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POA Officer of the Past

Jerry D'Arcy, Leader Of The Bluecoats

By Paul Chignell,
Tenderloin Task Force

The history of the Police Officers' Association over the past thirty years is full of memorable events and personalities that has shaped both our union and the San Francisco Police Department for many years to come.

There have been nine (9) POA Presidents in the past thirty years and all have played a major role in the development of the organization as we know it today. But one individual was responsible for the emergence of the Police Officers' Association as an aggressive and politically oriented labor organization. His name was Jerry D'Arcy, father of current SFPD members Jerry D'Arcy, Jr. and Brian D'Arcy.

In fact, large segments of the Police Department fought his many attempts at reforming the SFPD.

Those of us who served with Jerry D'Arcy in the POA and in the Police Department observed a man who was the epitome of leadership. No, everyone did not agree with Jerry on all issues. In fact, large segments of the Police Department fought his many attempts at reforming the SFPD. But even his detractors recognized his ability to lead the troops and his zest for making things better for the working cop on the street.

Gerald C. D'Arcy was sworn in as a police officer on June 8, 1953. He was promoted to sergeant on April 10, 1964, lieutenant on July 16, 1969 and became a Commander on January 17, 1980. He retired in May of 1985 and then passed on of a sudden illness in 1989.

D'Arcy was a good cop, working at various stations including Potrero and Company K. But his claim to fame was his union activity, not police work.

Bluecoats

In 1969 D'Arcy and a group of

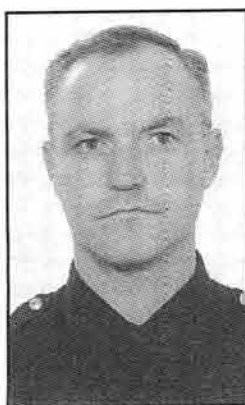
other officers started the "Bluecoat Committee". This cabal of officers was intent on reforming the POA. They felt that the organization was controlled by forces operating out of the Hall of Justice. It was a fact that the POA's Board of Directors did not reflect the vast majority of officers working in patrol as only one member of the Board represented Patrol. D'Arcy led the effort to change the by-laws so that each unit in the Police Department would have a representative on the Board. He was successful. D'Arcy and his colleagues believed that the mission of the POA should be mainly to improve the conditions of the "backbone of the Police Department", officers wearing the blue uniform. This infuriated many members of the Bureau of Inspectors, who had a special status in the Police Department by being appointed to their positions, thus achieving the "gold star". It was also difficult to speak out on issues because there was no Police Officers' Bill of Rights and the administrators in the Department did not look kindly on criticism of their policies. D'Arcy changed all that with his take charge style.

But the Bluecoats were here to stay. With the change in the by-laws, the decentralized system of representation that we have today is modeled after what Jerry D'Arcy achieved.

Black Wednesday

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D'Arcy felt especially strongly about the violence that police officers faced each and every day on the streets of San Francisco. In fact, in the period 1968 to 1972 many police officers were gunned down in San Francisco. D'Arcy was particularly incensed that City officials did not recognize the sacrifices that officers were making. So, he decided to make a public display of his anger. He organized a march around the Civic Center Plaza of hundreds of San Fran-



Former POA president, Jerry D'Arcy

30 Year Partnership Rounds Out Careers

By Phil Dito, Fraud Detail

Friends and Relatives recently gathered at a local establishment to celebrate a marriage of sorts. The occasion was the commemoration of a partnership that began thirty years ago.

Inspectors Rich Leon and Mike

to an address on Pine Street. They were asked to attempt to locate the vehicle and set up surveillance. Sure enough our two future burglary detectives, located the vehicle and began their surveillance. They contacted the Burglary Inspectors and told them they had better hurry because the



Rich Leon, left, and Mike Wilcox, right, with their Lieutenant, Dirk Beijen.

Wilcox of the Burglary Detail celebrated those years of partnering, which began in the Eleven Car at Park Station. The Eleven Car then was the plainclothes, antiburglary car assigned to the District Station.

Mike and Rich did such a good job of apprehending burglars and other high profile offenders such as One-Eye Malone, Chief Al Nelder promoted them to inspectors and assigned them to the Burglary Detail as partners ever more.

They've been in the department for so long, SF members went from five digits to the current 400,000's. Between the two, they have more than 15 meritorious conduct awards for valor.

These are two individuals who let their work do the talking for them. They credit much of their success to working for great bosses and with other great police officers, such as Leo McGuire, Chris Sullivan, Jimmy Ryan, and Bill Koenig.

When asked if any case stood out, they said there were too many, although they did get a chuckle out of a burglary case they didn't solve. When working the Eleven Car at Park, they received a call from Burglary Inspectors Checchi and Bastiani, concerning a burglary that happened in Hillsborough. A vehicle was seen leaving the scene and was registered

car was parked in a tow-away. The Hillsborough Detective was on his way. The two suspects exited the building and began to drive off. Mike and Rich made the traffic stop and took them into custody, but no property was found. The suspects were taken to the station and Mike and Rich returned to the address where the car had been parked and began to climb the stairs. About half way up, they encountered a young woman who began to explain in a very loud voice, so everyone could hear, how much she like the police. Being the trained police officers they were, they hurried upstairs and found an open door with several suspects sitting on the floor, dividing up the loot, including jewelry and furs. All the suspects were taken into custody and transported to the station, along with the recovered property. There, our investigators found out that the property they recovered, actually came from a burglary that had occurred in the Richmond District that same day. It seems these burglars didn't have anything to do with the Hillsborough burglary. Mike and Rich interrogated the crooks and found out that the Hillsborough suspects lived across the hall. They returned to the Pine Street address and demanded entry

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association was called to order by President Forencich at 2:05 P.M., Wednesday June 17, 1998 in the conference room at Ingleside Station.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: All present, along with members M. Duffy and J. Sturken.

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

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

BILLS: Treasurer Parenti presented the usual bills, benefits, salaries, taxes, etc. APPROVED. Treasurer Parenti reported the following deaths: LEON LATNO - Born in Bradley, Maine in 1921, Leon worked as a commercial fisherman before joining the Department in 1948, age 28. From the Academy to Taraval for 2 years, then granted military leave from 1950 through 1952. When he returned, Leon was assigned to Central Warrant Bureau where he stayed until his retirement for Service in 1975 at age 55. He received the following awards - 1952 C/C for the arrest of two burglars wanted for local burglaries; 1952 arrest of two suspects wanted for rape and robbery. Leon was 78 when he passed away.

GEORGE R. HUEGLE: Born in San Rafael in 1931, George worked for PG&E as a pipe fitter before becoming a member of the Department in 1961, age 29. From the Academy to Potrero for two years; Mission for two years; B.S.S. for one year; Bureau of Inspectors, promoted to Assistant Inspector in 1971, Sergeant in 1972 when he was transferred to Intelligence staying for five years, appointed Full Inspector in 1976 he went to Vice Crimes and Narcotics remaining there until promoted to Lieutenant in 1984, transferred to Richmond until his retirement on Disability in 1986, age 55. George received the following awards: 1961-1st Grade for arrest of suspect who had killed his girlfriend and fired several shots at the officer; 1962 - C/C for the arrest of suspect who had just robbed a tavern; 1962 - 3rd Grade for the arrest of two suspects armed with knives and threatening officers; 1964 - 3rd Grade for the arrest and disarming of a suspect who had committed armed robbery; 1964 - C/C for the arrest of a juvenile who had committed 10 burglaries in one day; 1964 - 2nd Grade for the arrest of an armed suspect who had just robbed a cab driver and who had threatened to shoot the driver and

George; 1964 - 2nd Grade for the arrest and disarming of a suspect by force who was struggling to shoot two men; 1968 - 3rd Grade for the arrest of armed suspects who had committed numerous robberies; 1971 - Bronze medal for the arrest of two armed suspects wanted for hold-ups, one also wanted for rape. George was 66 years old at the time of his death.

JOHN M. RIEWERTS: Born in Petaluma in 1914, John worked as a packer at Owen Illinois before he joined the Department in 1940, age 25. There being no premium pay for Motorcycles in those days, and hence few volunteers, John went from the Academy to Solo Motorcycles. Promoted to Sergeant in 1950, John was assigned to Taraval station for one year, then to Southern for another, Potrero for two years before being returned to Co. K 3-wheelers where he remained until his retirement for Service in 1970 at age 55. John received the following awards: 1943 - 2nd Grade for assisting in the shooting of a maniac who had already shot an officer; 1952 - C/C for the arrest of two suspects who had wounded another officer. John was 83 at the time of his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Representatives from B of A unable to be present. Tr. Jeffery noted that portfolio had increased in spite of the fluctuation of the market. Tr. Hurley reported on a meeting with the American Express attended by Trustees Fontana, Hurley, Dempsey and Vice president Hardeman, on Wednesday June 10, 1998 at downtown Olympic Club. Representatives from Amex felt there could be an improvement in portfolio, but would have to see our By-laws as to investment policy. Trustees notified them that the contract with B of A still had two years to run.

Tr. Fontana felt that by-laws should be changed so that investment companies would have a little more leeway. Suggested he turn in a change so that it could be voted on.

NEW BUSINESS: Secretary McKee presented his resignation to be effective August 1, 1998. Pres. Forencich accepted same and appointed James Sturken to fill the unexpired term.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: Pres. Forencich set the next regular meeting for the 4th Wednesday, July 22, 1998 at 2:00 P.M., conference room, Ingleside Station.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:52 P.M. in memory of the above departed brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary



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By Greg Corrales

"My rule is: if you meet the weakest vessel, attack; if it is a vessel equal to yours, attack; and if it is stronger than yours, also attack."

Admiral Stephan O. Makarov
(1849-1904)

Congratulations are due to Mike Toropovsky! Mike was selected by the American Legion, Department of California, as the state Police Officer of the Year for Valor. Mike faced some very stiff competition from throughout the state, but he prevailed. Outstanding job, Mike!

Fifty years ago, on 26 July 1948, President Harry Truman signed Executive Order 9981, initiating the integration of our armed forces. It read: "It is hereby declared to be the policy of the President that there shall be equality of treatment and opportunity for all persons in the armed forces without regard to race, color, religion or national origin."

The Air Force put an end to segregation on 11 May 1949. It declared that all further actions would be based on merit and ability rather than on race. Just over a month later, the Navy followed suit. The Marine Corps did the right thing on 18 November 1949, by revoking all

policies prohibiting integration.

The Army firmly opposed Executive Order 9981. Secretary of the Army Kenneth Royall publicly stated that the Army was "not an instrument for social evolution." He resigned a short time later and on 30 September 1949 the Army allowed blacks to attend all schools. A few months later it approved integration for all units, which was accomplished by October 1954.

It is well documented that the Marine Corps battle cry is "Corpsman!!!" June marked the 100th birthday of the largest and one of the most highly decorated ratings in the Navy, the Hospital Corpsman.

"The proof of your dedication is readily apparent in your many and distinguished acts of valor. Hospital corpsmen have earned 21 Medals of Honor, 174 Navy Crosses, 942 Silver Stars, 1,554 Bronze Stars... Almost 2,000 hospital corpsmen have lost their lives so that others might live," Navy Secretary John H. Dalton said, in a message sent to the Navy Hospital Corps.

It seems like only yesterday that I was a brand new Marine hearing the Company Gunny tell one of my brother Marines, "If the Marine Corps wanted you to have a wife, private, they would issue you one." Well, now it's official! Sergeant Major of the Marine Corps Lewis G. Lee recently told reporters that 61,000 of 74,000 Marines in pay grades E-1 to E-3 are unmarried. And that's a good thing, he said.

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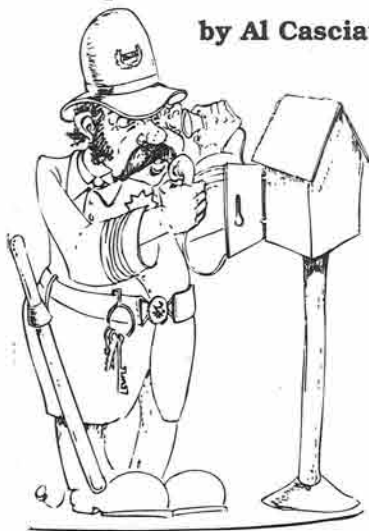
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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



...Do your part:

We are now just 4 months away from the **Tier 2 up grade election**. Are you doing your part to assure victory? Ask yourself, coworkers, and family (all those who will benefit from the upgrade) if they are doing their part. Take nothing for granted. Never underestimate how hard it is to pass a charter amendment that is retirement related. Do your part. . .

...Wedding Bells:

Elizabeth Ann Dukes and David Sean Maron (both officers at Southern Station) proudly announce their marriage which privately took place May 5, 1998. The happy couples joy is shared by retired Captain **Dave Maron**, the proud dad and father-in-law. Our congratulations and best wishes...

...Birth:

I don't know how we missed little **Kylie Simone Oliver's** big day last April 13, 1998, but I'm setting the record straight now. She was the blessed bundle delivered by stork to **Claudelle and Brian Oliver** (Co. A), and who weighed 7 lbs., 7 oz. Older brother **Kaine**, mom and dad, and baby Kylie are all happy and healthy. Congrats to all . . .

...3Com notes:

Bob Moser (Southern Station) is recovering nicely after being attacked during a game by an "intoxicated" wanted felon from Massachusetts. Retiree **Mel Fortenberry**, assisted officers in subduing the felon while Bob was knocked out. — Solo **Gil Chang** asked Manager Dusty Baker if he needed a pitcher. Dusty in turn asked if Gil had a "Fast ball". Gil said no but that he had an "...extreme slow, slow, slow ball." Getting a big laugh from the boss. Northern's Capt. **Walt Cullop** loves the garlic fries. His wife detests them — The transition to the new stadium has / is beginning you can feel it in the staff and fans. Can't wait...

...Elements of Change:

Retired Oakland PD. Captain, **Ray Birge**, dropped by and reminded us of the three elements of change of any police department; News stories, lawsuits, and budget considerations. How true. How true.

...STOP:

Court Liaison Officer, **Marty Barbero**, notes that the line at the STOP window never stops. Violators just keep coming and coming and there's not much they can tell the judge. You either have a license or not. We have your car — STOP window Officer **Abel Martinez** bestows

the "gall award" on the gent who tried to get a release for a stolen car by saying " ...my brother was driving. He stole it. Not me." Arrest made...

...With Sorrow:

This past month we mourned the loss of Mounted Officer **Jeanne McVeigh**. Jean was a young 51 year old at time of passing. Her husband, Retiree **Lee McVeigh**, and children will miss her dearly as will her many colleagues. Many of us are in our current positions and assignments as a result of Jean's "mothering". The story can now be told how she kept the P-1 lists intact, making sure that those who forgot to respond were contacted, or in many cases, she just reaffirmed a request. She could of been assigned to the mounted unit a lot sooner but she believed in fairness. I was most saddened as we escorted the hearse from the Range and her granddaughter waived from the limousine. I kept thinking what a loss of a wonderful wife, mother, grandmother, and officer...

...FRET Picnic:

The FRET Unit will host a picnic on Sunday July 19, 1998 at Blackberry Farm in Cupertino. Families are welcomed and encouraged. Start time is 10 AM. Sodas, Hamburgers, and Chicken will be provided by the FRET Unit. RSVP to Sachi 415-557-7053...

...Bit of History:

The plaques at Candlestick Park and The Hall of Justice contain the name of **James J. Sullivan**, Board of Supervisors. Both the buildings have been utilized by the Sullivan Clan. **James Sullivan Jr.** Retired from the department in 1980 and left James Sr. grandsons Sgt. **Mark Sullivan** FOB and **Pat Sullivan**, Northern Station carrying on the tradition of public service.

Mark was first introduced to Ceremonial City Duties when at age four his Grandpa presented him a Key to the City which was almost as tall as him. . .

...OOPS:

Chief **Fred Lau** was notified that Officer **John Kranci**, Traffic, was dead as a result of a "massive heart attack." The Chief raced to St. Francis hospital intending to comfort the family. He was very pleasantly surprised to find out John had suffered a mild heart seizure and was very much alive. John has since returned to work. Bob Hope and John may just start a support group. . .

...DMV Records:

I recently received a notice of lien sale from the City Tow, advising me of the pending sale of a vehicle. I was amazed since I had sold the vehicle a number of years ago. I also wondered why my name and home address was listed on a notice with three other "registered owners". Upon investigation, I discovered with the help of Lt. **Tony Novello**, that DMV provides City Tow with the names and addresses of all persons who ever owned the car, and that a notice showing all owners must be sent to all the registered owners. What a waste and hassle, but more importantly is there an opportunity for a private entity, "The City Tow" to access confidential DMV files and inadvertently make them available to criminal elements? Something to think about. The question will be posed to DMV Investigations...

...Sea World:

The 1998 "San Diego Vacation Kit" books have arrived at the POA. Contact your Station Representative for your copy. . .

...Thanks Bob:

Retired Sgt. **Bob McKee** will soon step-down from his position with the Widows and Orphans Association. Bob has been the foundation of the organization for many years. He has always been there when the service of the Association was needed and always compassionate and caring. On behalf of all the families you've helped, "Thank You Bob"...

...Hero:

Officer **Mike Toropovsky**, Park Station, was recognized as the "Police Officer of the Year" at the 60th Annual American Legion Convention. The presenter was so moved while reading of Mike's heroism during a shoot-out in Golden Gate Park that he had to stop several times to compose himself. The recognition received from the legion is especially noteworthy in that it is bestowed by those who have defended our country and freedom...

...Fish Tales:

Retirees, **Anatole Balmy and Mike Chase** have outfitted a palatial fishing trailer and are spending summer and fall fishing in Canada. Our source reports that they are being visited by some of the active members who wish to try their luck. Results of their efforts will be reported in future editions. Good luck to all...

...2% at 50:

On June 26, 1998 **Gary M. Jones**, Chief of the Member Services Division, notified Mayor **Willie Brown** that in response to his request, Cal PERS will correct all the accounts of past and present Airport police officers from 2% 55 category to the 2% @ 50 category. This is a huge victory for the former Airport officers. Mayor Brown has delivered on a critical campaign promise. Congratulations to all...

...Quotes from the Unnamed:

SOMA is an auto boosting festival on weekends;— Is the cow dry or are you just milking the run;— I thought about SP'ing but I need the rest;— the truth shall make you free;— the pen evokes more fear than the gun;...

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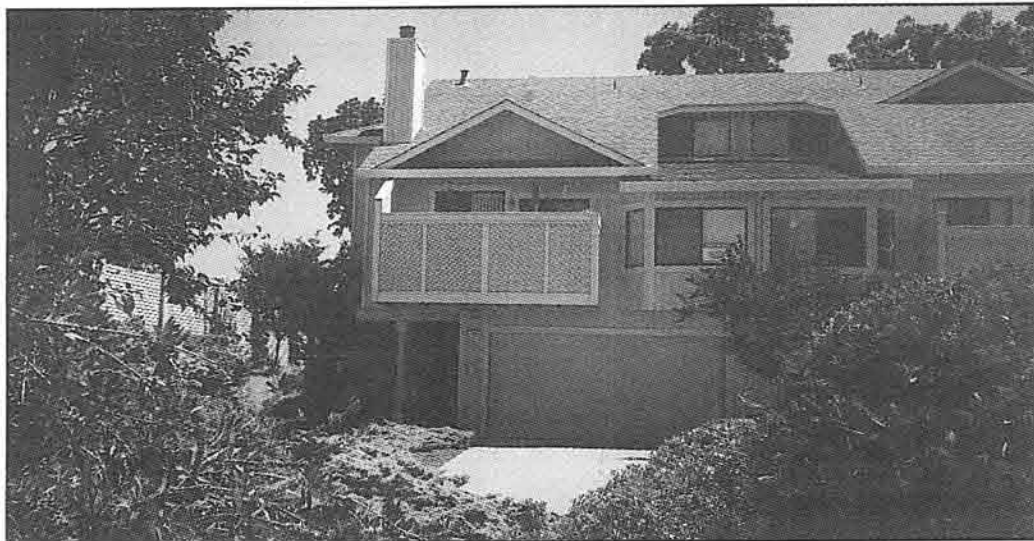
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In Honor of the Honor Guard



By Bob DelTorre,
Tactical, K-9

In the last several months our San Francisco police family has experienced several deaths. We have had our share of pain and sorrow in these unfortunate and untimely occasions. Personally, I have lost my father and my best friend, Sgt. Ken Sugrue, in the last several weeks. So I have experienced the Department's selfless support first-hand, at the Rosaries and funerals.

I would like to acknowledge the Tactical Division for something we often take for granted — their outstanding Honor Guard Detail. Lt. Bob Armanino is the Officer-in-Charge and coordinator at these funeral details. He coordinates the Detail at the Rosaries, church ser-

vices, and cemeteries. At each such location the Honor Guard performs with professionalism and perfection. Just watching these crack officers perform the ceremonial "folding of the flag" convinces one that our SFPD unit is among the proudest and most disciplined details in the nation.

Thank you, Lt. Armanino, for your dedication and duty to our own fallen heroes.

And although they are too many to list, thank you as well to the officers of the Tactical Division for your excellent attention to duty whenever detailed to the Honor Guard.

Finally, I'd like to acknowledge the sergeants who are most instrumental in making it all come together — Sergeants Mike Favetti, Frank Lee, and Ed Callejas.

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By Phil Fee
Park Station

shave
 08-14-98 Co. E: **Captain Cullop**
 head shave

Now that I have your attention here's all you have to do. Contact your district "Buzz the Fuzz" coordinator (listed below) and obtain a pledge agreement form. Sign up to be a participant in San Francisco's "Buzz the Fuzz" head shave scheduled for October 24, 1998 and be one of the top two fund raisers. The goal of each participant should be one thousand dollars and anything over that will only enhance your chances for one of the two free trips "down under".

Challenge your friends, family, merchants or anyone else who wants to see you bald, to put their money up and see if you have the "guts" to go through with the shave. Get "a new look" at the main event, raise the most money and your off to Sydney Australia for some shrimp on the barbi and to blow the froth off a few.

For those of you who haven't yet heard, "Buzz the Fuzz" was started in Australia to benefit children suffering the effects of cancer. A group of police officers got together and had their heads shaved to raise funds for various children's cancer organizations. The officers wanted the kids to know that they don't have to be embarrassed about their appearance and that police officers admired their courage in fighting the disease. Since then, "Buzz the Fuzz" has spread throughout the world and has raised millions of dollars for children with cancer.

The "Buzz the Fuzz" coordinators are planning several smaller events in the up coming months to raise awareness about our cause.

July
07-22-98 Horseshoe Bar head shave

August
08-11-98 Marina Lounge head

September
09-15-98 Buchanan Street Bar and Grill head shave

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to the other residence. They heard a frail voice from the other side of the door saying she was coming. Fearing the evidence and suspects escaping, our boys hit the door and found an elderly woman who seemed to be having a heart attack. After administering first aid and apologizing because they didn't find stolen property, they left, wondering if a complaint was to be made.

They returned to the station and spoke with the Richmond District victim who said he was also missing three suits. Rich remembered seeing the suits hanging in the closet of the arrested crook's apartment. Responding back there to recover the suits, he found the door open and the crook's residence being burglarized. So he made another burglary apprehension. Turns out the suspect was the little lady from across the hall. Our fast thinking Officer settled the matter right on the spot. No complaint, no arrest, case closed.

Rich and Mike say they have enjoyed every moment of their careers, especially the people they have worked with. "It's gone by so fast." They attribute their happiness with the job with working with each other and feel that the most important part of police work is getting along with your partner.

Their most memorable moment with the police department came during the 1984 Democratic Convention in S.F. They were assigned to provide security for Speaker of the House Tip O'Neill. Wherever he went, they went, and they became friendly. So much so, that when Speaker O'Neill went to dinner, he invited them to sit at his table with his family.

The SFPD and Citizens of San Francisco are blessed to have two individuals such as Mike and Rich working for them. I've been fortunate to have worked with them in the Burglary Detail and I know first hand that when Mike and Rich are out looking for the bad guys, they always return with the crooks or the loot. They continue to be productive investigators and I would encourage any young officer to learn from the best. They wrote the book on burglary investigations.

For further details on the One-Eye Malone case, you'll have to ask Rich and Mike.



Wellness Program Enjoys Successful First Year

By Ray Shine,
Editor

The '97-'98 Wellness Program was, by all accounts, a success. Many officers participated and enjoyed the benefits of the program. Department brass also is pleased with the numbers who participated, but have asked that we put out an advisory regarding leaves taken for death-in-the-family.

Any sick time used to accommodate a death in the family is counted as sick time used. If any of you suffer a death in the family, and you want to remain as a qualified participant in the Wellness Program, you must use compensatory time or vacation time for that unfortunate purpose.

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Marilyn Monroe Look-alike

By Tom Dempsey,
Retired SFPD

A police officer was directing traffic at a major intersection in downtown San Francisco. The manual box he was working was located on the southwest corner of the intersection. He eyeballed this Marilyn Monroe look-alike step off the curb opposite him, from the northeast corner heading south.


The traffic officer eyed her intently, catching her sexy walk, her bouncy movement, and her every step ex-

cited him. It was tough for him to watch her movement and direct traffic.

Upon reaching the southeast corner, much to his delight she stepped to the right and headed toward him. He could smell her perfume as she approached.

She leaned close to him and in a tantalizing whisper said, "Leave some clothes on me or I might catch pneumonia."

The foregoing is an excerpt from *True Stories Cops Tell to One Another* by Tom Dempsey.



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D'ARCY

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cisco police officers wearing armbands on November 18, 1970, called "Black Wednesday". He had a soundtrack on the scene to rally the officers. He had a tremendous impact both on City Hall and the administrators of the Police Department. It was a moving tribute to the fallen officers and helped solidify morale amongst the working officer.

D'Arcy and his close allies...started one of their biggest fights — the quest for an examination for the Bureau of Inspectors.

1971 — A Year Of Change

In 1970 D'Arcy had held the position of 2nd Vice-President of the POA. In 1971 he was elected President. He immediately set about changing the infrastructure of the organization. For the first time the POA had full time staff and a proper office with a meeting hall across from the Hall of Justice on 7th street. We hired attorneys versed in labor relations. The organization had arrived.

D'Arcy and his close allies, Jerry Crowley and Lou Calabro, were adamant that the lack of a proper civil service merit system contributed to morale problems in the Police Department. They started one of their biggest fights — the quest for an examination for the Bureau of Inspectors. The method of getting the "gold star" was "merit" or "political patronage" depending on your viewpoint. Crowley, D'Arcy, Calabro and other Bluecoats such as Mike Hebel, Jeremiah O'Shea, Tony Ribera, Don Derenale, Gale Wright, Mario Tovani* and others started doing the unspeakable — meeting with politicians.

D'Arcy's favorite was recently elected San Francisco Supervisor Dianne Feinstein. They collaborated with the future United States Sena-

tor in her home to draft a Charter amendment that would mandate a civil service test for the Bureau of Inspectors. They also wrote language in the Charter amendment to say that no one officer could supervise another police officer unless that officer was an equal or higher civil service rank. These changes were heresy to the incumbent members of the Bureau of Inspectors and many administrators of the Police Department.

D'Arcy and his allies fought hard at the Board of Supervisors to get the Charter amendment on the ballot. The campaign was tough but in November of 1971 Proposition E passed and the San Francisco Police Department was brought into the 20th century. The days of patronage were to be over for a few years until other forces from the Federal Court again changed our promotional system. Hundreds of officers who have made it to the Bureau in the past twenty-five years would never have been promoted, if not for Jerry D'Arcy.

First Contract

Another major achievement in the year of 1971 was the first contract between the City of San Francisco and the POA. That "Memorandum of Understanding" contained the first language the Department had seen for rights of transfer to specialized units, again striking a blow at political patronage. Just as importantly, the first Bill of Rights for police officers was contained in that contract. Five years later, D'Arcy's successor, Jerry Crowley, led the fight in the state legislature to make the Bill of Rights state law. D'Arcy's leadership in 1971 was the start of a Police Bill

of Rights for police unions around the nation. Significantly, the 1971 contract had language that expressly prohibited the use of polygraphs on police officers under investigation. That language became the prototype for prohibitions of polygraph examinations in many states.

D'Arcy The Leader

Jerry D'Arcy's contributions were certainly specific, tangible successes for police officers. But his legacy of leadership was probably more important as he instilled values in the men who worked with him at the POA. Lou Calabro told me that D'Arcy shared his successes with his colleagues, that the "Bluecoat Committee", was exactly that, a committee approach to problems. D'Arcy also had a tremendous sense of humor that would disarm the skeptical and break the ice in an awkward moment. He was not afraid of the administrators in the Police Department, even in an era when police unionists were labeled subversives, and when many administrators would not hesitate to use discipline and phony insubordination charges to weaken a labor leader. D'Arcy would march across to the Hall of

Justice and confront a Captain or the Chief of Inspectors when he felt that an error had been made.

ture years. His collaboration with elected officials and with community groups ensured the reopening of Park and Potrero police stations in 1973 after City Hall and the Police Administration closed them down. It brought the community and the POA closer together which ensured the passage of Tier I benefits in November of 1974.

D'Arcy believed in open communication with the membership, emphasizing frequent bulletins and visits to the watches at the district stations.

D'Arcy was a staunch opponent of civilianization and for years his example kept police officers in sensitive positions and saved jobs. D'Arcy's leadership led to the charter amendment mandating prepaid health plans for police officers, the defeat of the residency rule, the passage of a strong grievance procedure and future collective bargaining benefits.

Jerry D'Arcy's passed on prematurely in 1989 leaving two grief stricken families, personal and police. In the ten years that has elapsed the labor issues that Jerry cared so much are still in the forefront of the POA. Because of his unswerving loy-

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Justice and confront a Captain or the Chief of Inspectors when he felt that an error had been made.

His brand of aggressiveness was well-timed and he taught his colleagues to be aggressive in the right circumstances. He carried himself with almost a sense of righteousness, but not of elitism. When he entered a room, you knew he was the leader.

Issues For The Future

Jerry D'Arcy had his failures in the short time he was leading the POA. One of his toughest defeats was the June 1970 election, Proposition I. This endeavor was to try to break pay parity with the Fire Department. He mobilized officers throughout the City but the firefighters killed us 2-1. I will never forget standing at Lakeshore Plaza passing out fliers when a fire truck came by with the driver clanging the bell, yelling "I is a lie". This was the campaign where firefighters pasted bumper stickers on their cars saying, "We fight fires, not people". Oh well, the damage was repaired in succeeding years. But D'Arcy loved to tell jokes about firefighters, even though in succeeding years he worked closely with Firefighters Local 798.

We learned a lesson from the Proposition I defeat — to work closely with Local 798.

D'Arcy set the stage for many of the initiatives and successes in fu-

alty to the membership, particularly those with blue uniforms, we have basic civil rights as police officers. Jerry also believed in economic rights as evidenced by his articulate presentations in promoting enhanced retirement benefits. If he was with us today, he would be exhorting all of us to remedy the Tier II problems that have been with us since 1976.

Remember the good work of Jerry D'Arcy. He was one of a kind.

(Mario Tovanni passed away on June 30, 1998, just a few days prior to the submission of this article.)

Editor's Note: Former Bluecoats who went to the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to monitor the vote on the proposed civil service changes needed to create a test for Inspector of Police (Proposition E on the November 1971 ballot) were startled to find that the first four rows of public seating were occupied entirely by veteran police inspectors. They had come as a group to oppose the proposition, and to make certain that the sitting Board of Supervisors were vividly aware of just who the opposition was. Almost to a person, those in the Bureau opposed the elimination of attaining the rank of Inspector through patronage, or "juice" appointments, and were adamantly opposed to a civil service test for the position. The debate became so heated that some Bluecoats feared violent retaliation from members of the Bureau.

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"We're still trying to discourage dependency at a young age, and we are having great success with that," he said. An education program describing the risks of getting married while facing a busy deployment schedule has paid dividends, according to Lee, who said that the marriage rate for junior enlisted Marines has declined for three consecutive years.

Commander Maureen Farren took command of the amphibious dock landing ship Mount Vernon, 10 June, becoming the first woman to command a combat vessel. Farren, 40, relieved Commander Donald Cook of command in a ceremony in Aqaba, Jordan. The 18-year Navy veteran will lead a crew of 18 officers and 340 enlisted sailors. Also aboard are 330 Marines from the 11th Marine Expeditionary Unit. Four more women will assume command of combat ships later this year.

Navy Lt. Melvyn Davis and Marine Corps Gunnery Sergeant Nathaniel Lowman are the 1998 winners of the Roy Wilkens Renown Service Award. The award is presented by the NAACP during its annual convention. The 89th convention will be held July 11-16 in Atlanta.

Lowman is a 20-year veteran of the Corps and is stationed at Marine Corps Logistics Base, Albany, Georgia. He was nominated for his work with troubled teens, veterans, and young Marines.

Davis, a 29-year-old food services officer, stationed at Naval Station Rota, Spain, was nominated for his work on behalf of Rota's African-American community. He helped raise \$1,200.00 for the African-American Heritage collection for the base library and has served as the command equal opportunity representative.

Please try to attend a Post 456 meeting. The next meeting will be on Tuesday 11 August, at 1800 hours. Meetings are always on the second Tuesday of the month, at 1800 hours. Meetings are in the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. At the conclusion of business, refreshments are served.

Once again, retired member Lou Barberini was kind enough to send me some interesting items which he clipped from the newspapers. Among the items of interest was a copy of an alleged cross-examination of a doctor:

Q: "Doctor, before you performed the autopsy, did you check for a pulse?"

A: "No."

Q: "Did you check for blood pressure?"

A: "No."

Q: "Did you check for breathing?"

A: "No."

Q: "So then it is possible the patient was alive when you began the autopsy?"

A: "No."

Q: "How can you be sure, doctor?"

A: "Because his brain was sitting on my desk in a jar."

Q: "But could the patient still have been alive nevertheless?"

A: "It is possible that he could have been alive and practicing law somewhere."

Semper fi, Jack
Semper fi, Dale

Rewards for Saving Lives

By Mark Hawthorne, Chair,
Blood Committee

On Tuesday, June 24, 1998, bright and early in the a.m. at the California Culinary Academy, a recognition and awards breakfast was held. The breakfast was sponsored by Blood Centers of the Pacific (formerly Irwin Memorial Blood Bank). The purpose of the breakfast was to provide a tasty breakfast to those in attendance, to recognize the efforts of the blood drive coordinators and organizations, and to educate the coordinators in how blood and blood products are used. Many organizations were represented from Standard Oil, to P.G.&E., to the S.F. Water Department, and yes, oh yes, your own S.F.P.D. Recognition awards were in the form of certificates and plaques. The awards ranged from letters of thanks to Bronze, Silver, Gold, and Platinum metal rewards. The San Francisco Police Department was the recipient of a Gold Plaque of recognition (pictured). Representing and accepting the award for the Police Department was Mark Hawthorne (pictured). The Gold status is a result of your gallant efforts in donating blood during the 1997 year. Those donations equated to approximately 472 pints being donated. When calculated by how the blood is often broken down, into three parts, that equals $(472 \times 3 = 1416)$ units. That means many, many, people benefited from your unselfishness.

I would like to take this opportunity to say Thank You for all of your participation and good will. Not only for myself, but also for the countless others who don't know it was you who donated the precious blood they



Mark Hawthorne receiving Gold Award from Sherry Criger of B.C.O.P.

may have received. For without your donations, many people may have not lived, an award wouldn't have been presented, and the Police Department would not have been recognized for their gallant efforts of donating the Gift of Life. I believe the actions displayed by the members of the Police department as well as members of other agencies who also donated, are demonstrating not only their willingness to help others, but to go one step further and truly give a piece of themselves to benefit others. As the old saying goes, we are here but for short time. Our actions should speak volumes of our sentiment.

In conclusion, I would like to say it was quite an honor acting as your Ambassador of Good Will and representing the San Francisco Police Department. I look forward to conducting many, many, more blood drives and seeing you there. I know I can count on the greatest team in town, S.F.P.D.

Retired Members Column



By Mike Sugrue

On behalf of myself and my family, I would like to express my sincere and heartfelt thanks to all members of the San Francisco Police Department, from the Chief of Police down through every rank for the outstanding display of affection and courtesy shown to all members of my family and friends during our son Kenny's funeral. We will always remember that we were treated so well and so kindly.

I would also like to thank the editor of the *Notebook*, Ray Shine, for the kind words that he expressed for Kenny in the Retired Members Column.

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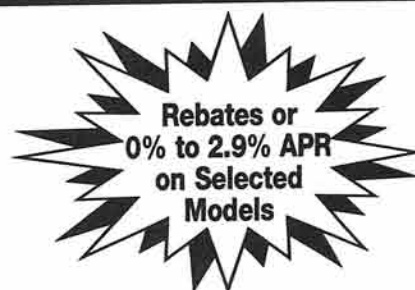


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Report from FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

By Greg Corrales,
Executive Fellow,
FBI Safe Streets Unit

I have been assigned here in Washington, D.C. for two months now, and the time is flying by. I am working in the Safe Streets Unit, Violent Crimes and Major Offenders Section, Criminal Investigative Division, FBI Headquarters. My primary duty is to fly around the country as part of an FBI on site review team. We visit areas that have joint FBI-local police, violent gang task forces and/or fugitive task forces. We review their operations to make sure they are following FBI guidelines, and to ascertain if there is anything that FBI Headquarters can provide them to make their job more effective. So far, I have been to Daytona Beach, FL., Gary and Indianapolis, IN., Phoenix, AZ., and Denver, CO. San Antonio and Austin, Texas, are coming up soon.

In my "spare time," as part of the Executive Fellowship I am on, I am

working on a project involving the acquisition of gang intelligence through existing corrections sources.

On Wednesday evening, 13 May, I was able to participate in the tenth annual candlelight vigil at the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. Then on Friday, it was my great honor to represent the San Francisco Police Department by attending the memorial services in my dress uniform. It was a wonderful, yet heart-breaking, experience!

On Memorial Day, 25 May, I was able to attend The wreath-laying ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier, in Arlington National Cemetery. I was then able to attend the Memorial Day ceremonies at the Vietnam Veterans Memorial.

If anyone would like me to trace a name off the Vietnam Veterans Memorial or the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial, I will be glad to do it. Just give me a call at (202) 324-8872 or send me a line at 935 Pennsylvania Ave. NW, #5064, Washington, D.C. 20535.

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Commentary

Practice, Practice, And Practice

By Dennis A. Meixner,
Ingleside Station

The three words that are a standard for a successful business are location, location, and location. Taking that theme into the law enforcement arena would transform the three words that insure a successful law enforcement career would be to practice, practice, and practice.

This concept was especially driven home recently while attempting to take an alleged drug dealer into custody on Alemany Blvd., I became involved in a shoot-out. Unknown to us at the time, this individual was one of the all too many criminals who have decided to try to kill police officers who encounter them. The Inspector, while doing the background investigation on him, discovered that he had stated to associates that he would not go back to jail. He was known to always carry a loaded 9mm semi-auto with him, or lying on the car seat next to him. An associate informed the Inspector that just a few days before a marked police car was driving behind him, and the suspect said that if the police officer pulled him over he was going to shoot it out with the police.

Unknown to us at the time, this individual was one of the all too many criminals who have decided to try to kill police officers who encounter them.

You can never tell what that person is thinking when you walk up to them. Have they just committed a robbery? Do they have an outstanding warrant that might send them back to prison? Or are they just one of the deranged minds of society that just hates police?

These types of criminals display absolutely no regard for human life, and will go to any means to ensure they are not taken into custody. That's why it is especially important for law enforcement officers to constantly practice, and hone, our shooting skills. Fortunately, we have available

to us the means to improve our skills. At the minimum we are required to qualify at the range twice a year.

The next level is that we were recently required to attend two additional practice sessions during the year. The range staff has gone away from the shooting style of keeping your toes to the white line, to a more

These types of criminals display absolutely no regard for human life, and will go to any means to ensure they are not taken into custody.

practical style where you are required to move, take cover, and shoot at small targets. Then there is the shotgun conversion training, and shooting skills course.

As fine a job as the police range staff is doing in improving our training I would be remiss in not including the Officer

Safety/Field Tactics course put together by our Tactical Unit. This five day course was one of the finest tactics courses I've ever attended. The training was a real eye opener, and showed that we are not invincible and can very easily be placed in a situation where we are way over our heads. The course places you in situations that are as close to reality as training can possibly get. It was especially relevant because of the recent conversion to the 40 cal. Semi-auto.

Last, but not least I also need to include the FATS course and the critique that allows you to see what you hit, or didn't. I can only express my eternal gratitude to all the officers who plan, coordinate, and in any way assist in putting on the firearms training. On a personal note, I wish to thank my fiancée, Sgt. Donna Leonard, for getting me out to the range to shoot my 50 rounds of practice ammo. All of this is available to us at no financial cost, and just a minimal investment in personal time. Not only can we attend these training sessions at the Lake Merced Range, but the addition of the practice facility at San Francisco Airport is a big bonus for those of use who live on the Peninsula.

The down side of not taking advantage of all this training can be the loss of not only your life, but the lives of your fellow police officers. The upside to attending the training, and becoming proficient in your shooting skills, is that the chances of surviving an encounter with a person bent on killing you will be vastly increased. I've always felt I've been a good shot, but without the constant reinforcement provided by the department, what skills I do possess would have been diminished. Fortunately these types of encounters happen infrequently. But just because it's not something we do every day, we must still practice, practice, practice.

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From: Chris Cunnie, President

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President's Message

By Chris Cunnie,
SFPOA President

Campaign Update

As we enter summer following the wet El Nino of '98 my thoughts are already on the onset of next autumn and, in particular, the November election. The focus is the upgrading of the Tier II retirement system which will be on the general election ballot. No single issue has occupied so prominent a place in the agenda of this administration more than winning this ballot proposition.

The other business of this association has kept us jumping here at 510 7th Street, and much of our collective energy has been consumed with the issues that come along so unexpectedly and which are, certainly, as important as they are urgent. But despite the constant fight to extinguish these "hot-spot" issues, I am still keeping a reserve of energy and attention for the campaign in November.

Fortunately, I am not alone in the organization of this campaign. In fact, I have assembled an outstanding team of veteran and expert campaigners, as well as hired a top-notch consultant. Besides the executive board, we have a handful of other dedicated and experienced campaigners working on the Tier II team. The committee is composed of veteran POA leaders Dan Linehan, Bob Mammone, Lynne Atkinson, Glenn Sylvester, and John Scully. We are also working closely with the SFPOA's Women's Issues Committee. The leadership of the OFJ, LPOA, APOA, and GSPOA are also actively involved in this campaign. Also sitting in key positions on this committee are Firefighter Joe Driscoll of the successful Fire Department campaign, as well as Notebook editor Ray Shine. Ray has already prepared the first of our special neighborhood editions of the Notebook that we mailed to over 55,000 San Francisco residents the week before the June primary elec-

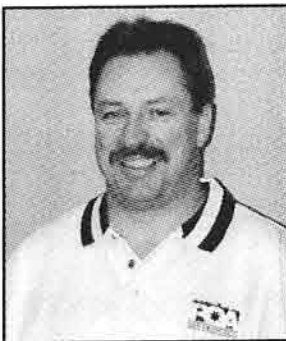
tion. Ray will prepare several more special editions before the November election. We also have the talent and services of Tom

Feledy to handle our website and to monitor the e-mail we receive from the visitors to the site.

I think it's interesting to note that three of the persons working most diligently toward a successful Tier II upgrade are three, seasoned Tier I members: Secretary Steve Johnson, Treasurer Jack Minkel, and Editor Ray Shine. Both Steve and Ray have retirement in their sights, yet all three of these team players place the good of the whole before their own issues — an example that all of us must follow if we are to succeed in November.

On the political front, we are quickly lining up the key support we will need from the local and state legislators. Promises that were made to our organization are being kept, and the good relationships we enjoy with the local politicians is definitely facilitating our efforts. Supervisor Barbara Kaufman has placed the proposition on the ballot on our behalf, and there has been no amending of her motion. We have succeeded in placing the same proposition language on the November ballot. Our intent is to appeal to the voters on the basis of equity: What was good enough for the brave and selfless firefighters is absolutely good enough for our equally brave and dedicated police officers. Who can argue that?

At some point down the road we will need help from all of you, particularly the majority who are now Tier II participants. But until that time just keep up the fine work and continue to serve our community as selflessly and determinedly as you always have. In the end it will be the contacts with all of you that will most win the support and endorsement of the voters. Fortunately for us all, we have the best group of men and women possible to make and keep that trust and esteem.



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Investment Clubs

By Mike Hebel,
Financial Commentator

All three investment clubs with active/retired SF police officers are doing well by participating in the greatest bull market of the 20th Century. All are members of the National Association of Investor's Corporation following its investment principles of regular monthly investment, reinvestment of all dividends and gains, purchasing growth stocks, and diversifying the portfolio by industry and company size.

At a recent Investor's Conference that I attended with my wife Gity, Louis Rukeyser (PBS, ch. 9, *Wall Street Week* host, America's most popular financial advisor) set forth his optimistic forecast for US economy and stock market. Mr. Rukeyser characterized the present bull market as "the biggest bull market in our lifetime; great as it's been, you ain't seen nothing yet." He urged investors to patiently accumulate quality stocks. His advice to take responsibility for your own financial future is consistent with the activities of investment clubs. Mr. Rukeyser felt that the stock market was not cheap, but reasonably priced when factoring in low inflation, low interest rates, and a highly competitive US private sector. He further urged becoming a serious long term investor staying heavily invested in common stocks. He described US stocks as the "world's super bargains." In answer to the question: "Is now a good time to buy stocks?", his answer was an

unqualified "Yes." All of this is sweet music to the ears of the numerous active/retired San Francisco police officers now participating in investment clubs.

Star Performers Investment Club

Formed in August of 1995, this Club of 30 partners just recently celebrated the attainment of a \$200,000 portfolio. The celebration dinner, held at John's Grill on Ellis Street, was a tribute to the patience and persistence of this highly motivated group.

This club's prominent investments include: Boeing, Cisco Systems, Coca Cola, General Electric, Harley Davidson, Intel, Home Depot, Merck, Microsoft, Peoplesoft, and Walt Disney. Their most recent purchases include a global satellite company, Iridium, and a prominent insurer, AFLAC.

This club is well on its way to achieve its goal of accumulating a one million dollar portfolio by 2003. It meets the last Tuesday of every month at the POA.

The KMA Investment Club

The "Kiss My Assets" investment club was formed in November 1996 with 42 partners. It now has 33 partners. It just recently celebrated the attainment of a \$100,000 portfolio. The celebration dinner, held at the Ft. Mason Officer's Club, was a tribute to the determination and dedication of this highly energetic group.

This club's prominent investments include: AirTouch, Boeing, Cisco Systems, Gap, Gillette, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Johnson and Johnson, Pepsico, and Walt Disney. Its most recent purchase was Franklin Resources, the San Mateo mutual fund family manager.

This club is also well on its way to achieve its goal of accumulating a one million dollar portfolio by 2004. It meets the first Tuesday of every month at the POA.



Mike and Gity Hebel with Louis Rukeyser (host of *Wall Street Week America's foremost economic commentator*) at a recent Investor's Conference held in Las Vegas

The Alvord Lake Investment Club

The Alvord Lake investment club was formed in July 1997 by 20 partners of whom 20% are active/retired SFPD officers. Most of the partners are CCSF employees with several departments including the City Attorney's office and the Department of Parking and Traffic. The club just celebrated its 1st anniversary with a portfolio exceeding \$40,000 - a tribute to the long term perspective and educational efforts of this highly talented group.

This club's prominent investments include: Andrew's Corp, Charles Schwab, Dell, Home Depot, Johnson and Johnson, Lucent Technology, Safeway, and Walgreen. Its most recent purchase was an addition to its Dell Computers position.

This club meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Community Room of Park Station.

New Partners

While the Star Performers and KMA clubs have the maximum number of partners permitted under their partnership agreement, the Alvord Lake Investment Club is presently welcoming new partners.

The club requires two meetings as a guest, attendance of 6 meetings a year, involvement in stock analysis, and a monthly contribution of between \$25 and \$300.

If you would like to obtain more information about this club or observe one of its meetings as a guest, please contact either Mike Hebel or John Newlin.

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The Investigations Bureau Commendation For Outstanding Arrest of the Month by Patrol Bureau Officers

A group of Northern Station officers were commended by the Investigations Bureau for making the outstanding arrest of the month of May, 1998 for their response and capture of a hot-prowl burglar.

The named officers are: Patrick Sullivan, Sean O'Leary, Patrick Cesari, Michael Walsh, Michael Deely, Scott Ryan, and Sgt. Al Pardini. Excerpts from the text of OIC of Night Investigation Lt. Judie Pursell's memo requesting the award are as follows:

— Editor

On May 2, 1998 at midnight the above listed officers responded to a "C" priority report of a prowler on the 2200 block of Clay St. The first officers to arrive, Officers Sullivan and O'Leary, split up and responded to opposite sides of the residence. Upon hearing glass breaking Officer O'Leary broadcast to Officer Sullivan this information. Approximately 30 seconds later Officer O'Leary heard Officer Sullivan giving verbal commands. Officer O'Leary and Officer Deely then responded to the front of the residence and observed Officer Sullivan and Officer Walsh placing a male suspect into custody. Officers O'Leary, Deely and Ryan along with Sergeant Pardini continued to search for any additional suspect to no avail.

While conducting a preliminary interview with the victim, it was determined that the victim never saw the suspects face, however he was very descriptive in his observation of the suspects size and shape, and was clear on the way the suspect he had observed was wearing his slacks. The victim described the way the suspects slacks draped over the suspects shoes. After giving the victim the cold show admonition, Officer O'Leary asked the victim if he could identify the suspect. The victim told Officer O'Leary that the suspect's shape, size and the way his slacks draped over his shoes was the same as the suspect he observed through

his window.

The officers located the window which was broken in the kitchen of the residence, mechanical parts of the window frame on the ground below and a spark plug on the ground.

While at Northern Station conducting a booking counter search of the suspect, Officer Walsh found and seized a spark plug from the left front pocket of the suspect's pants. Officers also noticed a small laceration to his finger and relayed the information to Officers O'Leary and Sullivan, still at the scene.

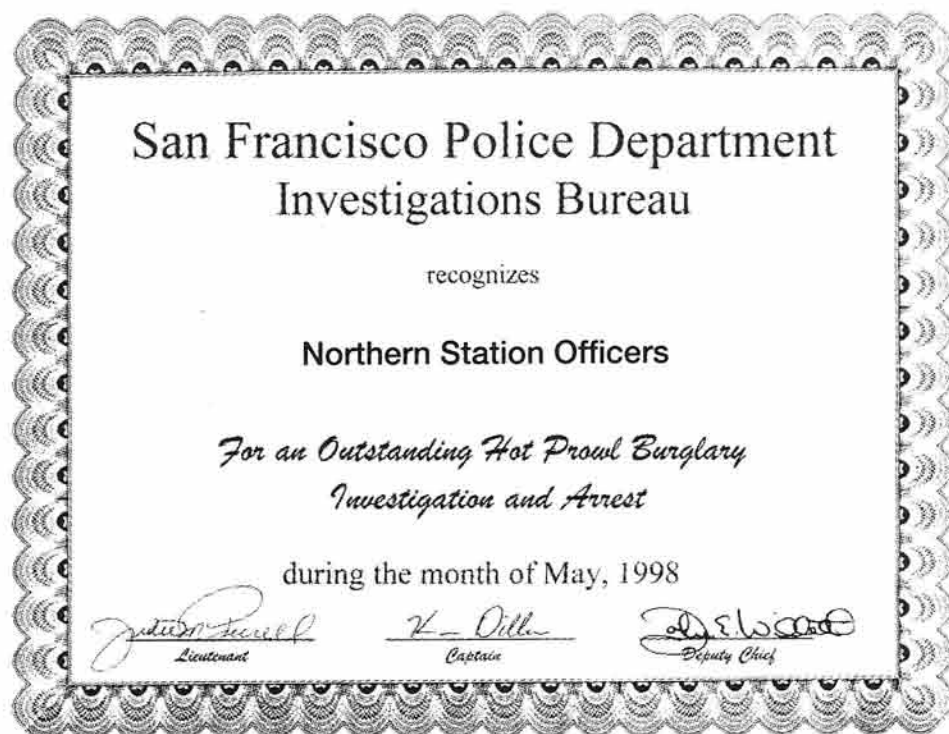
Upon hearing this information Inspector Levin of Night Investigations directed Officer Hawthorne, CSI to search the broken glass for blood. Blood was discovered on a piece of broken glass and was subsequently booked as evidence.

While conducting a search for warrants, Officer Cesari found that the suspect, had an active parole warrant. Further computer work revealed that the suspect, was a sexual offender registrant, and had been out of San Quentin only four days. He has an extensive arrest record for burglary and burglary related offenses in Massachusetts, South Carolina and New York. He also has prior arrests for burglary in San Francisco, and more specifically the Pacific Heights area.

The officers who responded to this "C" priority call, treated it as if it was an "A" priority. They're quick response to the scene, teamwork, observations and communication with one another lead to the arrest of a dangerous and habitual career criminal, and to the identification and collection of crucial evidence linking the suspect to the crime.

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Tricks Of The Trade

By Steve Booshard,
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THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A 32-ALL! Everybody exists somewhere. Whether it's an SF Rap sheet, CII sheet, FBI Sheet or just a driver's license or whatever, we all are on paper somewhere. When you have a person claiming they never got a driver's license and have never been arrested, it makes the warning bells go off in my head. As I tell people that make this claim, the two most important things in a 16 year old's mind are sex and driving. So they will exist, whether the license is valid or not or has been replaced by an ID card unless they are lying to you.

OK, So now we are out of the station and cruising the streets looking for bad guys and Mr./Ms. Wonderful throws themselves in front of you by doing some illegal act or being the source of a radio call.

Ah Ha! Probable cause. Let's chat...

Find out who everybody involved is and don't let anybody go until you are satisfied you know who they are.

On one occasion several units had been dispatched to a fistfight in progress on the third floor of a hotel between several Sixth St. denizens. Everybody involved decided the fight was over upon seeing us show up. There were a lot of "It's all over now officer" and "I'm out of here" type statements being made by the individuals. Not so fast. Let's find out what the fight's about, etc. Turns out it's basically a dope dispute with

some quality control or fair market price

issues that caused this disturbance. Everyone gives up ID cards, including one rather large gentleman who is real anxious to get on with his life and not be bothered by the police. I mean, come on now, it's three in the morning and this guy caused us to be called, so what could be so important that he needs to leave real quick. Maybe he needs to scrub up for brain surgery or go to sign up for GA but it can wait a few minutes. He claims he has never been arrested before and provides us with one of those Market St. special forms of ID with his picture, DOB, and social security number. With the information provided, of course, he comes back 32-All.

Wrong!!

We dig a little further by checking his Social Security with CII Raps and presto — Mr. "I'm Too Busy" is a wanted parolee, and Homicide needs to talk to him real bad about how he broke up with his last girlfriend. (He is presently awaiting trial for murder.)

Often crooks you come in contact with will have no ID and there is some real basic stuff to do so that you find out who you are dealing with. Of course they generally claim they "Just lost" or "just had their ID stolen", if they are wanted or on the run. Now the verbal jujitsu begins.

Ask their name and have them spell it. I'm amazed how many crooks giving a fake name can't spell it. Then



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if they pass that part of the test move on into the math portion. Ask them their date of birth and then ask them how old they are. I'm astonished how many liars are graduates of our fine public school system and flunk that part of the test. Sometimes I'll ask them their birth sign or Zodiac sign to compare with the DOB provided. Also sometimes I'll ask them what year they graduated or should have graduated from high school as another way to compare the furnished DOB with suspect ID. They are not expecting these questions and if they are not real quick on their feet will not be able to make up the information properly. Then I also ask them for their Social Security number and after writing it down ask them for the number again and see if it matches. I carry a list of where Social Security numbers are issued by state and upon determining their Social I ask them where did they get it. If they flunk any portion of this test they go immediately to jail. A person who can't spell their own name, remember how old they are, remember their birth sign, who gives you several different social security numbers or can't remember where they got it from, is furnishing you with false information to avoid being identified.

I have found that once they are in handcuffs they start remembering their true names better.

I have found that once they are in handcuffs they start remembering their true names better, and they get even better when in my office (the back seat of the radio car). Remember since they are in custody and going to jail for 148.9(a) PC they need a complete and thorough search of their person which will often reveal some paperwork with their real information or contraband. Generally, they will break down when confronted with the booking process. But if they hang tough, you may want to wait until the next day to find out who the mystery guest is. Just make sure you give the jail staff a heads-up to process prior to release on the booking card. Even if you have a felony charge

on the suspect, as a result of the search, make a notation on the booking card that all the info. is verbal and to please process and ID. Now that Mission and Ingleside have the AFIS computers, it should really speed up the identifying of the "Mystery Guests".

While on the street with an individual who has only verbal ID, compare the physical description of the one coming back on your terminal. Check out the Height, Weight, Hair and Eye color, tattoos, scars and marks, also. CII and FBI have the most complete identifying information as they gather the information from every agency that arrests the suspect. I had a wanted parolee who gave me a friend's name and DOB which matched one with a SF record—except for one minor problem. On older SF#s, on the far right side of the read out is a numerical fingerprint classification which in this case indicated numerical values for ten digits. Big problem as our crook only had one arm. Guess what, felony warrant.

I also had a young lady (exotic dancer/lap dancer) who was the passenger in a vehicle we stopped for erratic driving. Long story short, the driver was a wanted parolee from Santa Rosa and had a bunch of speed in his car. But back to "Sweet Thing". She was not wearing her seat belt and really wanted to walk away from our stop because of an urgent supposed work commitment, but we needed her info., so we could admonish, cite, or book for the seat belt violation. She stated she had never been arrested before, but gave a name, DOB, and her CDL number. Everything jived except when we looked at the DL printout our lady friend was three inches taller, twenty pounds lighter, had blue eyes not brown, and did not wear or need glasses. When handcuffed she quickly caved in and gave her true name under which she had a warrant. Upon being searched subsequent to the arrest for false info. to a P.O. and the warrant lo and behold, more methamphetamine. Who would have "thunk"! All because we took a little extra effort in determining who we were talking too.

So remember, when you come in contact with bad guys, make sure they exist, and make sure they match the information on the documentation. Happy Hunting and Be Safe!! Be out there, Be Curious, and Check it out!!!

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Wife of Sgt. John Hallisy — Narcotics Bureau

The following item appeared in the **July, 1978** issue of the San Francisco Policeman, a few years before the name of the Association newspaper was changed to the POA Notebook. Notes made in brackets and bold text are my editorial accents. Al Casciato continues to write for the association, and continues to believe the words reprinted below. They are as true today — as we gear up for our November campaign proposition — as they were two decades ago. — Editor

Our Image

By Al Casciato, Representative, Co. A

Many officers complain that the public image of San Francisco's police is at a low ebb. Some blame the strike of '75, some blame the chief [Charles Gain], and still others blame the elected officials who run the city [Mayor George Moscone].

At first, I was inclined to agree in part with each of the negative factions. But the more thought I've given to this subject, the more I've realized that image has little to do with the strike [SFPD/SFFD labor strike of 1975], chief, or politicians. It has everything to do with the officer on the street who is dealing with the public.

Image is: how we answer the phone; how we talk to people; how we handle calls for service; how we act in uniform; how we investigate a case, etc. But primarily, image is how the public perceives our own perception of ourselves.

Officers who believe in themselves and their performance on the job, can and will, command the respect of those they encounter. Commanding respect doesn't mean that the public will like or love us, nor should they be expected to. All it means is that the public will treat us with deference and esteem.

It is the deference and esteem commanded by officers who do a professional job that will lead to an image that the voting public will carry to the ballot box.

Firearms, where can you carry?

Many officers have requested information on carrying firearms in other states. A recent survey conducted of state attorney generals in all 50 states resulted in this list.

After the name of the state, the first column shows whether an officer may carry a firearm when OFF DUTY as a visitor or tourist. The third column shows whether or not the firearm is permitted in the vehicle, luggage, etc.

STATE	ON DUTY	OFF DUTY	VEHICLE/ LUGGAGE
Alabama	Yes	No	No
Alaska	Yes	No	Yes
Arizona	Yes	No	Yes
Arkansas	No	No	Yes
California	Yes	No	No
Colorado	Local jurisdiction on person, vehicle and luggage		
Connecticut	Yes	Yes	Yes
Delaware	Yes	No	No
Florida	Yes	No	Yes
Georgia	Yes	No	Yes
Hawaii	Yes	No	Local Permit Required
Idaho	Yes	No	Yes
Illinois	Yes	Yes	Yes
Indiana	Yes	Yes	Yes
Iowa	Yes	No	Yes
Kansas	Yes	No	Yes
Kentucky	Yes	No	Yes
Louisiana	Yes	Yes	Yes
Maine	Yes	No	Yes (Unloaded)
Maryland	Yes	Yes	Yes
Massachusetts	Yes	No	No
Michigan	Yes	Yes	Yes
Minnesota	Yes	Yes	Yes
Mississippi	Yes	Yes	Yes
Missouri	Yes	Yes	Yes
Montana	Yes	Yes	Yes

STATE	ON DUTY	OFF DUTY	VEHICLE/ LUGGAGE
Nebraska	Yes	No	Yes
Nevada	Yes	No	Yes
New Hampshire	Yes	Yes	Yes (Unloaded)
New Jersey	No	No	No
New Mexico	Yes	No	Yes
New York	Yes	No	No
N. Carolina	No.	No.	Yes
N. Dakota	Yes	Yes	Yes
Ohio	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oklahoma	Yes	Yes	Yes
Oregon	Yes	Yes	Yes
Rhode Island	Yes	No	No
Pennsylvania	Yes	Only On Official Business	
S. Carolina	No	No	No
S. Dakota	Yes	No	Local Permit
Tennessee	Yes	No	No
Texas	Yes	Yes	Yes
Utah	Yes	No	Yes
Vermont	Yes	Yes	Yes
Virginia	Yes	Yes	Yes
Washington	No	No	Yes (Unloaded)
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CyberNews

By Glenn Sylverter,
Police Academy

Here's what's new for this month:

The new Training Plan is forth coming for all units, bureaus, and details. It will include many course offerings within and outside the Department. Have you ever seen it? Or is it that you've heard of it, but somehow it always disappears or no one knows it's whereabouts. Well, if you want your own copy, are resourceful, and have access to the Internet, visit P.O.S.T.'s website at <http://www.post.ca.gov/Catalog.htm> and download your own copy. A reminder, these are course offerings by P.O.S.T. only.

Lt. Ramlan's persistence has paid off. Computer course offerings by the Police Academy are now on the Department's web site. Hopefully in the future we will see other courses as well. Be sure to "bookmark" this site: <http://www.ci.sf.ca.us/police/>.

Finally, "They are here!!", I got a chance to see the new laptops for Police Mobile reporting, they look pretty sturdy. Nice docking stations for the radio cars as well. Northern Station is first in line to try them out by September. So...keep honing those Win 95 and PRSmobile skills.

Chatting on the Internet

Ever try to talk to a friend in real time, but the problem is that your friend utilizes a different ISP than you. So you're stuck with just sending E-mail to each other and waiting until you receive a reply. You could just pick up the telephone and make a call, but what if your friend is located in a country far away and now long distance charges becomes an issue. Well let me introduce you to real time Chat on the Internet. How does this work? When you are logged onto the Internet, your IP address



has a presence. You are sending a signal for the world to know. Unless someone knows your exact signal, they can not contact you. What you and your friend need to do is download client software, configure the software to "listen" for each other's signal and when they are present, you can talk to each other in real time. Ok, so tell me more about this client software that I need. There are so many of them out there, but let's deal with some of the simple ones for now.

Example, you use AOL (America Online) your friend uses Prodigy. Your friend wants to know when you are on. Your friend needs to download AOL's Instant Messenger software from <http://www.aol.com>. Once the software is obtained, he/she configures it by putting in your e-mail address (on a buddy list) at AOL. The software runs in the background, when you log on, he/she will see you. All they need do is send you a message (termed Instant Message) and once you accept, you are now engaged in real time chat, even though you both have different ISP's. Your friend is not limited to just your address. He/she can place other names onto the "buddy-list" (but they must be on AOL or have created a name on AOL). Your friend can also create a name on AOL's ISP and act if as an AOL member, even though they are not. AOL's Instant Messenger now comes bundled (free of charge) with Netscape's browser version v4.03 and above at <http://www.netscape.com>. More on Chat Clients next month.

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Letters

Good-bye to a Good Guy

Editor —

I was deeply saddened to learn of the death of Tom Mandelke.

Tom was a wonderful guy, and one of my all-time favorite people. He was unquestionably one of the best pilots the SFPD ever had. During the days when I was one of the SFPD's aerial photo specialists (1973-76), I flew an average of about two missions each month with the great gentlemen of the SFPD's second Helicopter Unit.

Tom and Walt Kovaleff were my favorite pilots. I loved to ride with those guys, and we did an awful lot of good work together. Tom was at the controls during some of the most memorable flights of my career. He and I probably flew at least 20 missions together and I always felt perfectly safe with him. For anyone who has never done it, those dicey flights off and onto the roof of the Hall and whirling around through the concrete canyons of downtown San Francisco are about as exciting as flying ever gets.

Besides being a superb pilot, Tom was just fun to be with. A big, tall, muscular guy, Tom was a fine cop ... calm; unflappable; with an easy sense of humor and a ready smile. I would have gone anywhere with him on patrol.

But best of all, Tom was a real gentleman. I never heard him say anything bad about anyone. I never saw him lose his cool or raise his voice.

Stephanie White's article in the May 1998 issue of the NOTEBOOK said it all. That closing poem brought tears to my eyes.

*God broke our hearts to prove to us
He only takes the best.*

Farewell, Tom, good friend. God bless you.

Sincerely,
Roy Hicks Lieutenant, SFPD (Ret)
Payette, Idaho

Flippin Quits

Ray Shine, Editor,

Officer Shine;

I regret that you have found it necessary to edit or eliminate items from "Funny ...But True". Under the circumstances, I have decided that I will no longer submit the column for publication in The Notebook.

Sincerely,
Tom Flippin

Tom,

In turn, I regret that you will no longer submit your column, which

has always been one of the most popular in the Notebook. It is a loss to our regular features that will be difficult to replace, and certainly leaves a noticeable blank space on the last page. Should you ever desire to resume contributing to the Notebook, your efforts will be readily accepted and greatly appreciated. In that event, please do not hesitate to contact me to make appropriate arrangements. — Editor

Thanks From Millbrae

Dear President Cunnie:

On behalf of the Millbrae Police Department, I would like to thank you for your assistance with the services for Officer Dave Chetcuti. As you know, Officer Chetcuti was an outstanding officer and a very well respected member of our community. With your help we were able to provide a fitting tribute to him.

Throughout this terrible tragedy the outpouring of help from law enforcement has been overwhelming as is evidenced by your actions. I cannot tell you how much this has meant to Officer Chetcuti's family, the members of the Millbrae Police Department, and the Millbrae Community.

You have truly been there for us during this most difficult time and your efforts are very much appreciated.

Sincerely,
Michael Parker
Police Chief,
City of Millbrae

The following letter to the Editor appeared in the July 1, 1998 edition of the San Francisco Examiner

While watching the gay and lesbian police officers in the parade on Sunday, I witnessed an incident that bears mentioning. As the police contingent passed by to the cheers of the crowd, a young girl about 5 years old got her leg stuck in a police barricade.

She was crying in obvious pain and the crowd, unable to extricate her from the metal barricade, began to panic. Seeing this, a group of gay and lesbian officers took off from their march and ran to the girl's aid. Several of them secured the barricades while one veteran officer gently took the frightened girl's leg and slowly eased it into a position to where it could safely be removed from its stuck position.

As the grateful parents sighed with relief, the officers ran back to their place in the march to roars of appreciation from the crowd who had just witnessed some of San Francisco's Finest at their best. This incident occurred in a few seconds and exemplified what S.F. cops and the gay community are all about. The officers didn't miss a beat handling a small emergency in an efficient manner and reminded

me of just how lucky we are to have such fine men and women in blue representing us in this great city.

Ton Lokanuvat,
El Sobrante

Thank You, POA

Dear Steve [Johnson] and the POA

On May 14th I went through the most frightening experience of my life. Thanks to SFPD members and longtime friends and partners John Payne and Mike Philpott, I was given first-aid at the scene and rushed to MEH where I was treated by the best trauma staff in the nation.

During my nine day stay in the hospital I, along with my family, needed emotional support and someone to figure out all the details. That's where the POA, and especially Steve Johnson, came in. You were the greatest. I (we) will always remember your support and generosity.

Sincerely,
Bob, Patty, Katie, Bobby, and
Danny McMillen

Editor -

We'd like to thank everyone so very much for your kindness, caring, flowers, cards, and calls in our time of sadness at Leilani's passing.

To Chief Lau, the POA, Mounted, Solos, and Behavioral Science Units a special thank you.

To Captain Martel and everyone at Southern Station, I could never put into words my deepest and most sincere thanks for all you have done. You have each made this time of deep sorrow a little easier to take. The outpouring of love, kindness, and caring will never be forgotten.

Sincerely,
Marty and Tony Sacco, and family

Dear Chris Cunnie

I just wanted to thank you and your staff for awarding me with a scholarship. I know I'm not the most devoted person out there, but I strongly care about my community, and I really enjoy helping people. Also, my studies are very important to me, and this scholarship will aid in my tuition this year at Diablo Valley College in Pleasant Hill.

I worked very hard during high school, not only for the community, but for myself and my family. I maintained a 3.7 GPA all four years, and a few times I even got a 4.0! This scholarship is very rewarding to me. I'm very thankful.

After the death of a very close family friend and also a police officer, Kenny Sugrue, a few weeks ago, I now want to help out in the police department even more. He

made a strong impact upon me with how devoted and caring he was for the Tenderloin District, and for his own family. I plan to volunteer many times this summer with the SFPD Traffic Division.
Thanks again.

Christina Foote
Concord, California

Dear SFPOA

The family of Joseph Robert Haverkamp wishes to thank Police Chief Fred Lau for extending his deepest sympathy. Thanks to the many officers who attended the visitation, the "Service of Remembrance" at church, going to Cypress Lawn Mausoleum and attending the luncheon reception.

Thanks to the six man solo motorcycle unit that directed traffic for my husband's funeral procession. You would have thought a high dignitary had died (well, to us he was!)

Thanks for the beautiful floral spray from Southern Station. Our son, John, is from Southern.

Thanks for all the prayers and concern during my husband's long illness.

San Francisco should be very proud of their police department.

Sincerely,
Gloria A. Haverkamp and family

Editor -

Thank you for your June issue of the POA Notebook. I especially found "Crime Prevention Tips For Seniors" most helpful.

Please send me the articles you may have on the following:

- Elder Abuse by landlord and employees
- Landlord harassment
- Tampering with mail

I would appreciate any information you may have and especially interested on whom to contact to determine elder abuse.

Sincerely,
Rose Luiz

Dear Ms. Luiz -

Thank you for your kind words about the POA Notebook. I am delighted that you found the information helpful, and I encourage you to contact us with any concern you have. I am enclosing the information you requested on Elder Abuse, as well as a referral number for a contact person who can give you advice about your specific circumstance.

The POA also has a very informative web site at www.sfpoa.org which can be accessed from the public library. I am also placing you on our mailing list to receive our special neighborhood editions of the Notebook.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Ray Shine, Editor

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Remembering Kenny

By Paul Chignell,
Tenderloin Task Force

Going to work at the Tenderloin Task Force will never be the same.

We get jaded in police work; seeing the bleeding victims, the dead bodies, the lives wasted with drugs. When our own pass on, we often grieve and then life goes on. I have seen a lot of colleagues die naturally and die by violence in the line of duty. We have had our share of suicides as well. Life went on.

But for some reason this one was different, the sudden death of 39 year old Sgt. Kenny Sugrue. Kenny Sugrue was such a part of the Tenderloin, that it seemed impossible that there would be a police district or a police station here without him working with us.

He worked a weird shift, 11:00 AM until 9:00 PM. Because of that shift he was seen by all of the officers, day shift, night shift, and because he often made late arrests, he was seen by the midnight officers as well. We all shared the joy of working with Kenny.

Kenny Sugrue was the definition of camaraderie. Yes, he was loud, and yes, he was always talking. How much I miss that voice now!

It was a standing joke when I hailed my troops for the lineup at 4:00 PM, that Kenny would be cracking a loud joke, or laughing at some strange twist of Tenderloin life. I would always say to one of the officers, "Shut the lieutenant's door, 'Sugrue' is out there again. We need some quiet for the lineup.", and everyone would laugh.

Often, I would emerge from the lieutenant's office and observe Kenny

talking to some poor soul who was handcuffed to the bench, awaiting transfer to the County Jail. Kenny would actually be dispensing advice, trying to channel some common sense to the non-receptive. When he finished an arrest report and directly after changing out of his uniform, he would always call home and tell his wife he was on his way — it was a ritual.

Kenny Sugrue was so much more than a good street cop in the traditional sense. He worked for the children of the Tenderloin in so many ways and he had a special place in his heart for the elderly. Every single day was spent rushing from here to there, directing subordinates, making arrests, giving advice, telling jokes, with a smile on his face most of the time.

A couple of weeks before his death, he was discussing being a cop. He gave the usual refrain, expressing his disdain for the trials and tribulations of working in a high crime area and being housed in a basement of an old bank at Jones and Market Streets.

But like a good orator, he paused for effect, flashed that patented Kenny Sugrue smile, and said "This is the best job in the world. I love coming to work."

There have been and will be many testimonials to Kenny. The children's playground at Eddy and Jones is being named for him. There are posted notices around the Tenderloin police station in his memory.

But the most memorable will be the memories of the officers who worked with Kenny Sugrue. Neither the Tenderloin nor we will ever be the same without him.

His Name Was Benson

By Rich Lee,
Tactical

A terrible tragedy occurred on Sat. June 20, 1998. You probably already heard it. It involved the "hit and run" fatality on U.S. 101 near Alemany, a truck towing another car vs. a motorcyclist. The operator of the motorcycle was struck from the rear and ejected and then run over by the truck and trailer. The operator of the truck did not stop. A witness to this tragedy followed the truck and contacted 911 CHP via cellphone. The truck driver was taken into custody in a county south of San Francisco. The coverage by the Media on this accident was on the traffic delays, the "hit and run" with an alleged drunk driver and the good work of a passerby using a cellphone to apprehend the suspect. The Media also went on to name the driver of the truck. The operator of the motorcycle was named only as the "motorcyclist". Well, his name to us was Benson.

Benson was a part time custodian for the Crime Prevention Company/Tactical, Hondas, Dog Unit, EOD, Air/Marine Unit, Muni Transit and Housing Unit here at Hunter's Point Naval Shipyard Bldg. 606. If you ever came out here for R.A.T. Training, A.O., Hazmat, EVOC classes, Benson was the one in a brown shirt, baseball cap with his ponytail hanging out, doing the Michael Jackson "moonwalk". Benson always greeted us with a Chinese saying, "Joo Sun" before he had to check in with his

main office. Benson first came to work riding a red scooter. He couldn't afford a car since he was working part time and supporting his family. There are no benefits from DPW on a part time position. When it was pouring rain we offered him a rain jacket, but he refused and pulled out a 33 gallon plastic trash can liner and cut three holes in it, one for his head and the others for his arms. When he saved up enough money, he upgraded himself from the scooter to a real motorcycle. Officers had made fun of his bike since the front fender was painted in a very odd color different from the rest of the bike. Benson was proud. We allowed him to park inside, out of the elements. I often watched him wash his pride and joy at the end of his shift prior to going home.

Some officers were at home watching the news and heard of this tragedy and recognized the odd colored fender laying on the road and saying, noooo. Since Benson was not a criminal but just a good guy and hard worker. He should be at least mentioned other than a "motorcyclist".

His family was unable to afford a funeral.

Well, his name was "Benson". From the members of Bldg. 606 a final "JOO SUN".

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Jeanne McVeigh holding Ray's halter

End of The Ride

By Stan Buscovich (Jeanne's partner)
San Francisco Police Department/Mounted Unit

Saturday, June 20, 1998
Greetings and sad tidings to all,

This morning, Officer Jeanne McVeigh, Trainer, San Francisco Police Department — Mounted Unit passed on from this world and changed her address to Fiddler's Green, the celestial home for all mounted officers and their mounts. She was a fighter, and if you were privileged to know her, you knew that she put up quite a fight to the end. Even with the big C causing her a lot of pain, she still came to work each day and instructed/guided her new mounted officer recruits right up to their proficiency test and graduation last week.

I asked her months ago when the cancer and pain was really taking a toll on her why she was coming to work and wouldn't it be better for her to stay home. She sternly looked me right in the eye and said we have a job to do with our new mounted recruits, lets not talk about this again. She also said that she loved being a mounted officer and this was her 2nd home. Each day as I worked in the ring with the officers, she sat outside the arena and coached them, using her trained eye to evaluate and then to guide them in the different skills they were learning. Those students as well as I were so lucky to know, work and train with her.

I went to see her the other day in the hospital and we had some quality time alone. Yes her body was ready to move on, but I truly wished (selfish on my part) that she would of got better one more time because she was so important for our mounted unit. I know if Jeanne was reading this she would get mad at me. Yes it's true, she wasn't the best rider in the world, a true Dale Evans (I'm dating myself, Roy Roger's wife), but she had a logical, intelligent mind and

could cut through all the garbage and make things happen. She was a fighter, a finisher of projects and was not afraid to say her peace when it was important, when others were afraid to because they didn't want to rock the civil service boat (Jeanne was the Captain of that boat/ship). She loved putting on the AA dress uniform and going to law enforcement mounted public relation ceremonies/parades. Ah heck, she loved putting on the uniform and riding out of the stable on patrol to meet/help people on her horse Ray.

Mounted officers (100 mounted units in California, 2,000 across North America) have different talents, responsibilities and opportunities than the typical law enforcement line officer. Jeanne McVeigh had credibility, heart (emotion) and she was in the exact right place in her law enforcement career (logic). She was a role model to me and other mounted officers and she will be missed, but not forgotten! Once a mounted officer, always a mounted officer!

Officer Jeanne McVeigh was Suaviter in modo, fortiter in re (Gentle in manner, resolute in deed)



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The following column is reprinted from the **July 1976** issue of the San Francisco Policeman, which was the title of the Association newspaper before it was changed to the Notebook. For several years, S.G. Yasinitsky wrote this column, a kind of a cross between two of today's regular features; Al Casciato's Around the Department and Steve Johnson's Close Encounters. There is also a notable influence of a mid-sixties column by Tom McDonald called The Night's Work. I hope you enjoy looking back occasionally into the colorful history of our association and the department.-Editor



Don Foley and **Joaquin Santos**, the two plain-clothes super cops of Northern Station, stopped by a grocery in the Tenderloin to make a purchase. Inside, Jack overheard a customer angrily telling the shopkeeper that he would come back with a gun and shoot him. Soon our men saw the angered customer returning, dashing into the store. They got behind him just in time, as he greeted the

store owner and pulled a revolver out of his waist band, cocking it. Dan and Jack pounced on him, Dan jamming his hand between the cocked hammer and the gun to keep it from firing. Although the assailant later claimed he wasn't going to kill anybody, he had 50 extra rounds of ammunition in his pocket besides the nine rounds in the gun. The only casualty of the episode was Dan, who had to be treated for cuts to the hand at Central Emergency Hospital.

At a recent training session for outside police officers conducted by our department, Rick McMinn of Eureka PD declared that he had an addict's definition of reality: a crutch for those who cannot handle hard drugs.

A silent alarm in the wee hours of the morning sent all kinds of Mission district cops to a bar on 24th Street. **John O'Connor** peeked inside and saw that the pinball machines had been broken into. **Paul Kotta** and **Julian Landman** found a pried-open air vent. **Bob Musante** and **Jim Hickson** crawled inside and found the burglar in the men's room, on the commode. (That's what I call accommodating!) Outside, in front of the bar, was a stolen, hot-wired car with its engine running, ready to spirit the crook away. The stolen

money was found in the toilets water tank; and although the crook claimed a lock-in and denied any knowledge of the discarded loot, he had the keys to his residence entwined round the money found in the commode. An accommodating crook, as I said before.

John Dwyer, Chief Deputy District Attorney, boasts that during the first five months of this year the new D.A. has obtained 146 prison sentences compared with only 74 such sentences obtained last year. John says that the number of jury trials by his office also doubled this year.

Of the unsung heroes, **Ken Moses** of the Crime Lab is the true Sherlock Holmes type. A gunman had been robbing Ma-and Pa groceries in the Mission, always bringing a can of Hawaiian Punch to the counter first. Ken matched up fingerprints from two such robberies, half-a-year apart, and started a seven-month-long painstaking search of the available files. He identified the suspect, who got caught and quickly pleaded guilty to both counts. That's *punching* him out, Ken!

Silence is golden, the saying goes. And thank God for dumb crooks who don't stay mute. When her boyfriend was arrested by **George Cima** and **Larry Barsetti** of the Central, who found a stolen gun under his mattress, a young woman claimed the weapon as her own, swearing its ownership. But George and Larry, who'd grabbed the man for another burglary on Jones Street, knew that the gun had come out of a theft in Berkeley, and arrested her too. Not having kept her council, she'll now have to get herself a counselor.

A pair of burglars from Willard North were reported by a witness who also gave a super description of their getaway car, though it had no plates. A radio broadcast went out and was picked up by **Mike Puccinelli** and **Lloyd Ritter** of the Park, who noticed the car and stopped it at Ellis and Scott. The driver matched the description perfectly, but denied everything. The fact that a radio and an unusual clock taken from the Willard North burglary were also in his car, he explained away by claiming he'd bought them that day from a stranger on Hayes Street. What a coincidence! . . . But our men didn't buy it, and he's been formally

charged with the housekeeping. The second baddy is being sought by our burglary dicks.

A ratpack operation on Sacramento Street in the Presidio Heights was broken up when the crooks picked a bad day for victimizing people along their route. The three punks would enter stores, distract saleswomen inside, then fill up a sack with whatever wasn't nailed down, pick purses, or take clothing off racks and flee. Anyone getting in their way got a mean threat. Well, this time they started leaving with a bunch of stolen shirts and unsuccessfully trying to victimize a nearby travel agency for the second time. Off-duty **George Gaskins** of Park Station nabbed two of them. One got away, but not far. **Vic Aissa** of Accident Investigation Bureau snagged him a block away. Then scores of people came up fingering these hoodlums for various thefts they'd pulled in the recent past. And though two of them are juveniles - one over six feet tall - their criminal records are more formidable than some ex-cons we come across. I hope they get more than a slap on the wrist for this one.

A recent Presidio Heights neighborhood meeting at Temple El Emanuel made me wonder about people altogether. Quite used to heckling and interruption at similar meetings in the ghettos and poverty areas where folks have multiple reasons to protest, we weren't prepared for this impolite behavior by the audience of professional men and women, which included doctors, lawyers, businessmen, and high-ranking military officers. Poor **Frank Jordan** steadfastly continued his interesting talk on theft precautions, in spite of the rude heckling and shouts addressed by the audience at District Attorney Freitas who was on the dais. For shame!

Bob Barry with **Paul Morse** of the Central Station's Auto Boosting team, riding a five-speed bike, chased a thief into the Longshoremen's Hall at Fisherman's Wharf. Bob dropped his bike outside and continued through the building on foot. The crook dropped his loot and fled into the projects where he was nailed hiding in a closet. But when our men got back to the scene, Bob's bike had been stolen by another thief, and he'd dropped his clip-on holster that also disappeared.



By **Daniel Hampton**

Retired Lieutenant Jim Crowley

Jim Crowley served in the S.F.P.D. for 30 years, 1964—1994. He worked at Central and Taraval Stations and became a member of the original Tactical Unit—Swat Team in 1967. He was an investigator in the Juvenile Bureau, Bureau of Inspectors Sex Crimes Detail, and a Homicide Inspector for 13 years. As a Lieutenant he worked as the officer-in-charge of the Robbery Detail, as a platoon commander at Northern Station, and as the Lieutenant in charge of the Property Control Section.

Jim was awarded two silver medals and one bronze medal of valor, two Police Commission citations for Meritorious Conduct and also he received over 50 commendations.

He is a four time medalist in the California Police Olympics in weight lifting. He also medaled at the first International Police Olympics in the same event.

Jim is the co-founder and served as President of the San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers from January of 1976, until he retired in 1994

He also served as a member of the Board of Directors, S.F. Police Officers' Association and is currently working as the Corporate Security Manager for Hertz Corporation.

Jim will be sharing his personal testimony and the history of "Cops for Christ". He will also sing "Danny Boy" in memory of his partner **Jim Higgins**, S.F.P.D. It will be an interesting and informative time for all of us at this luncheon. The luncheon will be held on Wednesday, August 12, 1998, 12 P.M., at the P.O.A., 510 - 7th Street. Please attend and support Jim.

Prayer watch: **Ken Sugrue's** family, **Jeanne McVeigh's** family, **Jim Deasy**, and **Tom Kracke**. Please inform me through inter-department mail if anyone else should be on this list.

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- * Siena Perez for helping with team registration.
- * Jose Guzman (Mission Youth Soccer League) for allowing us to use four fields to complete our season.
- * Officer Dan Inocencio (PAL Program Coordinator) for getting fields and for forming a team of Under 8 kids. (He was voted as team manager. His son, Officer Matt

Inocencio and Terry Riemer were the coaches.) Thanks guys!

- * Manuel Fernandez for setting up cones and nets at Mission Dolores Field.
- * Oscar Jimenez for his help.
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SPORTS



Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,
Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT—The "el niño" ridden department softball season for '98 finally came to an end on Thurs. 6/11 when the A Division championship game was played. Congrats in that game go to the Bulldogs out of Northern who soundly beat the Mission Diablos by a score of 25-11. The B Division championship was played the day before and kudos goes out to the Airport Bureau team for beating a very strong Southern Station club in a tight match 18-16; the victory made it an undefeated 11-0 run for Airport that capped their "Juggernaut" season (see you guys in "the show" next year when you move-up).

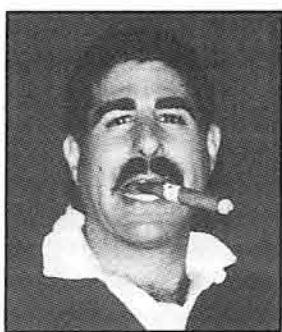
As the commish, I was sooo glad to get it all done as the weather was really getting on my nerves. I'd like to thank all the managers, players, and Park & Rec personnel for hanging in there with me through all the rain, cancellations, and make-ups etc. for another successful spring.

Naturally the end of the season had to be celebrated at the annual SFPD Softball Banquet that I set-up for Thurs. June 18 at Ron Dumont's City Forest Lodge. There was much food and drink for the seventy-five brave souls who attended to witness the presentation of trophies, prizes, and awards. The highlight of the evening was in fact the announcement of this year's recipient of the Michael O'Brien Memorial Softball Award — the award went to the one-and-only Dave Herman.

The late Mike O'Brien was a well respected, very consistent, hard hitting softball player for the department for many years before he passed away in 1986. Herman has been the consummate ball player himself for over 23 yrs. when playing in the dept. league or representing the SFPD on many, many all star and masters teams, and he best typifies the kind of competitor that O'Brien was.

When Herman received his plaque along with a spiffy '98 POA Softball League golf shirt he was given a well deserved standing ovation from the banquet crowd. I was very glad to be a part of it; in fact, I was fortunate enough to see Dave play numerous times over the last eleven years of his long career, and I have to say that even now at 50 yrs young he still hits the ball the hardest of most anyone when batting from the left side of the plate. Look for his name on the perpetual O'Brien Award plaque that appears in the main display case at the police range when you get a chance.

Now for some results from the Police Summer Games in Contra Costa the week of June 21st: the SFPD Soccer Club did very well in their games that took place in wonderful, exciting San Ramon, Ca. The



A Team (ala: Boyle, Murray, and the Lorins) pulled off a three-peat by winning a gold medal once again by convincingly beating every opposing team that was foolish enough to enter the field. The Killer Bees (ala: Corry, Edison, and "El Niño" Inocencio) had a pretty good week as well that ended up in a third place bronze. The C- Dogs (ala: Gardner, Olcomendy, and Caniglia) didn't fare as well unfortunately, but still played competitively just the same. Articles on the Soccer Club's accomplishments will appear in next month's issue.

In softball, it didn't appear that our all-star team (ala: Ossio, Ortega, and O'Sullivan) did as well as expected with some tough losses. As far as our "over-the-line" team (a three man softball game more popular in Southern Cal), we can congratulate them on winning a 3rd place bronze which is a nice improvement from last year's 4th place bronze medal. The members of the club included: Kevin "Lab" Labanowski, Jimmy "Macanudo" Arnsward, Frank "I Was a TCA Competitor Last Yr." Harrell, and Rafael "Raffy" Labutan.

Speaking of the TCA competition (Toughest Cop Alive), I heard that the four- person team of Eddy "Muscle Shirt" Yu, Damon "Soft Spoken" Keeve, Nate "400 Club" Chan, and Debrah "I Don't Have a Nickname Yet" Erdy won a 3rd place bronze. I believe that Keeve even won a silver in the individual TCA competition; in fact, Erdy (who was a world class triathlete before entering the department) won a very impressive five individual gold medals in swimming. Great stuff. It would be great to receive an article from one of you about the various events involved in these competitions; I along with others are very interested to know.

When it came to bench press, congrats goes to Mission Station's Nancy Gillory for winning an impressive gold medal in her weight class with a lift of what I believe was 154¼ lbs. Ed Yu won gold as well in bench press but I didn't get his winning lift. I didn't get Mat O'Leary's either but I heard he won a 3rd place bronze just the same.

The SFPD men's basketball team had high expectations for this year, but unfortunately they ran into some hard luck and couldn't squeeze by some tough opponents. The women's hoopsters on the other hand did very well as the first team to represent the department in the Summer Games Women's B-Ball Division; our team led by Jill Brophy and Miriam Pengel

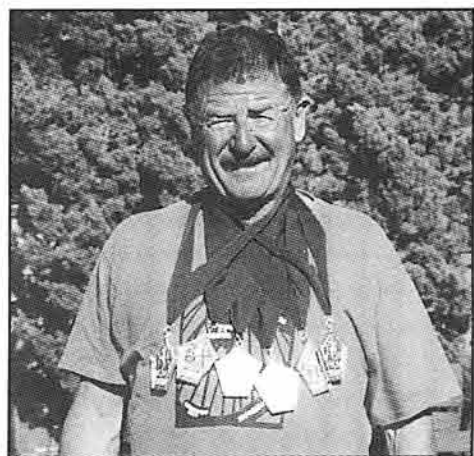
won third place bronze and It would be great to get an article as well as photos on this impressive accomplishment.

In Master's division tennis, Taraval's Vickie Quinn came away with two gold medals; one in mixed doubles with retired inspector Jim Farrell and the other in women's doubles with Pat Hansen who is at Vice. Hansen did one better though when in addition to winning a sliver in mixed doubles with the Academy's Rich Quesada, she went on to win a gold medal in singles competition. Good showing.

As far as the four man Police Action Pistol team out of Tac is concerned (Matt Castagnola, Angelo Spagnoli, Tommy Smith, and Dino Zografos), they were able to come away with a third place bronze medal. Even better was Spagnoli's performance in the individuals; he had the overall highest score among 208 shooters and came away with the coveted gold medal (see article on following pages).

In golf during the summer games, I was very glad to hear about TTF's Scott "Buddy, Buddy" Warnke winning a gold medal in the "open c-division" individuals competition. Scott was also able to pull off a silver in the two- man team (c-division) competition with his dad Bill Warnke who is retired as a sergeant out of the solos. Congrats to both of you.

A man who has so many medals over the years and doesn't know what to do with them all has just collected six more. Guess what? They're all gold! This is about retired inspector Jeff Brosch who competed in grand master bicycle competitions all week long. On Sun. 6/21 Jeff was in the Criterion 15 mile race against other bikers and won. Then was the road bike 800 meter sprint on Tues. 6/23 which he won as well. On Wed. 6/24 was the time trial 15 mile race against



Jeff Brosch with his six gold medals

the clock with the same successful results as was with the 26 mile road race on Thurs. June 25. On Fri. June 26 Jeff was in two races on his mountain bike—the 1½ mile downhill and the 8 mile cross country. No problemo as usual. An amazing week for an amazing competitor; I say he just quits now and goes out a winner, but knowing Jeff he'll just keep on riding til he drops. Keep up the great work Jeff Brosch!

I also want to mention Housing's Bob Leung who won a gold medal in boxing in his weight class (I don't remember the last time SFPD has won a medal for boxing). Way to go Bob.

I know others are out there who competed in a plethora of events, so please pass the word around so that I can get the results; I'd welcome any articles from Contra Costa as well.

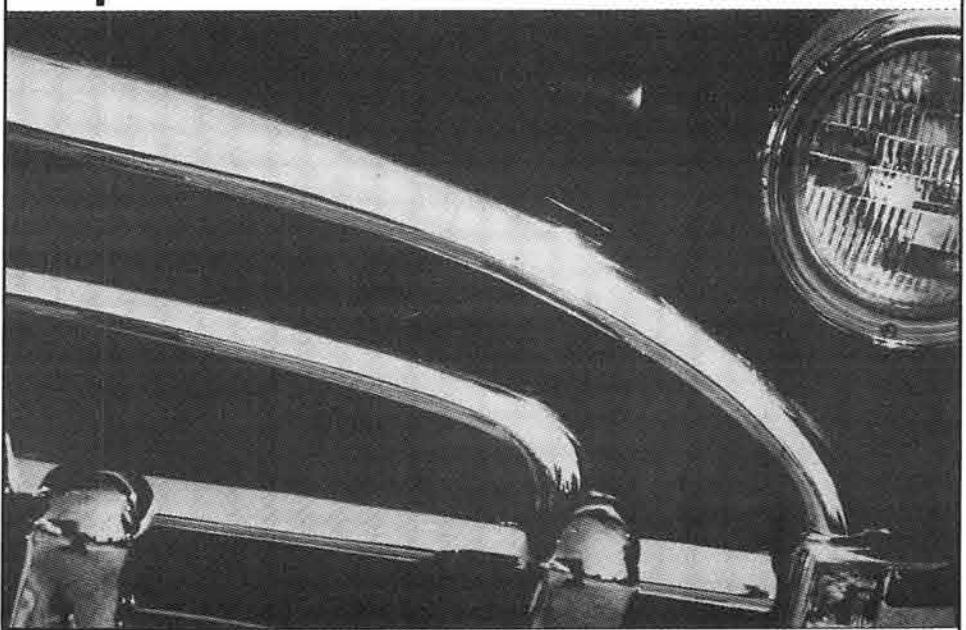
Finally, I have to include my capital "K" for knucklehead segment for this month: the award goes to that charismatic Giants utility man Charlie Hayes for his horrendous display a few weeks back when he tried to go after the homeplate umpire and knocked down Dusty Baker when he tried to restrain him. No class display by a no class guy.

Anyway, enough for now....So See Ya...

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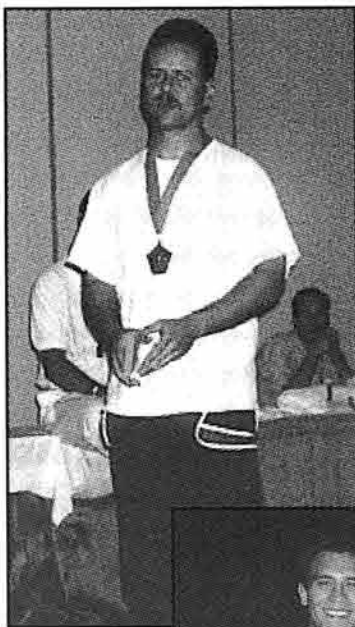
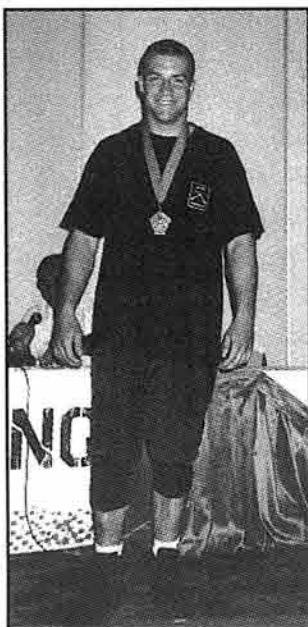
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Results From The Police Olympics in Contra Costa...

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Daniel Simone (Ingleside Station) won the Gold Medal in Wristwrestling, 200lbs and under...was fourth place in Greco-Roman Wrestling, Open Division-187 lbs and under...was fourth place in Freestyle Wrestling, Open Division-187lbs and under

Jason (J.J.) Jefferson (Ingleside Station) was fourth place in Freestyle Wrestling, Open Division-167lbs and under



Timothy (Jude) Farrelly (Northern Station) won the Gold Medal in Freestyle Wrestling, Open Division-138.5lbs and under

A special thank you to Officer Frank McKee and the Academy staff for allowing us to use their mat room for practice.

Spagnoli Brings Home The Gold



On June 23rd, 1998, the San Francisco Police Department's Tactical Unit sent two four man teams to compete in the California State Summer Games.

They competed in the Police Action Pistol Event. This years event was held at the Concord Police Range. Action Pistol is also known as Combat Shooting, where a shooter draws his weapon and shoots very quickly at multiple targets from various ranges. The shooter must also move from different positions while shooting, incorporating reloads as quickly as possible. The object is to hit all the targets without hitting the "No Shoot" targets, which represents innocent bystanders.

At this years event there were four individual stages and four team stages. All the stages consisted of small metal targets which had to be knocked over in order to count for score. There were 210 people from approximately 50 Departments par-

ticipating in the individual event. In the Team Event, 46 teams participated. S.F.P.D. Tactical Team # 1 consisted of Matt Castagnola, Tom Smith, Angelo Spagnoli and Dino Zografos. Tactical Team # 2 consisted of Kevin Dempsey, Jay Dowke, Mike Palada and Mark Madsen.



Tac Team #1: (standing) Smith, Castagnola, (kneeling) Spagnoli & Zografos

In the Overall Individual Event, Angelo Spagnoli, took home the Gold Medal for First Overall Individual, shooting faster and more accurate than all the other participants. Matt Castagnola, took home the Bronze Medal in the C Division, while the rest of the teams shot very well, but did not medal in the Individual Event.

In the Team Event, S.F.P.D. Tactical #1 took home the Silver Medal, finishing Second Overall in the A Division just missing the Gold by a very slight margin. Tactical Team #2 also had a very good showing in the B Division, but the competition was just a little too stiff for them to Medal.

Overall, the California State Summer Games were quite successful for the Tactical Unit. Next year, with a little hard work and more practice, we hope to continue bringing home the Gold. Good Job Tac!!!



Tac Team #2: (standing) Dempsey, Madsen (kneeling) Parada & Dawke



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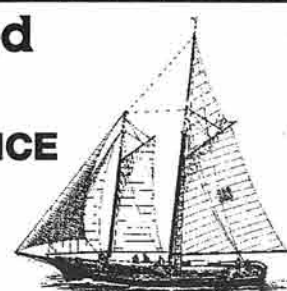
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By Rene LaPrevotte

This won't be much of a column this month, as after our eight day trip to Mexico "In Search of The Perfect Margarita" I am now in the final days of treatment at Betty Ford. The grim details of the trip will be forthcoming next month.

I do need to tell all you fair weather riders that the 5th annual **Police Memorial Ride** will be the last Saturday of July (the 25th) and if last year's event was any indication, there should be over three thousand riders at this year's event. There is a parking

lot party with live music in the parking lot of Sacramento Harley Davidson, 1000 Arden Way at 1800hrs until the beer runs out. There is discount lodging at the **Sacramento Hilton Hotel** just across the street from the party at 2200 Harvard St. (at Arden Way). Call (916)922-4700 for reservations. Tell the Hotel you are with the police memorial ride for the discount rooms.

Saturday July 25th we meet at the State Capitol at 10th & Capitol Streets at 1000 hours where a few VIPs will speak at which time we hit the highway for a police escorted ride to the Apple Hill Ranch for a concert with refreshments, BBQ and live music, as well as motorcycle accessory displays and a just plain good time. There are scores of items raffled off, including a 1998 Harley Davidson. The raffle tickets, event shirts and ride pins will be sold at the BBQ. If you're interested in tickets for the Harley raffle, contact me at the Kingdom of Co. K (553-1245)

Ride safe...see ya in Sacramento!

Tennis Team Wins 11 Medals

SFPD was well represented in tennis at the last Police Summer Games in Contra Costa County. The nine member team included retired members Jim Farrell and Larry Pedrodelosol, Airport Bureau members Brad Dahl, Andy Fracchia, Marty Scanlon, and Mike Chandra and Vicky Quinn (Co. I), Patti Hanson (Vice) and Rich Quesada (Academy).

Larry Pedrodelosol won a gold medal in the Master's single.

Jim Farrell and Vicky Quinn out dueled Patti Hanson and Rich Quesada for the gold medal in Master's mixed doubles.

Hanson then teamed up with Quinn to capture the gold in Women's Master's doubles. That was after Hanson had already earned a gold medal in Women's Master's singles!

Brad Dahl and Andy Fracchia battled through tough competition and won the bronze medal in Master's doubles.

Brad then reached the Men's Master's finals and earned the silver medal. Newcomers to the Games, Scanlon and Chandra showed great promise but were eliminated before the metal rounds. A total of 11 medals from the nine member team.

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Northern Wins "A" Division Softball Championship

By "Nick At Night" Shihadeh

The Northern Station Bulldogs defeated the Mission Diablos by a score of 25-11 in the A Division championship game that took place on Thurs. 6/11 at Jackson Field. This was the fourth consecutive time that these two clubs met for the final (with Northern winning the first one and Mission the last two), so they knew each other well.

During the regular season both teams were pretty dominant over the rest of the division. As far as their scheduled match-ups went, they split the two game series; otherwise, Mission took first place in the standings (8-wins, 1-loss), while Northern ended up in second place (7-wins, 3-losses).

The playoff round would feature Mission taking on the Park Station Islanders while Northern met with TAC. The Diablos had their hands full as Park jumped out to an early

lead and was ahead most of the way; but, they couldn't keep the pressure on, allowed Mission back into the game, and the Diablos prevailed 20-16. Standouts in the game for the Islanders were Greg Cain and Joe Engler, Jr., while for Mission the stars were Brian Philpott and Jake Fagan.

Northern on the other hand went ahead of TAC early, held off a furious TAC rally late in the game, and held on for the victory with a similar score of 20-17. For TAC the player who did the most was Joe "Have U Gotta Smoke?" Coggan, who made a spectacular home run saving catch in the outfield as well as throwing someone out at the plate with that cannon arm of his. The Bulldog standout was rookie Greg "Runs Like A Gazelle" Latus, who did it all at the plate (extra base hits to all fields) while making exceptional plays in the outfield.

As far as the big match-up be-



A Division Champions, Northern Bulldogs

tween Northern and Mission was concerned, most thought that it would be an exciting, close game decided in the late innings; but, that wasn't to be. The first inning would tell the whole story as the "Dogs" scored 12-runs to take a commanding lead from the start, and they never looked back. The Diablos tried to edge their way back, but the "Dogs" maintained the hefty deficit throughout for the one-side victory.

The stars for the Bulldogs in this game were: pitcher Dom "Dombo" Panina (he pitched and fielded his position very well), Ben "Hansi" Vigil (hit two triples early to get the furious rallies going), Mark "Muscle Bound" Williams (had 3-hits including a 2-run homer), and of course Dave "I've Just Won The O'B Award" Herman (going 5 for 5 and knocking in 5 runs).

The Diablo standouts included: Glenn Ortega (hit a 3-run blast for a

home run), Johnny "J.L." Lewis (three hits at the plate), Pablo "The Joker" Ossio (had three hits including a homer of his own), and Gary "Golden Boy" Lorin (going 4 for 4 that included 2-homers and a triple).

For Northern, winning the championship was a great finish to a long, rain soaked, injury laden season. For their triumph, a team trophy was awarded along with individual navy blue sweatshirts with silver lettering that say "SF POA '98 SOFTBALL CHAMPS". For Mission, they'll be expecting to be back in the final next year with Northern for the rubber match of the last four seasons (each team has two of the last four championships). For taking 2nd-place, they received a team trophy and spiffy, white golf shirts with red lettering on the left breast: "'98 SF POA SOFTBALL LEAGUE".

Congrats to both teams and good luck next season!



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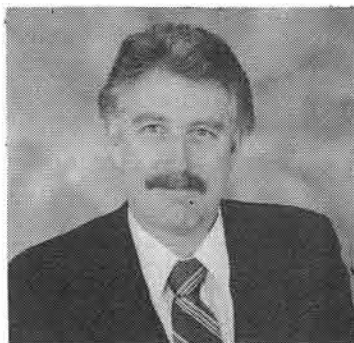
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The Airport Bureau Wins It All B Division Softball Championship

By "Nick At Night" Shihadeh

"The Juggernaut continues..." is how the Airport's Mike Etcheverry described their ongoing dominating season back in May during the run to the "B" Division title. Well, the sound of overconfidence wasn't a deterrent as "the Bureau" continued their success, took first place in the standings, rolled through the playoffs, and eventually beat a very strong Southern Station team by a score of 18-16 in a very exciting championship.

As far as the way the "B" Division playoff picture shaped up at the end of the regular season, the Airport team finished at the top of the standings with a 9-0 record. SF CHP finished in second place with a 7-win, 2-loss record and along with the Bureau would get a first round bye. The remaining four playoff teams were Southern (6-wins, 3-losses), Ingleside Station (6-wins, 3-losses), TTF (5-wins, 4-losses), and the SF Sheriffs (4-wins, 5-losses). The first round post season match-ups would feature Southern vs. Sheriffs and Ingleside vs. TTF.

The Southern/ Sheriffs game wasn't even close as Southern exploded for many runs early and often on their way to a resounding 45-18 victory. The Ingleside/TTF game turned out to be an emotional affair as TTF was playing for the memory of their deceased comrade Ken Sugrue. Well, it was inspired ball that TTF was able to play as they were able to overcome a solid Ingleside ball club by a score of 16-11 in a game that featured excellent play on both sides of the field.

This game for TTF was also instrumental in the fact that it was the first playoff game in the history of their franchise. Under new coach Mark Obrochta, they had a steady year



B Division Champions, The Airport Bureau



B Division 2nd Place, Southern Station

with inspired play from enthusiastic young ball players that lead to this legendary post-season status; and it was somehow done without the help of long time vet Harold "The Beaver" Vance.

TTF tried to keep up their run when matched-up against the powerful Airport squad in the second playoff round, but it wasn't meant to be as they were squashed by a score of 23-7. The other second round game

was Southern vs. CHP; CHP was disposed of quickly 16-8 and the championship was set for Wed. 6/10 out at Westlake Field.

The game started off with Airport taking a 4-1 first inning lead; Southern tied it in the top of the second, but Airport put 3 more runs on the board in the bottom to make it 7-4. Southern took off with 9-runs in the next two innings for a 13 to 7 lead, but then the Bureau came back with 10 of their own the next two at bats to lead it 17-13 after five. It would be 18-14 Airport in the seventh, with Southern starting to put a rally together in the top of the inning. Unfortunately for them, a base-running

gaff took them out of the inning and the score would remain a 4-run deficit for them going into the ninth. Southern started to rally in the ninth with 2-runs to make the score 18-16, but couldn't pull the trigger the rest of the inning; thus, Airport was triumphant.

Standouts in the game for the Bureau were Kevin "I Also Play Soccer" Murray (hitting blasts at the plate with that lean body of his), Jim "Check Out The Stats" McCoy (hit a blast of his own high up the hill over the right field fence as well as playing a strong short stop), Steve "I Used to Be A Giants Batboy" Maes (using his speed to track down balls in the field as well as on the bases), and of course Nick "Scouts The Other Teams" Allen (who pitched and fielded his position very well).

Stars for Southern included: Ross "35 Car" Laflin (hit well at the plate to go with his aggressive play in the outfield), Tom Walsh (hit some blasts at the plate and defended his first base position well), Al Honnibal (who plays great and leads the team as manager at the same time), and of course there is catcher Mike Biggio (talks a great game from behind the plate).

This victory for the Airport Bureau made it a very impressive 11-0 record for them in their first ever championship season; they are very much looking forward to mixing it up in "the show" when they get sent up to the "A" Division. For their success, a team trophy was awarded along with individual navy blue sweatshirts with silver lettering that say "SF POA '98 SOFTBALL CHAMPS". For taking 2nd-place, Southern received a team trophy as well as spiffy, white golf shirts with red lettering on the left breast: " '98 SFPOA SOFTBALL LEAGUE". They may or may not be moved up to the A Division next season; if not, they'll probably be the favorites to win the B Division.

Congrats to both teams and good luck next year!

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,
SFPOA Secretary

I wrote about several incidents involving Unwarranted Action allegations in my last article, pointing out how, many times, no matter what you do involving police work, even if it is justified, the Office of Citizen Complaints will still charge you with misconduct. President Cunnie will continue the effort to prevent this practice and will continue to communicate our concerns to the Police Commission.

We have absolutely no objection to civilian oversight as long as these types of investigations are conducted in a fair and objective manner. We cannot, however, tolerate situations such as...

Officers from Northern Station were asked by a community group to do something about the illegal narcotic trafficking that was occurring on a regular basis in their neighborhood. The officers set up a surveillance of the area, observed several individuals dealing narcotics from a vehicle, and then directed an arrest team to move in and detain the suspects. **The arrest team located the narcotics exactly where the surveillance officers said the suspects placed them, and four people went to jail.**

Over 2 and 1/2 years later the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC) finally gets around to charging the officers involved in this incident with an allegation of Unwarranted Action based on the arrest they made. The OCC charged the officers with conducting an "inappropriate surveillance." When the OCC investigator was asked by the officers' representative, "What was wrong with the surveillance the officers conducted?", the investigator stated, "she wasn't sure."

The officers were also charged with filing an inaccurate police report. When asked by the officers' representative, "What exactly was inaccurate about the police report that was filed?", the OCC investigator stated that this particular allegation was made against the officers because the complainant (i.e. the defendant, or, an individual more appropriately described as one of the people dealing dope in the neighborhood) said he wasn't involved in criminal activity on the date in question and that he never should have been arrested. Funny how it was his car that had all the dope in it and how he just happened to be driving it on the day in question... and, I guess, no matter how many witnesses you have to an incident, as long as the complainant says it never happened, the police report will be inaccurate. Wow...

The officers were also charged with conducting an illegal search of the complainant's vehicle. The officers' representative asked the OCC investigator how she came to the conclusion that the search of the car was "illegal?" The OCC investigator stated that she could not answer that question... gee, I think that she would have versed herself in case law (the kind of legal information we depend on as a law enforcement officers to justify our actions) but I guess, just like the allegation of an "inaccurate police report," she took the word of the dope-dealing complainant as the final authority. Double wow...

And then we have the man who didn't believe in signs...

There is a security checkpoint at

Southern Station with a posted sign warning all who enter that they will have to go through an electronic screening gate. This measure was taken many years ago in order to prevent individuals from bringing their favorite weapon of choice into the municipal courts. The judges tend to get very upset when it happens... The warning sign itself is usually enough to discourage such activity but every once in a while you get someone who just has to be different. In this particular case, the individual brought his 14", double-bladed knife along with an assortment of narcotics in prescription bottles (without prescription information labels attached) and, of course, this was brought to the attention of Southern Station personnel who placed the visitor in handcuffs. The suspect couldn't remember the name of his doctor(s) or why he had the drugs. The suspect spent the next several hours in jail, without the knife and narcotics, and, when given a court date and released, he promptly marched right over to the Office of Citizen Complaints and charged the officers with Unwarranted Action for the detention.

Like I said, we don't mind civilian oversight, it's the overkill that really gets to us!



Candlestick Park, oops, 3-Com Park, and **Officers Bob Moser and Jeff Sung** were working the Giants game where our local heroes were trying for their 11th win in a row. Officers Moser and Sung responded to a report of a disturbance in the stands and when they arrived they found several "fans" who were too intoxicated to tell whether they were watching baseball or football and were generally wrecking the game for everyone else. Bob and Jeff started to escort the individual who was causing most of the problems from the area when his friend came running up from behind and punched Officer Moser knocking him down onto the cement stairs where he sustained a serious laceration to the back of his head. The suspect then attacked Officer Sung and was not only punching Jeff but tried to pull Jeff's gun from his holster. Jeff called for backup and, just as he managed to gain control of the suspect, he noticed that Officer Moser was on the ground, unconscious, blood gushing from the back of his head. A citizen tried to stop the bleeding from the cut Officer Moser sustained but it eventually took a surgical procedure at San Francisco General Hospital and 7 staples to close the wound.

Officer Bob Velarde responded to a Tenderloin hotel at the request of a tenant to remove a 6'3", 240 lb. individual from the premises he had forced his way into. The huge suspect suddenly turned on Bob and started punching him in the face. Bob just barely managed to put out a call for assistance before he was knocked unconscious from the beating. A few of the other tenants of the hotel heard the commotion and came out to assist Officer Velarde until the other uniforms could arrive. **Officer Tom Haymond, Officer John VanKoll, and Officer Daniel Bonnel** were quickly on the scene, placed the

suspect in handcuffs and accompanied Bob to the hospital where he was listed in stable condition.

A suspect robs an elderly woman of her money and takes off running. **Officer Chris Schaffer** arrives on the scene and chases the suspect who is now going over backyard fences. Chris catches up to the robbery suspect who throws the top of a barbecue at him and then tries to climb over another fence to escape, but Chris pulls him down. The suspect then turns on Officer Schaffer, throwing punches. Chris grabs onto him and they both go through a fence and slam into the wall of a nearby house. The suspect then tries to grab Chris' gun and, as the struggle continues, the suspect manages to break free and tries to go for the fence again. Officer Schaffer follows and as he pulls him off the boards for the second time, the suspect turns towards Chris and continues his barrage of punches against him. Chris finally gains the advantage just as help arrives. The Olympic fence-climbing hopeful will now have to deal with getting through metal bars for a change.

Officer Arlin Vanderbilt, on uniform patrol, interrupted an auto burglar at work in the area of 31st Avenue and Santiago and gave chase. Arlin tackled the suspect shortly into the foot chase but the suspect wrestled his way loose. The chase was on again for another 50 yards when the suspect suddenly turned and attacked the officer with his fists. Blows were exchanged and the suspect turned and ran for another half block before Officer Vanderbilt was able to grab onto him again. This time the suspect brandished a screwdriver in an attempt to stab the officer but Arlin had about all he was going to take from this guy and slapped the cuffs on him before he could do any damage with the tool. Officer Vanderbilt later found out that he was dealing with an individual who had an outstanding arrest warrant for \$10,000.00 as well as a lengthy criminal history involving: Assault with a deadly weapon, Burglary, Carrying concealed weapons, Discharging firearms, and Carjacking, and he was only 24 years old...

Lieutenant Al Casiato was on his way out to patrol on his department motorcycle, just leaving the Hall of Justice, when he saw a brand new car coming off the freeway in flames. The car stopped across from Al and the two occupants just sat inside, dazed. Al ran to the burning vehicle and pulled the passenger side door open and literally had to push and pull the driver and passenger out before the car was fully engulfed.

Sergeant Mike Gallegos was on his way to work the midnight watch at Southern Station, driving along the 280 freeway when he saw the spinning of headlights and a cloud of dirt moving about 100 yards in front of him. He came upon a van, badly damaged from rolling over, and a woman and a 7-year old child, the probable occupants, running in shock in the middle of the freeway lanes. Mike pulled to the side, jumped from his car and ran towards the woman and the child. He just barely managed to corral them back to a safe area when he turned and saw a small baby, wrapped in a blanket, lying in the middle of the fast lane, apparently thrown from the van when it rolled. Traffic was still driving by at the usual 'give a damn' pace and, although Mike still doesn't remember crossing the lanes, he did, risking his life to get the small bundle. He cradled the baby in his arms until emergency medical crews could get to the scene. The baby was fine.

Officer Mike Androvich and Officer Moses Gala were conducting an investigation involving known gang members involved with narcotic dealing when they located three of the individuals mentioned as suspects at a residence in the Ingleside District working on a car. The officers engaged these subjects in a brief conversation and just happened to notice that they were standing, within arms reach, of several weapons. Officer Androvich and Officer Gala then retrieved an AK-47 assault rifle, a 20-gauge shotgun, and an additional rifle and then escorted the three "mechanics" to jail.

Please make sure we get copies of any/all Unwarranted Action allegations so that appropriate documentation can be made at our office and appropriate notation can be made to our readers!

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We're Finally Catching Up With Ourselves!

Ray Shine,
Editor

We have a new schedule of deadlines here at the Notebook. We are adjusting our printing dates in order to move into a more timely mode of publication. We are moving our dates ahead one week per month until we reach our soon-to-be-regular printing schedule, which will be to print and mail during the last week of the month that *precedes* the issue month. In other words, the November issue of the POA Notebook will go to print and be mailed during the last week of October. That way you will receive your monthly issue of the Notebook at the beginning of the month rather than near the end. We feel that makes for better business, and more timely and enjoyable reading.

So please bear with us over the course of the next few months as we move through the readjustment. All of you will still receive 12 issues of the Notebook this calendar year, even if one or two of them arrive within a couple of weeks of each other. For those of you who wish to write to us or submit articles please be mindful of our new submission deadlines. They are:

For the **August** issue, the deadline is **July 27, 1998**

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