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POA Officer of the Month

Sgt. Carri Lucas Carries More Than Her Share

By John Evans,
Mission Station

Since the reinstitution of the POA's Officer of the Month award we have been wrestling with a rather daunting task: to pick out a single person from a station full of hard-working officers, who daily, and for years on end, do a tremendous and often thankless job. When it seems as though there is never a mention of their tireless efforts, it makes the recognition of this award difficult to place with one person.

We have for some time been receiving notes, phone calls, and personal guidance from members around the department, all mentioning the same person, and urging that she receive this award. Their comments were welcome and appreciated, but unnecessary.

What is today known as charity, fundraising, disaster relief, victim advocacy, crisis intervention, and compassion, were once known simply as "good works." Anyone who has known Sergeant Carri Lucas for any length of time knows that she is a constant, tireless, and determined doer of good deeds.

In the years that we have known Sergeant Lucas, we can not remember a time when she was not using large amounts of her own time and money to organize on behalf of helping others. Child victims of violent crimes, members of our department, officers in other departments around the country, their family and loved ones, even their pets, have all known the Herculean efforts made by Carri on their behalf. Among those are:

- The couple from an out-of-state police department, fighting against the odds to save the life of their unborn child.
- The child of one of our own fellow officers who suffers from a crippling illness.
- San Francisco earthquake victims.
- Florida hurricane victims.
- A sick and dying puppy next door.



Simply put, if it is a living thing, worthy of one's compassion, then Carri Lucas is probably involved — and probably up to her neck.

As for police work, let us try to put that simply as well. We share the view with many, that were any of our loved ones a victim of a crime, there is no one we would rather have handling the case than Carri Lucas. Because in any case she is involved with, whether grand or small, no lead is left unchecked, no clue undetected, no stone unturned. If a thing ought, should, or can be done to further the investigation, she will see that it is done.

Police work often will turn bright idealists into bitter realists. It can — and does — make many of us jaded and skeptical. So, for those of you who might ask, "What has Carri Lucas done for me lately?", let me tell you.

Carri Lucas was intimately involved with the last rounds of contract negotiations. Her involvement significantly contributed to the gains we achieved in our pay and benefits. You may never be paid what your services to San Francisco are really worth, but Carri's close involvement in those negotiations directly helped all of us get closer to our Association goals.

Many of Carri's coworkers can, at times, feel a bit sheepish around her.

(See LUCAS, page 5)

Beat Officer Develops Initial Tip

SFPD Sting Undoes Major Fencing Operation

Compiled as a Staff Report
Commentary by the Editor

Early this year an ordinary street tip, offered to a Central District beat officer, was developed into a complex investigation which resulted in the bust of a major fencing operation in the Bay Area. The case was notable for the number of suspects arrested, and for the impressive amount of property that was recovered. But to most veteran police officers, particularly those now retired, the story probably will elicit little more than a yawning ho-hum: So a street tip lead to a big bust. What else is new?

Well, what's new is that a street tip lead to a big bust!

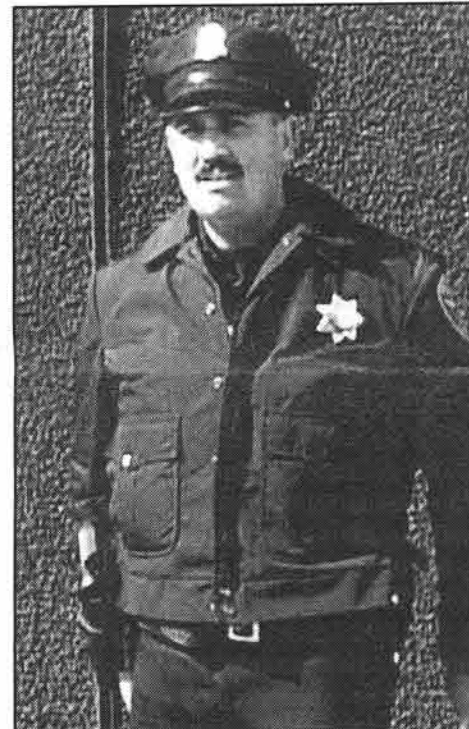
The other thing that is new is the rapid on-set of the next millennium, and the modern theories of urban law enforcement that have been imposed upon today's officers in this high-tide of time.

The demands placed on this police department have never been as voluminous, varied, or vexatious. To the conscientious police officer, time has become an elusive premium. While stacks of pending case files clutter the desks of our Inspectors, rows of waiting runs fill the screens of patrol car monitors. While a police inspector spends the bulk of his or her day on the telephone, or is office-bound with rebookings and victim/witness interviews, uniformed personnel are responding from one hanging run to the next, picking off details and writing reports as they go.

Most Inspectors will tell you that they wish they had more time to work a good case, especially with follow-up in the field, work that includes copious amounts of good, old-fashioned "snooping around."

Beat and sector officers complain of insufficient time to "work the turf," to get to know the principals and the players, to develop the confidence and contacts that form the time-tested foundation of solid street work.

Inspectors rely on information from the field to build their cases, station officers need the Bureau follow-up



Officer Al Melendez developed crucial tip that broke major fencing operation.

expertise to see an arrest through to a favorable disposition. Because of modern demands, and the constraints inherent in keeping pace with an expanding workload, the lines of communication between the patrol force and the inspectors details are falling ever further into disuse and disrepair. The chasm of stagnate air forming between these two bureaus — be it real or imagined — is seemingly spanned with a one-way bridge of paperwork and initial reports. Many on both sides of the cut are frustrated and discouraged.

And that is why the most recent SFPD sting operation was as refreshing as a fogline breezing through the Golden Gate.

While the age old practice of passing crime tips along to the Bureau for follow-up has not entirely disappeared, it seems to occur less frequently than in times past. But the most recent sting operation began in just that fashion.

Union Square beatman Al Melendez, a veteran street cop, gained

(See STING, page 5)

SFPOA Memorial Ceremony: May 6, Union Square, Noon (see page 4)

Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by President F. > Forencich at 2:03 P.M., Wednesday March 18, 1998 in the conference room, Ingleside Station.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Tr. G. Jeffery, excused/ all other Officers present with members Layton, Duffy, and James Sturken.

REINSTATEMENTS: Motion by Hurley/2nd by Garrity that Edwin Lawrence & Jean Powers be reinstated — APPROVED.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following donations were received and acknowledged by the Secretary: POLICE COMMISSIONERS SIDNEY CHAN & EDWARD PETRILLO, donation of their monthly salaries.

BILLS: treasurer Parenti presented usual bills — benefits, salaries, office supplies, etc. — APPROVED.

Treasurer Parenti reported the following deaths: EDMUND J. FAGALDE — Born in San Francisco in 1927, Ed worked as a telephone installer before becoming a member of the Department in 1958 at age 31. From the Academy to Southern Station for one year, to Taraval Station for a year, then to Northern Station for two more years, and on to Central Station for 9 years. Ed was then assigned to Co. K, Accident Investigation Bureau, and remained there until his retirement on Disability in 1977 at age 50. Ed received the following: 1961 C/C for assisting in the arrest of two hot-prowlers, one of whom was shot before both were taken into custody; in 1962, he received a C/C for the arrest of two shoplifters. He was 72 when he passed away.

ROTEA GILFORD: Born in San Francisco in 1927, he had worked as a Deputy Sheriff in Alameda before joining the Department in 1960 at age 32. From the Academy, he went to Northern Station for one year, then to Southern Station for another year, then returned to Northern Station for three years. Rotea was then assigned to the Bureau of Inspectors, working in Burglary & Robbery before becoming a member of the Homicide Unit, working there for 14 years with Earl Sanders, who is currently serving as the Assistant Chief. Rotea was promoted to Assistant Inspector in 1966, full Inspector in 1969. In 1978 he was granted a leave of absence from the Department to serve on the Mayor's Criminal Justice Committee. In 1987, at age 59, Rotea left the Department, but continued to serve on various commissions in the city government. He was the recipient of the following awards: 1963 — a 3rd Grade Meritorious for the arrest and disarming of three robbery suspects; 1963 — 3rd Grade Meritorious for the arrest of a suspect who had fired shots at another person; 1964 — C/C for the arrest of a suspect who had committed many hot-prowl burglaries and rapes; a 1st Grade Meritorious for the arrest of a suspect attempting to rob a drug store. Shots were exchanged with the suspect, who was wounded in

the battle; 1964 — a 2nd Grade Meritorious for the investigation of a shots-fired incident wherein the suspect held a gun at Rotea's side, which he wrestled away. 1967 — a 3rd Grade Meritorious for the arrest of three suspects wanted for a series of robberies; 1969 — for the arrest of a felon wanted for shooting a police officer. Rotea was 70 when he passed away.

STEPHEN SPELMAN: Another San Franciscan, born in 1926, he joined the Department in 1950 at age 23 after graduating from college. After the Academy, he was assigned to the Identification Bureau, remaining there for 8 years. He then was moved to Co. K, Accident Investigations for 7 years. Next, he worked at the Juvenile Bureau for two years until appointed to sergeant in 1967 and transferred to Ingleside Station. Steve remained at Co. H for a year, then went to the Chief's Office for three years, back to Juvenile for 5 years. He was appointed to Lieutenant in 1979. He then was assigned to Richmond Station, from where he retired in 1980 at age 53. Steve was very active in the formation of the Police Activities League in San Francisco. He received the following awards: 1959 — a 2nd Grade Meritorious for the rescue of sleeping persons from a burning hotel; 1961 — C/C for the arrest of armed suspects attempting to rob a liquor store. Steve was 71 at the time of his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Abbott and Mr. Joe (B. of A.); seems like a broken record, but inflation is still low, unemployment is low. Feds will probably hold interest rates as is. Corporation growth is still good, although held back slightly by the Asian market problems. Mr. Abbott recommended selling of various stocks, for some profit taking and investing in a number of different securities. After discussion and reasons for same, the Trustees approved said recommendation.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Motion by Mc Kee/2nd by Parenti that two new Section #3 be added to Article III of the by-laws. SECTION 3 "ANY MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION LEAVING FOR ANY REASON, OTHER THAN DISABILITY PENSION, WHO HAS NOT COMPLETED THE PROBATIONARY PERIOD, SHALL NOT BE ENTITLED TO REMAIN AS A MEMBER OF THIS ASSOCIATION. APPROVED. The second reading will be at the April meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President W. Hardeman picked the Basque Cultural Center, South San Francisco, for the Past President's Dinner to be held Saturday, February 20, 1999.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: President Forencich set the next regular meeting for 2:00 P.M., Wednesday, April 15, 1998 in the conference room, Ingleside Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 3:00 P.M. in memory of the above departed brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob Mc Kee, Secretary

Voicemail number in yearly letter from Widows and Orphans is incorrect. The correct number is 681-3660.

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By Greg Corrales



"God has fixed the time for my death. I do not concern myself about that, but to be always ready, no matter when it may overtake me. That is the way all men should live, and then all would be equally brave."

— General Thomas J. "Stonewall" Jackson

It was a nuclear submariner's worst nightmare. An explosion had destroyed one of the Russian sub's nuclear-tipped ballistic missiles. A fire inside the sub was raging out of control. The coolant systems that kept the sub's two nuclear reactors from overheating were inoperative and the fire had destroyed the automatic controls to shut them down.

Two members of the submarine's engineering team volunteered to enter the reactor vessel compartment and lower control rods into the two VM-4 reactors despite compartment temperatures over 150 degrees, the presence of toxic nitric acid fumes, and a shortage of oxygen canisters for their survival gear.

Initially, Senior Lieutenant Nikolai Belikov, one of the reactor control officers, entered the reactor compartment but ran out of oxygen after turning just one of the four rod assemblies on the first reactor. He managed to climb out of the compartment and briefly collapsed with heat exhaustion. At that point Engineer-

Seaman Sergei Preminin, a 21-year-old on his first submarine cruise, donned an anti-radiation suit and oxygen mask and entered the inferno with Belikov. The two men took turns moving the hand crank that lowered the other three control rod

assemblies into the first reactor, finally shutting it down. The room temperature had risen to more than 180 degrees.

When they emerged into the adjoining compartment, Belikov collapsed again. An officer told the sub's commander, Captain Igor Britanov, the two were too exhausted to continue and there were insufficient oxygen supplies left. Preminin then slowly got to his feet and said, "I'll go." Taking the last two oxygen containers, Preminin staggered through the hatch into the reactor room and managed to crank down the last four control assemblies. He then learned that he was trapped in the

reactor vessel compartment by a buildup in air pressure that jammed the hatches.

Sergei Preminin died in the reactor vessel compartment when his oxygen supply ran out.

Eleven years after the sinking of the Yankee-class ballistic missile submarine K-219 in the Atlantic Ocean a few hundred miles from

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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



Catastrophic Illness Account:

Currently 6 members of our department are on the catastrophic illness list. Donations to the accounts are always welcome. The efficient way to donate is to send the forms to the Behavioral Science Unit Att: **Sgt. Forrest Fulton**. Leave the recipient blank if you are above one thousand hours thus giving Forrest the latitude to process your donation to the first available account...

...Traffic Subpoenas:

A new program to track and evaluate traffic citations is being tested at Mission Station and the Traffic Bureau. These two units were selected for the program because according to **Sgt. Bob Crosat**, Legal Office, "They are the best taggers and hardest working units in the City". No longer will "DNR" be an acceptable response to a "green sheet". All tickets will be tracked through the entire system and a quality evaluation will be sent to the commanding officers...

...T.F.T.W:

The Fuzz That Wuzz will hold its thirty-anniversary reunion on April 18, 1998. Tickets are \$32 for the dinner and dance, which will be held at the Verdi Club, 2424 Mariposa St. near Potrero. For tickets call **Ray Crosat** (415-585-8066); **Ray White** (415-681-9054); or **Russ Ahlgrim** (707-763-5099). This is quite an event. Historical buffs should not miss this visit with those who served during the, "Most provocative days in San Francisco History"...

...Safe Streets Fellowship:

Lt. Greg Corrales has been selected to be serve as National Advisor to the Safe Streets Unit of the FBI in Washington DC. The assignment will last for approximately six months. Greg was selected for the position because of his extensive Gang and Narcotics Investigative experience. We know that his input to the Safe Streets Unit will be extremely valuable not only for the FBI but also for every working street officer in the Nation...

...Lake Shasta:

Retiree **Rich Weick** is now a Deputy Sheriff on Lake Shasta. Rich invites any full time or retired officer and their family to tour the dam and lake on one of the patrol boats when vacationing in the area. Those desiring information about the lake and surrounding area should contact Rich at HYPERLINK mail to: iparweick@juno.com iparweick@juno.com, or in the 530 area code 472-3473/245-6075...

...Tier Two Upgrade:

What have you done this past month to work on the upgrade? Did you make your list of all City Voters you know? Did you work everyday as if it was a campaign day? Did you inform yourself about the issue so you could speak knowledgeably about it at anytime?...

...Retirees:

The annual luncheon of the San Francisco City and County Retired Employees will be held Wed. June 10, 1998 at the Irish Cultural Center — 45th Avenue and Sloat Blvd. SFPD retiree **Bob Pardini** will be sworn in as the Organization's President for '98-'99. All are encouraged to attend the luncheon and join the organization at the same time. If you are a retiree you should be participating in the retiree organizations in order to stay current and have assistance and support should something go wrong. For information about the SFCCRE and luncheon call Bob Pardini @ 415-564-9891. SFPD Veteran POA information is available from **Gale Wright** @ 415-731-4765. PS: Gale requests that all retirees update their addresses and phone numbers ASAP after changing. We recently had an emergency and the retiree's phone number was out of date...

...The other side:

At the Motorcycle training area a CHP officer reported for training. Noting his youthfulness Solo **Tom Vellone** asked how long he had been on the department. When the Chip replied "Two years and I'm trying the bikes because I'm bored in the car." Tom almost broke down and cried thinking of the seventeen years he waited on the solo list...

...Where are they:

Don Hansen who retired in 1988 is now with US. State Department in Baton Rouge, LA. Teaching EOD procedures. He also serves as an expert witness in explosive and police cases. Contact Don at HYPERLINK mail to: dlhansen@mindspring.com dlhansen@mindspring.com - 1-504-938-3805 or write ATAP/LSPA, 7901 Independence Blvd. Baton Rouge, LA. 70806. **Roger Liljedahl** is a consultant with Land's End Consulting Associates, e-mail, HYPERLINK mail to: lands_end@ibm.net lands_end@ibm.net. **Rich Cullinan** who retired in 1973 is the Sgt. at Arms of the S.F. City Employees Retirees and is in total control of the monthly meeting — come by and visit the second Wed. of each month at the Irish Cultural — Noon. **Tom McCoy** dropped

by to visit, has been out since '80 — we goofed and forgot to get his address — he says hi to all...

...Specialist Team Notes:

Professionally several have been trained as EMT's (emergency medical technicians). Also the secret is out on how they outshoot all the recruit classes. Seems that the three bullets given the recruits come from three separate sources; the icebox, warm oven, and the box. No wonder the shots are all over the target. Take note 188th recruit class. We are counting on you to avenge all the classes so cruelly tricked by **Sgt. Jerry Salvador** a.k.a. the master trickster ...

...Fishing Program:

Two fundraisers are in process to benefit the Fishing Program. A raffle and a Benefit Gala aboard the SS Jeremiah O'Brien on May 8, 1998. For tickets contact **Sandy Tong** @ 553-7925...

...Familiar name:

Word came in that retiree **Dave Toschi** was now a patrolman in Foster City. An investigation reveals that the Foster City Officer is **Bob Toschi**

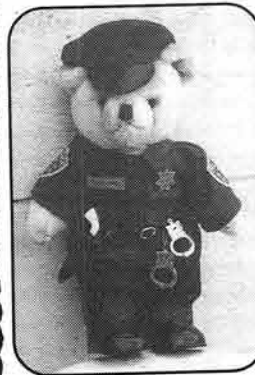
nephew of Dave. Bob a Sacred Heart HS. Grad says he gets questioned a lot by people who read his name tag and find the name familiar. Uncle Dave is still the Security Director / Social Director of the Pan Pacific Hotel...

...Police Memorial:

Don't forget to mark your calendars with the dates of the Police Remembrance functions. On Sunday May 3, 1998 @ 1100 hrs. The Annual Police and Fire Mass will be held at St. Cecilia Church, 17th Ave. and Vicente Street. All Faiths welcomed. Volunteers should call **Larry Barsetti** @ 553-1563 or **John Bisordi** @ 553-1120. On Wed. May 6, 1998 @ 1200 (noon) a Police Memorial Ceremony will be held in Union Square, Powell and Geary Streets. **Mayor Willie Brown** and the family members of our fallen comrades will conduct a ceremony of remembrance. Please come and support the families...

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#99-16, March 25, 1998
TO: Association Members
FROM: Chris Cunnie, President

Memorial Ceremony

At noon on May 6, 1998, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association will sponsor a ceremony in Union Square to honor the scores of San Francisco police officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. A scaled down version of San Francisco's Wall, which lists the names of each officer killed in the line of duty since 1878, will be erected on the stage, and each of the names will be read out loud during the ceremony. Families of many of the fallen officers will also be present for this tribute, and will be escorted onto the stage as part of the day's events.

The Association encourages all San Francisco police officers, past and present, to attend what promises to be a very important and meaningful event. Police personnel are encouraged to attend in Class A uniforms, and will assemble in company formation in Union Square. Please talk to your POA representative, and plan on carpooling to the site from your respective companies. Additional information will be released as it becomes available.

April 8, 1998
TO: Association Members
FROM: Chris Cunnie, President

Jim Guelff Bill

On March 24, 1998 Captain Richard Cairns, Lee Guelff (Jim's brother) and I appeared in front of the Public Safety Committee of the California State Assembly in the state capitol.

Members from the Los Angeles Police Protective League, Los Angeles Sheriffs Department, Sacramento POA, COPS and PORAC were also there to support us in passing this legislation out of committee. This bill passed out of committee unanimously, no doubt because of the strong testimony of Captain Cairns and Lee Guelff.

This legislation will make it harder for citizens to buy body armor. I will get copies of the legislation and make it avail to the reps.

On behalf of the entire membership, I want to say thank you to Captain Richard Cairns for representing so well the officers who were on the scene that fateful night at Pine and Franklin.

Police Fire Mass

The annual Police/Fire Memorial Service will be held on Sunday, May 3, 1998, 11:00 a.m., at St. Cecilia's Church, 17th Avenue and Vicente Street, in San Francisco. Officers and their families of all Faiths are invited and encouraged to attend in a show of respect for our honored dead. Class A/AA uniform is requested for all active officers.

Volunteers are needed to assist in the service and the reception, which will immediately follow in the school auditorium. Please contact Lt. Larry Barsetti at Northern Station (553-1563-Swings) or Sgt. John Bisordi at Fiscal Division (553-1120-Days).



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POA Mourns Death of Rotea Gilford, Jr.

On March 14, 1998 retired POA member, San Francisco Police Inspector, Former Deputy Mayor, Former Park & Recreation Commissioner, and community activist, Rotea Gilford, Jr., died.

His lifetime of dedication to, and involvement in, the business of running this city will long stand as the benchmark for community service in San Francisco.

Few people rise to a position of prominence in city affairs and remain as respected and popular as did Rotea Gilford. While his many and varied tasks and jobs in city government occupied him throughout his life, the common link to all was his primary occupation and business - that of helping people.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends its condolences and prayers to the Gilford family.

Chris Cunnie
President



Annual San Francisco Police/Fire Mass

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11:00 am
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Hunters Point Gangsters Sent To Prison

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Report

On March 5th, 1998 San Francisco Police Inspector Tim Dempsey was sent to Washington, D.C. to receive an award from the Department of Justice, Office of the Attorney General. The award commended Inspector Dempsey for his vital participation in a three year investigation that was conducted jointly with the FBI. His co-case investigator, FBI Special Agent Thomas LaFreniere, was also honored.

The three year investigation began in 1993 and involved a wiretap case that monitored the illegal activities of a violent Hunters Point gang that was suspected of distributing most of the cocaine in that beleaguered community. In all, nineteen gangsters were indicted, tried, and sentenced to Federal prison. The sentences range from four to sixteen years.

Along with Dempsey, the investigation was staffed full-time by SFPD Narcotics Inspector David Faingold. Ten other SFPD officers were brought into the case for periods of time while the court-sanctioned wiretap was being conducted. Those officers were



Federal Prosecutor Todd Robinson, FBI Agent Thomas LaFreniere, Prosecutor Pamela Holsinger and Inspector Tim Dempsey

Sgt. David Tambara, Sgt. Fobert Clevidence, Off. John Nevin, Off. Ken Nieman, Off. John Poelstra, Off. Dan Baker, Off. Ricardo Waldez, Off. Robert Sanchez, Off. Jason Hui and Off. Jamison Pon.

Earlier, the San Francisco Police Commission also honored the officers involved in this case. Inspectors Dempsey and Faingold received Meritorious Conduct Awards, and the ten others received Police Commission Commendations.

Although Attorney General Janet Reno was unable to attend the ceremony, she did hail this case as a national model for joint-agency cooperation in the fight to combat complex criminal enterprise.

STING

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the confidence of a local thief who he was arresting for shoplifting. The suspect offered Melendez a tip about a local Fence in exchange for some "accommodation" for his circumstances.

Officer Melendez took the time to listen to the suspect, and chat, and lay the fundamental groundwork of cooperation. Al then contact the Burglary detail and advised interested Inspectors of the situation. The Inspectors, in turn, diligently followed-up on the lead which Melendez had expertly cultivated. Together, they convinced the tipster that he could redeem himself of a life of crime by becoming their confidential informant, and working for a just cause. He agreed.

As such, the new informant provided the Inspectors with information necessary to launch the operation. Most importantly, he introduced two major Fences to undercover police officers Kevin Whitfield and James Lewis. Both officers, relatively unknown in the downtown area, were brought in from Bayview Station to portray themselves as unsavory Tenderloin types who would fulfill an "order" by stealing specific items and selling same to the Fences for going street rate.

This was dangerous and risky work, and the undercover men relied on their experience and training, as well as a constant cover by fellow Bayview Officer Melvin Thornton, for their personal safety. Their savvy precaution was enhanced with close supervision and support from Inspectors Greg Ovanessian, Robert Rogers, Richard Leon, and Eric Olsen. The blessing and faith of Lt. Dirk Beijen provided the entire team with the administrative "bene est tentare" necessary to work the case to its impressive finale.

A vital aspect of the Inspector's

support for the undercover agents was to solicit local merchants for the use of valuable merchandise to be used as loot in the sting. It was the trust and confidence engendered in the community that, in part, led to the success of the operation. The merchants were more than willing to put their trust in the Inspectors in order to achieve the much-desired end result — the break-up of the ring of thievery that had been a persistent drain on their business and commerce.

All went well and, On Friday, February 6, 1998, the team served arrest warrants on seven individuals, and recovered nearly three-quarters of a million dollars in stolen property. A total of thirty-one reverse-sting loot sales were made and documented in the course of the investigation. On the day of the warrant services, Officers and Inspectors descended on twelve locations in San Francisco, and elsewhere in the Bay Area, in a well orchestrated, simultaneous raid/arrest sweep.

All of the police officers involved in this case have been recommended for Police Commission Meritorious Conduct Awards by Lt. Dirk Beijen, OIC of Burglary/Fencing. These are well-deserved kudos, and certainly will commend the individual officers for their professional dedication and bravery.

But when considered collectively, the awards also commend broader concepts: those of cooperation; of reliance; of selflessness. They celebrate the notions of teamwork, of communication, and of common goals. This very successful police operation is evidence that no officer's contribution to a case is too insignificant, nor any inspector's time too valuable to give it due consideration. This case is a vivid reminder that, in the end, all of us work for one another and thus, as one, serve San Francisco.

LUCAS

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While, as a group, we are hard-working, Carri's energy seems endless. Though we are a cheery group, Carri's enthusiasm is boundless. We are a sharp-eyed lot, but Carri's pursuit of detail is unsurpassed. These strengths of character tend to make Carri Lucas stand out in a group of outstanding folks.

In the end, we don't think that the citizens of San Francisco, the Department, or our Association could ask to be better served than by the contributions and effort of Sergeant of Police, Carri Lucas.

Editor's note: Although brother Evans has pretty much said it all, I feel compelled to add a few observations of my own about Carri Lucas.


I have the distinction of being the first police officer ever to work with then-rookie Carri Lucas. I was her F.T.O. when she was sent to Northern

Station for her field training back in the late 70's.

Ever since working with her I have developed a special appreciation for the personal qualities John Evans discussed above. But I most came to value the goodness and sincerity by which Carri conducts herself when I was elected to the Board of Directors of the POA.

POA Involvement necessitates a sacrifice of time and energy, and requires a reliance on others, teamwork, and enthusiasm in order to be effective. Carri brought with her to the tasks and committees of the POA all of that, and more. Her dedicated work on behalf of all POA members is, in my mind, the thing for which she deserves this special recognition.

She has said to me many, many times that while she is often frustrated and discouraged with the edicts of the Fifth Floor, it is working side-by side with the real people in this business that keeps her focused, buoyant, and proud.



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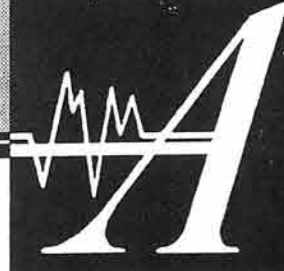
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Cyber News

By Glenn R. Sylvester

Cookies Anyone?

Everyone loves them, and I do as well as you may notice. But how about cookies that are given to you with unknown origins, type, kind and etc. I bet you would think twice before eating them. How about when they are forced upon you without your knowledge. Would you be upset?

While on the Internet, have you ever visited a site, you enter information about yourself, such as a password to gain access when you come back. Of course you should have found out about "bookmarks" already and all you've done is clicked on the bookmark. Or how about filling out a survey and you entered information as to your likes and dislikes, books you like to read, clothing you might buy, or investments that you may be interested in, just to name a few. You logged off and due to your busy schedule, you can not find the time to get back to the site for days, weeks, or even months. You return, and receive a banner saying something like "Welcome Back". Now you say to yourself, how is this possible or how did they know. Well, congratulations, you have eaten a "cookie" the last time you were there and you did not even know it. In computer terms, this was "transparent" to you. Besides the information that you entered and recorded by the host, certain additional information as to your ISP and location can and may have been obtained as well as a result of PUSH/PULL technology. I believe I mentioned this in a previous article.

Depending on how paranoid you are, this information from the "cookie" can prove beneficial in that you can bypass having to re-register on a web site if needed and you can continue where you left off at the last time. On

the other hand, if you do mind all this and starting fresh is not a great hassle with every session, relief is in sight. Here is a sample of what to look for. Using Win '95 Right click on "My Computer", choice FIND, type in "cookies" and begin the search. When the file appears in the lower window, double click on it and it will open via Notepad. Voila!! there you are. Reading the file is similar to reading a RAP sheet, but you will get the gist of what I am talking about. It even has the sites associated that you have visited. The password(s), if any, is usually encrypted.

Being the nice and honest guy I am. Let's see, I could copy your cookie file to a floppy disk. Review the sites you've been at. Load the cookie file in my browser and visit the same site. Think it will work with all the access? Don't worry though, sites that are visited that require you to log in and supply a password to begin a session upon connect, are not recorded. Getting your password and log in ID would require a different "hack". How many of us use the Internet at work? Think someone may want to look at your "cookie"? What can you do? With that, I am out of space. I'll tell you next month.

Next month, cookie end, fat db, anonymous remailers.
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Our eye-on-the-sly

Evaluating Radio Car Video Cameras

By Don Sloan, Ingleside Station

Late last year Captain Rick Bruce, with the backing of the Field Operations Bureau, had a video camera installed in a marked radio car at Ingleside Station. Kustom Signals Incorporated of Chanute, Kansas agreed to install one of their audio/video camera units in a marked SFPD vehicle. This was to be a trial project. The aim was to capture crowd problems and other police/citizen confrontations on tape to use as exculpatory evidence in claims filed against the City and against individual officers. It was anticipated that this would be particularly helpful with analyzing some of the problems officers were experiencing in the Sunnydale Housing area.

The camera was installed in the Ingleside-6 sector car, and the officers assigned to this area were trained in the proper use of the camera. The car was then put in service. I will do my best to outline the positives and negatives of this trial project.

A positive training tool

The most significant aspect of using car-mounted video cameras is that the officer can review any code-3 driving that he or she may have been involved in. Likewise, citizen interviews, traffic stops, and the issuing of citations can be reviewed. The video can also show your establishment of the probable cause that you used to make an investigative detention. As a training tool, this is the best I have ever seen. The tape play-back enables you to review and critique yourself.

Protection against false complaints

The camera has both video and audio capabilities. An officer can actually be inside a residence handling a situation, away from the vehicle and out of video range, and activate the audio recording function with a remote switch carried on the gun belt.

If the party later makes a complaint alleging that you said something inappropriate, your defense is the recorded conversation. And if the complaint is malicious and filed as a deliberate falsehood, you have evidence for possible civil litigation.

If the party makes a spontaneous statement incriminating themselves, again you have solid evidence for prosecution.

Then again, if an officer says the

wrong thing this is also recorded.

The protection against false complaints also applies to civil suits against The City. A vivid example of this occurred with another agency. The officer had the camera running during a traffic stop. The person stopped abruptly, then deliberately



Even on a rainy day, camera catches the action.

backed his car into the police car. The subject then claimed that the officer ran into the rear end of his vehicle. Not only did this video tape exonerate the police officer, it also saved that community the expenses of fighting the civil claim.

Records of Code-3 pursuits

These video cameras also fully record hot pursuits. It has the capabilities of zooming in on the license plate of the pursued vehicle, and may even pick up identifying images of the occupants. Of course, it creates a vivid, and often irrefutable record of the recklessness of the driver. For court purposes, this might facilitate an increased number of 10851 convictions, as well as additional charges such as felony evasion. The video record allows for a detailed review of the pursuit, with slow motion and stop motion enhancements. It could also give the officer the option of terminating a pursuit much earlier, knowing that the camera had secured the license number of the vehicle.

Officer awareness

Of course, any officer equipped with this technology must always be mindful that "the camera never blinks," and they must conduct themselves accordingly. It is not inconceivable that either the Department or the OCC would seek out departmental violations by scanning the tapes for an officer's transgressions, be they real or alleged. This might be an issue of concern for the POA, and perhaps needs to be the subject of a meet-and-confer.

Nonetheless, I believe that the use of video cameras in radio cars has many more advantages than drawbacks, and that their use would be an asset to both the officer and the Department. I carefully considered this conclusion and it is based on the protections video tape records can afford any officer faced with refuting false complaints and subsequent civil suits. With video tape in hand, an accused officer could walk into an OCC interview and show them exactly what happened and, conversely, what didn't happen.



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New Technology for Community Policing

Laptop Computers Coming Soon

By John Bisordi

Fiscal Division/Grant Unit

Across the nation, computer technology in law enforcement is developing rapidly to meet the demands of the new millennium. Manufacturers of laptop computers and mounts are designing systems to meet the needs of law enforcement. Software companies are developing programs to transmit field reports, fingerprints and mug-shots through new high-speed wireless data systems. The San Francisco Police Department is taking great strides in preparing technologically for the 21st Century. Police radio cars will be equipped with these newly designed computer systems to provide the tools beat officers need to work more efficiently.

The first step in meeting the Department needs was to design a new field-reporting program. Through the PrsMobil system, a computer-generated report can be completed, submitted, reviewed, approved and uploaded into a central database, the Record Management System (RMS), from anywhere in the city. Once the report is uploaded in to RMS, it will be forwarded to all the appropriate units and departments in the city. Officers will also be able to access incident report information from new laptop Motor Computer Terminals (MCTs), rather than thumbing through printed reports on station clipboards. The system is not entirely paper-less, but when hard copies are required, PrsMobil can generate copies. This system is also intended to provide a time savings for the community police officer, the reviewing/approving supervisor, data entry personnel and the assigned inspector.

The format of the data screen is the most efficient way to enter information. Drop-down fields allow the user to choose from a list of options, keeping data entry consistent, simple, and meeting state and federal re-

quirements. The narrative is accessible from any of the program's screens, which means that the user can type the narrative while reading information from the opened data screen. The PrsMobil program provides the user the option to preview and print the incident report in the current police report format. The new version will also print Property labels for use on envelopes and bags, and there are plans to design Money and Firearm labels for similar use.

Currently, the PrsMobil log-in process requires a generic password. Once the system is fully operational, and connected to the RMS, each officer will log-on using a personal password of his/her choice. The combination of a user's name, star number and password during the log-in process will result in an electronic signature, and the department is exploring ways to obtain electronic signatures of citizens who report a missing person or a stolen auto.

The program was developed under the direction of Police Department and the City's Informational Services Division. User input given during all stages of development, provided the necessary information to design a program tailored for the San Francisco Police Department. The first version of PrsMobil field reporting program is now being used in most district stations. Department Bulletins 97-201 (9/23/97) and 97-218 (10/20/97), provided an overview of the program, and solicits suggestions from users to improve the program. Based upon feedback received from district station users, changes were made to the program and the next version of PrsMobil is now being distributed.

The Motor Computer Terminals (MCT), being tested for this project are ruggedized laptop computers. Manufacturers have constructed these computers for law enforcement use designed to withstand moisture and shock not typically encountered

by 'off the shelf laptop computers'. The MCTs will replace the current Motorola terminals, providing similar functionalities and can be removed for use outside of the vehicle. The portable MCT will give officers the flexibility to complete the incident report while interviewing the reportee, or after the interview at a save and comfortable location. The new computers will also be able to transmit and receive mug-shots, photographs of missing persons or property, and fingerprints. User friendly radio car docking stations/mounts are also being tested.

Working closely with the City's Department of Telecommunications and Information Services Division, the Department has gone to great lengths to develop a system to meet the needs of its members. The MCT laptop computers, the hardware, the docking mechanisms, and the software will be developed based upon user evaluations and their ease of use. Over the past few months, department members have shown interest in the program's development by submit-

ting valuable suggestions for improvement. All of these suggestions have been taken seriously and have proven very valuable in designing the program. This program is expected to require continual modifications to ensure the Department's constantly changing needs are met.

Department members with questions, recommendations or concerns about the program's development are welcome to call the Fiscal Division/Grant Unit, 553-1120.

Motor Computer Terminal (MCT) — Mounted in a 1997 Ford Crown Victoria Radio Car

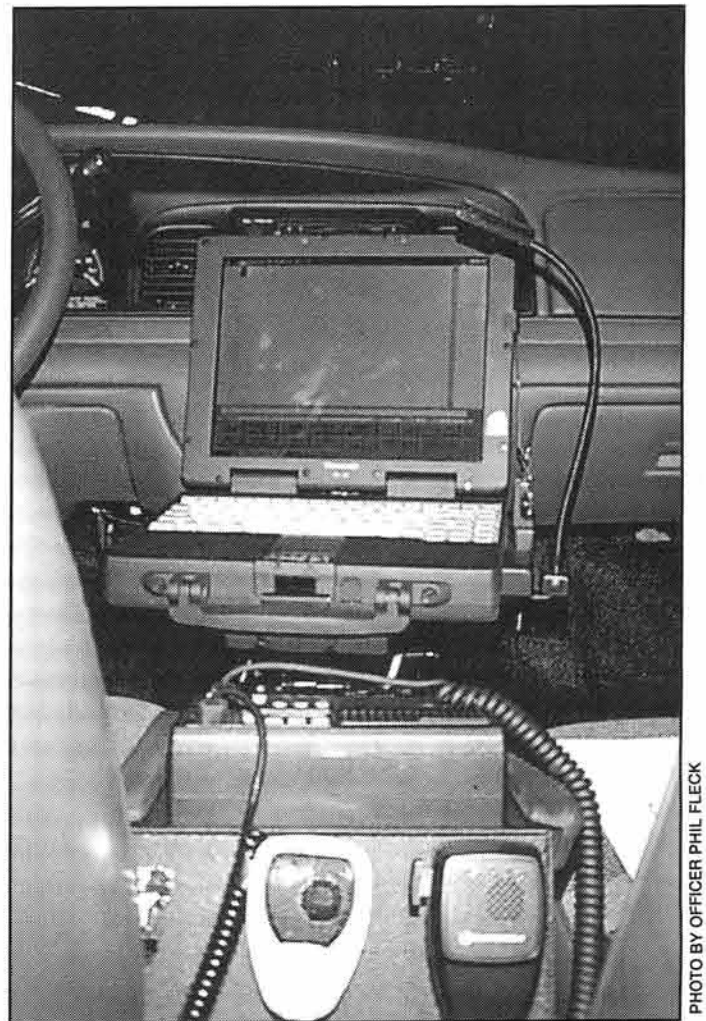


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Sodomy

By Richard T. Oakes
Vice Crimes Division

As Defined by Webster's Ninth New Collegiate Dictionary:

1: copulation with a member of the same sex or with an animal.

2: noncoital and esp. anal or oral copulation with a member of the opposite sex.

That, according to our esteemed Association President, Chris Cunnie, in his most recent article regarding Prop 226, is what the Governor of California and Newt Gingrich wish to do to you- the members of this Association and millions of other California workers, union members and labor organizations.

OPINION

He says it is Corporate America's blitzkrieg on the political-action rights of organized labor. Webster's dictionary defines BLITZKRIEG as a surprise offensive conducted with great speed and force.

It seems to me that a proposition that qualifies to be placed on the ballot, with tens of thousands of signatures, and then passed with a majority of voters is anything but a BLITZKRIEG.

Prop 226 is not an attack on the sovereignty of working Americans. It is a remedy to counter the power of unions to FORCE their members to pay for the UNIONS ideas of political action. Because a union or association represents their members as a bargaining entity it should not be able to demand of them-the members-money (in the form of higher dues) that goes beyond the cost to represent them at the bargaining table.

Not all union members are Republicans or Democrats. Why should your (my) money be spent by union officials on political activity that you (I) don't agree with.

I don't think the Teamsters union-that, it is often alleged, has been run by organized crime for so long- stole money that was used to bargain for their members benefits, but rather that part of the union dues that was used for political activity.

It was not too many months ago that Ron Carey- President of the Teamsters union- was accused of receiving kick backs from the Demo-

cratic Party. The source of that kick-back money was probably that part of the union dues (political contributions) which Prop 226 is trying to address. It seems to me that is the type of political funding that President Cunnie is espousing in his article.

I do recall some problems other presidents of the Teamsters Union faced. Dave Bect and J. R. Hoffa imprisoned. Frank Fitzaimmons and Roy Williams convicted of conspiring to bribe a senator.

Union officials, including Chris Cunnie are afraid that given the opportunity, their union members will opt to not have extra money taken out of their pay checks to pay for, as Chris Cunnie says, THE POLITICAL-ACTION RIGHTS of organized labor.

Chris has learned the rhetoric of the liberal left very well. You find victims- struggling single parents, people of color, working women not comparably paid and insert them into a discussion that has nothing to do with Prop 226. Liberals love to name call when they don't have a good argument in favor of their position: BLITZKRIEG, GOOSE-STEPPING, LABOR-PHOBIC, SODOMIZE, FAT CATS, TWEETIE BIRDS.

This is what Prop 226 will do: It will require employers and labor or-

ganizations to obtain written permission annually from employees and members before withholding pay or using union dues or fees for political contributions. It also prohibits residents, governments and entities of foreign countries from making contributions to state and local candidates.

Of course, maybe Chris thinks China and Iran or Iraq should be able to donate to local political candidates. It seems the Clinton administration thinks it's OK.

Prop 226 does not give Big Business any more power.

Prop 226 does not silence your voice.

Prop 226 DOES restrict unions from FORCING their members to give money for the unions political-action activities.

Last, but not least, Chris says that Prop 226 will diminish your rights as an employee as well as your innate rights as a tax-paying citizen in a constitutional democracy. I think just the opposite. Your rights in a democratic society will be enhanced by giving YOU the right to have your hard earned wages spent the way you want.

P.S. Check out WWW.prop226.com

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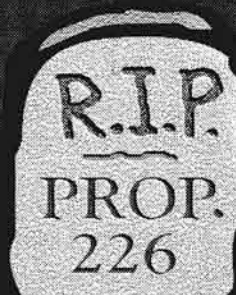
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Two myths about Prop. 226

Myth: Proposition 226 makes the campaign contribution system in California fair.

Fact: Actually, Proposition 226 makes the system more unfair by implementing another set of rules for working families. This further tips the balance of power in favor of corporations, which already outspend unions by 11 to 1.

Myth: It just isn't fair for union leaders to make unilateral decisions about how to spend the hard earned money of their members.



Fact: The term "union bosses" comes from the movies, not the employees. Union members decide how their union dues should be spent on political and legislative activities. Modeled after our democratic system, union members elect their own officers and vote on their constitution, bylaws, the amount of their dues, and how dues are spent.

Members and their elected leaders decide what positions the union will support. In the union, majority rules. If a minority of union members disagree, they can choose not to participate, or they can resign from the union and withdraw their financial support for political and legislative activities.



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In The Opinion Of The Treasurer

Prop 226: The Myth and Menace of A Bad Law

By Jack Minkel
Treasurer

The debate over the June ballot proposition #226 is heating up, and there exists a fair amount of misunderstanding about the proposed law, and the impact it will have on workers and their employee organizations. Let me discuss a few of those issues, and dispel some of the myths that surround the controversy.

Myth #1: Passage of Prop 226 means a reduction in dues for individual association members. This is incorrect. Yet proponents of this anti-labor proposal would have you believe that those members who do not sign-off on the use of their dues money for political purposes will therefore pay less in annual dues.

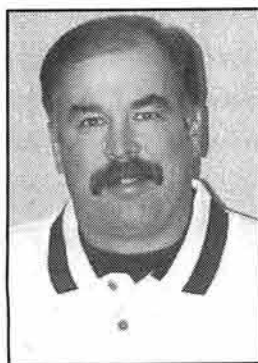
In fact, even if a member refuses to sign-off a portion of their annual dues for political purposes, his or her dues is *not* reduced. The annual dues paid by that member — indeed, every member — will remain the same. Likewise, it is not correct to argue that those members who do consent to the use of their dues for political action will suffer a dues increase. Again, the amount of dues remains constant and is not effected by the individuals decision to participate in political action.

If Prop 226 passes, the size of a political action fund of any union or association will be directly relative to the number of members who have agreed to allow a portion of their dues money to be used for political action. The total budget of the union, based upon the dues contributions, will remain constant and unchanged.

How does that translate to members of the POA?

It is true that the POA is politically active. It is true that the POA spends a portion of your money on political affairs. And it is also true that the POA has been successful more times than not in gaining salary increases and job benefits, in part, because we are politically active, and because we do spend money on political issues.

The greatest proportion of your dues money goes to business and operating expenses, and to legal and administrative defense. We also spend some of the money on non-defense legal matters, such as Federal litigation, etc. We are also a generous and benevolent association, and budget money for a variety



of community services and for inter-departmental sports, etc. And, as I said, we spend money on political fund-raising, lobbying efforts, and campaigns.

We currently have budgeted a portion of our annual dues money for the November initiative to upgrade the Tier II retirement plan. That campaign, already underway, will involve extensive media advertising, campaign consultants, polling costs, voter handbook expenses, campaign signs, printing of literature and hand-outs, and other costs associated with running a no holds barred, first-rate effort to succeed with our initiative in the Fall election.

Now maybe you are one of those persons who will say that such campaigns are a waste of our time and money. If you are, that brings me to...

Myth #2: San Francisco police officers have received pay raises, retirement benefits, and other job benefits merely because we are among the most respected and appreciated of all city employees.

It is true that San Franciscans have generally always supported us and that they appreciate our service to them. But that does not mean that each voter is educated about the inequities of our salary and benefits. Many voters are just not aware—they just like police officers. Educating voters is a political endeavor, and it is an expensive one. But no one comes knocking on the POA door and says "It's that time of year again, thank you so much for all your fine work, and here's this year's raise and benefit package."

The truth of the matter is that we have been successful at the bargaining table these last 20 to 25 years because we are politically active. Time and time again we have had to resort to the ballot in order to achieve benefit gains and salary increases. Ballot initiatives are expensive, and large expenses are incurred with such endeavors. If we are successful at the ballot box, such as with binding arbitration's Prop. D, the money proves to be well spent, an investment in the future and security of this organization. If we lose an initiative, such with Prop. E, then the debt becomes a fruitless burden.

Anytime we go to the ballot, expenses incur. Make no mistake about it: politics can be expensive. And make no mistake about this: we

achieve little or nothing unless we are politically active.

Some of our own members have argued that they should not have to pay dues above the costs of representing them at the bargaining table, especially for political actions that the member does not agree with. But in San Francisco — for all practical purposes — without political leverage, there is little or no effective bargaining to be had.

What about Prop D, you ask? Yes, we have binding arbitration available to us, thanks to the success of the political campaign in which we won that right. Does anyone reading this article believe we would have achieved binding arbitration without spending huge amounts of money on a high-profile, political campaign?

In San Francisco, it will always cost less, and be more practical and direct, to pursue gains and benefits through the political process than it will be to secure them through the process of binding arbitration.

Myth #3: Prop 226 levels the political action playing field between unions and corporations. This is absolutely incorrect. In fact, Prop 226 imposes severe restrictions on unions, and no comparable restrictions on corporations or their shareholders. So, while unions and associations will scramble to obtain sign-off vouchers from each and every member, and pay dearly for the process and the bureaucracy it creates, corporations and shareholder groups may proceed to spend at will on the politician or legislation of their choice.

In fact, corporations outspend unions on political affairs by a ratio of 11 to 1. That, kind reader, does not level our playing field.

Myth #4: Prop 226 will reduce

political contributions made to California political candidates and campaigns by out-of-State and foreign interests.

Wrong. It creates no such reduction, and does not exceed or enhance the same limitations already imposed upon such contributions by current Federal laws.

In fact, Prop 226 made it onto the June ballot in large part because of the money and efforts of out-of-State interests, in particular Newt Gingrich and his millionaire insurance buddy, J. Patrick Rooney of Indianapolis, Indiana. In fact, 56% of the contributions received by backers of Prop 226 have come from big business and millionaires from *outside* of California!

Myth #5: Prop. 226 does not silence the voice of working Californians.

Wrong. Provisions of this dangerous piece of proposed legislation would require workers or employees of a company or other agency to report details of their political contributions to their employer. Is that fair? I don't think so.

In closing, let me urge each of you to work to defeat this assault on the rights of organized workers. Preserve your right to readily participate in the political process and to achieve fair wages and improved benefits for yourself, and for your family.

Don't be fooled by this millionaire's shell game. Prop. 226 is nothing less than an assault on the bargaining abilities of working Americans. Prop. 226 is a fight between working Americans against millionaires and their corporate profit margins, and is nothing less than that.

Vote NO on Prop 226 in June, and urge your friends, family, and neighbors to do the same.



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Horses Horses Horses

The following item is reprinted from the July, 1949 issue of the Police Reporter which, years later, would be renamed the POA Notebook. It is reprinted here on the eve of the 1998 Inspector's exam with the thought in mind that many of the specifications mentioned in the article should, perhaps, be requisite for this test as well.

—Editor

We don't know at this moment if the examination for Inspectors of Horses has been held, but the following item will always be news to those of us who love horses. We are in receipt of the specifications of the New York Police Department specifications for horses:

- Age: 4 to 8 years
- Sex: Gelding
- Weight: Minimum 1000 lbs;

- maximum 1250 lbs.
- Height: 15.3 to 16.2 hands
- Color: Bay
- mane: preferably long
- tail: preferably long
- Serviceable soundness demanded

In addition to these specifications, the horses must be not only intelligent, but must possess quality and good conformation; must be tractable, and quiet enough to be shod without difficulty; must be free from vice, and without unsightly brands; should have a free walk, and bold trot; and, above all, be of the type suitable for police saddle service, recently. To assemble 58 horses which might meet the above specifications, it was necessary for a dealer to travel all over the State of Missouri for a period of three months.

Traffic Congestion

The following story is an excerpt from the soon-to-be-published book of true police anecdotes titled, "True Stories That Cops Tell To One Another" written by retired SFPD member Tom Dempsey.

The author offers a jumble clue as to the identity of the officer about whom this piece is written. That clue is: KCDI RDOFWCRA.

In the March Issue of the Notebook was printed an excerpt titled "Homicide Inspector and the Plant." That tale was about retired Inspectors Ken Manly and Ed Erdelatz.

— Editor

A patrolman was detailed to direct traffic on Market Street. Traffic was busy, and along came a Pacific Gas and Electric truck. The crew emerged from the truck, put a barrier around a manhole, opened the manhole, and descended down a ladder into the manhole.

Being at a busy intersection, the patrolman quickly found his traffic disrupted. He finally walked over, removed the barrier, and put the lid back on the manhole.

Apparently the crew from PG&E didn't notice the manhole lid had been put back until they had finished their work and were ready to ascend to the street level. In the meantime, the officer had been relieved from his crossing and went merrily on his way.

The PG&E crew had one helluva time trying to lift the manhole cover because of heavy traffic. It was after 7 p.m. before they were able to get to the street level.

They contacted the station, and the officer was confronted. His answer as to why he removed the barrier and put the lid back on the manhole was, "They were frigging up my traffic!"

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event date. If the addition is not made within 30 days, you will have to wait until the next open enrollment to do so.

I can't stress this more strongly, as I have stated before, many members have failed to do so and had to suffer the consequences of being liable for bills that they incurred because of failure to follow the R & R's of the Health Service System.

Remember, the responsibility is yours to make needed changes during the open enrollment period.

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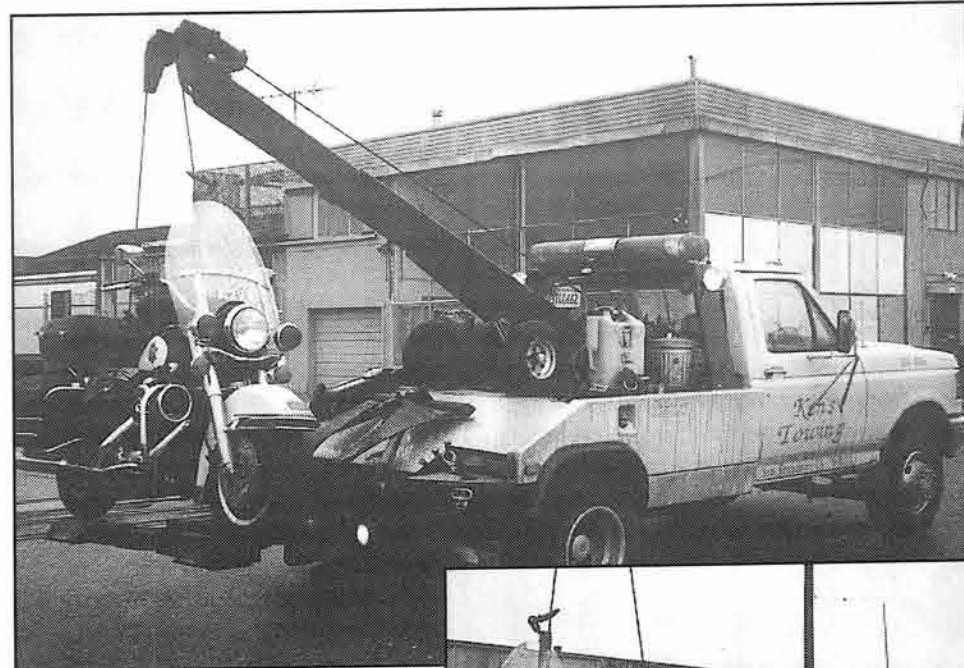
By Laurie Pisciotto,
Event Coordinator

The S.F.P.D. Family Day Picnic Committee is currently planning the Sunday, October 4th event at the Police Range. One important component to the success of this event is volunteers. The various committees need your help in the planning phase as well as working an hour or two on the day the picnic.

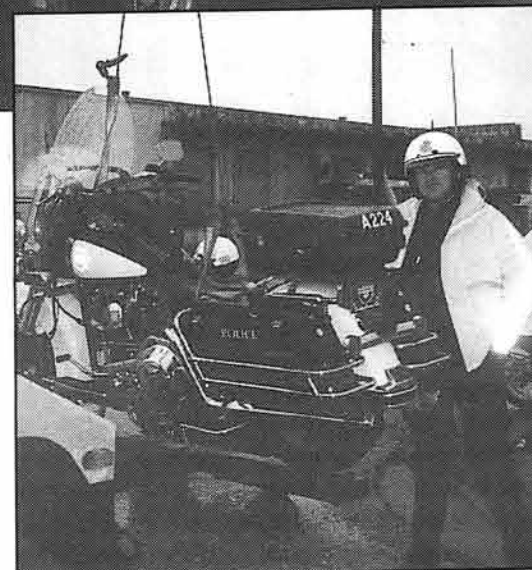
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an even larger turnout this year. The Committee is counting on you to donate your time and/or talent. It isn't too soon to call Officer Juanita Stockwell, (S.I.D.) at 553-9085 and volunteer.



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Katy enjoyed the day, and the throngs gave her all due cheers and applause as she passed. All had a good time, and she will, no doubt, enjoy many parades to come.

Oh, lest you be fooled by that keen Irish wit, that is not really a Leprechaun you see wheeling Katy down the way, but it is none other than wee Charlie Coats himself.

— Editor

Charlie Coats and Chris Cunnie with Katy Hallisy at the St. Patrick's Day Parade.



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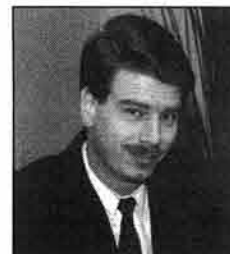
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Hartford Life

Part 1

Some Of SF's Finest Travel To Ireland And Tread Lively On The 'Old Sod'

By Patrick Burke, Northern Station

It has taken me more than a week to come halfway down from the euphoria I have been experiencing from the overwhelmingly successful First SFPD Trip Of A Lifetime in Ireland.

After proudly marching in the Great San Francisco Saint Patrick's Day we were treated with kind words of great encouragement from our Chief Fred Lau who stated that he was very proud of us setting out on our historic goodwill tour. At the Airport we knew that we were going to have a great flight on Virgin Atlantic when the owner of the Airline-Richard Branson boarded with us. Richard was very cordial as he joined us for several photos and visited with us during the flight. The hosts and hostesses did an exceptional job of caring for our every need.

We arrived in Dublin on Monday March 16, and were taken by three Deluxe CIE Tour Coaches on a historic tour of Dublin. Our Coach drivers greeted us in Irish and English and gave us a comprehensive history of all the famous buildings and sights we passed by. Many of our groups were amazed at the large crowds of people as they strolled through the very clean city streets. We were treated to a guided tour of Dublin Castle, where all the Irish Presidents were inaugurated. This magnificent building is famous because of its luxuriously decorated suites, and a stateroom where all visiting heads of governments dine in incredible splendor. The paintings, murals and furniture are awe-inspiring. One of our group remarked that he had been to a quite a few splendid buildings i.e. The White House, Buckingham Palace, etc., but this was by far the finest building he had ever visited. Some people had tears in their eyes as they thought of all the famous people who had passed through these suites that we were now walking through. Also in Dublin Castle is a very extensive Police Museum. We then headed for our beautiful multi-starred hotels, the Berkeley Court and the Burlington. Most of us wasted no time in unpacking and the civilians headed out to enjoy the wonderful Saint Patrick's Festival of music and fireworks, that was going on down-town Dublin, and was described by some as being like the fourth of July. Our officers and Deputy sheriffs donned our uniforms and headed for Templestreet Hospital where we distributed teddy bears with SFPD T-shirts, German shepherds with SFPD hats, and many SFPD T-shirts and Junior Police Officer and Sheriff's Department stickers to the awe struck and excited children. After this heart-warming event we changed and joined in the festivities.

The River Liffey was turned green for the occasion and the carnival atmosphere was fantastic. Hundreds of happy revelers romped excitedly down O'Connell Street and the famous nightlife area of Templebar. Our group could not believe how friendly, hospitable and cheerful everyone was.

One hundred and twenty ambassadors from San Francisco attended

the magnificent Saint Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, on a beautiful day, with hundreds of thousands of wonderfully happy, cheering spectators along the parade route. It was a proud time for me, as I am sure it was for Diarmuid Philpott, Val Kirwan and Andy Meehan, all of us Irish born, and San Francisco Police Officers, to be able to lead over 40 of our finest, in Class A, dress uniforms, including two splendid Deputy Sheriffs, through the streets of Dublin, to the cheers and smiles of thousands of well wishers. Tears filled my eyes when we raised the Irish Flag, in salute to the gallant warriors who fought for Ireland's Freedom in 1916, at the General Post Office on O'Connell Street. The highlight of the Parade and maybe the whole trip was, when Andy Meehan handed off his flag to Deputy Chief Diarmuid Philpott, under the fatherly gaze of our very military, Lt. Colonel US Army (ret) also SFPD Rangemaster - Mickey Griffin. Andy then raced approximately 60 yards ahead of our unit and gave his adoring but somewhat surprised mother a great hug, as she stood amongst the cheering and teary-eyed Dubliners. Andy hadn't seen his mother since his last trip to Ireland. The excited children of Dublin, who eagerly accepted hundreds of SFPD Junior Police Officer stickers from us, swarmed all around us as we marched happily along.

After the parade a group of us attended a grand lunch at the Mansion House, as guests of the very gracious, Lord Mayor of Dublin, John Stafford and the lovely Lady Mayoress, both of whom had just returned from San Francisco. A Proclamation was presented to the Lord Mayor, from the Mayor of San Francisco, Willie Brown, to commemorate our historic visit to Ireland.

The Garda band, with whom we marched in the parade, invited the rest of our Troop to Garda Headquarters in Phoenix Park. That evening we were hosted at the Garda Club, in Dublin. In attendance were Assistant Commissioner Jim McHugh, who is in charge of all the Garda activities in Dublin, the Chairman of the Garda Club- Superintendent Jim Murphy, and Bridin O'Rourke, assistant to Jim McHugh. Bridin was a major contact person and organizer, for our trip from the Dublin Garda end. Plaques, gifts and police memorabilia were exchanged and a great time was had by all. We danced to the great music of a group of talented musicians, all of whom were Irish police officers. Mary Jo Feeney, who traveled with us, owns one of the best Irish dancing schools in San Francisco. A group of her students, who were in Ireland to compete in the World Championships, put on a wonderful display of Irish Dancing at it's best. Deputy Sheriff Danny Guiney and Police Cadet Jack Hart joined Mary Jo's group in several spectacular sets. The entertainment and dancing continued into the early hours.



Over 45 ambassadors from San Francisco prior to the St. Patrick's Day Parade in Dublin, Ireland outside the Berkeley Court Hotel.

On Wednesday, after a well-earned sleep and another wonderful Irish breakfast, we visited Saint Patrick's Cathedral, a magnificent church resplendent with flags from the 1798 rebellion, paintings and tapestries. The ceiling, seats, altar, staircase and statues were stunning to behold. Jonathan Swift was once Dean of Saint Patrick's Cathedral. After making some purchases in the well-stocked souvenir shop we were off through the rugged landscape of the Wicklow Mountains to visit the scenic "valley of the two lakes" beautiful Glendalough. Glendalough is one of Ireland's national monuments for scenic, religious, historic and archeological reasons. It is a monastic settlement founded by Saint Kevin in the 6th century, which became one of the most important centers of learn-

ing in Europe. The well preserved round tower and church ruins were very interesting to explore and the Visitor Center explained the history of the settlement. The peaceful setting of the two lakes was very enchanting also. After a wonderful day we changed into our Sunday Best and had a magnificent 5 star banquet at the Berkeley Court for 120 people, the display was awesome and the many food items served were delicious. After filling ourselves to the brim with this sumptuous meal we were given an excellent slide show and narrative history of the Garda Siochana (Police) by Mr. Duffy of the Police Museum at Dublin Castle. That night we had a great Session at Kitty O'Shea's where much singing and dancing was enjoyed by all. To be continued next month.

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Deferred Compensation

At its meeting of December 16, 1997 the POA's Board of Directors discussed an article contained in the Money magazine's December 1997 issue entitled "Protect Yourself From America's Flawed Pension Plans." This article was critical of The Hartford and other pension plans. Also discussed was the expiration of Retirement Board's contract with The Hartford, the City's present deferred compensation administrator, on December 31, 1998.

The POA's Board, at its December meeting, adopted the following resolution regarding the selection of a deferred compensation administrator. "Resolved: that the Police Officers' Association, on behalf of its members, urges and requests the commissioners of the Retirement System as well as the general manager to select, on behalf of San Francisco's 24,000 city employees, solely on its merits a deferred compensation plan which best suits the requirements of city employees."

The POA insists on a fair and open process whereby the contract is awarded on the merits considering: fund performance, fees charged, service to participants, education provided, provider reputation and quality, as well as responsiveness to participant needs. The POA insists that no consideration whatsoever be given to lobbying and solicitation efforts that are not solely and specifically directed to the merits of the plan.

POA president Chris Cunnie appointed, in February, a 7 member deferred compensation advisory committee to provide advice and information to the Board of Directors to enable it to play an active role in the selection of the deferred compensation administrator.

This advisory committee will present its recommendations at the Board's meeting of April 21, 1998. The committee will make specific recommendations with regard to multiple deferred compensation administrators, elimination of contingent deferred sales charges and marketing fees (12b1).

March 24, 1998

To the POA members with money in Hartford:

I have been selected as one of seven members on the POA's Deferred Compensation Committee. It is important that I share with you some of the recent events which should affect how you

perceive our deferred compensation provider, Hartford.

In December of 1997, MONEY magazine published an article, "Protect Yourself From America's Flawed Pension Plans." An article that stated that San Diego's provider, Hartford, charged excessive fees. In our December 1997 POA Notebook, there was discussion that the MONEY article was not applicable to us in San Francisco because the fees in the article were "much higher than those charged San Francisco 457 Plan Participants." I take exception to this. San Francisco's costs are exactly the same as San Diego's! In addition, the private sector plan costs cited in the MONEY article were much lower than the costs Hartford charges our participants.

In the February 1998 issue of MONEY, Hartford's Law Firm was able to get MONEY to print a correction. Several letters written on Hartford's behalf appeared in our POA Notebook. I read Hartford's Law Firm's twenty page correspondence to MONEY magazine and found numerous errors and misstatements. I prepared a letter to MONEY magazine addressing Hartford's omissions and errors which appears in this POA Notebook. Discussed in my letter to MONEY and of paramount importance to San Francisco employees is the lower costs San Diego was able to obtain from a competing provider subsequent to the MONEY article. San Diego's cost savings were significant. If we can get an alternative provider similar to San Diego's, many of our members will reap a minimum of 90+% cost reduction!

It is also important that our membership be informed of several other items of significance:

1) On your year-end statement, Hartford prints: "Administration Costs..... \$0." Did you know Hartford does charge you administration fees?

2) There is a class action lawsuit in Southern California versus Hartford for fraudulently not disclosing their costs and fees.

3) There is a second class action lawsuit in Southern California versus Hartford for negotiating unconscionable contracts with various counties.

4) On February 9, 1998, FORBES magazine's cover story was titled: "Don't Be A Sucker, Variable Annuities Are A Lousy

Investment." The lead story title was "The Great Annuity Rip-Off." Hartford is a variable annuity.

5) On January 30, 1998, San Francisco participants received their 1997 Hartford performance results compared to other variable (lousy investments per Forbes) annuities. Excluded from this comparison were mutual funds with household names such as Vanguard, Schwab, Fidelity, Franklin, Janus, T. Rowe Price, Robertson Stephens, etc. etc. These mutual funds are not variable annuities.

6) In 1998, Hartford tacked on a deferred sales charge (starting at 5%) for money leaving their plan and going to a competitor. Despite all of Hartford's communications in our POA Notebook, somehow they forgot to inform us of this small change.

7) Hartford collects a commission from Fidelity funds then charges our members a fee on top of the Fidelity commission — a "double load."

8) The guaranteed contract account is not FDIC insured.

9) The guaranteed contract will not return all of your principal if bond prices decline and you want to transfer to a new competing provider within our plan.

10) We are the only large city in California with only one provider (including Los Angeles, San Diego, Fresno, & Sacramento).

From a financial planning standpoint, I always recommend that employees should try and maximize their contributions to retirement plans. Personally, in the private sector, I have always tried to maximize my retirement contributions. However, because of the costs associated with investing through Hartford, I have elected not to contribute to our deferred compensation plan. Deferred Compensation is Good- Hartford is Poor!

I AM NOT ENDORSING T. Rowe Price. Because MONEY used Price's fees in their article and Hartford's Law Firm included Price's performance returns and fees, T. Rowe Price's cost structure was readily available for comparison to Hartford. I am campaigning for at least a second provider because a second provider should provide us with lower cost structure and create competition that will naturally force Hartford to lower their costs. We take for granted that we have more than one health care provider, why do we accept only one investment provider?

In addition, this communication

is not aimed at directing blame at anyone for our current Hartford contract. I have spoken to Mike Hebel, Clare Murphy, Chris Cunnie and Al Casciato. I believe our objectives are the same- what's best for the members from this point forward. It is extremely important that members do voice their opinion, that they want more than one investment provider.

Some officers have said, "What's 1-2% when I'm getting these types of returns with Hartford?" If any of our officers believe that the last three to five years of returns are indicative of the future, please take just a couple hours to study the history of our market. Since 1925, the Standard & Poor's 500 has returned in the neighborhood of 10%. Hartford's fees are significant in comparison to that. In aggregate, Hartford's fee revenue from just SFPD (approximately \$1 million) equal almost two-thirds of all of our union dues. When you compare Hartford's fees and the services they provide to what our Union dues are and the entire operation that those dues support, how can one possibly economically justify allowing Hartford to manage our money?

Lou Barberini
TTF

1 Jones Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

cc: Clare Murphy San Francisco Retirement Board

March 24, 1998

Ms. Clare M. Murphy
Executive Director
Employees Retirement System
City & County of San Francisco
1155 Market Street, 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Ms. Murphy:

It was a pleasure meeting with you last week. I know that reviewing potential providers for the City's 457 is an onerous task.

One of my concerns, discussed at our meeting, was that Hartford's performance has always been limited to comparison with other variable annuities instead of all of the mutual funds available to us and on the market. As a result, participants only see a comparison of high-fee variable annuities compared to other high-fee variable annuities. Even when we compare mutual funds to mutual funds or variable annuities to variable annuities, it is often an uneven comparison, because every invest-



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ment manager has different objectives and then methodologies of trying to achieve those objectives. It is very difficult to compare performance returns based on the relative risks and the resulting rewards.

PERFORMANCE COMPARISON:

It came to my attention that we could compare Hartford's Index Fund to T. Rowe Price's Index Funds. How much more of an apples to apples comparison could we have? These fund's goals are not to provide the best return, but to try and copy, as closely as possible, the returns of the Standard & Poor's 500 Index. Thus, both Hartford's and T. Rowe Price's risk/reward goals regarding these two funds are exactly the same. The following are the yearly performances of T. Rowe Price's Index Fund and Hartford's Index Fund:

T. Rowe Price's Index Fund closely, tracked the actual index, while beating Hartford's Index Fund every single year by an

FUND	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
T. Rowe Price	29.2%	7.2%	9.4%	1.0%	37.2%	22.7%	32.9%
Hartford Index	27.9%	5.5%	8.1%	.1%	35.4%	21.0%	31.6%

average of 1.4% As Hartford claims in a January 9, 1998 letter to the San Francisco Retirement Board, one of the benefits of Hartford is that they offer: "Performance Reports with No Hidden Charges. We believe that net performance is a key measurement for any retirement program."

The aforementioned chart clearly illustrates how Hartford's net performance, because of their fees, in this "apples to apples" comparison is consistently inferior to T. Rowe Price.

This is not an endorsement of T. Rowe Price. Both Hartford and T. Rowe Price performance numbers and fees were very accessible through the MONEY article and Hartford's Law Firm's communication.

NO ADMINISTRATIVE FEE:

One of my fellow officers showed me their year-end Hartford statement which stated: "Administrative Fee—\$0." Most of the participants that read their statement are under the impression that there is no cost for Hartford's services. In light of the class action lawsuit against Hartford for misrepresenting fees to participants and the nasty article in MONEY magazine, Hartford still is not afraid to twist

facts to market themselves.

On Attachment page 3, of Hartford's Law Firm's defamation claim against the MONEY magazine article they state:

"The mortality and expense risk charge funds numerous administrative and ancillary services of value."

So there are administrative fees to the City's 457 Plan, but Hartford has elected to hide them under another title- mortality and expense fees! Under this method of accounting, I should run for Mayor, by telling San Franciscans that I would eliminate their property tax bill by incorporating it into their water bill statement. No, this is unacceptable under any circumstances and is an example of how self-regulation allows insurance companies to play looser with performance numbers compared to heavily government regulated and monitored mutual fund companies.

Hartford claims they do not hide fees, yet they cleverly conceal administrative fees under mortality

expenses. But, Hartford defends the Mortality Expense as "not an extra or fat" despite the fact that they are parking other costs under this expense account. Hartford states that all that is important is the net performance results and making "apples to apples" comparisons. On the only equity fund that we can truly make an "apples to apples" comparison, Hartford trailed T. Rowe Price in 7 out of 7 years- a 100% failure rate! Of course I had to factor in the real world costs Hartford hides in their "catch-all," mortality expense account.

Washington D.C. needs Hartford. Not for investment purposes but for their ability to spin-doctor results. In San Francisco we need fair presentation of results and competition from at least one other provider.

Thank you again for your time.
Very truly yours,

Lou Barberini
TTF
1 Jones Street
San Francisco, CA 94102

cc: SF POA Notebook
San Francisco Police Deferred Compensation Committee
Board of Directors San Francisco Retirement System

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Message From Our General Counsel

March 13, 1998

Pat Norman, President
Dennis Herrera, Vice President
Sidney Chan, Commissioner
Connie Perry, Commissioner
Ed Petrillo, Commissioner
San Francisco Police Commission
850 Bryant Street, Room 505
San Francisco, CA 94103

Re: Assembly Bill 1236
Dear Commissioners:

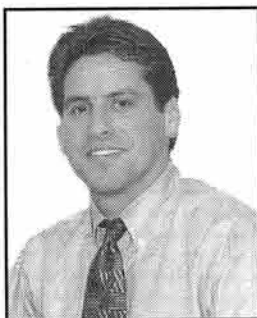
It has come to my attention that you have been asked by Ms. Mary Dunlap to take action opposing Assembly Bill 1236 (the bill that would allow police officers to review documents pertaining to their case before they are interrogated in police misconduct investigations.) I am writing to address some of the criticism received about AB 1236, and to discourage the Commission from taking any action critical of the legislation.

Although the Commission has the authority to comment on this particular legislation, the wisdom of doing so is questionable in light of the fact that the Commission also serves as the tribunal in which cases involving officer misconduct are adjudicated. In its role as adjudicator, the Commission, were it to act on this request, would be placing itself in the awkward position of commenting on legislation that would necessarily affect all the officers whom regularly appear before it. Any comment critical of this legislation would compromise the Commission's appearance of impartiality, which is so vital to the fair administration of its duties.

As to the merits of the Bill itself, it is an excellent piece of legislation. It is fundamentally fair and long over due.

In order to understand why this would be good law, one must understand something about internal police investigations. Police officers do not enjoy the same rights as civilians when being investigated for misconduct. Civilians have a 5th Amendment right to remain silent when confronted with accusations of wrongdoing; police officers do not enjoy that same right. Police officers are compelled to speak in the course of such investigations. A decision not to speak when ordered to do so is deemed insubordination, and will subject an officer to termination or other discipline.

An officer subject to investigation, who is under a compulsory obligation to submit to interrogation, is at a unique disadvantage.



He or she must submit to interrogation regarding allegations that are often based on anonymous sources. In these investigations, the officer has no right to "discovery." He or she does not know from where, nor how, these charges are generated. It is a uniquely "kafkaesque" process where people are subject to interrogation about incidents by secret accusers and cryptic sources. In the advanced stages of 20th century democracy, we should be especially wary of this kind of clandestine "big-brother" type investigation that critics of the bill wish to perpetuate.

The right to discovery is fundamental in every arena of American Jurisprudence. Why should the principles underlying such jurisprudence suddenly be so irrelevant in the course of misconduct investigations? In no other area of modern civilized jurisprudence are people compelled to testify without the right to discovery. The idea behind this legislation is to simply level the playing field. It is a notion fundamental to due process and the American way.

More importantly, any investigation is a search for the truth. In order that the truth be known, no entity should be allowed to hide behind a veil of anonymity. Full disclosure facilitates the fact finding process, narrows the issues, and ultimately reduces costs, time and expenditures associated with these often times incomplete, misguided, and spurious investigations. Police officers, citizens, and tax-payers state-wide would all benefit from such a law.

If the Commission feels compelled to act on this bill, I would persuade it to support this legislation in the spirit of fair play and economy.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,
Sean F. Connolly
General Counsel
San Francisco Police Officers'
Association

cc: Fred Lau, Chief of Police
Maryanne Connaroe,
Management and Budget
Steve Kawa, Director,
Legislative Affairs
Kimiko Burton,
Criminal Justice Council

LETTERS

Dear Ms. Dunlap...

March 23, 1998

Mary Dunlap, Director
Office of Citizen Complaints

Ms. Dunlap,

I would like to request a copy of every document, note, and/or tape recording in every OCC file regarding an allegation made against me, that is not under investigation.

Labor Code section 1198.5 requires an employer to allow an employee to inspect any file used to determine the employee's "qualifications for employment, promotion, additional compensation or other disciplinary action." OCC files are used for these purposes.

Code of Civil Procedures Section 47.5 allows me to file a civil suit against anyone who has made a "false and malicious" complaint against me. I must be allowed copies of OCC files to determine whether or not to exercise this statutory right.

Penal Code Section 148.6 allows me to charge anyone making a false complaint against me with a criminal act. I must be allowed copies of OCC files, as they can be used as evidence of this crime.

"Skelly v. State Personnel Board" (1975 15 Cal.3d 194, 215) allows me an absolute right to receive copies of the entire investigative report, and any other documents used in recommending disciplinary action.

Government Code Section 6254(c) provides that "personnel, medical, or other similar files" may not be disclosed because it would be an unwarranted invasion of the officer's "personal privacy." I have the right to waive my personal privacy right to files regarding me, to receive copies of them, and use them for any lawful purpose I see fit.

Oro en Paz, Fierro en Guerra!

John Evans
Mission Station

28 March 1998

Ms. Dunlap, Director
Office of Citizens Complaints

Re: OCC Case #319-97, and your letter to me of March 10, 1998

Ms. Dunlap,

Thank you for withdrawing the allegation of "Unwarranted Action" for responding to an "A" priority 911 call of a violent crime in progress.

I do have a number of questions about this though. Like, why, in the name of all reason, would a police officer be charged with "Unwarranted Action" for responding to a 911 call in the first place?

I understand that the complainant told Investigator Toney that I informed the complainant that I was investigating a 911 call, and offered to show him the run on my

car computer to prove that. Would this indicate that I was responding to a 911 call?

The above seems like preliminary investigation. Yet your letter states, "Preliminary investigation" shows the allegation should be withdrawn. Your letter withdrawing the charge was sent long **after** multiple, long, taped interviews of the parties, and my having to explain, to investigator Toney, just how patently obscene the allegation was.

It would seem certain that I was charged prior to any investigation. In our department we charge after preliminary investigation. If the charge was made after any amount of investigation, then it was done despite the evidence, and against competent reason. And only removed after my strenuous objection.

This is an official complaint. Investigator Toney, her supervisor, and you knew, or should have known, that this allegation should never have been made. I demand a written apology from all those involved, and immediate disciplinary action for what is, at best, aggressive incompetence.

Oro en Paz, Fierro en Guerra!

John Evans
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Boycot Reebok?

Dear Editor,

A few years ago, rapper Ice-T came out with a song called "Cop Killer." At the time, my husband and I had been ordering quite a few videos and books from Time-Warner, the company responsible for the record label of Ice-T. There was a nationwide outcry from the law enforcement community about the support Time-Warner gave Ice-T because of his right to artistic expression.

The outcry resulted in law enforcement agencies refusing to work at his concerts, etc. We opted to boycott Time-Warner and informed them that while they could support Ice-T's "creativity" we would refuse to support Time-Warner by closing our pocketbooks to their products.

This worked! Soon afterward, Time-Warner released Ice-T from his contract and we received a nice letter from their Marketing Executive asking us to return as customers.

Well, it is time to boycott again. The culprit this time is Reebok. Recently, Reebok chose Anthony "Van" Jones for his work against police brutality via his organization Police Watch. A recent article in the SF Chronicle mentioned this award in relation to Mr. Jones' work in helping to rid the SFPD of former Officer Marc Andaya. (If you want to see Reebok's political views for yourself, just check out www.reebok.com).

So the next time you or your kids need athletic shoes, remember Reebok, then run with cash in hand to the nearest Converse or Nike aisle.

Sincerely,
Off. Jennifer Lee

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Tom Demsey
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Hi Tom!

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My regards to all!

Ken Manley,
Santa Rosa.

Editor,
POA Notebook

Please renew my subscription, and please put in when Tom Dempsey's book will be available for sale. I like his stories.

Sincerely,
Jim Perry,
San Francisco

No On 226

Dear Chris,

Your message regarding proposition #226, was at the very least insulting, but more to the point, an out and out falsehood (i.e. A bunch of lies)

What a novel approach, that union leadership should have to be held accountable to its members, before it spends members' dues on another idiot politician's campaign. I also take umbrage at being likened to 'a stormtrooper' if you happen to support Proposition 226. If any one is using 'stormtrooper' tactics, it is the labor union leadership.

I would like to suggest that you get a copy of proposition and read it. Judging from your comments, you have not bothered to do so.

It is time that the labor unions, and the POA, for that matter, to remember one simple fact. It is the members money first and foremost, not the labor leaders to do with whatever they please, without first getting permission from the membership on who and what it's spent on.

Now a prediction. Proposition 226 is going to pass by a very large measure...live with it, and stop whining

Sincerely
Officer Steve Marquez #737
Souther Station

Next, Please

Editor

Thanks to Governor Pete Wilson, our next statewide ballot will include an initiative requiring that unions get written consent from their members before using union funds to support or oppose candidates or legislation.

Next, please, may we have an initiative requiring that corpora-

tions obtain written consent from their shareholders before using corporate funds to influence elections or lobby for or against legislation?

Somehow, I'm not holding my breath.

Anne West
Inverness

Reprinted from the November 20, 1997 SF Chronicle at the request of Gale Wright, retired, who adds the note: Vote No on Prop 226.

Thank you

Chris Cunnie, President
San Francisco Police Officers Association
510 Seventh Street
San Francisco, California 94103

Dear Brother Cunnie:

A few weeks ago, while perusing the *San Francisco Notebook*, I read the story of the three officers who interrupted their lunch hour to rescue an individual who was about to go across to the great beyond on the rocks while fighting a battle with the raging sea.

After reading the story, it occurred to me that even police officers are entitled to a peaceful lunch. Therefore, I am enclosing gift certificates made out to Officers Aleman, Borgfelt and Gallegos, with thanks and appreciation, for once again showing that the members of the Police Officers' Association care and will make sacrifices to bring about life saving results.

Sincerely,
Walter L. Johnson
Secretary-Treasurer
SF Labor Council

Editor,

I'm writing now that the dust has settled from retiring. I first of all would like to thank Mike Kangrea and John Schmolke of Co. A for putting on such a great retirement dinner for Art, Frank, Rich, Dave, and myself. Everyone I've seen has said it was one of the best.

So, thanks again for the great pleasure you gave to all of us. All members of the SFPD are in my prayers, may you be protected through all of your endeavors. Keep your "powder dry!"

John Brandt

PS. Gary Delagnes once again did an exceptional job as MC.

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Chris Cunnie and the SFPOA
Dear Chris,

The family of Mayor Joseph L. Alioto deeply appreciates and gratefully acknowledges your kind expression of sympathy and friendship.

Many thanks for the beautiful remembrance for Joe. We appreciate your generosity.

Daniela, Patrick, and Kathleen

To Lois Perillo

My wife and I just wanted to let you know of a number of things that you and your fellow officers do, that are very much appreciated, such as:

- * Your news articles in the Noe Valley Times
- * Your and everyone else's concern for making Noe Valley and Bernal Heights area a better place to live

Signed,
Craig and Elaine McDonald,
Home owners

To The San Francisco Police Officers' Association

Thank you so much for the lovely spray of flowers that was sent in Steve's remembrance. The yellow gladiolas, pink roses, and lilies were beautiful.

Your thoughtfulness at this time is deeply appreciated.

Sincerely,
Joan Spelman and family

March 18, 1998

Mr. Joe Vaura
Mr. John Lamer
Harding Golf Course
Harding Road & Skyline Blvd.
San Francisco, CA 94132

Joe & John:

First, I would like to thank you, for both myself and all of the members of our department, for the courtesy extended to Katy Hallisy. Had it not been for the use of your golf cart, she undoubtedly would not have been able to enjoy the St. Patrick's Day Parade.

Katy has impressed us all with her spirit and determination. She has had a tough road to hoe, her last surgery being especially difficult. But, she has come through it like the trouper that she is.

Because Katy is a member of our police family we are very concerned for her welfare, and are doing our utmost to encourage her positive outlook. Helping her to enjoy the everyday activities we all take for granted is a big part of that encouragement.

Charlie Coates, who was instrumental in making the arrangements for the use of the golf cart, is a good friend of the Hallisy family, and a caring member of our department. Combining your generosity and Charlie's involvement, a little girl was made very happy.

Again, thank you.

Sincerely,
Chris Cunnie,
President


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Bermuda, two retired American military officers hope to turn the story of Engineer-Seaman Sergei Preminin into a symbol of post-Cold War Russian-American friendship. They have nominated the dead Soviet sailor for a U.S. medal for heroism for preventing a nuclear reactor explosion that could have poisoned much of the U.S. east coast.

The incident involving the sub's two reactors did not become public until late last year when a book written by the boat's former executive officer and a retired

U.S. Navy officer penetrated a cloud of secrecy from both U.S. and Soviet navies. In their book *Hostile Waters*, retired Captain Peter Huchthausen and retired Soviet

Captain Igor Kurdin recount the three-day struggle by the sub's crew after the explosion and fire on Oct. 6, 1986.

Preminin has been formally nominated to be posthumously awarded the U.S. Coast Guard Lifesaving Medal, the service's top citation for extraordinary acts of heroism in the saving of life at sea. The nomination states, in part, "it looks like Preminin saved the whole East Coast of the United States." The nomination also includes affidavits from Britanov, the K-219's captain, and two other officers involved in the sinking.

In the same vein...Richard O'Kane weighed only 88 pounds when he was released from a Japanese prison camp after World War II. On March 30, O'Kane, a submarine commander who went on to become a rear admiral, was honored as a genuine hero as the Navy's latest Aegis destroyer was christened in his name.

"We have devalued terms like 'hero' and 'courage' applying them loosely to athletes with multimillion dollar contracts and movie stars whose feats are no more than celluloid fantasies," said U.S. Rep. Tom Allen. "The destroyer we launch today honors Richard O'Kane, a genuine hero from an age when heroism truly meant something," he said.

Try to attend a Post meeting. The post meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are in the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of business.

A Philadelphia obstetrician, recently divorced and twice sued for malpractice, was in desperate need of a break from all the lawyers, so he went out

West for a vacation. Finding a saloon with a friendly bartender, he began to drown his troubles. After a few drinks, the obstetrician suddenly blurted out, "Goddamn lawyers, what a bunch of horses' asses!"

"Geez, doc," cautioned the bartender, "don't say stuff like that around here, this is horse country."

Semper fi, Jack. Semper fi, Dale.



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Tragedy!

By Daniel Hampton

What is happening with our children these days? When the tragic news of five children being mowed down by gun fire and several others seriously injured in Arkansas, flashed on the news, our hearts sank and we felt helpless. Why? Because these crimes were committed by two boys who are thirteen and eleven years old! How could two children shoot to kill classmates at their public middle school? Then a day later in Daly City, we hear the report another young man in the 8th grade shoots at the principal at his school because the day before he had been sent home.

National and local news commentators are asking is this a trend occurring in our society. It may well become a trend for the following reasons: 1) There is a 50% divorce rate; 2) Most families have both parents working; 3) There are more latch key children at home being left unsupervised. Divorce is an ugly thing. It makes children wonder if they were the problem for the divorce. It makes them feel abandoned and neglected by the parent who left. Divorce usually isolates, divides, and often relegates the children to live in a life of poverty. I believe young boys abandoned by their fathers builds pent up hate and anger in them towards everything and everyone.

Since most crime is committed by young men, the escalating divorce rate is likely relational to the increase of vicious crimes committed by them. This is a wake up call for all fathers. Let the million man march that black men partook in Washington D.C., also take hold in the hearts of all fathers no matter what their race. Fathers, stay home! Remain faithful to your wife and children. Parents, if at all possible work a shift or flex shift that will let you be home with your children right after they come home from school. Children need and want parental supervision! Single parents have a difficult time coordinating supervision for their children. If your boss lets you work certain flex hours so that you can be home between the critical hours of 2 P.M. and 8 P.M. make the sacrifice and work the graveyard watch. In-

volve your children in attending youth worship services administered by youth pastors, who will instill Christian values.

Services for pre-teens and teenagers can be found in most Christian churches. They usually have services during Sunday and mid-week services on Wednesdays. When your a single parent you need a church support group which is responsive to the needs and the spiritual development of your children. Periodically help with the youth ministry to see what is being taught and if the spiritual needs of your children are being met.

If your current Christian church has no youth ministry at all, then find one and don't hesitate to relocate. When both parents work they should work different shifts so that their children can have parental supervision during the critical hours mentioned above. Parents must realize that for children, it is important to have both quantity and quality of time with their parents so that bonding, communication, love, and respect develop between them. Moms and dads don't be workaholics. Your children really don't need all the material things the commercials say they need, they really need a close relationship with you.

Federal and state legislation could help parents. How about a federal law establishing social security benefits to the spouse, relative, or friend taking care of our children at home. The spouse or relative staying home could earn quarterly benefits for the first fourteen years of the child's life. After ten years the care provider has earned and is qualified for social security benefits for their future retirement. Who would pay into the social security system for these home care providers? How about large employee groups such as; the federal government, the state government, municipalities, corporations, and private businesses which employ more than fifty persons. Obviously, the working parent would also have to pay a small percentage into the system for the care provider. Instead of using federal and state funds for state run child care providers, why not trust parents to know who should provide care for their children and fund this idea? If we learn anything from these recent tragedies it is this; monitoring the deportment of children is the parents responsibility and the government and society should help parents perform this moral obligation.

Prayer watch: Tom Feledy's wife, recovering from surgery.



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"Taking It To The Streets"

By Steve Balma, Southern Station

On Thursday March 26th, several community groups came together for the second year in a row and participated in an event called the Block Buster II, "Taking it to the Streets".

The purpose of this event is to bring the public services that each of the respective groups offer to one location, this year 6th and Market Streets, so that an individual in need of help can get it all in one place. One Stop Shopping! The event was organized by

Diane Rose of the South of Market Council (S.O.M.C.) and it was a huge success. Sixteen different organizations set up a booth where they provided information to people who needed their services. Some of the groups that were there were: The Salvation Army, The National Council on Alcoholism and Drugs, La Casa de las Madres, Homeless Prenatal, Promise, Senior Central, Swords to Plowshares, Coalition for Low Income Housing, Central Hospitality House, The S.F. Fire Department, and of course the San Francisco Police Department.

To encourage people to visit the various booths and to receive infor-

mation that would help to get them off the streets, a delicious hot dog (bar-b-que'd by **Officers Tom Walsh**, and **Bill Griffin of Southern Station**) was given as a reward for visiting at least three of the booths. The



Insp. Steve Balma and Officer Tom Walsh trying to keep up with the long line for hot dogs.

hot dogs, buns, and condiments were purchased from a donation made by the **San Francisco Police Officers Association Community Services Fund**. Approximately 560 hot dogs were served to those who could show they visited at least three booths, so hopefully, the information that they received will have a positive impact on them. Special thanks to **Insp. Bob Huegle** and the **P.O.A.** for the donation, **Officer Andrew Cohen** at **T.T.F.** for lending us his great bar-b-que, **Lisa Danzig** and **Suzanne Gautier** from **S.F. SAFE** for helping serve food, and the Cadillac Bar for donating a fifty pound sack of mesquite charcoal.

It's The Easter Bunny.....

By Ethel Newlin

What do Brendan O'Smarty and the Easter Bunny have in common? It's obvious that both love kids, and kids love them, but when was the last time (or even the first time) you saw them together? If you were a kid at Mission Playground on the Saturday before Easter you probably got to meet both of them.

Several hundred youngsters from the north end of the Mission turned out for an Easter Egg Hunt at Mission Playground, co-sponsored by Mission Police Station and St. John's Educational Thresholds Center (SJETC). With the blessing and support of Capt. Greg Suhr, Officer Steve Thoma and yours truly (on behalf of SJETC) managed to solicit enough candy and toys to go around. Merchants and businesses in the Mission, as well as some of the bigger stores and corporations, and the POA were extremely generous in their donations.

The Recreation and Parks Department, with help from the Department of Public Works, cleaned and manicured the grassy areas on Friday to make everything ready for the big day. (Capt. Suhr made sure it stayed that way overnight.) An morning work crew that included a pair of Thoma kids, Sgt. Larry Ratti and son, and a group from Ti Couz restaurant covered the fields with Easter eggs and candy. Thanks go to Sylvie LeMer and her staff at Ti Couz for supplying hundreds of eggs, specially decorated by diners at the restaurant over the past few weeks.

The Easter Bunny, as portrayed



Easter Bunny Theresa Ewins, Brendan O'Smarty, Bob Geary and friends at Mission Playground.

by Officer Theresa Ewins (Mission Station), and Officer Brendan O'Smarty, accompanied by his partner Officer Bob Geary, arrived at the appointed hour to meet with the children and pass out gift bags that had been prepared by members of the Keystone Cougars of Columbia Park Boys & Girls Club. Everyone got the chance to have their picture taken with the Easter Bunny and O'Smarty. Dionne Carter, from Neighborhood Safety Partnership, provided face-painting to all who wanted it.

Youngsters at the other end of the Mission were not forgotten. A second event, co-sponsored by Mission Station and Mission Education Projects, Inc. (MEPI) featured the Easter Bunny, portrayed by Officer Frank Harrell, took place at La Raza Park at the same time as the one at Mission Playground.

Just another example of the wonderful spirit of community that typifies life in The Mission.

Legal Update

P.C. 273.5 Domestic Violence Law

Briefed by: Officer Mike Paganini

PEOPLE V. BRANSON S. WARD
Fourth Appellate District
COURT: E019418
FILED: March 10, 1998

Question: Does Penal Code section 273.5 apply to a man who has inflicted corporal injury upon a woman who is pregnant with his unborn child?

Answer: No.

Facts: In November of 1995, Thea and Branson lived together as boyfriend-girlfriend in an apartment in Riverside, and during this time Thea became pregnant. In February of 1996, Thea suspected that Branson was unfaithful to her and the parties separated, with Branson moving out of the apartment.

On March 12, 1996, Branson went to Thea's apartment to talk to her. They had a verbal argument and this quickly escalated into a physical assault, during which Branson grabbed Thea by the arms, pushed her down, grabbed her by the hair, slammed her head into the closet door, slapped her, and squeezed her neck. As a result, Thea—who was now approximately 3 1/2 months pregnant—suffered red marks on her neck, pain in her back, neck, and stomach. She also suffered bruises and a lump on the back of her head.

Branson was charged and found guilty in a jury trial on the following:

273.5 P.C. — Inflict corporal injury;

245(a)(1) P.C. — Assault with force likely to produce great bodily injury.

Discussion: The Court reviewed section 273.5 and noted that it provides. "Any person who willfully inflicts upon his or her spouse, or any person who willfully inflicts upon any person with whom he or she is cohabiting, or any person who willfully inflicts upon any person who is the mother or father of his or her child, corporal injury resulting in a traumatic condition, is guilty of a felony..."

The primary issue posed by this case is whether a woman carrying a fetus is a "mother" of a "child", as these words are used in the statute. The Court ruled that a fetus is not a "child". Since the legislature did not include any language referring to a fetus in the statute, the statute plainly excludes unborn children. The Court noted that they are not empowered to rewrite statutes, and that the legislature can amend section 273.5 to include relationships like Thea's and Branson's if they so desire.

In conclusion, the relationship between Thea and Branson was clearly within the definition of domestic violence as set forth in P.C. 13700, nevertheless, it is not one of the relationships specified in section 273.5 P.C.

The 273.5 P.C. conviction was, therefore, reversed.

Spring Blood Drive Blossomed

By Mark Hawthorne, CSIU

The spring blood drive got off to a fantastic start and finished up with a bang. All those who were present at the festive event found something to their liking.

There was plenty of healthy bantering back and forth between us and them, we and they, plain clothes and uniforms, specialists and worker bees, A.D.A.'s versus Public Defenders, and any other combination one could think of. Everyone came out a winner at the blood drive.

One in three of the participants won a raffle prize and all of those present received more than enough nourishment, graciously provided by the POA. There were enough war stories being spoken to make a fisherman jealous.

Unfortunately no major celebrities could stop by for the event, but we had enough of you as celebrities to make the day special. At one point at the drive, I thought we were going to have a band play music because there were so many bars present to give blood. (Captains and Lieutenants).

Of the stars in command who were present, Commander Santos was sitting meticulously monitoring those who were donating and becoming quite antsy at the prospect not everyone from the patrol bureau would be present to donate. (Something about a demo or other sorted event that distracted many patrol bureau personnel from attending). Much talk was being made about the small lottery jackpot many people were plan-

ning to win that evening. (\$102 mil) But as of the writing of this article, I can safely assume that none of the SFPD blue will be taking an early retirement based upon lottery winnings. Oh well.

Which brings me to the close of this article, since no one will be retiring very soon, and because most of you are in relatively good health, (you're warm, you can walk and chew gum at the same time) I trust we can count on you to make a small donation during the summer blood drive scheduled for July.

Oh yes, the final count for the spring blood drive was 120 pints, almost as many pints as served in some of the taverns around town on St. Patrick's Day. And lastly, I would like to extend my thanks to the many, the proud, the donors, for giving of themselves so that others might benefit.

Stay tuned for the announcement of the **Summer Blood Drive**, scheduled for early July. Don't forget to mark you calenders.



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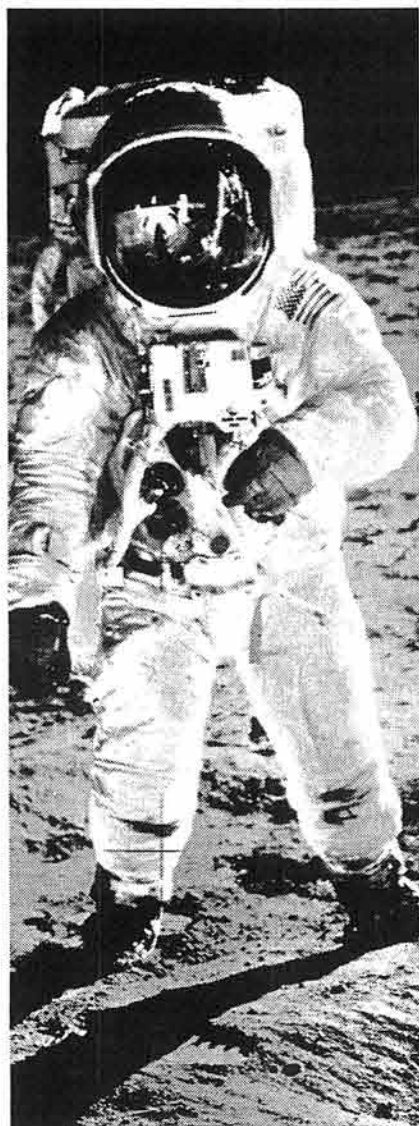
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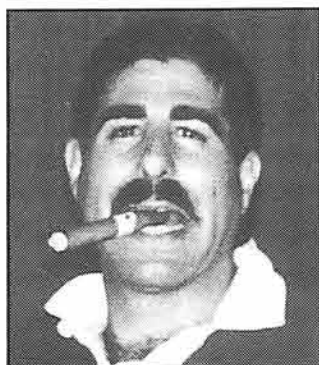
Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh, Sports Editor

Check it out—It's that time of year again when I can say: How about those Giants?! They're off to a decent start. I was carefully able to attend the home opener the other day (thank goodness for ramps and escalators) and had a great time. An organized group on a chartered bus is definitely the way to go. It was a strange thing seeing Orel Hershiser pitch the opener; we were next expecting Tommy Lasorda to throw out the first ball. Also, it was a good thing that the rainy weather we've been having didn't interfere. I wish I could say the same thing for the department softball league.

When the league was able to start with beautiful weather on March 17th, I thought that things were going to continue smoothly. Boy was I wrong, as the next three weeks had rain on or around Tuesday forcing cancelled games. I'm sick and tired of it and I know you are too. The games that were played in the A Division featured a couple of routes with the Northern Bulldogs spanking the Mission Diablos 19-6 in a rematch of last year's championship, and TAC over Narcotics by a score of 21-10.

The B Division had Southern continuing their usual dominance with



a 12-5 victory over the Northern Mids team, and CHP winning a nail-biter over Ingleside 18-17. The Sheriffs beat TTF handily 14-7 while Airport walloped Daly City by a score of 34-17. In that Airport game, the hitting stars were Gerry Lyons (going 5 for 5 with 3 RBIs), Kevin Murray (4 for 7 including 2 HRs and 7 RBIs), and of course Nick Allen who hit two dingers of his own. Hopefully by the next issue of the Notebook, more games will have been played and I'll have enough material to do separate articles with standings etc. (aka: "Nick at Night").

I definitely want to mention congratulations to the winners of the department basketball league that ended recently. In the A Division, congratulations are in order for the Mission Station who had an easy time in their championship game against the Fire Department. As far as the MVP of the A Division as a whole was concerned, it was the Fire

Department's own Danny Armenta who received the award—nice going.

The basketball B Division championship game was much more exciting when Ingleside won an improbable game over Narcotics after being down by 7 points with about a minute to play. The capper was a late 3-point basket by Ingleside's Sergio Chin for the big victory. The overall B Division MVP would be the one-and-only Jerry Darcy out of the TTF/Taraval team. Kudos also go to the announced "players of the year" that represents the whole league; these players would be Gary "Golden Boy" Lorin and his brother Phil "Wonder Boy" Lorin. Great effort guys.

I'd also like to talk about a very great effort given by basketball commish Steve Ortiz who just winded down his last season after eight years on the job. As softball commissioner myself, I know how difficult a job such as that can be what with setting up the schedule, doing make-up games, reserving locations to play, and the toughest thing of all collect league fees from various teams. Thanks for hanging in there Steve; you're going to be hard to replace.

Speaking of replacements, anyone interested in taking over the b-ball league should get a hold of Ortiz at Southern Station during the day watch and he'll set you up. Otherwise it would be up to the POA Sports Committee (a la: Brian "Moose"

Canedo and Co.) to select a new commissioner or co-commissioners. It's time to get involved. It's time for someone out there to step up and volunteer.

While still on the subject of hoops... How about the Final Four March Madness tournament?! Lots of fun to watch wherever you are. A good source told me that the best place to be is wherever the tourney is at the time of the "final four" weekend. A buddy of mine went to San Antonio, Texas and had the time of his life watching Stanford and the other teams in person. There were the good nature rivalries going amongst the college students representing their respective teams, the people of San Antonio were very friendly, there was much partying going on, and the electricity of actually being at these games that the whole country is watching is something else. It is definitely an event that should be included on any sports enthusiast's "to-do" list. Another place to be according to another reliable source is Ceasar's Palace, Las Vegas. The Sports book there is just phenomenal where games can be viewed on huge screens. The place is packed with a lot of betting going on (obviously), there's hootin' and hollerin', there's partying, there's cigar smoking (by both men and women), and it's just a fun atmosphere to be in... That's enough for now... So see ya later...

1998 S.F.P.D. Net-Play Golf Championship Tournament

By Steve Balma, Southern Station

I have often wondered who the best golfer in our Department is. Tim Hettrich? Steve Whitman? Tom O'Conner? Steve Landi? One of the Loren Possi? Or is it you or me? Let's find out! Anybody interested in entering a no-nonsense net play golf tournament for bragging rights to the title of "1998 S.F.P.D. Net-Play Golf Champion", send me your name and current N.C.G.A. index, and I will enter you into this exiting *mano y mano* (ladies are welcome too!) format.

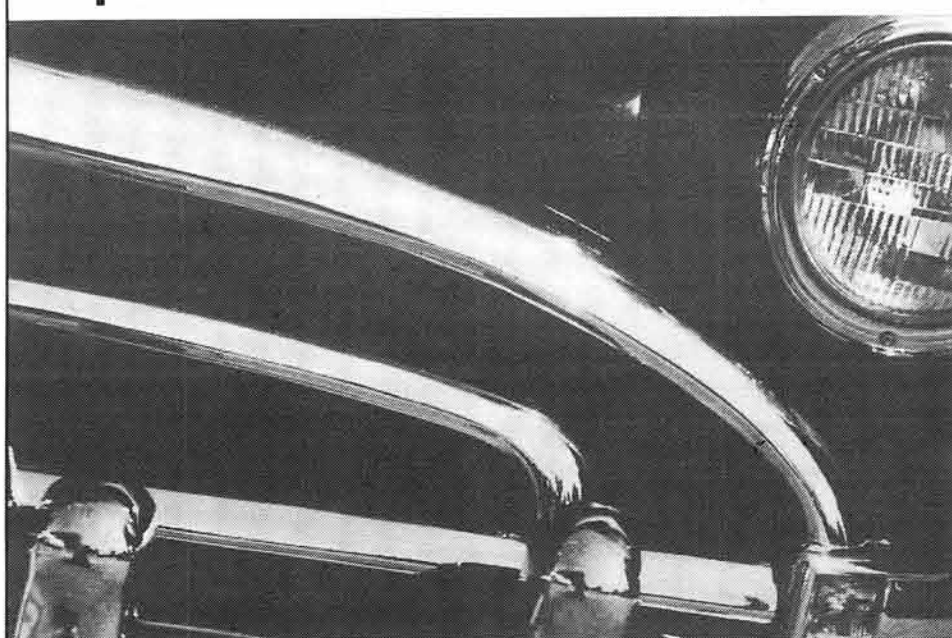
How will the tournament work? For starters, I will initially pair you with an opponent who has a similar N.C.G.A. index. Once you are advised who your opponent is, you must contact your opponent and decide on a mutually agreed course and date to play your match. To keep the thing rolling, the match should be com-

pleted within 14 days. If your match is not completed within 12 days both parties will forfeit. Remember this is a net-play, single-elimination tournament, so there can be no ties. Play extra holes if you must determine the winner. Prior to play, each player should determine the handicap based on their current (documented) index, the rating/slope of the course chosen, and a set of tees that each player played from.

Deadline for entries will be May 25, 1998 (Memorial Day), but we can start matches right away if there is a good response. Anybody can enter, but you must have a verifiable N.C.G.A. handicap to enter the Championship Flight. Those who do not have an N.C.G.A. card will be put in the "Sandbaggers Flight."

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The Rites of Spring

My favorite time of the year has always been Spring because it signals the beginning of not only a new season of the year, but also another Baseball season.

Baseball has always been a big part of my life. Baseball was the subject of conversation that got my dad out of a bad mood at the dinner table. It was also the common bond that brought my family closer together when none of us seemed to have anything else in common.

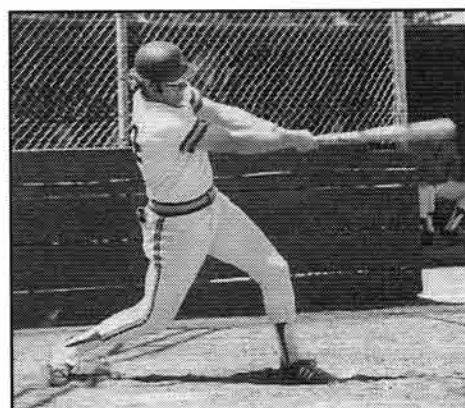
My father was a professional Baseball player, and my brother and I both played ball through college and into the Semi-Pro's. As James Earl Jones said in the movie *Field of Dreams*, through all the good times and bad, through all the wars and changes this country has seen, Baseball was the one constant. The one thing you could count on every Spring. I can even remember in the last week of my father's life, as he lay in a hospital bed, we talked about

baseball to avoid the awkward topic of his impending death.

It has always made me feel good, refreshed, and energized to smell the grass and hear the sound of a baseball hit by a wooden bat. I now make a yearly trek to Arizona just to recapture the feeling that I miss so much and can no longer feel as a participant.

I have been very lucky in my life because I have not only been able to enjoy a great childhood with loving parents and a great brother and sister, but also now enjoy the love and security of my own family.

But I was also able to experience the feeling of family with all of the teammates I played with in high school and college. I have always said that baseball has taught me more about life than anything else because it teaches you all the valuable lessons you need in life: winning; losing; not giving up; competition; humility; incredible highs and lows; and discovering that any team



Former USF Don, Gary Delagnes, puts one over the fence for a winning run.

is only as good as the sum of its parts. My college coach used to always preach that you learn a lot more about yourself in defeat than in victory. **I also learned through sports and baseball that there is no better feeling in the world than working together as a team and succeeding.**

I think that one of the reasons I went into police work was to try and capture that same feeling of family and camaraderie that I enjoyed in sports, and especially in baseball. I have felt that many times as a police officer, because there is a common bond we share that no one else but an officer could ever understand.

God knows we have our differ-

ences when it comes to promotionals and other issues that divide us, but I still know in my heart that when that call comes over the radio that another cop is in trouble none of us cares what color or sex that cop is, just that it is a cop in need, and nothing will stop us from getting there to help.

Our union — our team — went through some tough times financially over the past couple of years, but due to the Board of Directors working together, and you the membership allowing us to increase your dues, we are now out of the woods and heading in the right direction.

We face another huge challenge — another big game — in the Fall 1998. We must pass our Charter amendment in November to once and for all put the inequity of our woeful Tier II pension behind us. We need to come together on this issue and put our differences aside in order to win the game. We can if we all pull together. This is an issue that will effect us and our families for the rest of our lives, and we can not afford to let petty differences get in the way.

A family, a team, a police department, or an Association is only as strong as the sum of its parts. In 1998 think like a team, be a family, and let's win in November.

Law & Disorder! by W. Hunt



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Back row left to right Ray Delmas; Charles Birdsall, Captain 2nd base; Al Wright, Manager; H. C. Jagger, left field; Frank Esola, 1st base. Center row John Casey; Ed Plume, center field; Tom Fitzpatrick, pitcher; Tom Hoertkorn, catcher; Charles Maher. Front row Grover Coats, 3rd base; Tom Gorman. This team defeated Los Angeles Police Department November 10th, 1913 by a score of 8 to 4.

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By Rene LaPrevotte

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

I was at the Police Commission Meeting the other night and there were several television camera crews standing by to film the highlights. Lieutenant Dirk Beijen, Burglary Detail, was introduced by Assistant Chief Earl Sanders and asked to brief the Police Commissioners on the outstanding investigation that resulted in numerous arrests of individuals involved in a major fencing operation. Lieutenant Beijen did an outstanding job crediting many members from the Patrol Division for their help in the investigation yet not once, during the entire time the Lieutenant spoke, did the cameras ever film.

The cameras did eventually roll, some time later, during Public Comment, when several individuals got up to criticize our Department because officers had cited several people for camping in the parks . . .

Don't you just love how well-balanced the news is?

Many of our members receive citizen complaints, on a routine basis, for "unwarranted" arrests. The Office of Citizen Complaints prides itself on making such allegations because it pumps up their statistics and gives them a reason to exist. The average San Franciscan probably doesn't know the basis for such allegations. That's unfortunate. I wonder if they would be interested in knowing some of the specifics, such as:

Officers arrest an individual for an outstanding felony warrant — OCC charges the officers with an Unwarranted Action allegation. Why? Because the man's wife said the officers had no right to make the arrest!!

Officers relieve a man of his guns after he had fired numerous rounds from the weapons out his window in a crowded downtown location - OCC charges the officers with an Unwarranted Action allegation because the officers refused to return the man's guns when he asked for them.

Officers are obligated, by department orders, to inventory the contents of a vehicle prior to towing it. However, according to OCC, that's Unwarranted Action.

And, at a recent demonstration the participants were asked over and over by officers to allow patrons access to the store they were picketing but they refused each time. The 17 demonstrators finally had to be taken into custody after the store owner signed a citizen's arrest. A report was filed documenting all of the warnings, the violations, and the subsequent citizen arrest forms but, nevertheless, the Office of Citizen Complaints charged the officers with an Unwarranted Action allegation! That just makes this job a lot more frustrating. (Sidebar: 16 of the 17 demonstrators cited were from out of town.)

Interesting too, how just one attorney has taken it upon herself to champion the cause of those who wish to camp in public parks. She files complaint after complaint with OCC against our members anytime they have to take action. Although, she might have taken it a little too far when she filed a complaint on behalf of an individual who was deceased . . . and, yes, OCC took it anyway.

Several months ago I mentioned the need for a Purple Heart Medal of Valor and, thanks to Police Chief

Fred Lau, we will have one shortly.

It's that time of year again. We'll be going to Sacramento on Friday, May 8, 1998, to honor the members of our department who have given their lives in the line of duty. The ceremony will be held at the state capitol. Please try to reserve the time to attend. This event means a great deal to the families of our heroes.

Just days before Christmas a woman was knocked down and beaten by 3 suspects at 19th/Mission Streets and then had her purse ripped from her grasp. The attack itself was bad enough but it was especially aggravated because it occurred in front of the victim's 3-year old daughter, who was seriously mentally challenged. Officer Vic Silveira and Officer Ed Robles were first on the scene and did an outstanding job obtaining as much information as possible and broadcasting a description of those responsible for the assault. Officer Milt Andaluz and Officer Joe Buono were within blocks and managed to scoop up 2 of the 3 suspects. The woman positively identified the ones in custody as the cowards who robbed and beat her.

All of the officers involved in this incident were extremely upset by the viciousness of the attack, especially since it was perpetrated right in front of the victim's young daughter. The 3-year old was very distraught and afraid for her mom. Officer Andaluz found out that the woman had all the money she saved for her daughter's Christmas gifts in the purse that was taken, but none of it was recovered at the time of the arrest. The one suspect who managed to elude capture had the money. Milt asked the woman what she planned to do. She told him, "I'll just leave it in the hands of the Lord."

Well, Vic, Ed, Milt and Joe weren't going to take that chance, especially since Christmas for a 3-year old is probably one of the most important. And they made it just that by providing the perfect gifts for a very appreciative family.

Officer Ellina Teper and Officer Martha Juarez were somewhat surprised when a security guard, hired by a local bar on 24th Street, staggered over to their patrol car and wanted to talk shop. The security guard was so drunk that Officer Teper and Officer Juarez thought it might be best if they removed the loaded gun he was wearing.

Officer Pat Tobin and Officer Frank Harrell were on patrol and heard a report of a shooting that took place at 20th/Valencia. They knew that other units were already responding to the scene so they covered St. Luke's Hospital (gang members have been known to drop their "friends" off in the back lot of the hospital after they've been shot). Sure enough, up pulls a car matching the description of the one involved in the shooting and Pat and Frank make the stop, get the victim inside to the emergency room and recover the loaded gun on the floor of the makeshift ambulance.

Officer Chris Hayes and Officer Dean Bacciocco also responded to a call of a man sitting in a car pointing



Arsenal of weapons confiscated from a "shots fired" call on 15th Street.

a gun at passers-by near the Valencia Gardens. The officers respond and found the car with two occupants. The non-pointer gave up his friend immediately, "I told him to stop pointing that thing at people." Chris and Dean placed the fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic in custody, as well as the individual who was pointing it out the car window.

Officer Daryl Deen and Officer John Lewis responded to a call of two men fighting at 23rd and San Bruno. The officers pull up and find the victim nursing cuts and bruises, the suspect gone. But they also saw the damage that the suspect did to his house just prior to getting into the fight with his neighbor. The suspect pulled off his entire front staircase leading to the second floor, destroyed over 30 feet of picket fence, and was in the process of ripping off his roof when he was distracted by the neighbor.

All of the surrounding residents told Officer Deen and Officer Lewis that the suspect was extremely violent and was prone to doing "crazy things".

Next day, Officer Deen and Officer Lewis are working as one-officer units when they get the call that a subject on San Bruno is holding his mother and younger brother hostage. Yep, same guy. Only this time, armed with the prior information, Daryl and John bring the posse. Lieutenant Kevin Cashman, Sergeant Bob Barnes, Officer Susan Moneyhun, Officer Diane McKeivitt, Officer Lance Martin, Officer Marco DesAngles, Officer John Miller, and Officer Richard Tong, also respond and set up a perimeter to deal with the potential critical incident. Entry is made into the residence and, fortunately, the family is safe.

However, as the officers are all leaving, they hear someone yell from across the street and turn to see the suspect they were looking for, standing on the 3rd floor of a parking garage, completely naked and ranting and raving. The suspect is extremely large and totally out of control. Officer Moneyhun tries to establish a rapport with him but he just keeps screaming threats at the officers. Lt. Cashman puts an arrest team together and they start up the stairway on the south side of the garage. The suspect takes the elevator down on the north side of the garage. The suspect reaches the first floor only to meet Sgt. Barnes waiting at which time he made probably his most rational decision all morning, he surrendered. I think he noticed that Sgt. Bob Barnes, an avid weight-lifter, could have eaten him for breakfast.

Sergeant Jim Spillane found a young couple arguing in a car parked just across the street from Mission Station and as he went to intervene

the woman jumped from the vehicle to escape from the physical abuse she had received from her boyfriend. Officer Ellina Teper and Officer Martha Juarez responded as backup, and it was just about that time that Jim found a fully-loaded, .357 revolver at the feet of the ex-boyfriend as he removed him from his car. Couldn't get much worse for the suspect except it did when the officers ran the serial number and found the gun was also stolen.

A shot rang out at 15th and Shotwell Streets and Sergeant Mike Flynn, Sergeant Dan Linehan, Officer Paul Weggenmann, Officer Roshawn McKeever, Officer Phil Lorin, Officer Gary Lorin, Officer Brian Devlin, and Officer Dave Brandt responded and located the apartment from where the round was fired. The officers were told by a neighbor that the occupant was well-armed with all sorts of weapons. The officers present made their way up to the apartment (and this is when you really have to question why you do this job) but the suspect was gone. He did leave behind a very interesting arsenal: 9 rifles, 2 semi-automatic handguns, 1 shotgun, 1 revolver, several hundred rounds of ammunition and a tear gas canister. The uniforms left but Officer Joe Buono and Officer Doug Farmer volunteered to remain in the area, in a plainclothes capacity, just in case the suspect returned. He did, and he went to jail.

In Memoriam: Police Officer II Steve Gajda, Los Angeles Police Department. Officer Gajda was only 30 years old, a member of the Los Angeles Police Department for 8 years, when he was shot and killed while investigating gang activity on January 1, 1998.

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