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SFPD K-9's Get Bulletproofed

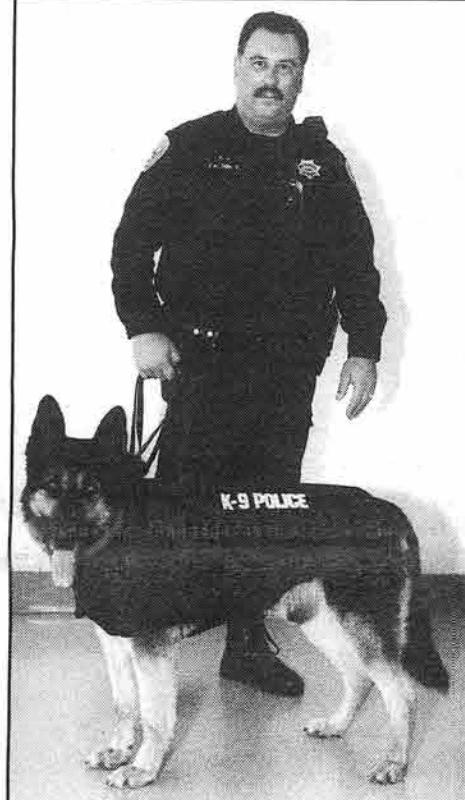
By Bob Del Torre,
Tactical K-9 Unit

On March 30th the San Francisco SPCA launched a fund-raising effort seeking donations for bulletproof vests for the SFPD K-9 unit. SPCA President Richard Avazino, SPCA Community organizer Leslie Wilson, and I coordinated the effort and achieved outstanding results.

Donations of over \$30,000 were received, enough to purchase a vest for each dog in the unit. The remaining money will be transferred to the SPCA/SFPD Horse Retirement Fund.

The new K-9 vests will ensure that each dog will have maximum safety when placed in high-risk situations. San Francisco's K-9 unit will be one of the nation's first to seek and obtain protection for the faithful and brave dogs who work side-by-side with our officers.

On behalf of the entire K-9 unit I wish to express my gratitude to the San Francisco SPCA for their time and effort in this project.



Officer Gene Kalinin and Karlo

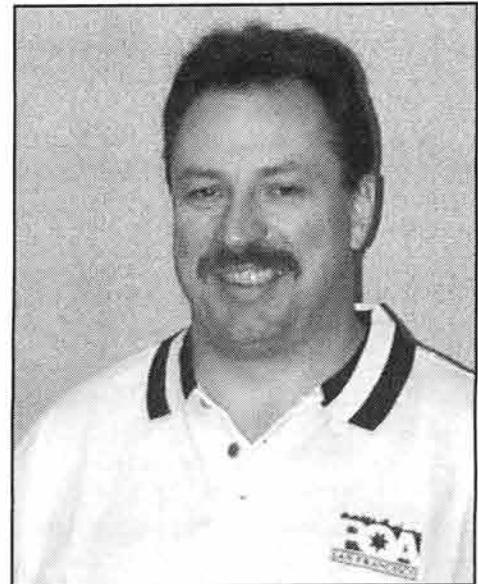
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President's Message

By Chris Cunnie,
SFPOA President

I have pulled the column that I wrote for this issue of the Notebook. I had discussed my satisfaction with the outcome of the June election, and my update about our Tier II campaign. But in light of the tremendous loss we have suffered with the death of Sergeant Ken Sugrue, I feel compelled to talk instead about a man snatched from us too early in his exemplary life.

On behalf of the entire POA membership, I would like to extend our sympathy and condolences to Ken's family, and of course offer them all the support and assistance we can give. We mourn the loss of a fine man, a professional police officer, and an ardent supporter of this Association. He will be missed more than I can express with words, and so I turn my column over to Captain John Goldberg, who read the following eulogy at Ken's funeral...



riders would be handcuffed to the bench in the station.

Kenny loved police work — he called it the greatest job in the world — and during his eighteen-year career, he rolled up awards, commendations and accolades. He was awarded three Bronze Medals of Valor, eight Police Commission Commendations and nearly a hundred captain's comps. The citations read like this: 'for painstaking investigation,' 'for preventing the death of a person attempting suicide,' 'for confronting suspects armed with a shotgun,' for heroism and intrepidity in the face of danger... and the citations go on and on.

He had been on the SWAT team; he was a hostage negotiator; he taught drug education in the City's grammar schools and a variety of subjects at the police academy. He would talk to any group that would listen to him and they generally enjoyed it as much as he did. All in all, pretty good for a day's work — and just a wee little bit of overtime.

But all these accomplishments tell only a fraction of the story of who Kenny Sugrue was. More telling is what he did after the report was taken or the arrest was made. He gave of himself, of his time and talents to try to make — whatever the situation — a little bit better. He would offer advice or solace. He would lend an ear or just hang around a little bit longer to make a victim feel less victimized.

One of the seniors in the Tenderloin asked Kenny to be the best man at his wedding. We teased Kenny as he got dressed in his Class 'A' uniform and left the station with the Department's Polaroid camera in hand. It turned out to be just the

Medal Of Valor Award Presentation

At the May 27th meeting of the Police Commission the following San Francisco Officers received awards for acts of heroism, valor, and dedication. In a ceremony attended by Mayor Willie Brown and other distinguished guests, and by family and friends of the honorees, the following awards were issued:

GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR

Officer Glenn Ortega

SILVER MEDAL OF VALOR

Sergeant Robert J. Del Torre
Officer Craig Canton
Officer Brenda G. Rodgers
Officer Robert Padrones
Officer Peter Walsh
Officer Steven Blair
Officer Vickie J. Stansberry
Officer Daryl Deen
Officer Jason Jefferson

BRONZE MEDAL OF VALOR

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Officer Michael Rebollini

The family has asked that I speak about Kenny's career in the Police Department and I am privileged to do so.

Sergeant Kenneth T. Sugrue entered the San Francisco Police Department on April 14th, 1980, a member of the 136th recruit class. A third generation San Francisco Police Officer, the star he wore — star number 1129 — was first issued to his grandfather in 1924 and has never been out of the family.

Upon completion of his academy training, Kenny was first assigned to Ingleside Station where he served for five years. After which he held assignments in the Tac Squad and briefly at Central Station before coming to the Tenderloin Task Force as a Sergeant in 1991. At the TTF, Kenny found a second home. He was quoted as saying — and Kenny was quite quotable — 'I fell in love... if you want to arrest bad guys, the Tenderloin is where it is at.' Some days Kenny would ride BART into work. He would come into the station full of excitement and tell everyone how he just commuted into town with drug dealers from the East Bay. He would put on his uniform, hop on his bike, and in short order the former "BART"

(See KENNY, page 5)

Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of The Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by Pres. F. Forencich at 2:05 P.M., Wednesday May 20, 1998 in the conference room at Ingleside Station.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Tr. Jeffery excused. All other officers present with members R. Crosat, L. Duffy & J. Sturken.

COMMUNICATIONS: The following donations received and acknowledged by Secretary: POLICE COMMISSIONERS SIDNEY CHAN & EDWARD PETRILLO— donation of monthly salary.

NEW MEMBER: Motion McKee/2nd Crosat MATT MASON be accepted as new member. APPROVED.

REINSTATEMENT: Motion McKee/2nd Parenti GARY FAGUNDES be reinstated. APPROVED.

SUSPENSIONS: One member suspended by pres. Forencich for non-payment of dues.

BILLS: Treas. Parenti presented regular bill—benefits, salaries, taxes, etc.: APPROVED. Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths—KEITH GRISWOLD: Born in Colorado in 1902, Keith was working as a janitor before joining the department in 1936 at age 34. There was no Academy at that time, so Keith received his training through the Office of the Night Chief of Police. Assigned to the radio cars, working out of the Chief's office, Keith worked the various district stations for 4 years. Transferred to Richmond, Keith remained there until he resigned from the Department at age 41 to enter private business. He was a 63 year member of the Widows & Orphans before he passed away at age 96.

OWEN MONROE: Born in Fresno in 1925, Owen was driving a delivery truck when he became a member of the Department in 1948 at age 22. From the Academy, he was sent to Co. K, working fixed post for a short while and then being assigned to 3-wheel detail. Owen remained on this detail until he resigned in 1957, age 32 to join the California Highway Patrol. He was 72 at the time of his death.

WILLIAM E. MURPHY—Born in San Francisco in 1914, Bill was managing a small retail store when he decided to join the Department in 1948 at age 34. From the Academy to Potrero for 2 years, then to Mission for a long stay of 19 years. Trans-

ferred to Central Warrant Bureau, Bill was there for 2 years, then to Records from where he retired for Service in 1976 at age 62. He received the following awards—1957—C/C for the arrest of armed hold-up suspect; 1957—C/C for the arrest of a suspect in the act of burglarizing a store; 1957—C/C for the arrest of an armed suspect who had committed a hold-up; 1958—arrest of a suspect who had knifed another person; 1959—arrest of an armed man who had assaulted his wife. Bill was 84 when he passed away.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Abbott and Mr. Joe (B of A) seems like the same old story. Inflation is low, unemployment at lowest point in years, growth rate is higher than expected. Feds at last meeting did not increase interest rates. Our portfolio is still doing well and at this time no changes were presented. Mr. Abbott did question the "at cost" on stocks & bonds in our investment section of the constitution. Will present his views in writing to the trustees to be studied.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Treas. Parenti reported that our Auditors have notified him, that a financial report must be made to Department of Labor unless the Association has been advised that it was not necessary.

NEW BUSINESS: Tr. Fontana suggested an increase should be made in the benefits. Discussion—Look at last audit to see what recommendations were made for increases. As a new audit should be made, wait until this is done.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Forencich set next regular meeting for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, June 17, 1998 in the conference room at Ingleside Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 3:10 P.M. in memory of the above-departed brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary

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San Francisco Police Officers Receive Promotions

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends congratulations to the following persons recently appointed to the ranks of Director, Lieutenant, and Sergeant. All of these fine men and women are worthy and deserving individuals, and exemplify the best of the San Francisco Police Department. On behalf of our membership I wish all of them well, and expect of them long and dedicated careers.

— Chris Cunnie,
President

Q90 - Director of Behavioral Sciences (New position)

Alan Benner

Q50 - Sergeant of Police

James Blanson
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San Francisco Veteran Police Officers' Assn.

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Around The Department

By Al Casicato



...Tier 2 Upgrade:

The campaign for Tier II upgrade is in full swing now that the June election is over. The Executive Board of the Latino Democratic Club has already voted to endorse the upgrade thanks to former Police Commissioner **Jim Salinas** and current Police Commissioner **Dennis Herrera** both of whom sit on the LDC Board. Thirty-seven more clubs to go. Tactical's **John Mambretti** points out that our traditional areas of strength (Mission, Castro, Bayview, Haight, and Western Addition) will need to be turned out once again with their usual and loyal POA support...

...Birth:

Matthew Faliano, Co. E and loving wife, **Elizabeth**, welcomed Micaela Ann into their family on April 25 at 1521 hours. She weighed 9 lbs. 1/2 oz., and was 20 1/2" long. Micaela is the brand new sister of **Patrick**, **Erica and Sean**. She's a wonderful addition to the family and all friends are invited to drop by and meet her. Congratulations to the new and improved Faliano family.

...Lights! Camera! Action!

A big congratulations is in order for the SFPD FTO Program and Academy Audio/Visual Unit which were selected by P.O.S.T. to prepare a series of training videos. Nine agencies from throughout California applied for the contract. Competition was tough but we prevailed thanks to **Ed Springer, Joe Clemons, Pat Correa, Ken Sanchez, and Brenda Walker**. Good Job...

...Why?

Why was **Ken Sugrue** taken from us at such a young age? We can never answer that question but we can remember all the good memories Kenny gave us. He was always doing some kind of innovative police work. On the Monday before Ken passed away, he stuck his head into my office at the Traffic Bureau and told me about a new 11550 H&S program for the Tenderloin Task Force, asked about when he was going to become a SOLO, and with a laugh waltzed off in his bicycle togs to do community policing. Knowing of his desire to be a solo; prior to closing the casket, solo **Frank Luttenken** cutoff the winged wheel patch from his Ike jacket and along with solos **Mike Lujan and Tom Vellone**, attached it to Ken's uniform jacket. Traffic Captain **Roy Sullivan** supervised the presentation and then sent Solo Sgt. Kenneth Sugrue to patrol the streets and intersections of heaven. . .

...Proud Dads:

Kevin Moylan (189th Recruit Class) is the proud dad of 1998 Sacred Heart Cathedral Graduate **John Moylan** who was recently drafted by the Florida Marlins Organization. The graduation ceremony at St. Vincent de Paul Elementary in Petaluma had a definite police family feeling. **Adrienne Payne**; daughter of Sgt. **John Payne** (Investigations) and granddaughter of Jack Payne (Retired); received the Leadership Award while **Shaina Glischinski**; daughter of Sgt. **John Glischinski** (Airport Bureau); received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award. **Lauren Nestor**; daughter of Sgt. **John Nestor** (Tenderloin Task Force); was a member of the Honor Society and received the Citizenship award. **Brigid D'Arcy**; daughter of **Brian D'Arcy** (Hondas), granddaughter of the late Commander Gerald D'Arcy and niece of Sgt. Jerry D'Arcy (ITF) and Officer Kim D'Arcy (Academy); received the Presidential Academic Excellence Award as well as the St. Vincent Service Award. Adrienne, Lauren, and Brigid were also teammates on the Basketball Team which won the Northern California CYO Championship...

...Retiree News:

Retired Captain **Ken Foss** now resides in Germany and is teaching at the European Campus of Central Texas College. Ken can be contacted by mail at Central Texas College, European Campus, Law Enforcement Section, Unit 20233. A.P.O. AE 09165. Mike Edmond will be soon moving to Honduras, he can be reached via e-mail SFPD1291 @aol.com...

...Jam Fest:

Ingelside Station's Social director, **Nacho Martinez** will be hosting the "Jam Fest" Party Saturday June 27, 2100 hours, during the California Police Summer Games. Location The Beach Club, 4555 Hopyard Rd. Pleasanton Ca. Radio Station KFRC is one of the sponsors and will be entertaining at the fest. All are welcomed whether participating in the games or not...

...Memorial:

Tragically this past month **Leilani Sacco** wife of **Marty Sacco**, Southern Station passed away suddenly at a young 46 years. Our deepest condolences go out to Marty and son Tony for their loss. A memorial is

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being planned in which a tree is planted along with a bronze plaque embedded in stone will be placed in the Greenbelt area adjoining the Sacco residence. Donations, in order to defray the cost, are being collected by Lt. Minasian of the Southern Station, 553-1373...

...BBQ:

Traffic Bureau BBQ being planned for Wed. July 8, 1998, noon to 6pm. Co. K retirees and friends invited. For details and location contact Co. K at 553-1245...

...Traffic Safety Day:

Saturday, June 27th is the annual Traffic Safety Day at 3Com Park. Tickets to the Giants vs. Rangers game and a BBQ are \$10 for upper reserved seats.

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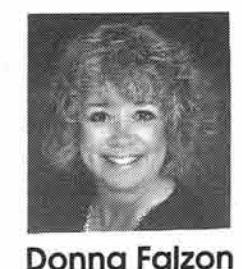
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Never Too Late Or Too Early To Think About School Days

By Mark Hawthorne
CSIU

As the summer begins, thoughts about continuing education and the new fall semester should begin to come into focus. The Inspector's endurance is over and is now a thing of the past. One should begin to set sights on new horizons of which they have some control. As the old saying goes, it's never too late to partake in the educational process. **City College of San Francisco** has a variety of programs available in the Administration of Justice discipline. It's a great place to start when beginning again or even just picking up some classes that will enhance your abilities to perform your tasks as a police officer. At City College you will have the opportunity to enroll in a variety of courses from criminal investigations through the legal aspects of evidence and everything in between.

One may question why it might be a good idea to continue with education. In that realm, I can only say that education is something that works for you and it is something no one can take away. It may provide that little extra something to allow you to upgrade your classification from Q-2 to Q-3 or Q-4; Q-50 to Q-51 or Q-52, and so, on which equates to \$S- in your paycheck. You can probably receive credit for, or transfer units you earned while in the academy.

The benefits obviously outweigh the negatives. You control your own destiny within the program and you can pick and choose as you wish, within the guidelines of the school.

A new and exciting program that is in the development stages and is projected to make its debut in the spring of 1999, is a certificate program in **Forensic Identification**. It is exciting because there are no prerequisites and there are a set of five Administration of Justice classes (15 units) one must complete to be eligible for a Certificate in Forensic Identification. No general education requirements to fulfill, only A.J. classes. To my knowledge, City College will be the first and only Community College in the Bay Area to offer such a certificate. This program is a must for all you aspiring Sherlock Holmes types.

So during your travels this summer, think about what you will be doing with the rest of your life beginning in the fall. It may surprise you to find that attending the Administration of Justice program at City College is not a bad idea and it may provide you with new professional affiliations and aspirations. As part of the faculty at City College, I look forward to seeing many of your names on the enrollment forms in the fall. Should you have any questions, concerns, or just want to talk about the program, feel free to give me a call at

Crime Scene Investigations, x 506, or at CCSF @ 239-3202. What have you got to lose except a couple or three hours a week attending classes, getting motivated, having fun, receiving excellent instruction, and hopefully getting a few extra bucks in your paycheck for your efforts.

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Retired Members Column



Notebook Staff Mourns Death Of Sergeant Ken Sugrue

By Ray Shine,
Editor

On behalf of the staff and regular contributors of the *POA Notebook* I would like to extend sympathy and condolences to the family of Ken Sugrue. His wife, Sandy, and their young children Vince and Brittany are particularly in our prayers during this difficult time.

The untimely death of Ken Sugrue was also a devastating blow to this department. Those of us who were privileged to know and work with Ken understand what a positive force he was within the dynamic of this organization. He was a man of vision, compassion, and dedication to his ideal of community-oriented policing. His innovations in conflict resolution, bicycle patrol, and community service have become the mainstay of this department's policing philosophy. Few individuals have contributed so much to this department in so short a period of time. His death by natural causes has

left a void that will be difficult to fill.

I would like to express special condolences to Ken's father, retired SFPD officer Mike Sugrue. As all of you know, Mike's "Retired Members" column usually appears in this very space. Mike is a consistent monthly contributor to this publication, and is a tireless advocate for retiree interests and concerns. There is no doubt that Ken inherited from his father a sizable portion of that buoyant, optimistic selflessness that serves as the unmistakable Sugrue family trait. That strength of character was drawn one from the other, from Mike to Ken, from son to father, in the most proud and loving of relationships.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association has established a trust fund for the children of Sergeant Ken Sugrue. Contributions may be made to the Vince and Brittany Sugrue Educational Trust Fund at the SF Police Credit Union, 2250 Irving Street, SF, 94122.

KENNY

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couple, Kenny and the minister. He was best man and wedding photographer — and he was honored to do both.

There was a problem alley in the Tenderloin. It was dark and plagued by all sorts of crime. Traditional policing had not done much good. Kenny met with the building owners and in a few days the alley was ringed with motion detectors connected to lights and a sprinkler system that would "water" the alley anytime someone came in — it soon became the safest — and cleanest alley in the Tenderloin.

Kenny loved working with children. Last year he helped organize the first "Tenderloin Mini-Olympics" for some of the thousands of kids that live there. It was a four day event which took place over two weekends and it was a huge success. As a result, members of the community nominated him as "My Favorite Cop" an award given by a local newspaper. Of course Kenny won; he was everyone's favorite cop.

Bob DelTorre was Kenny's partner for five years. He told me that in his twenty-six year career, Kenny was the best partner he had ever had. He said that they laughed from the moment they got to work until it was time to leave. Bob said he never wanted to go home. In those five years as Kenny's partner, he never once called in sick because working with Kenny was too much fun.

Over the past few days, I have received countless calls and messages from community members expressing their grief over Kenny's death. They mourn with us at our loss and feel our pain. His work in the Tenderloin made a huge difference to so many people.

In 1984, Mike Rustigan a professor at San Jose State University wrote to then Chief Con Murphy:

Kenny, your special contributions have not gone unnoticed. Though your death has created a huge void for us, you leave behind a rich legacy of service, dedication and professionalism to remember you by. You will be missed and your absence will be noticed.

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Officer Tom Mandelke Remembered by Residents of Yerba Buena Gardens

By Steve Balma,
Southern Station

and dedicated father, officer, mentor, and fellow human being.

Appropriately, a pathway through the center was named in honor of the police officer who plied the route daily ensuring that all others who passed that way could do so safely and without fear of ridicule or shame. In Tom's eyes, all people were deserving of a place like the Gardens and, likewise, were responsible for its serenity, beauty, and care.



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Commentary**Maybe we could...**

By Steve Christie,
Southern Station

I recently had a conversation with the owner/manager of two fast food restaurants that are part of a worldwide chain. I asked him how all of these restaurants managed to serve hamburgers, fries, shakes, etc. that taste the same no matter which res-

abiding citizens or the crooks?

This police department probably needs to change with the times. We have the advent of computers to assist us now in payroll scheduling. The funny thing is, we still use the original paper forms and cards in addition to the computer records. Streamlining does not mean doing things twice. We have a lot of talent

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taurant you go to. How in the heck do you get minimum wage employees to handle tasks the same in such a large operation. He said one word to me... "management." He went on to say that everything is spelled out and management makes sure this recipe for success is followed.

I couldn't believe it was so easy! I told him about our police department. We employ highly trained, well-paid professionals. It is one department following the same rules, using the same forms, vehicles, procedures, etc. Funny thing is though, the same task is done in many different ways by many different people. Each station seems to have different equipment and every supervisor seems to have a different way to deal with the same task. My friend then told me that a member should be able to walk into any police station and be familiar with the layout and procedures, as it should be done in the same manner everywhere in the organization.

I was amused. I laughed and told him this was not the case. He had one word for me... "management."

"Of course, management doesn't always have to come up with the ideas, but they are the ones who have to implement them."

In a business, success is most likely measured by profit. Customer and employee satisfaction also helps a business prosper. Look at something so simple as a service checklist at a car dealer. This checklist insures that the mechanic performed all items. The mechanic is happy because he or she did not forget anything, management is happy for the same reason and the customer feels good that the dealer is so standardized and organized (for the benefit of all). Police work and people work cannot be measured by the almighty dollar... and who would we use to measure customer satisfaction? Are our customers the law-

and genius available in this city. How about volunteers from big business who could show us ways to better run our department, from people that have proven themselves in large companies? (No, not the police commission).

We seem afraid to change. If the whole world was like we are, we would still be chasing our dinner with large clubs. There would be no homeruns in baseball... batters would not swing for fear of striking out. We would never see an outside shot in the NBA games because of the shooter's fear of a turnover. When you try something new there are many failures. We are scared to death of failure, so we won't even try.

I read an article in a leading computer magazine that poked fun at some of the "flops" in the technology industry. As I read, I recognized one bad idea after another. Some "flop" projects even drove companies to bankruptcy. Yeah, lots of stupid people out there. But wait... what if no one took chances? In the world of computers we may still look at a simple calculator in awe.

We in civil service seem to be happier if what we do takes more people a longer period of time (yes, overtime and job security). And this is not just the police department. The point in my babbling is that we as a police department should come up with some new ideas... take some chances. Unfortunately, like the private sector, we may find ourselves out of a good job if our idea turns out to be a "flop".

I suppose we are all slaves to the almighty dollar and very few of us will put principles in front of money. Maybe we could implement new programs and ideas in this department. Maybe we could streamline. Maybe we could be more efficient. Maybe we could save tax dollars. Maybe we could better serve the city that serves us. What do you think, Auntie Em???

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Treasurer's Message

By Jack Minkel,
Treasurer

Credit Union Rolls Out Green Carpet for POA Officers

In late April POA Welfare Officer and executive board advisor, Mike Hebel, went with me to the San Francisco Police Credit Union to discuss a bit of financial business. We met with a friendly committee of CU officers to negotiate a refinance loan for a note on the POA office building. The note on the building was due May 5, 1998. Mike and I wanted to secure a more favorable loan that would enable us to retire our real estate debt in 15 years.

Police Credit Union that traditionally advanced loans to recruit and rookie officers to pay for the purchase of their first set of uniforms and equipment. How many hundreds of newly sworn SF cops have purchased their first showroom-new automobile with a SFPCU car loan? How many of us have matured into the world of personal finance with our first checking, savings, and credit card accounts held with the credit union? Indeed, entire generations of SF police officers have cut their financial teeth on credit union services.

With that background in mind, it

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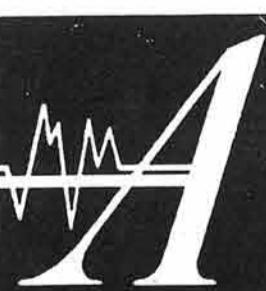
In truth, we had shopped our business around the city, and had met with several financial institutions before we walked through the doors at 2550 Irving Street. In hindsight, it's a shame we wasted so much of our time and didn't go directly to the credit union in the first place. Unlike our experience at the other banks, we were received by the credit union staff for what we were — old and reliable friends, and partners with the CU in the business of caring for the financial interests of San Francisco police officers.

That partnership goes back to the earliest days of the Association. In fact, the relationship between the Association and the Credit Union is so historically intertwined that for years the name of the organization's official news publication was *The San Francisco Police Officers' Association and Credit Union Notebook*. Between the late 40's up until the early 70's, these two organizations were virtually identified as one and the same.

In those early days, it was the SF

should have been no surprise to us that Mike and I were welcomed with opened arms. It was a reception that both of us very much appreciated. Despite the meteoric growth of the CU over the past few years — a testament to those in charge of its overall operation — we were treated in the old, familiar, personal way that we had always been treated as individual members. Despite some recent grumbling to the contrary, we found that the staff and personnel at the CU are still friendly, familiar, and helpful.

On behalf of the entire POA membership I would like to express my gratitude to the very professional and friendly staff who helped us renegotiate our loan. It was truly a pleasure doing business in an atmosphere of accommodation and support. I would particularly like to thank Michael Sordelli, Rosalyn Reilly, Sol Weiner, Elliott Blackstone, and the entire SFPCU Board of Directors. It was a pleasure coming home to do our business.



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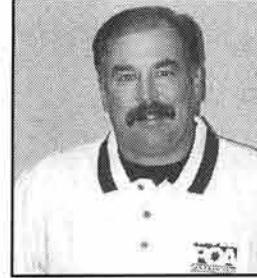
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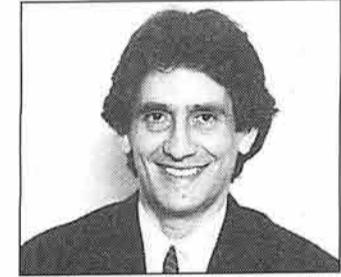
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Participants in the second two-day retirement planning seminar held in April in Burlingame

Retirement Planning Seminar

Two Days In Burlingame

By Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

The Embassy Suites Hotel in Burlingame hosted the SFPD-POA semiannual pre-retirement seminar. For the second time since its inception in 1984 the seminar lasted two days (April 20 & 21), members and their spouses/partners stayed at the Embassy Suites, and the program was expanded to include a discussion of social security and Medicare benefits, deferred compensation benefits, health service system benefits, and critical psychological issues presented by retirement.

Special thanks to Chief Fred Lau, Assistant Chief Earl Sanders, and Captain Dan Lawson for providing the necessary funding to expand this seminar's subjects and to allow members and their spouses/partners to reside at the Embassy Suites.

Forty-eight participants attended this lively and informative seminar which was coordinated by retired officer Mike Sugrue and his wife Kass. Officer Bill Bray from the Police Academy provided on site assistance.

The seminar was honored to have in attendance inspector Mike Wilcox and his wife. Mike received the seat of honor which is reserved for the senior most member in attendance. Mike is a member of the 98th recruit class and has completed 34 years of dedicated service.

The seminar presenters made a promise to the attendees that no question would go unanswered. How-

ever, three questions required much discussion. From Bob Hansel: "Can a domestic partner have more than 2 legs?" (probable answer, no) From Jim Pera: "Are you out of luck when you die?" (probable answer yes). Again from Bob Hansel: "Is SRH — sperm retention headache—a presumptive illness?" (answer, no).

Inspector Napoleon Hendricks, a member of the 103rd recruit class, was also in attendance. He was voted the best attired attendee. About his 32 years of police service, Nap commented: "I am reasonable, but not free".

Also attending with their spouses were Tony Novello, John Willett, Kent Dalrymple, John Portoni, Art Tapia, Alan Phillips, Jerry D'Elia, Joe Kennedy, Tom Liang, Steve Wilhelm, William Dodd, Tom Carew, Stan Buscovich, Gary Peters, Dennis Russell, and Bob Ryan.

It was a most informative and entertaining two day experience. All eligible department members should not miss the next offerings.

The next two day retirement planning seminar is tentatively scheduled for October 19 & 20, 1998. The first offering in 1999 is also tentatively scheduled for April 19 & 20. The seminar will be available to the first 50 people, members and spouses/partners, who contact the POA after the announcement is sent to all members with 25 or more years of service. The seminar fills up quickly so don't delay.

The United Behavioral Health and The SF Police Department

By Forrest Fulton Ph.D.,
Behavioral Science Unit

What happens when you have a supportive Chief of Police, and a Police Officers' Association that understands the needs of its members? The answer is a "Win Win Situation" for the members of the SFPD and The City and County of San Francisco. This is a story of collective bargaining at its best, and is a model for other employee organizations.

The story starts about four years ago when the United States Department of Transportation began requiring the testing of transportation workers for substance abuse. When this mandated testing started, some workers tested positive for illegal drugs, and were directed to seek recovery treatment through their health insurance. The City and County of San Francisco soon found that chemical dependence and recovery treatment was very limited in the majority of employee health plans. To fill the void, an additional HMO insurance policy was proposed for recovery issues. The City gave a list of recovery HMO's to the employee organizations and unions.

The POA developed a committee of subject matter experts to evaluate each HMO. On the POA committee were three experts in chemical dependency; Officer Mickey Shea, Sergeant Vicki Quinn, and Lieutenant Alan Benner.

Some members of the City and County's administration recommended the HMO that just happened to have the low bid. When the POA committee compared the HMOs against each other, they found that one company stood way above the others. The company was United Behavioral Health (UBH). The committee found the other company was not located in California, that HMO had its phones answered in the State of Florida.

The POA committee interviewed other police agencies that had similar policies with the HMOs. One Police Department in the South Bay provided a list of problems that occurred with a listed HMO.

When the POA committee provided their report, United Behavioral Health stood head and shoulders above the other HMO's. The POA opted to be covered by UBH.

When the POA committee gave their report, on United Behavioral Health, the other City and County employee organizations and unions recognized the reports quality and the persuasion of the POA's recommendations. The other unions basically said, "the POA did their homework and we want the best HMO too".

The interaction with UBH was so successful that when the last con-

tract was being negotiated, the POA requested additional insurance coverage for Mental Health coverage. Chief of Police Fred H. Lau and Deputy Chief William Welch understood the importance of the POA's proposal. Chief Lau and Deputy Chief Welsh had a review of health plans developed, and United Behavioral Health again came out on top.

The Mayor gave his support to Chief Lau's and the POA's plan and he went to the Board of Supervisors to champion the coverage.

Chief Lau went directly to Mayor Willie Brown and asked for his support in requesting funding. The POA also started asking for political support. Both Labor and Management were on the same side fighting for the needs of the Officers of the San Francisco Police Department. The Mayor gave his support to Chief Lau's and the POA's plan and he went to the Board of Supervisors to champion the coverage. The results of the above collective efforts are a new level of Psychological Coverage provided by United Behavioral Health. When the Mayor, Chief, and POA are on the same sheet of paper, everybody is a winner.

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Santos Gets Revved Up At DABOR Hearing

By Ray Shine,
DABOR Representative

Commander Jack Santos, F.O.B., made it known in no uncertain terms that officers in this department must drive responsibly and professionally at all times or suffer the wrath of his displeasure, as well as endure regular DABOR sanctions.

At the May 19 session of the Department Accident Board of Review, Commander Santos insisted that this representative convey to all officers that avoidable traffic accidents are a major concern of his. The loss of good officers to disability, expensive repairs to crashed police cars, and the overall effect on the accountability to the citizens of the city have clearly worn his tolerance for negligent vehicle operation as thin as an old E.V.O.C. tire.

The Commander made his point on the heels of several avoidable police vehicle crashes, most being mishaps wherein inattentive officers steered their radio cars into fixed objects. While letters of responsibility were issued to each officer by the panel, Santos made it abundantly clear that if any of those same officers are summoned before DABOR again they will be dealt with more severely. There was no indication that the rest of the panel disagreed with their colleague. Commander John Portoni and Captain Roy Sullivan were clearly as displeased, and lent their tacit support to the Santos proclamation.

Those who know and respect Jack Santos the cop understand his underlying concerns. Few administrators in this department encourage and respect pro-active police work more than he. Any officer responding to an emergency call—particularly a call from a fellow officer — who crashes en route for avoidable reasons will come to know both sides of Big Jack's hand. On the one side, he will support the decision of the officer to respond to the call, and he will praise that individual's enthusiasm and dedication to duty. On the other side, he will condemn the neg-

ligence that led to the crash, and which prevented the responding officer from arriving at the emergency, thus rendering him or her ineffective and of no help to anyone.

As the long-time DABOR representative, I believe that all officers should heed well this warning. I believe this panel is earnest in their desire to abate needless and expensive department vehicle accidents. And while the current panel has always been consistent and fair with their dispositions, it is not beyond the realm of reason that they would break with precedent and make an unwitting example out of a grossly negligent police officer/driver.

Protect your rights and personnel record. Drive responsibly and defensively at all times. Expect the unexpected. Never assume right-of-way, and **always** adhere to DGO 5.05. Be particularly mindful of the two primary reasons for emergency response vehicle collisions: Assuming right-of-way at intersections, and failure to properly use red lights and siren upon approach thereto; and excess speed, particularly driving too fast for the conditions of the roadway.

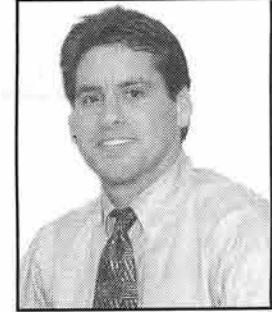
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Drive safely.

Message From the General Counsel

By Sean Connolly,



The United States Supreme Court has recently issued a decision that grants police officers a greater degree of protection against federal law suits arising out of vehicle chases that cause injury or death.

In *County of Sacramento v. Lewis* (1998) 98 C.D.O.S. 3918, a Sacramento Sheriff's Deputy, the Sheriff's Department, and the County itself, were sued in federal court under 42 U.S.C. 1983 for violating the civil rights of a teenager who was killed during a police pursuit.

The suit arose out of an incident that occurred in May of 1990 in Sacramento. Sometime around dusk, two Sacramento Sheriff's deputies were leaving the scene of a disturbance when they saw two teenagers on a motorcycle pass them at a high rate of speed. The deputies attempted to stop the teenagers, but were unsuccessful when the teenagers maneuvered past them and fled. One of the deputies then switched on the emergency lights and siren in his patrol car and initiated pursuit. The chase lasted approximately 75 seconds, and covered a distance of almost 1.5 miles through a residential neighborhood. Both motorcycle and patrol car reached speeds of 100 miles per hour. The chase forced several cars to the side of the road and sent several pedestrians running for cover.

The pursuit ended tragically when the motorcycle crashed trying to negotiate a turn. The passenger on the motorcycle was thrown from the bike and killed when struck by the pursuing police car. The family of the teenager killed in the mishap brought the suit.

In *Lewis* the question raised was "whether a police officer violates the Fourteenth Amendment's guarantee of substantive due process by causing death through deliberate or reckless indifference to life in a high

speed automobile chase aimed at apprehending a suspected offender."

Supreme Court Justice Souter ruled that police officers can be found liable only when their conduct "shocks the conscience" by having "a purpose to cause harm unrelated to the legitimate object of arrest." He went on to say that "high speed chases with no intent to harm suspects physically or to worsen their legal plight do not give rise to liability under the Fourteenth Amendment [and] section 1983."

The effect of the court's ruling is to have essentially made it harder to sue police officers in such instances by raising the threshold of conduct one must prove from "deliberate or reckless indifference to life" to conduct that "shocks the conscience" before a police officer may be found liable.

It should be noted that this suit was brought in federal court. Had it been made in state court, a different law would have applied. At the state level, California has a law that immunizes police and municipalities from such suits. Vehicle Code section 17004 states that a "public employee is not liable for civil damages on account of personal injury to or death of any person... resulting from the operation, in the line of duty, of an authorized emergency vehicle... when in the immediate pursuit of a suspected violator..."

Although Justice Souter's opinion has been widely interpreted as a victory for law enforcement, the court's opinion is particular to the specific facts of that case. The Court did suggest that there were other avenues of legal redress.

San Francisco Police officers are reminded that vehicle pursuit policy is thoroughly covered in Department General Order 5.05 and should be consulted.

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Give Of Yourself So Others May Benefit

By Mark Hawthorne, CSIU

As we enter into the summer season, accidents and mishaps become a common place. People indulging themselves in recreational activity, many without regard of the consequences, end up needing some type of emergency medical attention. We've all been there. What I would like for you to mull over is what happens if an accident happens to one of your loved ones? Suppose that loved one is in need of blood? Will there be a sufficient supply? I submit that you and only you can be the seed that generates the solution to the aforementioned questions.

The tri-annual **San Francisco Police Department Blood Drive** is scheduled to be held **Wednesday, July 1, 1998**, at the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. I know all of you will mark your calendars for that occasion. It is with great pride of duty, sense of honor, and fondness of country, (depending who's in the White House and controlling Congress) that the blood committee continues with their efforts to recruit blood donors and remind those who are already donors of the coming event.

Let's try to exceed the number of pints donated in April, which was 130.

We all know someone or have, ourselves, been in need of blood. To help insure that there is sufficient blood for those who need it, we should all give serious consideration to donating that all too precious commodity. Let's try to exceed the number of pints donated in April, which by the way was 130. To paraphrase a small locomotive, I know we can, I know we can. I am going to try and get the Marrow foundation to return for those of you who also wish to become registered with the marrow foundation.

I look forward to a fun packed day and I look forward to seeing all of you again. With your assistance, I know we can achieve or exceed our expectations. We will also have a host of raffle prizes, food, beverage, and a host of other opportunities yet to be announced. The challenge is up to you.... Go ahead, make my day!

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'Buzz The Fuzz' Gaining Support

By Dave Hamilton,
Northern Station

On April 8th, 1998 the first "Buzz The Fuzz" charity event was held at Mercy High School in San Francisco. Julie Ortiz, the dean of women at Mercy, had her head shaved in front of her students and co-workers. With the help of Harriet Hamilton, students, and faculty the event was a huge success. Bob Sarlatte, who MC'd the event, told jokes and sang songs as the students pledged money to cut off Julie's hair. Almost \$2,000.00 was raised for "Buzz The Fuzz" and Mercy High School.

Other events are also planned for the upcoming months. On June 9th Tony from Uncle Jack's on Lombard street will be shaving his head. On June 14th Cabe Jr. will be shaving his head at the Bus Stop on Union St. On July 22nd Stephan will be having his head shaved at the Horseshoe on Chestnut St. We invite members to



Kate Devoe; Steve Murphy, Co. E;
Mike Siebert, Co. F; Julie Ortiz; Dave
Hamilton, Co. E

attend these events to help show Support for "Buzz The Fuzz".

There are still many officers who have agreed to have their head shaved, but have not turned in their participant agreement forms. Contact your station coordinator and get your forms turned in A.S.A.P. We would like to see all officers get involved in "Buzz The Fuzz '98" to help raise money for kids with cancer.

First Offender Misdemeanor Citation Program

Question? When you cite someone for a misdemeanor do you ever think that you are wasting your time? Unfortunately, that was sometimes the case. The District Attorney's office in conjunction with the San Francisco Police Department has created a first offender misdemeanor citation hearing program (Department Bulletin 9849 issued 3/16/98) to help relieve the overburdened criminal court system. The types of cases that are generally referred include, permit violations, vandalism, graffiti, alcoholic beverage violations, petty thefts, batteries, noise complaints, gambling, possession of marijuana, and quality of life violators.

The hearing program is voluntary! It is the violator's choice to participate in this alternative program, or to proceed through criminal court. If the violator opts for the citation hearing program, the case is diverted out of the criminal court to a civil arena. The citation hearings are held at 502-7th St. A typical hearing would include a neutral citation hearing officer, myself or Off. Mario Ceballos presenting the facts on behalf of the Police Department/District Attorney's office, and the violator who may or may not elect to have an attorney present. All parties then present their side of the case to the citation hearing officer who makes the decision. A legally binding directive is issued on the same day wherein the violator is mandated to comply. If the violator does not comply with the directive, the case is referred back to the District Attorney's office and an arrest warrant may be issued. The advantage to the violator in choosing the first offender program is that even if they are found to be guilty of the offense, it won't reflect as a conviction on their arrest record. The arrest record will reflect that the case

was resolved or dismissed.

The First Offender Misdemeanor Citation Program has been successful with over 500 cases heard in one year alone. To date there has been a few repeat offenders who have been allowed a second chance hearing. Hopefully by the time you are reading this article, a few of you will have received a form signed by Lt. Lorin, O.I.C. of permits, informing you that the citation and report that was generated by you, was referred and resolved through the citation hearing program.

To help facilitate the continued success of the citation hearing program, remember to ask the cited individual for their current address (including zip code) and phone number. This information that you provide is the only way the District Attorney's office can notify the violator that they are eligible for this program. If you have any questions regarding this program, you can contact me, or Off. Mario Ceballos at 5532450, or stop by the District Attorney's Office and see Reve Bautista, Assistant District Attorney.

The statistics below represent only some of the numbers and types of cases that have been resolved.

Marijuana Related Offenses	170 Cases
Business and Profession Codes	95 cases
Municipal Police Codes	60 Cases
Petty Theft/Shoplifting	70 Cases
Vehicle Code Violations	38 Cases
Vandalism / Graffiti	50 Cases
Selling W/O Permit	33 Cases
Trespassing	13 Cases
Battery	20 Cases
Noise Complaints	20 Cases
Misc. Misdemeanor Offenses	40 Cases

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In Memorial

To our fellow Police Officers who gave their lives in the line of duty; and to those Officers who I worked with/for — *They are all heroes for every day they worked.*

First, I must personally single out Robert J. "Bob" Morey — he was shot and killed after he took a radio call that was meant for me. I owe Bob my life.

Officers who passed away while off duty

Lt. Alvin Nicolini
Capt. John Engler
Capt. Marty Lee
Lt. Dennis Lorden
Sgt. Edward Eimil
Off. Emil Giacomon
Off. John Hanifin
Off. Robert "Bob" Kelly
Capt. James "Jim" Labrash
Insp. Renzo Panelli
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Lt. Vern MacDowell
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Officers killed in the line of duty

John Coots	1878	William E. Manning	1932
John Nicholson	1884	Mervyn A. Reardon	1932
Edgar Osgood	1886	Michael J. McDonald	1933
Alexander Grant	1891	James H. Mann	1934
William Burke	1898	Edward F. Flagler	1937
Eugene Robinson	1903	Albert W. Argens	1937
Max Fenner	1906	Cornelius Brosnan	1937
William H. Heins	1906	Waldemar L. Jentzsch	1937
James S. Cook	1906	Walter Salisbury	1939
George O'Connell	1906	Vincent F. Lynch	1941
Harry L. Sauer	1907	Timothy Ryan	1943
Edward T. McCartney	1907	Phillip T. Farshman	1946
William O'Shaughnessy	1908	William L. Bowman	1948
Antone Nelting	1909	Richard J. Scholz	1948
Charles P. Castor	1911	Robert L. Walters	1952
Thomas Finnely	1911	Denis Bradley	1953
John J. Nolan	1912	Thomas J. Guzzetti	1955
Charles H. Bates	1912	Henry J. Eidler	1955
Byron C. Wood	1913	Gordon J. Olivera	1956
Edward Maloney	1915	Joseph E. Lacey	1956
Peter Hammond	1915	Robert J. Morey	1958
Frederick Cook	1915	Barry R. Rosekind	1958
Thomas Deasy	1916	William C. Long	1958
Martin Judge	1916	James Mancusi, Jr.	1965
William F. Sheehan	1917	Herman L. George	1967
John B. Hurd	1918	Peter McElligott	1968
John J. Moriarity	1919	Rene G. Lacau	1969
Antone Scheombs	1919	Joseph Brodnick	1969
James W. Horton	1920	Eric A. Zelms	1970
Miles Jackson	1920	Brian McDonnell	1970
Lester Dorman	1920	Richard P. Radetich	1970
Thomas Hanna	1921	Harold L. Hamilton	1970
Thomas Walsh	1922	Charles D. Logasa	1971
Timothy Baily	1922	Arthur D. O'Guinn	1971
Thomas Kelly	1923	John V. Young	1971
Joseph Conroy	1923	Code W. Beverly	1972
Michael J. Brady	1924	Michael Herring	1974
George Campbell	1925	Joseph W. Boswell	1977
Benjamin G. Root	1926	Douglas E. Gibbs	1977
John J. Driscoll	1927	Robert E. Hooper	1978
Frederick Nuttman	1927	Vernon McDowell	1981
Frederick N. Spooncer	1928	John S. Macaulay	1982
John Malcom	1930	James W. Bloesch	1988
Charles Rogerson	1930	John J. Blessing	1989
Charles W. King	1931	Isiah Nelson III	1990
Elmer C. Thoney	1931	James L. Guelff	1994

All of these Officers will be remembered in a monthly Mass. I'm sure there are others who should be listed, whom I may have missed or whom I did not know personally. If you know any names that I didn't mention here, please forward them to me at fax# 650-593-1101, and they will be included in our Masses.

Warren R. Maloney, on behalf of the Members of the 80th Recruit Class, S. F. Police Academy, 1956

Northern Officers Uncover Odd Mix of Contraband

Lovers' Spat Foils Hayes Valley Crime Spree

By Ron McGlashan,
POA Supporter

On April 10, at 10 PM Northern Station Officers Mercer and Henderson responded to a reported battery-in-progress at Franklin and Eddy Streets. Upon arrival, it soon became evident that the attempted battery was only the tip of the iceberg. A late model Preludewas parked in front of a local market and its driver, a middle aged, white male was in custody and being questioned by other responding officers, all supervised by Sgt. Springer. At the feet of the man in custody was a holster, which had been fastened to his belt, although no weapon was found. Without a great deal of thought, he consented to a search of his vehicle, which would prove to be quite a mistake.

Meanwhile, as Officer Mercer questioned the alleged battery victim, a young woman who was also detained

involve the US Postal Authority.

Officer Mercer was able to ascertain that the car was the property of the sister of the battery victim, and the gentleman in custody was the boyfriend of the detained woman. At first the woman was not sure where all the contraband found in the car had come from. The mystery soon unfolded, however, when the woman realized that she was going to have problems with the DA due to the fact that she was driving the vehicle, thus making her an accessory to the crime. After all, osmosis was not the cause of the materialization of the contraband.

According to the woman, the two individuals in question had come to San Francisco to unload some material found in the car. Things went sour at the intersection of Franklin and Eddy, resulting in a lover's spat. If it wasn't for this tiff, the car would have gone unnoticed, and the two would have gone about their illicit

Mercer discovered a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine, which escaped the cursory search of the vehicle at the intersection of Eddy and Franklin. The substance was found in the housing of the steering column.

As the male perpetrator sat in the holding area, the young woman sat elsewhere in the station and chatted with Officer Henderson. Once in the security of the station, her power of recall returned, and more details of the aborted crime spree were learned

Proud Platoon Commander Lt. Larry Barsetti later remarked, "Mercer and Henderson did one hell of a job. They followed correct police procedure, and because of them and the other officers involved, the two people in question are off the street, and are in very dire straits."

The straits may not be as dire as police officers, press officials, and on the scene witnesses may have thought. The male perpetrator at the time of the crime on Franklin Street was on parole in the State of Oregon. The Office of the US Attorney washed their hands of the issue and turned the case over to the Office of the District Attorney.

Due to the fact that the male perpetrator was on parole in the State of Oregon, he was remanded to the Department of Corrections of the State of Oregon where he was revoked to serve a revocation term in State Prison. The female accomplice is a first time offender and is now on a drug diversion program in San Francisco.

Once again in the Best Interests of Justice, the person who is caught



RON McGGLASHAN
Officer Kim Mercer frisks the driver of a vehicle stopped on Franklin Street at Eddy. Methamphetamine, syringes, stolen credit cards, burglary tools and mail box keys were in the trunk.

The Office of The DA should incorporate a new attitude adjustment program for the benefit of the people who say, "There is no place like home," as they sweep through the Gates of San Quentin.

at the scene, other officers methodically searched the vehicle. In it they found burglary tools, stolen credit cards, several syringes, a large quantity of suspected methamphetamine, and, most significant of all, bags of marked keys.

The keys, as it turned out, were an important evidentiary find. They were stolen mail box keys, and their recovery in the possession of the suspect turned a relatively routine situation into a Federal matter which would

activity in the Western Addition.

The two individuals and their car were delivered to Northern Station for a thorough search. The two individuals soon learned that they were to face a battery of charges, including Federal Postal charges.

Once at the Northern, Officers Mercer and Henderson, along with the rest of the crew, found, among other items, stolen computer components, which were all brand new. Under the steering column, Officer

in the commission of a serious crime is spared a long prison term due to the fact that he or she is on parole at the time of the offense. Is revocation a short cut to justice, or is it the practical avenue to guarantee a prison term?

Mr. Felix Flaxton, a retired attorney and resident of the Western Addition states, "This scenario is all together too common in the City of San Francisco. Throughout the city, we have people who are on parole and in many cases, the individual is more than happy to violate terms of parole to return to the security of State Prison." Flaxton concludes. "In this case, I see no reason why there was no additional charges brought against the perpetrator coupled with his time pending. He demonstrated that he had no regard for the law when he entered the State Of California while on parole in the State Of Oregon. He further demonstrated a complete disregard for the law when he dragged the female accomplice into his life style. The only way to deal with this type of situation is to have the perpetrator experience the full weight of the law in an institution that may discourage him from returning to prison. Pelican Bay comes to mind," said Flaxton.

It is not uncommon for the Fugitive Recovery Team to round up 80 men and women during a FRET sweep. Perhaps in the best interests of justice, the Office of The DA should incorporate a new attitude adjustment program for the benefit of the people who say, "There is no place like home," as they sweep through the Gates of San Quentin, where they are about to serve another revocation term.

Editor's note: Ron McGlashan is a Western Addition resident, community activist, and avid supporter of the SFPD. He is a frequent participant in the Northern Station ride-along program.

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Tricks Of The Trade

**By Steve Boushard,
FRET**



As this is the first article of an "official" series, let me introduce myself. I am an old dinosaur of a street cop (A.K.A. Grunt). I have worked the streets of our city since I was sworn in on March 16, 1970 and I still love doing the job. I've learned a few things during the last 28 plus years that I would like to pass on.

I'm often asked by other officers, "How do you make so many arrests?" The answer goes back to when I first hit the streets. I was blessed to have as my first steady partner, a proactive veteran officer who taught me a lot. He had an excellent work ethic. He took pride in taking whatever run, detail, or assignment that came our way so that cars from other sectors wouldn't have to come in and clean up ours, and so we wouldn't be a drain on them. Whether we were available, just clearing a run or just about to clear a run, our response to dispatch was, "That's our parish, we'll handle."

I was searching him and requesting a wagon over PIC when another street reprobate approached me asking for some dope. I told him I was too busy robbing this other guy right now and to hang on.

Okay, so pride and stamina are fundamental to success in any job, but what is the trick to arresting a lot of bad guys? Here's one big secret: GET OUT OF THE STATION!!! Don't be a "homing pigeon". This is a trait I've seen developing over the last decade or so and it comes partly from our training. You are taught in the FTO program to go to a run and then immediately return to the station and do the report, so we have a lot of mobile secretaries out there that just go from station to run to station. When you clear a run and the streets are busy, stay out there and clear more runs and/or locate more criminal activity before you sit down to knock out those reports. You don't arrest a whole bunch of lawbreakers inside the station, so get out there and find them.

Another thing my first partner told me about being a good street cop is "Be curious and never assume anything or leave until you know exactly what's going on." Was that a friendly hand shake between two "corner lizards" or was that a dope deal going down? GET OUT OF THE CAR AND FIND OUT!! Be nosy and

CyberNews

**By Glenn Sylvester,
Police Academy**

If it isn't Carpal Tunnel Syndrome then it's definitely "writer's cramp" I hope. What a reality check when Pat Cadigan asked me, how are you doing with all this writing that you have to do. What he was referring to was the written portion of the most recent Inspector's exam. I can only think back throughout the years since becoming computerized. I seldom write in long hand, except for an occasional signature on letters, memos and documents. Today, many tests are given by computer. You sit down in front of a screen and you answer questions. Businesses today can test your knowledge via responses given by "Computer based testing" modules. I wonder if we will ever take promotional exams via computer in the future? Thanks for the reality check Pat.



providing you have an ISP. Here they are, if I did not list them.
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<http://www.yahoo.com>
and <http://www.juno.com> (this one, you don't need an ISP).

Thanks for the input, there are lots more of them out there.

Remailers

These are sites, that you can post mail anonymously and in most cases you are not expecting a reply. If you do, it can find its way back to you, but it takes time. This is because of the very nature of Anonymous remailers which differs from the above. Your mail that is posted is sent to another server, which in turn sends it to another server before going out. This is known as "chaining". Thus it becomes very difficult to trace. In the case of the above sites mentioned, if needed, your information can be provided to law enforcement with the adequate documentation such as a search warrant. Most of the above sites are located within the US as well. In the case of "anonymous" remailers, they are and can be International. Those who have surfed the web for anything and everything, may have employed a search engine to find something. One of the most prevalent is yahoo. Ever used "dejavue" search engine? Dejavue will even search your topic within all posting in Newsgroups!! So if you ever posted to a newsgroup, and by chance, someone is looking for your E-mail address, you can, and will be found in a particular newsgroup. This includes the information you wrote about. So my advice to everyone, do not post E-mail that you don't mind others reading, and if into a newsgroup, try not to use your ISP (e-mail) address.

Well, sorry, I didn't get into CHAT, there is so much out there and so much to write about, hopefully, next month. Till then.....happy computing. I feel those hand cramps coming on.

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By Lieutenant Harry Paretchan,
SFPD Retired President,
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The California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) has once again offered their Long Term Care program covering many chronic illness, injuries or old age. These benefits are made available for any ACTIVE OR RETIRED public employee, including their spouses, parents and parents-in-law who may be interested in participating in this program. Long Term Care covers individuals and their dependent for most any ailment, with some exclusions, which would confine them to either a convalescent home or their own home. An attempt is being made by PERS to contact as many members as possible to advise them of this program. You may contact them yourself by calling **Toll Free 1-800-338-2244** for an application kit or else **1-800-908-9119** to speak to someone about the benefits. Be advised that a medical questionnaire will have to be filled out and that there are some exclusions dealing with certain ailments.

Long Term Care has been an issue that the Health Service Board has long had concerns over and it appears that the PERS program seems to be the most cost effective plan

available at this time. Should you choose to participate, you must do so on your own by making payments directly to PERS. The Health Service System cannot offer this plan directly through its benefit package due to the City ordinance which requires all companies dealing with the city must offer domestic partner benefits. The State of California does not recognize domestic partners at this time.

Rates, obviously, will be determined based on your age when applying and will be summarized in the informational packet. Rates will not increase because of age or illness and premiums are waived when you receive benefits. There are several options to choose from to cover each individual's needs. Anyone interested in obtaining information is urged to contact PERS by calling the Toll Free numbers listed above. You are under no obligation to participate by just requesting information. The program is being made available only through **July 31, 1998** and there is no way of knowing if it will be offered again next year, so time is of the essence.

In closing, I am in no way endorsing or encouraging anyone to participate in this program. I do, however, feel as your representative and counterpart it is my duty to inform you of this benefit program.



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The annual San Francisco Police/Fire Mass, held Sunday May 3 at St. Cecilia's, was well attended. All of the attendees look forward to next year's service, and hope to see you there as well.

July 22, 1998

Judaism and Law Enforcement: A Historical and Philosophical Perspective

All Officers, All Members, and All families of the San Francisco Police Department are invited to a speaker's luncheon, presented by the San Francisco Police Department's Chaplain, Rabbi Herbert Morris. All Members of the Department are invited to meet Rabbi Morris and share in the company and good fellowship at the **San Francisco Police Officers' Association, 510 7th Street, on Wednesday, July 22, 1998, at Noon 1200 hrs.**

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Interested San Francisco Police Officers, Department Members, or SFPD families please contact, Sergeant Forrest Fulton or Sergeant Lynette Hogue, at the SFPD Behavioral Science Unit's, Chaplain's Section, for tickets and confirmation number, no later than July 14, 1998, (415) 837-0875.

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Letters

Editor,

On May 15th, 1984 my wife Carol lost her mom. She died in an automobile accident. At the time Carol was six months pregnant with Charlie. On August 6th, 1984 Charlie was born, it was both a happy and sad time.

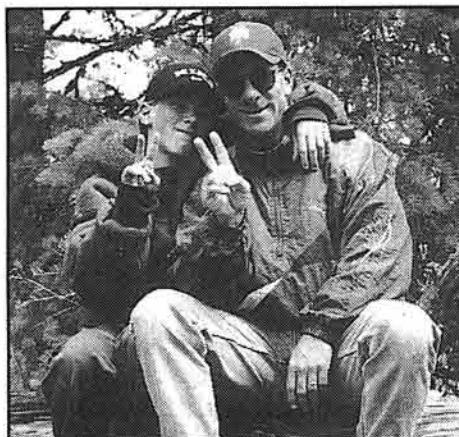
As the days and months went on we realized how special he was. September of 1989 Carol and I picked Charlie up after his first day of kindergarten. When we got back to our house I asked Charlie "How did school go?" He looked at us with a question mark on his face and said, "It was o.k. Do I gotta go back tomorrow?" It seemed daily that Charlie would say something so funny and innocent. He taught us so much about life. How to share, about being a good sport, win or lose, but to have fun.

Charlie was a fabulous soccer player, his top priority was assists. He was so good at moving the ball up field, and laying it right there so one of his teammates could score. Charlie's last baseball game, early September, he hit a monster home run over the right fielder's head, out onto the blacktop basketball courts. I will never forget the grin on his face as he rounded the bases. The umpire gave him the ball. I have it, I'll keep it forever. As we left the field after the game, I asked Charlie, "How the hell did you hit that ball so far?" He told me that he was a powerful lefty.

Charlie was a friend to kids that had no friends, the kids that others would make fun of or refuse to play with. The hours we spent playing catch, hitting, riding our bikes, working out, I miss so much. If you can, try not to miss any of your children's activities because once it's over you can't make it up, or see it again.

Over the years that I worked at Ingleside, Charlie and I would go there on my off days and workout. Actually I think he went along because after the workout he would get a cold drink and a candy bar. We sometimes took our mountain bikes to Golden Gate Park and would do the entire perimeter of the park on the dirt trails. As I ride those exact trails while I'm working, it brings tears to my eyes, but also joyful memories that we had those times.

All my close friends really got a kick out of Charlie. They could all talk to him and he made them laugh. I loved so much sharing Charlie with them. He made me so proud. My good friend, John Chaplin, asked me if Charlie ever told me that he hated anyone. The



Charlie and Tim

answer was no and John knew that, Charlie didn't know anything about hate.

On the morning of Saturday, October 25th, I backed the car out of the garage to go to work. Carol and Charlie were outside playing Frisbee. Charlie ran over to the car, reached inside the window and gave me a big hug saying, "Love you Dad. See you tonight." Charlie died at 1 p.m. that day. Carol, Emily and I will never see him in this life again. Never get to hug or touch him again. Watch him play baseball or soccer, graduate from school, celebrate a birthday or holiday. We miss him so very much. It's an unbelievable hole. Everyday we dig deep and just keep digging. Carol, Emily and I have each other and we are truly trying to go on with life the best we can.

John and Barbara Tursi probably saved my life. Their compassion, love, understanding and occasional kick in the ass somehow kept us going. David Herrera, Richard Tong, Greg and Theresa Suhr, I love you so much. Thank you for all you've done. Chief Fred Lau, you not only showed up once, but twice and for all the phone calls. I will never forget that. Commander Jack Santos, for your kind words at Charlie's memorial. You made me so proud. Rich Huddleston for sometimes carrying me when I thought I could no longer go on. John Mino, for your visits and good humor. Dianne Wolfe for all the hours you've spent with me. You are indeed a wonderful human being. Joe Allegro for taking me on that long, horrible ride to see Charlie. I know you absorbed some of our pain.

The Crime Prevention Company for the honor guard, both at Charlie's memorial and funeral. Everyone who contributed to the Millbrae A.Y.S.O. in Charlie's name, thank you so much. All the police officers who paid their respect to Charlie and our family. My mother and father, brothers Mike and Steve and my sister Mary. I love you so much. I realize you sometimes don't know what to do or say. Don't fret it. Just let

Notebook

Carol, Emily and me know you love us. Aunt Kathy, you're the greatest. Charlie loved you so much — you were there when he was born. It was so easy for Charlie to give us big hugs and tell us that he loved us.

For our son Charlie, please, as soon as you see your kids, tell them that you love 'em and hug them tight. If your children are grown and live elsewhere, call them now and let them know you miss and love them. I can hear Charlie's little voice looking back on his life. He tells me, "Yeah, baby, it was sweet" You were our heart's delight. I fare you well, I fare you well. We loved you more than words could tell.

May the four winds blow you safely home.

Lots of love
Tim, Carol & Emily Mayer

P.S. Officer David Chetcuti was a friend. His middle son John and Charlie attended kindergarten to 8th grade and played baseball together. Dave was killed on April the 25th, in the line of duty — exactly six months after Charlie died. Please open your hearts and check books and send a donation to the family. Thanks.

Dave Chetcuti Family Trust Fund
First National Bank
1551 El Camino Real
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Attn: New Accounts

Jim Corbett Inquiry

Editor -

I am writing a biography of San Francisco-born James J. Corbett, world heavy-weight boxing champion (1892-1897), and wonder if any descendants of the Corbett family are still living in the California area?

I would be glad to hear from anyone who might have letters, diaries, documents, or any other materials relating to 'Gentleman Jim' that might add to what I have already gathered.

Any help will be much appreciated and will be acknowledged in my book.

Patrick Myler
21 Torquay Wood,
Leopardstown Road,
Foxrock, Dublin 18, Ireland
Phone: 011-353-1-288-9394

Union Square Memorial

Dear Chris,

I just wanted to drop off a little note of appreciation to you and to the rest of the POA in thanks for all of the time and effort and emotions you had spent in making the memorial an occasion to remember. My whole family and I are very appreciative that you allowed me to participate in the ceremony as my great grandfather was killed in the line of duty in 1931.

This has been a truly painful process for my grandmother, Virginia (King) McLeod, who remembered how the City treated her mother after the death of her husband. There was some debate as to whether or not Charles was on-duty when he was killed. Even though his name appears on the board at the Hall of Justice, the

City never gave my great-grandmother the widow's pension. This decision was based on monetary reasons and to this day, my grandmother remembers both the psychological and economic hardship which plagued the family for many years to come.

I called my grandmother from Union Square and advised her to watch BAY TV for their coverage of the event. In fact, I was interviewed by a journalist and it was broadcast (along with my Great-Grandfather's picture) during their nightly news coverage. My Grandmother said that she was both very proud of me for representing the family as well as the Police Department and POA who, with their support for those who have died, had begun to heal the family's deep rooted pain and anger towards a department which cares a lot more now than ever before. It has been over 66 years since Charles King was lowered into the ground, yet I know that he has smiled down from above on all of you, especially you Chris, for keeping morale and family alive and well in the SFPD.

As for myself, I am currently on the E-105 list for appointment to the Q-2 position. I have worked at Taraval, Mission, Central and at TTF as well as at the Auto Detail as a cadet for the past six and a half years. I have grown to love the SFPD job, however, I have always felt that there has been a serious morale problem with some members who continually complain about the job, the department, and the community. However, it is these actions of "dedication with pride" in "serving our city", Chris, that I have now more than ever wanted to join into the family of the SFPD as an officer. I hope to soon join the POA as a member and stand before you in a dark blue uniform so that I too may help the POA continue to be a support to members of our family.

I have also been inspired by the Jesuits who have taught me at Saint Ignatius College Prep. and Santa Clara University, and I want to leave you with the "prayer of Saint Ignatius" who advocates community service while serving God...a task which all police officers have in their job description.

Lord, teach me to be generous.
Teach me to serve you as you
deserve.
To give and not to count the cost;
To fight and not to heed the
wounds;
To toil and not to seek for rest;
To labor and not to seek reward;
Save that in knowing that I am
doing your will.
Amen

God bless you all and God bless
the SFPD

Sincerely,

PAL Cadet John (Jack) M. Hart

Thank You

Editor -

How to begin, once again, to thank so many for so very much. In these times which try many a police officer's soul, the thankless tasks, the hits—from all sides—to the very badge which sets you apart from the society you are bound to protect. How to illuminate the caring, giving, supportive

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and unselfish acts of the officers in our police family, this is our task with this letter.

Tom and I, our boys and our extended family wish to thank all those who have given so much during our difficult journey with Tom's cancer. We have received so many wonderful calls, cards and gifts from so many of you, I can't believe how many prayers are offered up for Tom. I'm sure God is probably moaning "...who is this Tom Kracke guy? Maybe I should check out his situation a little closer!"

We believe one of the greatest gifts we can share with you all is the gift of laughter and we'll have to say that we've had quite a lot of that despite the gravity of the ordeal we find ourselves in. We continue each day to thank God for all our blessings and to hope that any time you may spend with us in our journey will send you away a little richer for the experience. We know we are the wealthiest people alive to share love and friendship with all of you—and you know who you are!

Last, but not least we wish to thank a very special group of people, all of those who volunteered their time to sit with Tom at UCSF. At the top of the list is Jake Stasko and Brian Danker who took the time and trouble to make the detail happen. At first we didn't want to put anyone out or be a burden; but, as Tom's stay got longer and his surgery took its toll, it was the only source of comfort to us. We knew Tom was well looked after—no matter what time of day or night. What warm, touching, insightful and hilarious conversations Tom and I had with you all, what a joy, we're still smiling today because of it all. Here's to all of you, words can never truly convey what we feel in our hearts. Many thanks to: Dank, Mike Niland, Eugene Yoshi, Darby Reid, Bob Miller, Kevin Needham, Rich Lee, Pat Overstreet, Brian Perry, Al Cardenas, Mike Zurcher, John Greenlaw, Mambo, Torn Smith and R. Lee (sorry I didn't get to meet you to get your first name) I'm Sorry if I left anyone out. If I did, please forgive me because there were so many I didn't get to talk to in person. Finally, a special thanks to Chris Cunnie for his continuous care and support over the years.

I'll end by saying that Tom is home now and taking one step at a time, literally and figuratively. We're glad to have him home. Tom truly misses all his favorite folks at work and in the HOJ, sending you all our best. May God bless you all and keep you safe, happy and healthy.

Much Love,
Tom, Laura, Tim, Will and Garrett
Kracke

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Don't Forget the Mazzoni [Vote]

Dear Editor,

Here is an e-mail I sent to those Assembly members who voted against Assembly Bill 1707, the "James Guelf Body Armor Act of 1998." Members, please take the time to call and/or write those members who failed to support the bill. And don't forget that many of them talk tough on crime but when it really counts, fail miserably. PS-For those living in the Marin County/Sonoma areas, you will be enlightened to know the response I got from Assemblywoman Mazzoni. I called her office to ask why she failed to support this bill. When I left my name and address (I reside in San Francisco), the message I got from the staff was that I wasn't in her district and they were not obligated to respond to me. Never mind that my tax dollars pay her salary or that we are talking about a statewide law that has impact on all of us in California. By the way when the staff member was asked if that also meant that Ms. Mazzoni only accepts contributions from people living in her district, there was a long pause. When another concerned person called Ms. Mazzoni's office, she was asked if she was from SFPD. Eventually, they put their answering machine on. This ain't over yet!!!

Carol, What's Up With This?

Dear Assemblywoman Migden,

In November 1994, my husband and I (both San Francisco Police Officers) were having a relaxing barbecue with another officer and his wife. The evening was filled with casual conversation and good food. Then it happened. The news reported that a San Francisco police officer had been shot. The initial news was sketchy. I felt as if I had just had the wind knocked out of me. My mind raced wondering what was happening in my city and to a coworker. I called a friend at one of the district stations and heard that the injured officer was Jim Guelf and that he had been shot in the head.

I didn't know him personally. I didn't have to. We are all blue and we all suffer when something so tragic happens.

As the news had more information, I watched as one of the wildest shootings took place on the streets of San Francisco. I saw my coworkers running with guns drawn, trying to stay out of the line of fire. For over a half an hour gunfire erupted at Pine and Franklin streets. Then it was over. Jim Guelf, a coworker and the father of 2 children had died. The

suspect, Victor Lee Boutwell was dead. What the hell happened out there that night? I will tell you that we (SFPD) couldn't kill this man immediately because he was protected by body armor.

Many of our officers have never been the same. Watching the shoot-out in the streets of L.A., again shooting at men in body armor, brings the nightmares right back. Watching scenes from some graphic movies bring the memories of that fateful night back in your face.

So now you can please tell me, why you voted against AB 1707, the "James Guelf Body Armor Act of 1998?"

Sincerely,
Jennifer J. Lee

Thank you

I'd like to express my sincere gratitude to all the members of the San Francisco Police Dept for the many phone calls, flowers and cards expressing sympathy for the loss of my mother, Alice Zanardi on May 15, 1998. Thank you Chief Fred Lau for the phone call that morning, it meant a lot to me. Thank You Commander Gary Pisciotto and Commander John Portoni for helping to arrange the funeral procession. I'd especially like to thank the Solo's detailed to the funeral procession who assisted in traffic control for the many cars traveling through San Francisco, Daly City, Pacifica, and eventually to the Italian Cemetery in Colma. Mom would have been very proud of you.

Sincerely,
David J. Zanardi and Family

Chris Cunnie
President, SFPOA

Dear Chris,

Thank you for the donation of toys and computer software.

The software is being given out to young people in SJETC and other Mission District programs. as soon as we can upgrade the computer equipment at the Tutoring Center we will install copies of the software on those computers too.

The toys have been stored in a secure place and will be distributed at the next Mission Xmas Toy Giveaway. With the help of the POA, we have a good start on providing Xmas toys for the kids of the Mission.

Thanks again for your generosity. The SFPOA is a valued partner in this community.

Sincerely,
Ethel Siegel Newlin
Community Liaison
St. John's Educational
Thresholds Center

Nice Work

May 13, 1998
Captain Gregory Suhr
S.F.P.D.—Mission Station

Re: Officer Mario Molina #586

Captain Suhr.

I wanted to take a brief moment to express my appreciation for the efforts of Officer Mario Molina over the last several days. I have been involved in a very fast moving trial.

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Letters

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with a very demanding judge. Officer Molina was subpoenaed as a witness by both the prosecution and the defense. Throughout the week Officer Molina made a concerted effort to keep in touch with me and to keep advised of the status of the case. He contacted me Wednesday night, and informed me that he had a case the next afternoon at YGC, and then an important appointment at 4:00. I told him that I would not be calling him in my case in chief, but that I might need him for rebuttal.

The next morning, one of the defense attorneys informed the court that she wanted officer Molina there that afternoon at the latest. I informed the judge of his schedule, and that he had been ordered back to Juvenile Court at 1:30. Desirous of keeping our trial moving, the judge apparently contacted YGC, and arranged for Officer Molina to be sent to our trial immediately. He arrived just minutes after the defense had placed one of the defendants on the stand to testify, and was told to come back the next day at 9:00 a.m., which he did. The next morning, he testified first as a defense witness, then was called as my witness in rebuttal. He then turned around and testified in another trial that same day for D.A. Pecora Hansen, who is also trying a gang case. She reports to me that he made an excellent witness for her.

Throughout his dealings with me and the court, and despite being bounced back and forth between three or four separate obligations, Officer Molina maintained good humor, was courteous to all par-

ticipants in the proceedings, arrived on time, and never complained about the useless trip to court. He also testified well on some difficult points in my case, with little time to be properly prepped.

I want to express my appreciation for Officer Molina's cooperation, for his ability to maintain a calm demeanor in what were obviously frustrating circumstances, and for his ability to testify clearly and convincingly. All too often we fail to acknowledge this kind of effort. Without it, we could not present our cases properly.

Sincerely,
George Butterworth
Assistant District Attorney

Thank, Co. D—Good Work

May 13, 1998

Captain Greg Suhr
Mission Police Station

SUBJECT: Outstanding Officers

Dear Captain Suhr:

I write on behalf of my mom, Anna Johnson, who resides on 19th Street. She sends her heartfelt thank you and appreciation to you, Captain of Mission Station, and to the officers who aided her on early Tuesday morning, May 12, 1998.

The four officers who were so thorough and comforting during an anxious time are: Becki Newman, Star 1899; Elina Teper, Star 1754; Glenn Ortega, Star 2226; and Jose Lopez, Star 373.

These officers responded to a call from my Mom at approximately 2:30 AM on the morning of May 12, 1998. She called to report strange sounds coming from her basement. She was fearful that someone had entered her home.

She told the family the officers arrived at her home within 3 minutes of her phone call. She also said that while three of the officers searched the basement; one stayed with her giving her the comfort she needed at the time. Just as she thought, there was a man who had broken into her basement. As three of the officers escorted the intruder from her basement, one stayed with her easing her stress. Before departing, the officers reassured her, and left only when they knew she was feeling safe and secure.

It is a shame that anyone lives in fear of being awakened during the middle of the night to strange and frightening sounds; it is a reassuring to know that these four officers, who we believe represent the entire San Francisco Police Department, were prompt, gentle; and in my Mom's words — "super".

Again, on behalf of my mom and our entire family, thank you Captain Suhr for providing officers an atmosphere to do their jobs well. And, a very special thank you to each of the above mentioned officers for doing their jobs with thoroughness and gentleness. They will always be remembered with the highest regard by our family.

Respectfully,
Sharon Johnson,
San Francisco resident

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Dear Mayor Brown:

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I am 80 years old and a retired physician recently visiting your lovely city for the first time in 52 years (I was stationed at Fort Baker in 1946). Calamity was averted when motorcycle patrol-



Paul Schlotfeldt

man Paul Schlotfeldt pulled up and cheerfully offered to change our flat tire. He truly made our day and we are very appreciative. This must reflect the spirit of San Francisco.

Gratefully yours,
Cynthia and Sanford Blank

May 11, 1998

Cynthia and Sanford Blank
Fishers Island, NY 06390

Dear Dr. and Mrs. Blank:

Thanks for your letter of appreciation regarding the excellent service you received from Officer Paul Schlotfeldt of the SFPD Traffic Division. Letters such as yours remind me that, though we have our problems, there is much in the City that we do right, and there are many competent and caring City employees.

I am forwarding a copy of your letter to Chief Fred Lau so that Officer Schlotfeldt can share in the praise for a job well done. One of my favorite mayoral duties is commanding City employees for good service.

I appreciate your taking the time to write to express your gratitude.

Willie L. Brown, Jr.
Mayor

Emblemas?

Editor's note: A Spanish speaking officer at Mission Station tells me that the following letter is a request from a police officer in Spain to trade patches, emblems, and other police memorabilia with officers from our department. Any one interested should write to Juan at the address printed below.

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Agradeciendo anticipadamente su colaboración, reciba un cordial saludo, haciendolo extensivo a la plantilla de Policia de esa localidad.

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NOTEBOOK

Excerpted from May 1959

A Night's Work

By Thomas E. McDonald

Reprinted from the May, 1959 issue of *San Francisco Police* (Official Publication of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association)

A Real Night's work was turned in on April 17th by the Southern's **Ed Laherty** and **Lou Hutzler**. At 1:00 a.m. they surprised Lonzie Snell and Chas. Morton, loaded with goodies, climbing through the smashed window of a pawn shop. A violent struggle ensued during which Morton attempted to shoot the officers with a .32 automatic but both thieves were subdued.

Two hours later the partners found ex-con, Ted Peruzzo, looting a public garage at 145 4th Street. The burglar was trapped after being fired upon four times.

Buxom Virginia Callahan, 28, and her shapely, redhead business associate, Cayenne Adams, 22, were discouraged to find that the "client" they were entertaining in their Hyde Street fun house was a police undercover agent. To make matters worse, **Tom Horan**, BSS, turned up a box of marihuana under the work bench.

On April 9th, tenacious **Norman Ronneberg**, Central, fired a shot at a burglar fleeing from a Chinatown flat, but the suspect escaped after drawing a gun on a citizen who was assisting in the pursuit. Ronneberg compiled a set of mug shots, had fingerprints taken, and soon identified the thief as Billy Moon. After more than two weeks of tedious investigation, Norm nailed his man and cleared up a flock of break-ins.

Patrolman **Robert Wren**, Potrero, glanced suspiciously at the wild-eyed Sophia when she reported that she was the mother of four illegitimate children by the Emperor of Japan!

"How old are you?" he asked. "Why, I'm 5,000 years old, and I'm immortal!" she proudly replied. Whispering, she confided: "Actually . . . I'm God!"

Bob and the Emperor's mistress had a delightful ride to Ward 91.

S.Q. Alumnus, Geo. Davenport, 26, had a revolver taken from his

pants pocket by Northerners **George Barron** and **Tom Hurley**, who caught him casing a gas station at 3:45 a.m., the 20th. Davenport is the sixth gunman disarmed and jailed by Barron in four months.

"What's in the box?" inquired officers **Richard LaFountain** and **Tom Callahan**, Mission Station.

"Oh, just some junk to go to the dumps," replied the two sleazy characters leaving their 24th Street flat at 5:00 a.m., April 22.

The "junk" turned out to be the remains of pay telephones stolen from nearby hotels. In the flat was found \$14 - in nickels, dimes, and quarters, of course.

Cinderella Hendison complained to **Ron Retana** and **Dennis Murphy**, Park Station, that someone had broken into her apartment and taken five dollars and her car keys. Her car was also missing, and she named as the prime suspect a handyman, E. J. Washington. A Bureau of Identification check revealed that E. J. had been arrested a few hours previously on a drunk driving rap while driving Cinderella's pumpkin . . . er, auto, and was still in City Prison. As a matter of fact, he's still there.

A knife-wielding kidnapper was captured after a 70 mph chase on April 17th, which ended in a spectacular smash-up near the foot of Sloat Blvd. Taraval Patrolman **Darol Smith** pursued the car driven by Nat Smith, and rescued his victim, a 19 year old woman whom he had abducted.

The two men fumbling with the vending machines at the Golden Gate Park Golf Course at 1:15 a.m., April 13, were not purchasing cigarettes. So discovered **Fred Fegan** and **Sal Marota**, Richmond, who arrested CYA parolees Geo. Thomas and Ed Sequeria, both 20, and recovered \$57 in stolen coins.

Two time loser George Wilson, 35, held a knife to the throat of a Mission District liquor store operator, cleaned out the cash box, and fled into the night. He was trailed and nailed by Patrolman **Theodore O'Connell** and disarmed of his six inch combat knife.



Gordon Kirby, a blacksmith from Sonoma County, Sgt. Pablo Ossio, Mission Station and Supervisor Mark Leno participated in the first San Francisco "Gun Bake" at Mission Playground Park. This event turned three assault weapons into art.

Legal Update: Detention

Briefed by Mike Paganini,
POA Member

PEOPLE V. FORANYIC
FOURTH APPELLATE DISTRICT
COURT # G020544
FILED: May 27, 1998

QUESTION: Do sufficient facts exist for a legal detention when a bicyclist is observed carrying an ax at 3 a.m.?

ANSWER: Yes.

FACTS: A Huntington Beach police officer approached Mr. Foranyic when he saw him standing astride his bicycle, to which was attached a large ax, at three in the morning. The officer ordered Foranyic to dismount and noted that he had difficulty following directions and showed the classic symptoms of heavy intoxication. He was also disoriented as he thought he was in Bakersfield or Long Beach. He also had great difficulty standing on his own. Mr. Foranyic was evaluated and arrested for being drunk-in-public under section 647(f) P.C. During a booking search, methamphetamine was found in a baggie taped to Foranyic's belt. He plead guilty to possession of methamphetamine in Orange County Superior Court.

DISCUSSION: The sole question on appeal was whether there were

sufficient facts for a legal detention. The Appellate Court held that Foranyic was detained when he complied with the officer's direction to step away from his bicycle. Once the officer ordered Foranyic to lay down his bike and step away from it, he clearly conveyed the impression that Foranyic was not free to leave. Once Foranyic submitted to this show of authority, the detention was complete. The Court held that a reasonable police officer, considering the totality of the circumstances, would reasonably suspect criminal activity might be afoot upon viewing someone on a bicycle, with an ax, at three in the morning. Furthermore, the Court suggested that it would expect a diligent officer to investigate such unusual behavior. In conclusion, the Court held that Foranyic's activity was very unusual and that it merited police investigation even though no crime related to an "ax" had been reported.

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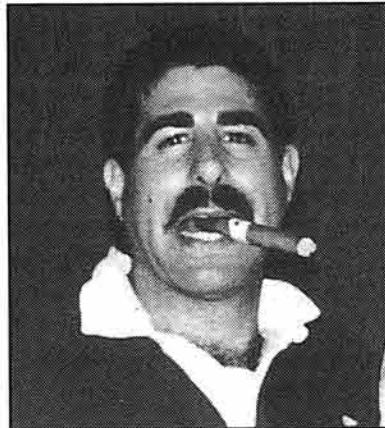
Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh, Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT — Farewell to Insp. Dennis Bianchi who retired the last week of May after a lengthy career. Dennis was the long time sports editor before me, and I'll always appreciate his encouragement when I first started writing for The Notebook and eventually took over for him. I'll wish him nothing but good things in retirement as I read his farewell article in this issue and employ you to do the same.

Last month while discussing department softball in one of my "Nick at Night" articles I wrote about Northern's Steve Collins reaching the base of the second tier fence at West Sunset with one of his home run blasts. Well, after printing that I was immediately contacted by Southern Station personnel who informed me of an even better blast by their own Dave Maron, Jr. Apparently Dave "Hits Like Canseco" Maron put a ball completely over the second tier fence in left field with a lot of room to spare and no wind to help it along. He obviously inherited this power at the plate from his dad, retired Captain Dave Maron Sr., who is still participating in the league with Ingleside Station. Good stuff.

Congratulations are in order to Kasey Ryan, who is the 22 year old



daughter of our devoted Police Captain Mike Ryan, for winning the NCAA Division I National Championship as part of USC's varsity four person female crew team. This crew competition took place the weekend of May 30th in Gainesville, Georgia, and Reverend Ryan was fortunate enough to be there to witness the event. This is very significant for both of them as it was more than 25 years ago that Rev. Ryan was part of a national championship for USC as well. He played offensive guard for the Trojans in football when they won it all in 1972, and this couldn't be a happier time for him to see Kasey succeed like she did.

I recently spoke to Miriam Pengel who is helping Jill Brophy prepare an all woman's basketball team to represent the department in the summer games taking place in Contra Costa the last week of June. She told me that this is the first time that an all female hoops team will compete

for the SFPD. Besides Pengel and Brophy, other participants include Ann Mannix, Denise Flaherty, Molly Pengel, Michelle Kern, Edith Lewis, Tracy McCray (Airport), Mary Veavea (Sheriffs), Soleta Ellis (BART PD), and Colleen Galloway (also of BART PD). Good luck toward's a medal!

There is a four man shooting team out of the Tactical Unit also competing in the summer games in the Police Action Pistol category (B class). The members include Tommy Smith, Angelo Spagnoli, Dino Zografos, and of course Mat Castagnola who put together a rather successful team for last year's event.

The Toughest Cop Alive (TCA) competition will also feature some members from TAC with Mike Palada and Eddy Yu entering the individuals like they did last year. Yu will also be part of a team that will include Nate Chan, Damon Keeve, and Debra Erdy as well. Erdy is a world class triathlete and will bring much experience to the group.

Speaking of triathalons, Rene Guerrero will be doing it again in the open category to see if he can win a gold medal for the second year in-a-row. Rene has been training very, very hard despite the inconsistent "El Niño" weather and is hoping for good result. He'll also be doing the open water swim that week in Contra Costa so wish him very good luck in that 2 mile event as well.

Roger Farrell will be bowling again this year and is very excited about a top notch A Team that he has put together. Besides Roger, the team will have Bob Mazzola from The Airport, Gene Yoshi, and Bill Dekarski. In the mean time, Roger will stay in bowling shape by competing in the Bowling Nationals like he did in Reno the last week of May. The event is put on by the American Bowling Congress and is ongoing with 80,000

people participating. The location in Reno is the extravagant bowling stadium across from Silver Legacy that was featured in the movie Kingpin a few years back. Let's hope that Roger will be successful in both endeavors.

Very good triumphs are also wished upon the SFPD Soccer Club as they engage in yet another Police Summer Games tourney with three solid teams. The "A Team" will try to "three-repeat" in the gold medal with Captain Joe Boyle once again at the helm. The Killer B's will be run for the first time by Bernie Corry, and he hopes to bring them out of the doldrums they suffered the last couple of years. The C-Dogs (35 yrs and over team) are in their second year of existence while being run by Matt Gardner. They appear to be stacked rather well with quality players this time around and look to make something happen. So see ya in Contra Costa.

I almost forgot — How about those Giants?! At the writing of this column they had just won nine games in-a-row, had the third best record in baseball (behind the Yankees and Braves), and had a one game lead over the Padres in the National League West Division. I'm hoping they can keep it up especially with inter-league play coming up; the Giants feasted on the American League last season. One move the team made that was a little shaky early on but is looking great now was: allowing Rod Beck to get away and signing Rob Nenn. Nenn had a slow start but is looking very sharp as he now leads the National League in saves. Beck on the other hand looked explosive early, but he is now pitching very shaky and is giving up too many late inning runs or the Cubs. The season continues...

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The Last "Spectator"

By Dennis Bianchi

On May 20, 1998 I received a phone call from Nick Shihadeh, congratulating me on my impending retirement and asking if I would like to write one last article for *The Notebook*. I greatly appreciated hearing from Nick and receiving his offer but, I had to give it some thought. This article could be dangerous. Suppose I mention some officers and not others? Whose feelings would I hurt? After a few days I realized that I have always written these articles with the intention of promoting the fine work and achievements of our brother and sister officers. This is no exception. It is simply my way of saying thanks.

I tried to remember when I started writing articles for the Sport section and when I became the "editor" of that section. I couldn't remember the dates. It seems I wrote and edited for five or six years. Somebody said it seemed longer — much longer — too damn long. Probably. No matter how long it was, I certainly was given ample opportunity to compete with, observe, be introduced to, and interview some of the best folks in the S.F. P.D. From Walt Garry, the man who preceded me as Sports editor, to Nick Shihadeh, I heard and saw positive words, positive action, positive people. It is the nature of most competitive athletes to project that attitude.

I was privileged to watch, and even train a little with, some of the greatest powerlifters in the State. I was privileged to run with some of the fastest and most durable runners in police work in the State. I saw some great swimmers, great triathletes, softball players, basketball players,

martial artists, soccer players, even a couple of Department football games. I saw the artists, soccer players, even a couple of Department football games. I saw the Sports section begin to report the participation and success of women officers, something that was past due. Every one of those police officers presented themselves as outstanding representatives of our Department. Many won medals, but they all won my respect and the respect of their competitors, medals or no medals.

An historian once wrote that Great Britain's successes in the battlefields, and there were many fierce, bloody ones, were actually won on the playing fields of Eton. All politics aside, there is some value to the idea. I can think of many metaphors for the value of participating in athletics or exercise programs, but I have never forgotten my first thoughts when I heard that John Payne had survived being shot, and stayed with the battle. I had trained with John and watched him compete. I knew he had learned from his sacrifices and training that you must stay with it, to not quit, to persevere! No other event confirmed for me as strongly the value of athletic training. One's mind grows stronger with the participation. I also will never forget how training and competing left Jeff Brosch a young man, even as he approaches — well, let's say past retirement age. I also fondly remember the hundreds of names not mentioned here and hope you will forgive me for not listing them all.

I always enjoyed the Sports section of our page. I still do! It was here that I had fun, relished your accomplishments, attempted to fairly acknowledge to everyone their fair share. It also made me proud to be a member of such fine and valuable group of people.

Thank you.

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By Rene LaPrevotte

Rene LaPrevotte and friends are on their "In Search of the Perfect Marguerita" motorcycle tour of Mexico. In lieu of an article for this month's Notebook, Rene chose to share this E-mail from the father of little Davey Summerville, the subject of last month's column. —Ed.

Dear SFPD,

This is the E-mail that I knew in my heart that someday I would have to write. It has come time to take Davey home to be with his family and friends until he is received into the arms of the Lord. He has done everything one could ask of a little boy and he doesn't need to be in anymore pain or discomfort.

If they can stabilize him for movement we will travel home this Friday. After we are home I know that Davey would love to see his family and friends. He is a remark-



Davey and his friend Joey with John Fewer, Willie Mays and Keith Sanford before a recent Giants game.

able boy. I feel we can take something wonderful away with us from his very deep faith in the Lord. By surrounding him with the love of his family and friends it will make his passing very meaningful to him and to all of us.

The people here have been wonderful and have done everything humanly possible. The cancer was just one of those that mankind hasn't figured out yet.

Sorry that I have to bring this news to you. Please accept Gaby's and my heartfelt thanks for all that you have done for us during this most difficult time, and again, please come by to see Davey when we get home. He has always been more of a social animal than his mom or dad, and would love seeing you.

God Bless.

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Bay To Breakers Report

The Incredible Shrunk Centipede

By Douglas Farmer and Matthew O'Leary, Mission Station

We had a plan. Our plan was to get a group of our co-workers together and run as a group in that San Francisco institution known as the S.F. Examiner's Bay to Breakers race. We would be known officially in "Bay to Breakers" language as a centipede — competing all linked together somehow. It was a fine plan with lots of enthusiastic volunteers to begin with, however, as the May 17th race approached our centipede body began to deteriorate.

"I've got to go to Reno!" one member cried.

"I've got the flu!" said another.

On and on. They had more excuses than a 9th grader with unfinished homework.

May 17th arrived and our centipede arrived at Mission station at 0700 hours—only Matt O'Leary and Doug Farmer. "Well, I guess it's just you and me, Matt." I said with a grin.

Matt replied that was fine and, even though there would only be two of us, he suggested we should run in the same "costume". To be different and tough we decided to run in our blue B.D.U. Pants with a Mission Station T-shirt to show our allegiance.

We started getting psyched. Sergeant Carri Lucas arrived, double latte in hand and her dog "Who-to" in tow, to snap a few "before" photographs in front of the station. (Who names their dog "Who-to")?

Anyway, being the thorough former inspector that she is, Sgt. Lucas snapped about twenty photos—making sure to include a few of the 911's working on removing the locked bicycle from the nearby parking meter. No enforcement action was taken as there was a race to be won, and the

starter gun would sound in less than thirty minutes.

Lieutenant Cashman drove us as close to the starting line as possible and it was warm-up time. What a glorious day to run 7.46 miles with 70,000 of your closest friends. 7:45 in the morning and 70 degrees in a cloudless spring sky. Matt and I pushed our way through the packed crowd of good natured and anxious athletes, trying to get closer to the start line.

Anyone who knows anything at all about the Bay to Breakers race knows what a colorful show it can be, and this mob did not break tradition. Drag queens, painted folks, bugs, silly hats, garbage cans, ex-presi-

ten when about half a mile into the race an elderly woman running right in front of us clipped the heel of the runner in front of her and went down in a cloud of smoke. Well, it was a pretty bad fall, and Matt and I just couldn't jump over her and leave her to the masses of Reeboked hooves behind us. I mean, for Heaven's sake, this is someone's grandmother! So we stopped, helped the woman to her feet, and escorted her to a nearby water station — dodging runners all the way.

Upon delivering her into good hands, we jumped back into the river of people and tried to make up lost time. That is until we see the platoon of U.S. Marines in fatigue pants and

...we start to pick out runners in the crowd who we absolutely have to beat — starting with the guy in the black chiffon mini dress and pink feather boa.

dents, and nuns among others were all represented and gearing up for the big foot race.

Matt and I were taking it all in and dodging the millions of corn tortillas being thrown around when our attention was drawn to a group carrying a three foot statue of a golden cherub (we dubbed it the false god) which periodically launched a stream of water from its groin area out into the crowd, who simultaneously laughed and cursed in response.

We would be avoiding that.

At about this point, Matt gets hit in the noggin' by a fast flying tortilla and, with a dazed look in his eye, turns to me and says "I didn't see that one coming."

Well, being his partner in this, I dutifully picked up the suspect tortilla and flung it back from where it came, hitting the innocent runner dressed as a nun.

Dang! And on a Sunday as well! 0800: Start time!

The gun sounds, and boy are we pumped! So pumped, in fact, that the eight minutes that it took for us to reach the actual starting line went by quickly. We decided that our goal for the event would simply be to not stop running at any time, no matter how tired we became. We crossed the starting point and started our own personal official time.

Well, our goal was quickly forgot-

boots pushing — at a sprint — a camouflaged shopping cart with two pony kegs of cold beer inside. Well, it's hot, I'm thirsty, and cold beer is flowing! I convince Matt that beer is carbohydrates and, since the Marines have stopped for a photo-op, we can run in place and get a frosty one! It won't really be stopping. Matt agrees and soon enough Mother Green and her Killing Machine has supplied us each with a red plastic cup full of refreshing brew. We enjoyed it for the next mile, downing it just in time for the ever-menacing Hayes Street hill.

That day, Sunday, May 17, 1998 the Hayes Street hill threat is crushed as Matt and I push it into high gear and tear up the incline, slowing only to notice the residents cooling people down with sprays from their garden hoses. Matt comments on the neighborly consideration these folks are displaying since we're all so hot and all..... I figure that they're just trying to keep these crazy people off of their porches.

Down the hill we go and the sight of the massive crowd is incredible. That, along with the people cheering from the sidelines, and the live bands along the way ("Pipe 13" was our favorite) kept us going. As we pushed it through the Panhandle of G.G. Park someone started blaring the theme from the original "Rocky" movie from their home stereo. What a boost!



Douglas Farmer and Matthew O'Leary prior to the Bay To Breakers race.

I thought Matt might start sparring with me at any moment.

About then the crowd seemed to open up a bit and we see our first fully naked runner. "That's gotta hurt." Matt comments as we pass him and realize that he must do this often as he's very tan but has no tan lines. And why is it always the portly, hairy guys running naked?

Well, as Matt and I ponder these imponderables and laugh it up, we realize we've reached the six-mile mark and start to pick up the pace. It's a little serious now as we start to pick out runners in the crowd who we absolutely have to beat — starting with the guy in the black chiffon mini dress and pink feather boa.

"Matt, we can't lose to this guy!" I say a little too loudly. You see, Mr. Feather Boa hears us and it turns out he's quite the athlete, so he cranks his unshaven legs into high gear and it's a race! Ultimately he is no match for two cops in B.D.U.'s, so we pass him and fix our sights on our next victim—the Devil.

About fifty yards ahead of us we spot a man in flowing red cape, horns, tail, devilish make-up with a three-pronged pitch fork. Oh no! Not on Sunday! We will not be beaten by the Prince of Darkness on the Sabbath! With shouts of, "Come on sinners! Pick it up! Don't let the devil beat you!", Matt and I pass him after about a half-mile duel. In the process we also manage to pass two other guys, dressed in drag, which really was a testosterone-must since they were each running in three inch pumps!

Turning the corner onto the great highway we really gave it our all, and sprinted to the finish line. We arrived in the chutes 1 hour 16 minutes and 26 seconds after crossing the start line. We had a blast all the way.

Our cool down was a walk to "footstock" at the polo fields where we picked up our official T-shirts and stretched out on the grass to drink some water and check out the thousands of weirdos coming in behind us.

What a great experience we had. Matt and I have decided that this is the start of our annual Centipede, and welcome all of our brothers and sisters at Mission station to join us next year. (Perhaps we can compete against other station centipedes). As "Founding Fathers" and co-chairs of the uniform committee, we will decide future runners' uniforms, with suggestions duly considered (no feather boas or high heels, please.)

We had a fantastic time, and we know all who join us in the future will too.

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson, SFPOA Secretary

Friday night and Sergeant Dennis Meixner, Officer Jason Jefferson and Officer Leonard

Morrow, Ingleside Station, receive information that an individual has established a set pattern in delivering his narcotics. All you need to do is page the suspect and, when he phones back, you place your order and he delivers it to the same place on Alemany Boulevard every time.

The officers arrange for a delivery. The suspect arrives on time and Officer Jefferson approaches the car. Jason doesn't waste any time. He shows his star and orders the suspect from the car as Sergeant Meixner pulls up in front of the suspect vehicle in a marked police unit. The suspect, realizing that he is now trapped has two choices — give up or attempt to escape. Despite Officer Jefferson's repeated orders for him to step from the car the suspect makes choice number three — he tries to kill the officers involved. The suspect reaches across the front seat and comes up with a gun and starts shooting directly at Officer Jefferson who must now shoot back. Sergeant Meixner and Officer Morrow also lay down rounds and the suspect's choice proves to be a fatal one.

Police work is not an easy job. No one wearing a star wants to be placed in a position where there's a real possibility that they might not go home at the end of their shift, but it can happen. We've been very fortunate considering the number of close calls we've had. The danger is always there so we need to focus on being prepared. However, it's hard not to be distracted by other administrative headaches such as the bothersome Unwarranted Action complaints our members have been receiving from the Office of Citizen Complaints. For instance . . .

Officers respond to a call involving a disturbance at 4 a.m. They find an individual who says he's watering his lawn from his 2nd floor window. The only problem is that there's no lawn and the hose he rigged up is sticking out through the jagged edges of the large window he broke out. Time to go up the stairs. The officers dispatched find the "gardener" in a disoriented state, his apartment in shambles, and he tells the uniformed personnel present that he is on a first name basis with Fidel Castro. Not too bad, so far, but then he orders the officers to make him breakfast and when they politely decline he attacks one of them and tries to pull the officer's gun from his holster. The man is subdued and taken to the psychiatric unit at San Francisco General Hospital. **Several days later the officers involved in this incident receive an Unwarranted Action complaint filed by the Office of Citizen Complaints for illegally detaining the man for psychiatric evaluation!!**

A car is speeding up Fulton Street, cutting in and out of traffic, so a proactive police officer effects a traffic stop on this individual. The officer admonishes the errant driver, **does not give him a ticket**, and goes on his way. **The Office of Citizen Complaints files two Unwarranted Action allegations against the officer. One for stopping the driver, the**

other for detaining the driver. Is OCC trying to discourage the enforcement of traffic laws . . . ???

We don't really have a choice when it comes to citizen arrests, the Penal Code says we have to take them. **But when an individual recently insisted on such action (i.e. citizen arrest) and the officers complied, the Office of Citizen Complaints charged the officers involved with Unwarranted Action for taking the citizen arrest. Somehow, I always thought that state law took precedent over local administrative inquiries . . . ???**

I guess my favorite is the officer who placed an individual in custody for outstanding warrants. The subject arrested was later found to be in possession of 25 baggies of methamphetamine while she was being booked. And, guess what, the Office of Citizen Complaints, you got it, filed an Unwarranted Action complaint against the officer for arresting the narcotic trafficker for the outstanding warrant. Gee, doesn't a judge's signature on a warrant count for anything anymore . . . ???

Maybe we're hospitalizing the wrong people for psychiatric evaluations . . .

Let's get down to the game being played here. 39% of all complaints filed against San Francisco Police Officers during the first quarter of 1998, were for Unwarranted Actions. 39!!!! The very same type of "Unwarranted Actions" that I just described in the above incidents. It is very obvious that someone (i.e. OCC) is padding their statistics, and they are doing it at the expense of our members' careers.

When police officers receive frivolous allegations charged by a civilian watchdog agency after the officers have made legitimate arrests, after they have hospitalized subjects for their own safety (and the safety of others), and after they have taken the risk of making traffic stops, it can be extremely demoralizing.

OCC needs to institute a quality control phase on all complaints so that an initial investigation can be completed before the officer(s) is/are charged with an allegation.

It's time for someone else to start watching the watchdog! We sure as hell don't need the distraction . . .

Lieutenant Kevin Cashman, Officer Robert Doss and Officer Mario Machi arrested an individual at 16th/Mission Streets for possession of heroin. Even though the suspect became an instant wealth of information (giving up the name of a "friend" who sold guns and grenades) he still went to jail. Nevertheless, the officers felt the need to follow up on some of their newfound source's allegations. They were successful in locating the individual he was talking about and, after placing him in custody for the AR-15 assault rifle with the mounted laser scope and the Uzi machine gun he had in his apartment, the officers then notified our bomb squad so that they could remove the rest of the cache

which included a grenade and numerous ammunition cans filled with hundreds of rounds of armor-piercing .223 bullets. Just another 'sportsman' in custody. (I can hardly wait to see what OCC will charge the officers with this time.)

Officer Davin Cole and Officer Leo Sevilla stopped a known gang member at 25th/Bryant Streets for a traffic violation. The officers noticed that he appeared quite bulky and he volunteered the fact that he was wearing a bulletproof vest. One can never be too careful driving through gang-territory anymore, even when you're a gangster.

Officer Raj Vaswani and Officer Mark Williams, Northern Station, did an outstanding job recently when they were sent to investigate a case involving a woman who had threatened to kill her fellow employees.

The officers were told by the suspect's mental health counselor that the suspect had a history of suicidal and homicidal tendencies and that the medical staff at the hospital was certain the suspect had access to guns. The officers were able to find a phone number that might give them some idea as to where the suspect lived. Raj called the number and was suddenly in a conversation with the suspect who told Raj that she was very upset with many of her co-workers and that she knew how to shoot the weapons she had because her boyfriend routinely took her to the range. Officer Vaswani obtained the suspect's address and **Sergeant Curtis Lum, Officer Andy Coffman, Officer Barrett Chan, and Officer Charlie Anzore responded and, once again as is so often documented in this column, the officers walked up the stairs to the suspect's house, putting their lives on the line and not only took custody of the suspect but also retrieved five, 9mm semi-automatic handguns. (Hey, OCC, don't even go there.)**

Officer Phil Fee and Officer Pierre Martinez, Park Station, were on patrol when they observed an individual riding his bike on the sidewalk. The officers decided to stop the man and admonish him. As soon as they approached this subject he put one of his hands in his pocket and said, "I got something, it's not mine, let me show you." The officers wisely grabbed the subject's arms and then they did the reaching. Good thing they did, as Officer Fee removed a fully-loaded, .380 semi-automatic handgun from the subject's jacket pocket.

Officer Shaughn Ryan and Officer Joseph Marte, Bayview Station, observed a narcotics transaction go down on the 6600 block of 3rd Street. The chase was on. The officers ran after the main suspect who removed a gun from his waistband and, while looking over his shoulder at the pursuing officers, he ran into a parked car. The suspect fell to the ground, the gun slid under the car. The suspect was trying to crawl under the car to regain possession of the weapon as the officers had to do everything possible to control him. Suspect finally in custody, the officers retrieved the weapon, a fully-loaded, .44 magnum. (The only thing Unwarranted about a story like this is that our local dope dealers pack guns all the time.)

Officer Jason Fox and Officer Vince Etcheber, Northern Station, observed an individual who they knew had an extensive history of firearm and narcotics violations as well as a record of felonious assaults and who was on probation with a warrantless search condition. As soon as this subject saw the officers he took off running. Officer Fox and Officer Etcheber followed and, as they did, the subject pulled out a gun from his waistband and pointed it directly at Officer Fox who was only 2 feet behind him. The officers tackled the armed suspect and were able to take him into custody. The gun, a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic handgun, was booked, along with its owner.

Sergeant Mike Browne and Sergeant John Nestor were on the 600 block of O'Farrell when they heard gunshots. They called for back-up and directed responding units to the area where the shots were heard. Officer William Morales and Officer Steve Haskell were nearby and observed three individuals walking quickly away from the area. The officers stopped the three and one of them took off running. Officer Haskell gave chase and within a few seconds the subject he was running after turned around holding a semi-automatic handgun and fired at Officer Haskell. The suspect, and his weapon, were apprehended a short distance away by Sergeant Dave Martinovich.

The members of our Association put their lives on the line every day. This job takes its toll. On Thursday, June 4, 1998, this job took one of the most respected members of our Department from us, Sergeant Kenneth Sugrue. Sergeant Sugrue was only 39 years old.



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