Luther King Jr., and is a neutral and central location for people to come from all over the Bay Area. The schedule would look as follows:

9:30 am—11:00 am Registration for walkers

11:00—12 noon Peace Walkathon (Yerba Buena to Embarcadero and return)

12 noon—4:00 pm Food, Speakers, Music, Closure

We are encouraging schools, groups and organizations to develop teams of walkers to benefit the non-profit community service program (including schools) of their choice. All the money raised will be turned into the Bay Area Peace Walkathon, but 90% of the money raised by each group or individual will be returned to the program or organization they have specified. For example, if a school raised \$1,000, they will receive \$900 in return to fund their programs. 10% will be used to cover the costs involved in organizing the event and the event itself, to fund the upcoming Bay Area Peace Youth Summit, and to provide funding for young people working to reduce violence within the Community Peace Initiative.

This is a Bay Area wide community organizing project that needs volunteers and interns to help organize constituencies in various communities. If you want to register or have any questions, please call the Bay Area Peace Walkathon, toll free at (888)-CPI-WALK (274-9255).

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Police Take On Number One Killer

Fighting cardiac arrest with portable defibrillators

Police and sheriff departments across the country are joining the fight against the nation's number one killer, sudden cardiac arrest (SCA). Every year, SCA strikes 350,000 people in the U.S., killing nearly all of them.

Although most cases are treatable, survival depends on getting appropriate treatment (an electrical shock to the heart known as defibrillation) in time. Every passing minute before defibrillation reduces the chance of survival by about 10 percent.

When a medical emergency call comes in, ambulances and aid cars are dispatched from the station. But police cars—already out on the street—can often respond to an emergency several minutes ahead of the ambulance. By equipping officers with advanced portable heart defibrillators, innovative law enforcement agencies are turning those extra minutes into the difference between life and death.

Responding to medical emergencies will be a new experience for most of Cincinnati's police officers. The department recently announced it will equip squad cars in one of its two largest police districts with defibrillators. The city's goal is to double the survival rate for treatable cardiac arrest from 15 to 30 percent.

"I thought we'd get some resistance to the program," said Specialist Bill Deters of the planning and research division. "But once the officers went through the training they became real positive about it—especially once they found out how simple the devices are to operate."

The devices are new LIFEPAK® 500 automated external defibrillators (AEDs) from Physio-Control Corporation of Redmond, Wash. The first production units rolled off the line in early February; already Physio has a backlog of orders totaling more than 1,500.

"We developed the 500 to address a compelling community need," said Paula Lank, RN, Physio-Control program manager. "The American Heart Association and other groups are strong proponents of training and equipping first responders in order to save thousands of lives each year. For that to happen, the equipment has to be low cost and easy to use."

Currently, fewer than 10 percent of emergency response vehicles (aid cars, police cars, fire trucks) carry defibrillators of any kind. With its low cost, having the 500 on every emergency vehicle becomes an affordable option.

Nationwide, about one police department in five is the designated first responder in medical emergen-

cies. Some of those departments train their officers as emergency medical technicians (EMTs), but most don't. AEDs represent a quantum leap in the level of care officers can provide, regardless of their level of medical training.

In addition to Cincinnati, police in these other jurisdictions will be carrying AEDs:

- On Long Island, N.Y., Suffolk County has purchased 60 LIFEPAK 500 AEDs for its Police Department and plans to order 40 more, in order to equip all its sector cars with the devices. All Suffolk's officers are certified EMTs, and police academy training there has included defibrillation since 1992—even though at the time the possibility of acquiring the equipment seemed remote.

Officer Mitch Savino, who teaches at the Suffolk County Police Academy, mentioned another reason police are enthusiastic about the AEDs. "Most of the officers live in the jurisdiction," he said. "They want to know that the highest level of care will be there if it's one of them or their family members calling for help."

- Greenwich, Conn. Emergency Medical Service and Greenwich Hospital have purchased 20 model 500s to be used by the Greenwich Police Dept. in all their vehicles, including two boats that patrol Long Island Sound.

- The City of London, England, will conduct a three-year study to test the first responder concept by equipping some of its police officers with the model 500. London Police will be the first in the United Kingdom to carry AEDs.

- Starting in late spring or early summer, the Boston Police Department will begin training officers in the use of AEDs. After the training is completed, the Department will place Physio-Control FIRST MEDIC® semi-automatic defibrillators in strategically located police units. This is the latest phase in a partnership among Boston Emergency Medical Services and the Boston Fire and Police Departments, which has resulted in a 50 percent improvement in the cardiac arrest survival rate in just two years.

Physio-Control International Corp. (Nasdaq: PHYS) introduced portable defibrillation technology nearly 30 years ago. Based near Seattle, Wash., the company is the recognized leader in the manufacture, sale and service of a broad range of defibrillator/monitor/pacemakers and other medical instruments. For more information on police use of AEDs, contact a Physio-Control representative at 1-800-442-1142.

UPDATE: 246 P.C.

PEOPLE v. JUSTICE
51 CAL. APP. 4th 552
Filed: December 10, 1996
Briefed by Mike Paganini

QUESTION: Can a person be convicted of violating Penal Code section 246 for firing a gun from one apartment to another?

ANSWER: Yes

FACTS: The defendant fired a shot into the floor of his apartment and, hence, into the apartment below which was occupied.

DISCUSSION: Penal Code section 246 is an alternate felony/misdemeanor which prohibits the willful and malicious discharge of a firearm at an inhabited dwelling house, occupied building, occupied motor vehicle, etc. In this case, the defendant argued that since he fired the gun inside his own apartment, he should not be convicted of violating Section 246. To put his argument another way, the defendant suggested that firing a shot from "inside" a building does not mean firing a shot "at" a building for purposes of Section 246.

RULING: The court noted that while the defendant fired the gun while standing inside his own apartment, he also fired it in the direction of the apartment below. The floor of the defendant's apartment was the ceiling of his neighbor's apartment. Thus, in shooting through his own floor, the defendant necessarily shot into and "at" the adjacent dwelling unit. The Appellate Court held that the defendant was properly convicted of violating Penal Code section 246.

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A Memorial To America's Finest

(NAPS)—The next time you visit our nation's capitol, save some time to see one of its most inspiring memorials.

The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, which honors all of America's federal, state and local law enforcers, can be found on three acres of federal park land called Judiciary Square. 1996 marks the fifth anniversary of the Memorial's dedication. Nearly 60,000 plants and 128 trees deco rate the memorial grounds and each spring thousands of daffodils make the Memorial one of Washington's most spectacular attractions.

Bordering the Memorial's beautifully landscaped park are two "pathways of remembrance" where the names of fallen officers are engraved. Each of the path way entrances is adorned with a powerful bronze statuary grouping of an adult lion protecting its cubs to symbolize the protective role of our law officers and to convey the strength, courage and valor known to those who served and died.

On average, one law enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America

nearly every other day. More than 65,000 officers are assaulted each year and about 23,000 are injured.

As a richly deserved tribute to their extraordinary service and sacrifice, the names of fallen officers are engraved on the Memorial's walls. At an annual candlelight vigil each May to coincide with National Police Week, new names of fallen officers are added to the Memorial.

Each addition underlines the Memorial's message that "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it is how they lived."

Although the memorial designates two official days for formal observance, the public may visit this outdoor monument 24 hours a day. Moreover, there are 30 impressive exhibits at the indoor visitors center (open varying hours seven days a week), which explain the history of the Memorial and the law enforcement heroes it honors. For more information and to arrange group tours, call 202-737 3400 or fax 202-737-3405 or write to the NLEOMF at 605 E Street NW, Washington, DC 20004.

One-Third Fewer Fatalities In 1996

Dramatic Reduction In Police Deaths

(NAPS)—This year Americans received some good news. Fewer police officers are dying in the line of duty.

According to a recent report by the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund (NLEOMF) and Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), the number of police fatalities in 1996 was the lowest in nearly 40 years.

The two groups tracking police fatalities reported that 117 federal, state and local law enforcement officers died in the line of duty during 1996. The last year the number of police deaths reached such a low level was in 1960 when an identical number of officers were killed. This year's figure represents a 30 percent decline from the 162 law enforcement fatalities that occurred in 1995. Up until 1996, the average number of officers killed on an annual basis during the past ten years was 166.

What is the reason for this good news?

Law enforcement experts believe several factors are responsible, including better training and more officers wearing bullet resistant vests. NLEOMF chair man Craig W. Floyd credited the reduction in deaths to:

- A substantial reduction in the number of firearm-related fatalities.

The number of firearm related felonious deaths dropped from 71 in 1995 to 55 in 1996.

Significantly, the number of officers killed by an assault weapon dropped from 10 in 1995 to one in 1996 (Francis Paul Scurry in Nashville, Tennessee).

- More and better trained law enforcement officers on the street. History shows that the more police officers, the less chance of being killed in the line of duty. The COPS program initiated by President Clinton to put 100,000 new officers on the street is helping more police to deter crime and back each other up.

- Increased use of bullet resistant vests. Studies clearly show that the number one safety measure a police officer can take is to wear a bullet resistant vest. An estimated 150 police lives are saved each year by soft body armor.

Despite this major drop in law enforcement fatalities, the police profession continues to be among the most dangerous in America today. On average, a police officer is killed nearly every other day; one out of nine are assaulted each year; and one out of 25 are injured in the line of duty.

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Close Encounters

by Steve Johnson, SFPD Secretary

This particular Close Encounters article will be dedicated to the members of the public who never hear about what's really going on within the San Francisco Police Department. After all, it doesn't seem right that certain special interest groups should focus all of their energy on just one police officer, almost to the point of malicious prosecution. There are 1899 more of us handling a lot of dangerous calls . . . and a lot of brave decisions are being made by police officers wearing the San Francisco star.

For instance . . .

Just last month, **Lieutenant Tim Foley, Sergeant Joe Engler, Officer Matt Fambrini, Officer James Kane, Officer JaHan Kim, and Officer Gaetano Caltagrione** were conducting a site survey of the public housing project on Eddy Street when they saw a subject running towards them with a gun in his hand. Officer Caltagrione and Officer Kane drew their weapons and ordered the suspect to relinquish his gun while Officer Fambrini, who was the closest to the suspect, took an extra dangerous chance, and grabbed the armed man. Now, the fight for the gun was on. Fortunately, Matt had his extra help with him and, even though all of the officers were exposed to the suspect's weapon, they still managed to make the arrest without further incident.

And the officers were extremely fortunate, as the weapon the suspect had in his possession was a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic, with a round in the chamber ready to fire.

Interesting aside: The officers checked the registration of the weapon and were able to contact the owner who told them that the weapon was in his car when his car was stolen. The owner said he "forgot" to tell the officers who took the original stolen auto report that he left his fully-loaded gun in his car. Now that would have made for an interesting traffic stop.

You really shouldn't expect too much trouble on the front stairs of the Hall of Justice, but that wasn't the case as **Lieutenant Marsha Ashe and Sergeant Jill Brophy** pulled up to the adjacent curb. As they left their patrol car and started walking towards the entrance of the building they noticed a 6'2" subject who weighed in excess of 250 pounds standing at the front doors of the building yelling at the top of his lungs. Marsha could not get through to Communications to ask for a back-up before the extremely agitated,

sweating and erratic subject pulled back his jacket and reached in to grab a large knife. The fight was on. The man continued his attack, spitting on the officers as he fought with them over control of the long-bladed knife. **Lieutenant Ashe and Sergeant Brophy** never had a chance to call for assistance over their radios because of the intensity of the battle. **Officer Leslie Smith** just happened to be driving in front of the Hall when he noticed the struggle and joined in, which almost proved to be the turning point. Although the enraged suspect struggled even more intensely, the officers finally managed to subdue him.

Just about the same time as this incident was going on, a car, peppered with bullet holes and matching the description of a vehicle used in a previous shooting, drove by Mission Station. This was very poor timing on the part of the driver since a special plainclothes unit consisting of **Officer Manuel Solano, Officer Mario Molina, Officer Andy Castro and Officer Gary Hazelhofer**, was just pulling out of the police driveway. The police unit made the traffic stop and the driver and his compatriots went to jail for possession of a loaded, Mach-10 assault weapon.

It's always nice to get the gun before they start shooting but, unfortunately, that wasn't the case for **Sergeant Pablo Ossio** who was investigating a case out by 24th and Treat Streets. Pablo was returning to his black and white when a car turned the corner at a high rate of speed and the driver started shooting. The gunshots took out the driver's side window of Sergeant Ossio's car. Thanks to Pablo's excellent description of the suspect, **Officer Harry Soulette** from Ingleside Station demonstrated an outstanding display of police intuition and tracked the armed suspect and his vehicle to 24th/Mission Streets where the gun was confiscated, the car towed, and the offender taken to jail.

It's 6:15 in the morning out by 20th/Hampshire and the neighbors are calling because an enraged man on the 3rd floor roof of their apartment building is creating a disturbance, screaming obscenities and threatening to jump from the ledge. **Officer James Barron and Officer Ronald Houle** responded and met the man's friend who told the officers that the six-foot, 240 pound individual running around on the roof was manic-depressive and had failed to take his medication, leading him into this frenzied state of mind. Officer Barron watched as the subject on the roof kept leaning over the side of the ledge, almost losing his balance. Although Jim had called for



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back-up, he knew he had to take action before the out-of-control subject hurt himself. Jim and Ron went to the roof and started to approach the man, talking in a low voice, and managed to get within reach of him. Both officers seized the opportunity to grab hold of the large-framed individual who now wanted to fight with them and pulled both officers towards the ledge. Jim and Ron were able to maintain their hold until the arrival of the other officers. It took six officers several minutes to finally gain control of this individual.

Exactly two days after the non-fiction bank shoot-out in Los Angeles where the heavily armed suspects went hunting for people to kill, **Officer John Solis and Officer Arran Pera** were sent to a residence on Hampshire Street to check on the well-being of a recluse. This individual was extremely threatening and paranoid to the point where he was clearly a danger to himself. The officers had to make entry and, after they had their man in custody they noticed that very nearby were several weapons, all loaded and ready to go with extra ammunition. The arsenal? A Tech-9 assault weapon, an M-1 Carbine and several 9 mm semi-automatics. You just never know what to expect behind those closed doors . . .

Officer Richard Pate and Officer Cezar Perez were at 16th/Mission Streets when they noticed an individual illegally parked in a vehicle in one of the most notorious neighborhoods for narcotic sales. As the officers approached to admonish this subject, they routinely ran a check on the license plate of the car he was in. The car turned out to be stolen, the suspect a parolee and wanted in Los Angeles for a multitude of robberies and, of course, when the officer removed him from his car, he was armed with a gun.

I receive a number of calls from citizens who read our Notebook each month and, while they can't believe the risks our members take on a daily basis, they are always extremely appreciative of the job we do.

But the job isn't getting any easier — Our members responded to 216 calls of people armed with guns during the month of March,

1997. Fortunately, all of the officers who risked their lives on these calls handled themselves with the professionalism in which they were trained and, as such, they were able to complete their tour of duty. Physically they were o.k. — but the increased danger is taking its toll . . . especially when 16 of the calls involved an officer driving up on an armed suspect!!

For instance . . .

The day after a young man had been killed at 19th/Valencia Streets, **Officer Frank Harrell and Officer Teresa Ewins** were sent to the same intersection to investigate several youths wearing their colors, acting in a suspicious manner. The officers were far outnumbered by the group they had detained, but that seems to be the case on the street lately. Nevertheless, they took what precautions they could yet one of the subjects bolted and started sprinting down Valencia Street. The runner was extremely large, 6'5" and 240 pounds, and was also very quick. But he was dealing with two of our bike patrol officers and Frank and Teresa caught up with him going into the turn on 20th Street. The suspect had apparently decided to leave his compatriots because he had feared that Officer Harrell and Officer Ewins would find the fully-loaded and concealed .45 semi-automatic he had tucked into his waistband. They did anyway . . .

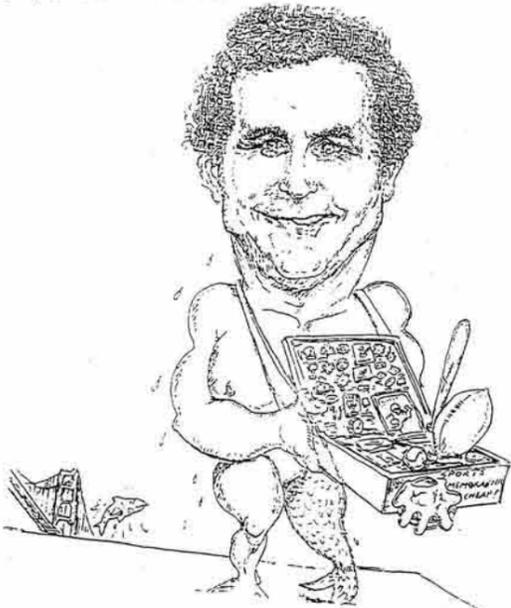
Officer Doug Farmer and Officer Pete Richardson, a plainclothes, gang-violence suppression team, were trying to develop a dialogue with a group of young people, trying to prevent them from getting into trouble out at 26th/Folsom Streets. Doug and Pete were talking to the teenagers when all of a sudden a car drove by and opened up on the group with a shotgun. Several of the kids were hit. Doug and Pete called for assistance, managed to get back to their car and, after a brief chase, they apprehended all five suspects and recovered their weapons.

The officers mentioned in this column never ask for recognition, but they sure as hell deserve it.

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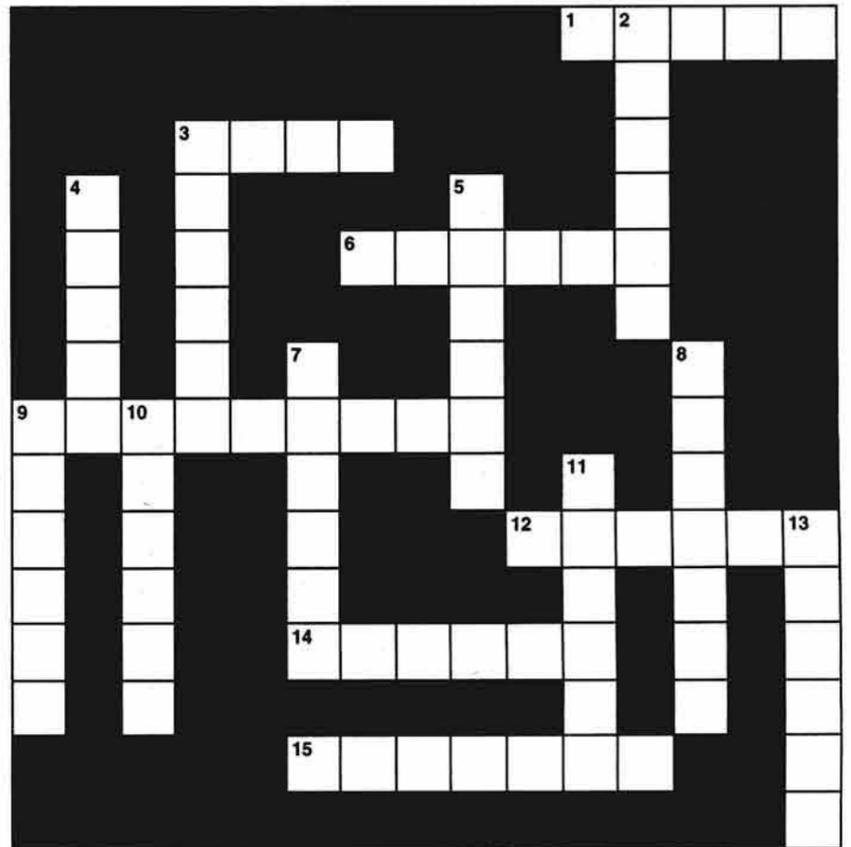
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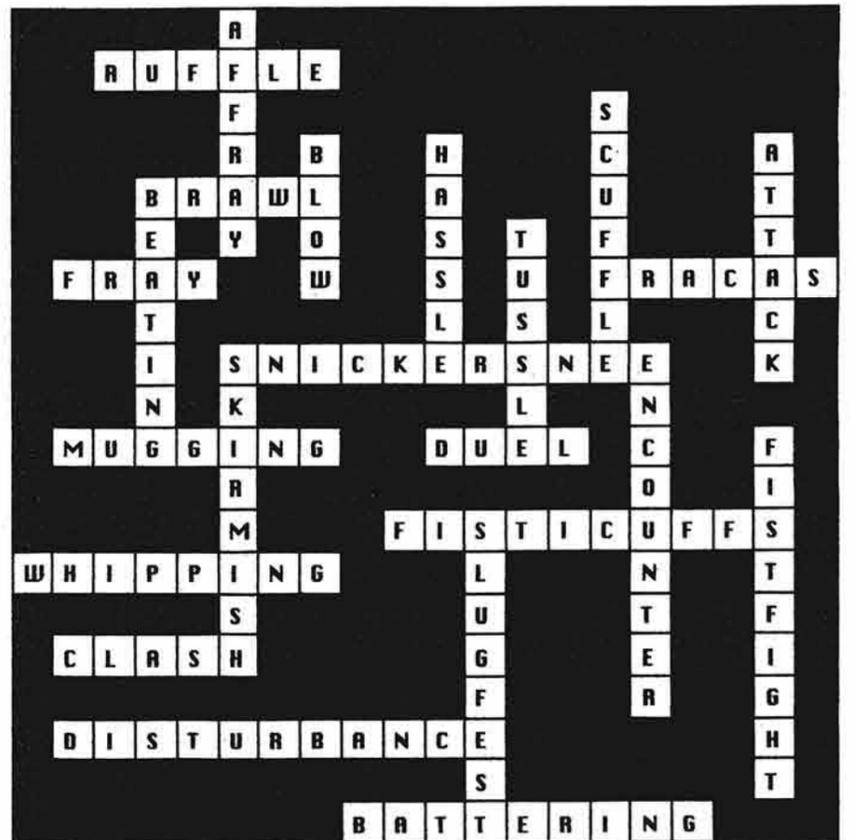
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by Daniel Hampton

Christ Our Lord said, "Enter by the narrow gate; for the gate is wide, and the way is broad that leads to destruction, and many are those who enter by it. For the gate is small, and the way is narrow that leads to life, and few are those who find it." It is so true, since the beginning of the Apostolic Age until now, few have chosen to follow and believe in Jesus Christ. Yet, even now the Spirit of God is moving in this world and drawing "the few" who are proud to stand up and be counted as followers of Jesus Christ and share His Good News.

Historically speaking, early Christian believers were fiercely persecuted by the Roman Empire. Yes, "the few" (several million) were willing to die for their belief in Christ. Imperial persecutions came to an end during the reign of Constantine, when he gave his Edict of Toleration (A.D. 313). This granted Christians and all others liberty to follow the religion of their choice, the first edict of this kind in history. Soon after, Emperor Theodosius (A.D. 378-398) made Christianity the State Religion of the Roman Empire. Under him persecutions were occurring against the heathen involved in pagan worship in temples and all were being forced to become Christians. Much bloodshed occurred during this time. This was a sad turning point for Our Lord Jesus Christ. Our Lord wants men and women to turn to him voluntarily and experience a changed heart and life. Then, evil men in imperial power used a state mandated religion to persecute and dominate men. During the 5th century the Empire divided into The East and The West. The Western Empire was over run by Barbarians and came to an end. The Bishop of Rome, Simplicius (A.D. 468 - 483), made

alliances with the Barbarians and retained a power base in the West. Through this power base in Rome, several centuries later, out of the ash heap sprang "The Holy Roman Empire." This union of church and state and alliances with feudal kings rushed in "The Dark Ages" and brought persecution and repression against the common man. The Bishops of Rome used their influences during the Dark Ages to crush the Reformation movement. This movement were groups of people living in various countries who wanted to read the scriptures and follow the teachings of Jesus Christ. They were called Protestants and didn't want to be under the dictatorial power and decrees from the Bishop of Rome. Once again "the few" (several million) Protestants were put to death because of their revolt against the Bishops of Rome. Eventually, Rome's power declined in Europe and in the United States it was mandated that there could not be established a State Mandated Religion. Yes, Europe and the rest of western civilization have learned that there must be a separation of power from Church and State. And all of "the few" who follow Christ must realize that a state mandated religion, which is man made, will only bring persecutions on us. Obviously, when the body of Christ is persecuted by governments and society it is purified. Those too weak will leave Christ before experiencing any persecution.

Now, if you consider yourself to be part of "the few" who hold to the teachings of Jesus Christ; I'm asking you to take a bold stand and be part of "the proud" who will stand up and share the Good News. How can you do this? It's simple. Invite a person to come with you to the next luncheon and pay their way. Your invitation is a door opener for a new person to hear the testimony of a fellow police officer. The guests speakers have never been offensive but inspirational. Also write to me and tell me your interested in being a guest speaker.

Our luncheon in June, will honor once again officers who have retired from the Department. Ron Kennedy (Ret.) will be our guest speaker. He is very active in Christian ministry and is based in Santa Rosa. Please watch for the next flyer and invite or tell a retired police officer.

CROP-A-COP

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event unparalleled, in a police charity event. He looked to the future of the event and saw international participation. Karl sent an invitation to the SFPD and requested two officers. Off. Ziegler and I heard of the invitation and represented our department.

Rob and I had no idea what we were getting into. The blokes from "downunder" wined and dined us. We spent five days in Melbourne, one in Horshum, and then were off to the Crop-a-Cop '96, in Sidney.

Karl picked us up for the head shave. I'd already shaved my head for publicity, in Melbourne. We arrived early at the Sidney Convention Center. Alighted stage, milling people, and numerous chairs lining the hall made for great visual effects, but we still didn't have the full effect. Soon, they started arriving. Blue uniforms began crowding the hall, the master of ceremonies bellowed the beginning of the event, and the shaving began. Uniformed officers lined in front of the barbers, took a chair, and left without their hair. Bald heads started to appear throughout the room, and soon it was more chic to be bald. My Hairless brethren became the majority.

The master of ceremonies called for Rob, and directed him to the front stage seat. The time had come, Rob was going to be initiated into the bald brotherhood. A few cracks by the MC and the buzzing of Rob's hair began.

His hairstyle went from four inches, to a quarter inch, then to a razor cut. I was a little disappointed at the final product, because I thought he'd look terrible — he didn't.

The MC announced the closing of the event, "Thank you for your participation in this great event. There are so many people to thank, but I don't have the time to thank you all, so I will just say 'thanks'. There are some facts which should be announced. We have shaved over 1200 heads today...I would like to give notice to the forty-three females who shaved their heads. And the most important fact of this event: the money raised is over one million seven hundred thousand: dollars. Thank you all." A thunderous applause stopped the MC's speech. We were all extremely proud of our achievement.

I will write more about our trip in following issues of the Notebook, but would like to propose a San Francisco Crop-a-Cop in 1998. I believe that an event in our city would be a success in rebuilding bridges between the public and the department. We have had so much negative press in the past and this will be a major positive. I am going to put the wheels in motion by shaving my head on May 14th. The proceeds raised will go to the Ronald McDonald House of San Francisco. If you would like to meet Karl, he will be in our City to shave my head. Please keep this event in mind. If you would like to make a contribution, I can be reached at Co. F (553-1061).

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We're sure Renzo (#95) was pleased that he entered heaven the morning of March 4, 1997 to the wail of the SFPD motorcycle escort all along Hwy. 280 from Sts. Peter & Paul Church to Holy Cross Cemetery in Colma. Sgt. Ed Weaver and the group deftly handled traffic with professional composure and know how.

Renzo was a dedicated policeman for 23 years — from the State Harbor Police, to Northern Station to the Inspectors Bureau Intelligence Unit — until a massive heart attack/triple bypass forced him into early retirement in 1978. He underwent a perfect heart transplant almost 5 years ago, but 8 months of stomach/liver cancer did him in.

We're sure he's with St. Michael, the Archangel (undercover of course) checking out who's up there!

The many notes of support (SF Police Credit Union, Chief Lau and retired SFPD) are much appreciated.

Marilyn Panelli & Daughters

Letters to the Editor
San Francisco Examiner

Dear Editor

The article "Fear at Mission Playground" (March 6) does more than present an inaccurate characterization of [the San Francisco Police Department's] Mission Station personnel's level of dedication to the community. It also compromises years of hard work done by neighborhood people, and mission Station people, to get the officers to realize that they, too, are part of our community.

Despite the well-documented problems with the police communications system, it is difficult to believe that any call to 911 would go unanswered. There is no record of a call from the playground for that date and time. Obviously something went wrong somewhere, but it is unfair to blame Mission Station for the foul-up.

The captains, present and past, and staff of Mission Station have shown remarkable commitment to the safety and quality of life of this community. They do not deserve to be slapped in the face and made to feel their work is not appreciated.

Ethel Siegel Newlin
San Francisco

Reprinted from the SF Examiner,
Thursday, March 13, 1997

LETTERS

Mr. Fred Lau, Chief
850 Bryant St. Room 525
San Francisco, CA 94130

Dear Sir,

May we ask a favor of you and your department? We are searching for a member of our WW2 US Navy Bombing Squadron VB-139.

We began searching for our squadron members upon retiring from the Austin Police Department May 31, 1987. At this time we have accounted for all except 14 members of the original squadron of 119 and 6 members of our second tour. After 53 years the trail does get cold.

In your area we are searching for:

Jack Warren McCann—W/M would be in his mid 70's. McCann's Navy ID #663 44 09 was an aviation radio/radarman. Navy micro film archive records reveal McCann enlisted 4 august 1942, San Francisco, Navy District. Correspondence with the Department of Veteran Affairs don't show a locator file number indicating McCann never received veterans benefits. I don't know if he renewed his California drivers license or surrendered them to another state.

A squadron reunion is scheduled for October 16, 1997, at Pensacola Florida. The squadron would be most grateful of hearing any news of McCann and if possible give him a copy of this letter. Will send him a roster so he can contact his squadron members asking of him., Lt Grange McKinney, pilot: Tom Erickson, co-pilot: E.G. Eckblatt, Edgar Weeks, and Henry La Pierre are deceased.

Chief Lau, if we can be of assistance to you and your department in a professional manner in our area call upon us.

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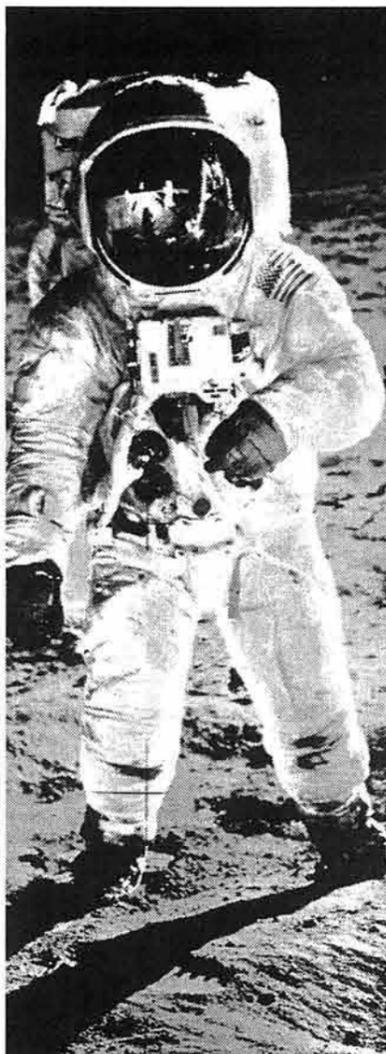
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Dear Members,

On behalf of my sons, Joseph, Justin, David and Jermaine and myself, I sincerely thank all sworn and non sworn members for your kind thoughts, prayers and support throughout our difficult times in the loss of my wife Giselle. Your kind words and condolences gave us strength, greatly needed at a time like this.

Special thanks to Captain Ron Roth and Lt. Kidd Crenshaw for support and understanding to my family's needs and concerns.

I would like to personally thank Narcotics Division and C.R.U.S.H. for the beautiful floral arrangements and cards which meant so much at that time.

A special acknowledgment to Lt. Dave Robinson of Homicide Division for his support and his inaugurated efforts in making it possible to employ the services of the Special Operations Division which signified the honor, respect and dignity, my wife so dearly deserved. Very special thanks you to the Special Operations Division, for their professionalism and cooperation in making Giselle's final celebration a memorable one. It was a moving and thought provoking ceremony that may not have been possible without the support and effort of the San Francisco Police Department.

Sincerely,
M. E. Edwards

Mr. Chris Cunnie, President
SFPOA

Re: "Touched by an Angel" Benefit/Dinner Dance donation for Bridget Pacchetti

Dear Chris:

On behalf of the committee for the Bridget Pacchetti "Touched by an Angel" benefit/dinner dance, we would like to thank the San Francisco Police Officer's Association for their generous donation of \$250.00. Bridget Pacchetti, at 2 1/2 years old, has been diagnosed with Acute Lymphoblastic Leukemia. She is the granddaughter of Ret. Sgt. John Ryan who served on the S.F.P.D. with over 30 years of distinguished service. It is due to the generosity and kindness of so many fine institutions such as yours, that the burden this terrible illness inflicts will be somewhat lessened.

Our sincerest appreciation to your fine organization.

Sincerely,
Julie Puccinelli
The Committee of
"Touched by an Angel"

Mr. Chris Cunnie
SFPOA

Re: "Touched by an Angel" Benefit Dinner/Dance for Bridget Pacchetti

Dear Chris:

The Committee of the "Touched by an Angel" benefit/dinner dance would like to express our heartfelt gratitude to the members of the San Francisco Police Department. Their committed perseverance in buying and selling raffle tickets helped raise money to assist the family of Bridget Pacchetti tackle the financial burdens they have been faced with. We are truly grateful to:

- CO. A Lt. Tom Del Torre
- CO. B Officer Jim Miller
Officer Ross Laflin
- CO. C Officer Don West
Officer Jim Miller
- CO. D Lt. Greg Suhr
- CO. E Lt. Rick Bruce
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Officer Bob Miller
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- Airport Officer John Glenn

The San Francisco Police Department bought over \$6,000.00 in raffle tickets alone. It was with great pleasure that the majority of winners in the main raffle were SFPD members. We would also like to acknowledge and thank Lt. Mike Puccinelli and Officer Jim Miller for organizing the sale of raffle tickets throughout the SFPD. We commend Sgt. Jim Spillane for lending a helping hand behind the bar on the night of the benefit. The benefit/dinner dance was a huge success.

Due to the department's generosity, we were able to raise over \$27,000.00 that will be turned over to the "Bridget Pacchetti Trust Fund".

In closing, both our admiration and gratitude are sent to all of you.

Infinite goodness has such open arms, yours.

Sincerely,
Julie Puccinelli
The Committee of
"Touched by an Angel"

This is an open letter to all members of the San Francisco Police Department:

How can I put into words how thankful my family feels for all the love, loyalty, and support that all of you provided us during our time of deep sorrow and need? As soon as word went out about Alan's passing, even though it was the middle of the night, members of the police family immediately came over to the house and helped us through the worst experience of our lives.

In the short time frame that we had to work with, a miracle happened. Every member of the force was involved — from the barricades, honor guards, mounted units, patrol officers, patrol cars, pall bearers, bagpipe player, traffic control, motorcycle unit, POA and APOA reception.

Thank you for all the beautiful flowers, the many sympathy cards and prayers, all the hugs and words of encouragement, and the many donations to the trust fund.

We will never forget the love and respect all of you in the San Francisco Police Department shared with us. We love you all! Alan's mom, brother, and sister and their families express their heartfelt thanks also!

Sincerely,
Ellen Lim &
Cindy, Sandee, Wendy, & Michael

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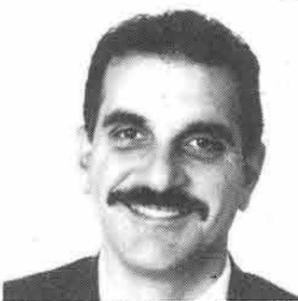
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A zillion thanks to José DeAraujo, Chris Duderstadt, Siena Perez, Mike Yerbic, and Officer Dan Inocencio who came out to Speedway Meadows on March 29th for our soil-raking party. Dirt was trucked in and these intrepid volunteers filled in as many holes as they could.

Equal amount of thanks, if not more, to Mike Yerbic and José DeAraujo for lining the Under 8's and Under 10's field. What a big job that is!!!

Special thanks to Dana Ketcham, Siena Perez, and Officer Dan for their help with registration on March 8th.

San Francisco Police Activities League

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New Sports Editor Assigned

by Tom Flippin, Editor
SFPOA Notebook

For several years I have been fortunate enough to have Dennis Bianchi assisting me as the Sports Editor for the *Notebook*. But times change, and Dennis' workload (apart from the *Notebook*) has increased greatly. Since he can no longer give to the job the time it needs, Dennis is

stepping down.

Luckily, I was able to persuade another dedicated athlete (who is also a *Notebook* contributor) to accept the position. I'm happy to announce that Nick Shihadeh will be the new Sports Editor for the *Notebook*. I know that he will continue the tradition of excellence established over the years by Dennis Bianchi.

Welcome aboard, Nick!

The Spectator

by Dennis Bianchi

Thank You & Goodbye

It has been my great good fortune to have been allowed for more years than I know to be able to write this column, albeit under different titles, but like all things, this too must pass. The new POA, and don't think it is not a new organization because it truly is, needs new faces, new writers, new blood. I'm sorry it took me so long to give up the reins of the Sports Editorship but now is a great time to do so and, as good as Nick Shihadeh is, and he is

very good, he won't be able to sustain a quality output without **your** input! The Sports section is one place where we can put aside politics, petty gripes or large complaints, and just celebrate our accomplishments. So Do It.

Thank you to Tom Flippin, without whose energy and dedication there would be no paper. Thank you also to every athlete who allowed me to write about them and thank you to everyone of you who read my stuff. I tried to be fair. I tried to bring the genders, the races, the ethnic groups into one blur, the blur of athletic courage, exemplified by those who Did It, who tried and by trying, succeeded. See ya'. It was great.

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1997 "A" Division Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	PCT.	GB
Northern Bulldogs	5	0	1.000	
Mission #1	3	1	.750	1 1/2
Tactical Squad	2	1	.667	2
Paramedics	2	3	.400	3
Narcotics	1	4	.200	4
Muni/Taraval	0	4	.000	4 1/2

A Division Softball

Northern Bulldogs Lead the Pack

by "Nick At Night" Shihadeh

Halfway through the '97 "A" Division softball season the Bulldogs of Northern Station are on top of the standings with a 5 and 0 record. The key to their success has been a potent offense (team batting average of .544) to go with a solid defense in the field.

Young stand outs for the team include Rob "Fungo" Fung (who not only makes sparkling plays at shortstop but has an .833 ave. to boot) and Kirk "Speedy" Edison (who in addition to having a .625 ave. can usually score from first base on a long single).

Seasoned Bulldog vets who are doing well include Ben "Hanzi" Vigil (with his convincing .545 batting ave.) as well as manager Jeff "JR" Roth (who is batting .750 and leads the team with 3-Hrs). The "Dogs" hope to continue their success throughout the season and the playoffs.

In second place in the division is Mission #1 who is sporting a 3-win, 1-loss record and is definitely a force to be dealt with. Key ballplayers for the club are Gary "Golden Boy" Lorin, (shortstop) his brother Phil "Wonder Boy" Lorin (outfield), Jake "Hoops" Fagan (3rd base), and of course there's Brian "My Dad's A Retired DC" Philpott (2nd base). This Mission team won last year's championship and most surely have their sights set on repeating.

The Tactical Squad has 2-wins and 1-loss and are right in the thick of the race. Bob "Hammerhead" Miller is doing a fine job running the team

but has had trouble getting his stars to come out. Players who have been showing up and getting the job done are Ed "Muscle Shirt" Yu at shortstop, Mark Madsen in the outfield, and the one and only Rollie "The goalie" Canales at third base.

Three teams that will be fighting for the one playoff spot that will be left are Paramedics, Narcotics, and Muni/Taraval. The Medics are the front runners at this point with a 2 and 3 record. With mainstays Bob Navarro and Mike Tragessor leading the way, the team should do all right the rest of the way.

Narcotics, run by Gary "Vice Prez" Delagnes, have been the biggest disappointment of the season with their 1 and 4 record. This team supposedly had the horses to take them all the way, but the "prima donnas" just have not been showing up regularly. Some fine ball players who have been attending are outfielders Andy Ting, Van Jackson, and Mike Boyd. It makes one wonder though "Where are Drago, Hanlye, McMillen, Pearson, McKenna, Murphy, Bruneman, Hawes, and Dalton?"

In last place and not having won a game yet is Muni/Taraval who were moved up after winning the "B" Division last season. They have a very competitive club but unfortunately have been plagued by injuries. Solid performers for Muni/Taraval include outfielders Lindsey Suslow, Joe Coggan, and Neal Fanene, as well as shortstop Glen Melanson. Anything can happen in the second half of the season and hopefully these guys can make a run...The season continues...



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Southern Powerhouses the "B" Division

by "Nick at Night" Shihadeh

Southern Station is on top of the B Division so far this '97 softball season posting a 5-win, 0-loss record while beating all of their opponents decisively. In games through April 1st, Southern has averaged over thirty runs a game and has been the powerhouse of the league. They hop to continue this success the rest of the way to finally gain a championship.

The team is led by the powerhitting of first baseman Tom Walsh (8 HRs) and the all around great play of shortstop Glen "Bonus Baby" Ortega. Southern coach Al Honniball was excited about a recent thrashing of the Mission Chihuahuas, "It was great beating Jeff Smith's team; now I'm looking forward to the future battle with Park."

The Park Islanders are quietly staying close to first place—they're only a half game back at 4 and 0 and can thank newcomers Steve "Hoover" Roche (shortstop) and Joe Engler, Jr. (outfield) for their success. "We're doing a pretty good job up to this point," says coach Brian "Monkey" Olcomendy. "We've upset a few teams early on and hope to continue playing decent ball throughout."

The surprise team of the league appears to be the Potrero Pitbulls coached by Danny Manning. Playing substandard softball the last couple of years, they've finally stepped it up a notice and at 4 and 1 are in the thick of the competition. Standouts of the team include outfielder Jimmy "Macanudo" Arnsward, ball-thrashing Brett "Ogle" Thorpe, and the always consistent Chuck Easton.

Fourth place in the division is manned by SF Airport with a 3-win, 2-loss record. Coach Nick Allen has a very competitive team in the works, with second baseman Jim "Olympic Club" O'Meara batting at almost a .900 clip and rookie Kevin Murray blasting the cover off of the ball with five homers as well.

Three teams tied for fifth place with 2 and 3 records are Ingleside,

SF CHP, and Daly City PD. Ingleside Station dropped down from the "A" Division in hopes of doing better, and they have been holding their own with an influx of new players. With seasoned veterans Tom Martin and Mike Gonzales leading the way, Ingleside hopes to make a strong run for the playoffs during the second half of the season.

CHP has played all right under new coach Francisco Juarquin—the faces of the team have changed with Sean Chase and Phil Grant being some of the few remnants of the past. Daly City is being run by Joe Crivello and Dan Hazelton. If they can get their players to show up on more of a regular basis, the team would have to be reckoned with by the rest of the division.

A club that is sporting a 1-win, 3-loss record but has been playing very competitive in every game they've lost is Northern Mids coached by Steve Paulsen. To make the playoffs, they really need to win some of these tight contests in the second half of the season. With the continued contributions of Jason Fox, Dan Bonnel, and the powerful Damon Keeve, Northern Mids just might start doing that.

The Mission Chihuahuas have a new attitude under rookie manager Jeff Smith, but it hasn't kicked in yet on the playing field (1-win, 4-losses). With mainstays Pete "Liverpool" Richardson and Harold "The Beave" Vance (out of TTF) leading the way, the Chihuahuas will hopefully fulfill their quest of just getting through the season and having a good time while doing it.

Gene Traversaro's Richmond/Central team has really fallen onto hard times with a 0-win, 5-loss record. a surprise playoff contender last year, Richmond/Central just hasn't been able to produce a set line-up that is very successful. Seasoned vets Joe Engler, Sr. and Billy DeCarsky are trying to set a precedent for the rest of the team to follow...The season continues...

1997 "B" Division Standings

Team	Wins	Losses	PCT.	GB
Southern	5	0	1.000	
Park Islanders	4	0	1.000	1/2
Potrero Pitbulls	41.8001			
Airport	3	2	.600	2
Ingleside	2	3	.400	3
SF CHP	2	3	.400	3
Daly City	2	3	.400	3
Northern Mids	1	3	.250	3 1/2
Mission Chihuahuas	1	4	.200	4
Richmond/Central	0	5	.000	5



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1997 International Police Winter Games

SFPD Nordic Team Dominates Competition

by Steve Venters

The last week of February saw the SFPD Nordic Ski Team head off to the mountains for yet another year of blood, sweat, and pain. The 1997 Winter Games took place at the picturesque North Shore of Lake Tahoe. This year saw our team not only get one year older but we were also down to four members. That left us with three retired Officers and only one active Officer who is pushing 46 years old. On the surface, it did not look good for the old and aging SFPD cross-country ski team. The competition appeared to be stronger than ever, with over 250 competitors coming from all over the globe. This year we saw international athletes from as far away as Australia, England and Austria. The USA was well represented by competitors from Alaska, Florida, and Colorado. The first day of competition saw us at the beautiful Lakeview Cross-country Ski Center for two grueling events. We started the morning with the ever challenging Biathlon, a 5 kilometer race with 3 stops where you are required to fire your service weapon at a very small target. Well, to no one's surprise except maybe himself, the ageless strongman from the SFPD, Jeff Brosch, Insp. Homicide (ret), crushed the competition by a full 20 minutes, and brought home the gold medal in the Grandmasters Division. Jeff was followed by a strong performance by Ed Kenney, Insp. Homicide (ret), who was able to pull down a 4th place bronze medal in the Grandmasters Division. In the Masters Division, Steve Venters, Sgt., General Work, was able to battle his way to a 3rd place bronze medal to round off an excellent showing by the SFPD. After a short break, we were treated to a very demanding 6k cross-country ski race. This race produced one of the

great finishes in the Games history. It started with Brosch winning the gold medal in his usual dominating style. The great finish was between Ed Kenney and Walt Garry. Let. (ret). The last 100 meters of the race was a very challenging downhill. Garry got to the crest of the hill first but Kenney was right on his heels. Throwing all cares to the wind, Kenney got into a very tight tuck and 3/4 of the way down the hill he flew by Garry, there by securing the 3rd place bronze with Garry getting the 4th place bronze. Stuck in another tight race,

Venters was able to come away with another 3rd place bronze in the Masters Division. Not a bad day's work for a bunch of over the hill old guys. The next day saw us traveling to beautiful Squaw Creek Resort at Squaw Valley for a challenging 10 kilometer. The weather was great and the conditions were outstanding. Jeff Brosch had the best SFPD time for the day and was able to beat his arch rival from London, England, Roger Biggs for the gold medal in the Grandmasters Division. Walt Garry had a strong race getting a 4th place bronze while Ed Kenney was right on his heels for the 5th place bronze in the Grandmaster Division. Steve Venters was able to hold off some strong competition from the U.S. Park Police and come home with another 3rd place bronze in the Masters Division. Although three of our four members are retired, I think their tremendous success is possible because of their continued activity after retirement. They all have moved on to very successful new careers. Jeff Brosch has moved across the bay where he has become an Alameda Co. DA Investigator. Ed Kenney has moved into the private sector where he has a successful career with PG&E. Walt Garry has moved to Sacramento

where he is the Chief of California State Police. Well, that looks like it for another enjoyable and successful Winter Games. Again I would like to invite anyone to come out and join us in our fun-filled quest for the ever-elusive Gold. The only requirements are a desire to have fun and a love for some great exercise in the beautiful outdoors. We really have a great time, win or lose, and we sure could use some new faces to listen to my old jokes.

Right: Jeff Brosch, Gold Medalist in the Grand Master's Division



Steve Venters, bronze medalist and Jeff Brosch, gold medal winner. (Top & bottom photos)



Three SFPD winners: Jeff Brosch, first; Steve Venters, third and Ed Kenney, fourth place

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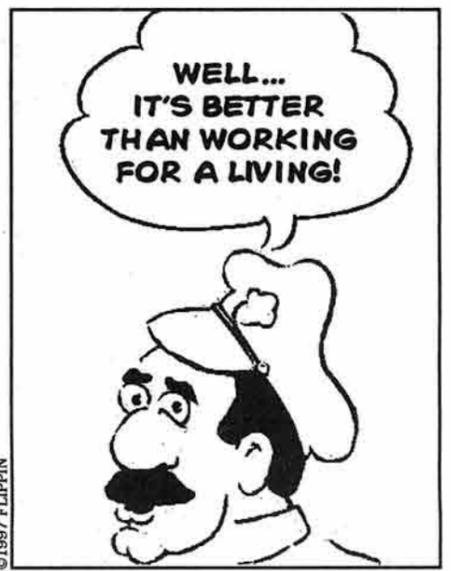
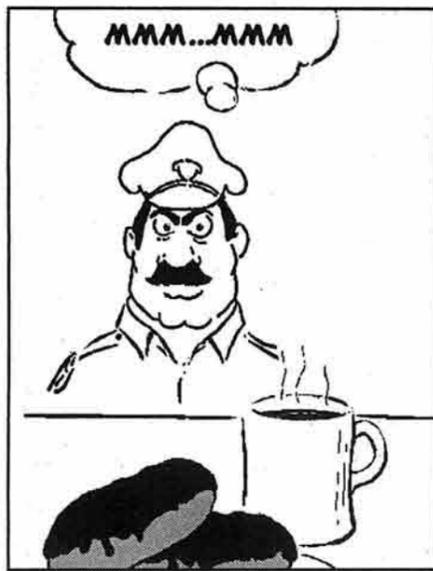
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Funny . . . But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



Five Sacramento County sheriff's deputies face disciplinary actions for conducting mock executions of inmates at a downtown jail.

On three occasions the unnamed deputies strapped inmates into what jail officials call the "pro-strait" chair and told the detainees they were about to be electrocuted, official said.

"All I know is that to the extent that this occurred, the deputies were supposedly joking," said Sacramento County Supervisor Roger Dickinson, who along with the rest of the five-member county board, was briefed about the matter by top sheriff's officials.

"The allegation was, as I recall, that in effect, the occupants of the chair were told it was electrified and they were about to be electrocuted," Dickinson said.

The commanding officer of the jail confirmed that an internal affairs investigation is under way.



A poacher electrocuting fish in a lake in central Poland fell into the water and suffered the same fate as his quarry according to police. The 24-year-old man was one of four who went fishing with a cable, one end of which they attached to a net and the other to a high-voltage electricity supply line, the PAP news agency quoted a police official in Wloclawek as saying. "For a while everything went according to the poachers' plan and they had fish in their bags. But at a certain moment the man holding the net tripped and fell into the water," the agency said. The other poachers tried in vain to revive him.

Here's a tip for would-be bandits — don't wear the incriminating evidence to court. Charles Taylor was on trial in Wichita, Kansas, for robbing a shoe store at knife-point. A clerk identified Taylor as the man who stole 69 dollars and a pair of tan hiking boots. Taylor didn't do his case any good when he propped his feet on the defense table — in the stolen boots. Judge James Fleetwood says he couldn't believe it. Fleetwood says he didn't think anybody would be so stupid as to wear a stolen pair of boots to his trial. Officers confiscated the boots after the jury found Taylor guilty. The judge notes that Taylor was sent back to jail in his stocking feet.

Robert Puelo was apparently being disorderly in a St. Louis market. When the clerk threatened to call police, Puelo grabbed a hot dog, shoved it in his mouth, and walked out without paying for it. Police found him unconscious in front of the store; paramedics removed the six-inch weiner from his throat, where it had choked him to death.

Doctors at Portland's University Hospital said an Oregon man shot through the skull by a hunting arrow is lucky to be alive, and will be released soon from the hospital. Tony Roberts, 25, lost his right eye recently during an initiation into a men's rafting club, Mountain Men Anonymous, in Grants Pass, Oregon. A friend tried to shoot a beer can off his head, but the arrows entered Roberts' right eye. Doctors said had the arrow gone 1 millimeter to the left, a major blood vessel would have cut and Roberts would have died instantly.

Neurosurgeon Dr. Johnny Delashaw at the University Hospital in Portland said the arrow went through 8 to 10 inches of brain, with the tip protruding at the rear of his skull, yet somehow managed to miss all major blood vessels. Delashaw also said had Roberts tried to pull the arrow out on his own he surely would have killed himself.



A convicted child molester who rejected a plea bargain offer of six to 12 months in county jail was sentenced instead to 16 years in prison after he refused to stop spitting in court.

Danis Rivera, 25, was brought in for sentencing strapped to a wheelchair and wearing a black beekeeper's

bonnet that allowed only a vague glimpse of his features. Rivera had been banished from the courtroom during his trial after attacking a detention officer and spitting repeatedly at court staff.

Santa Cruz superior Court Judge William Kelsay, disturbed by Rivera's "Silence of the Lambs" ensemble, offered to have the bonnet removed "if he promised he wouldn't spit on us," according to defense attorney John Thornton.

Rivera answered by expectorating into his mask. He continued spitting noisily throughout the rest of the sentencing.

"He committed legal suicide," said Thornton. "I tried my best to keep him from getting a long sentence, but he did his best to derail the entire process."



Their gun didn't work, they ended up ducking bullets from the clerk they came to rob, and finally the engine of their getaway car blew up. Sometimes crime just doesn't pay.

"Not to make light of a serious situation, but this was the Apple Dumpling Gang," said police Captain David Lindley of Starkville, Mississippi. "They couldn't get anything right."

The three were arrested shortly after they fled a convenience store when their getaway car gave out and they got into an accident. They were booked on armed robbery charges; one faces an attempted murder charge.

During the holdup at the Green Oakes Superette, one suspect pulled the trigger of a Saturday night special, a .22-caliber handgun, but nothing happened, police said. The robbers then retreated from the store, only to be fired upon by the clerk.



The British Guardian has been twitting the conservative government's prisons chief, Ann Widdecombe, for making the circuit — visiting every facility in England and Wales before the election. On a tour in Kent, Dan Atkinson reports, she went to a cell and found an inmate sleeping. Why wasn't he exercising? No staff. Education? No staff. Workshop? No staff. Tory cutbacks, you know.

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