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Dan Hampton Can Do It All

By Steve Johnson,
Secretary SFPOA

Need to re-key the cell locks? Construct a new door for the prisoner sally port? Repair the furnace? Change the ballasts in the electronic lamps?

No matter what the need, no matter what time of day or night, you can always count on Officer Dan Hampton, a 28-year veteran, to respond to your call for help at any of the 17 different police department sites.

Dan is the Facilities Coordinator at Planning and Research and he makes sure that all of the Department's needs fall within the \$2 million dollar budget he oversees. Dan's phone never stops ringing because police facilities are open 24-hours a day and, because of the nature of the beast, emergency service personnel need to have certain resources available in order to do their jobs.

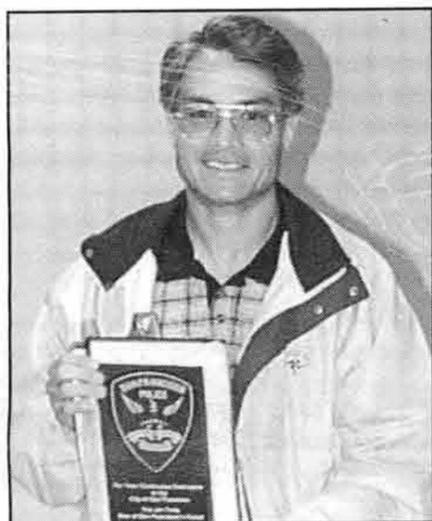
The phrase "can't do" does not exist in Dan's vocabulary. Officer Dan Hampton gets the job done and he always makes sure it is performed in a professional manner, and that is why he was selected as the San Francisco Police Officers' Association Officer of the Month for July, 1998.

Dan has been recognized in the past. He holds the Department's highest award, the Gold Medal of Valor, as well as a Bronze Medal of Valor, and several Police Commission Commendations.

Some people just excel at whatever they do. Officer Dan Hampton falls in that category, and that's very fortunate for the rest of us.

Editor's comments: I couldn't agree more with the kudos Steve Johnson gives to Dan Hampton, and I'd like to add a few of my own.

Dan has been a POA Notebook contributor for much longer than I have been editor. His column, Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers,



Dan Hampton

is always one of the first of the regular monthly submissions to appear in my in-box. He is consistently one of the most reliable and committed of the regular columnists who write for our paper.

He is also one of the most valued. Aside from our small Notebook staff, all of whom appreciate his timely and properly prepared submissions, Dan's journalistic commentary and style is respected and admired by a significant number of regular readers. More than one person has commented to me that Dan's Christian ethos certainly permeates his writing, but that it doesn't impose itself on the reader. The subtleties of his style, and the universality of his message, enable him, often, to speak directly to the hearts and minds of many people, and to persons of varying degrees of religious commitment and faith. Few writers of any genre enjoy that sort of general appeal in their readership.

So, join Steve and me, and all of the POA Board of Directors, in extending our thanks and appreciation to Dan for all that he does for us — from both sides of Bryant Street. And if you haven't already done so, check out his column on page 10 of this issue. It's a good read. — Ray Shine

SFPD Task Force Snuffs-out Illegal Fireworks Sales

By George Rosko, Central Station
OIC Fireworks Abatement Unit

The SFPD Fireworks Abatement Unit started its operations on May 23, 1998. This was several weeks earlier than in prior years, and was necessitated by the explosion that occurred on 19th Ave. in early May. That blast was an indicator that fireworks activity was going to be very active this year.

The Fireworks Abatement Unit had several objectives. First, to aggressively seek to eliminate street sales as much as possible through arrests and confiscation of dangerous fireworks. Fireworks dealers sell their product by as much as ten times what they pay for it. A \$10,000 investment can be turned into \$100,000 in a matter of a few weeks. This aggressive field work also suppresses the chance that organized gangs will become involved in the sales and turf wars that inevitably develop.

Another objective was to maximize the safety of the citizens of San Francisco, and of Chinatown in particular. Street sales in large quantities means that buildings warehouse large caches of dangerous fireworks. The explosion on 19th Ave. was a result of cached fireworks. The fact that no one was killed on 19th Ave. was amazing. The chance for a major disaster in San Francisco could be only one catastrophic spark away.

Another primary goal of the unit was to do a public education campaign to heighten the public awareness of the true dangers of illegal fireworks. That outreach was conducted in a vigorous campaign that included dissemination of literature, establishment of community "tip lines", and community contacts made through business and neighborhood groups. Our unit received numerous calls from citizens unclear on the legalities of fireworks in San Francisco. Some believed that firecrackers were legal. Several dozen stores in San Francisco were found to be openly selling fireworks. After having



The only thing that prevented this residential block in the Bayview from looking like the one on 19th Avenue (top) was the dedicated work of the Fireworks Task Force

the law explained to them, all of the merchants voluntarily removed them from display and sale.

We began our enforcement effort by putting officers out in plainclothes to pose as buyers. Some officers remained in uniform. This combination proved highly effective as buys were made undercover, and persons seeking to buy illegal fireworks were dissuaded by the uniformed presence.

One plainclothes operation netted a couple of suspects, two impounded vehicles, and an assortment of fireworks. Through further investigation, Officer Robert Herrold and Officer Daryl Fong received information that a residence in the Bayview might be housing a large quantity of dangerous explosives. That premise was searched and approximately 3000 lbs. of explosives were found in a downstairs room. This stash clearly had the chance of becoming another 19th Ave. catastrophe. This confiscation was the second largest that anyone could remember within the last twenty years. A total of five vehicles were impounded for transporting dangerous fireworks for sale.

By the taking down this stash,

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POA Condolences...

are extended to senior staff member Laverne Petrucci and her family over the sudden death of her husband, Laurence, who passed away at their home on July 20, 1998. The notion that all of us at the POA are family certainly includes our trusted staff, and any grief shared by one is shared by us all. Our hearts and our prayers go out to the Petrucci family, and to Laverne in particular, in this sad and difficult time.

Widows and Orphans Aid Association

30 year run as Secretary closes an era

Bob Mc Kee Retires from Widows and Orphans

By Ray Shine, Editor

Just as another July "retiree stampede" draws to a close, and we figure to have seen the last of our most valued personnel heading for greener pastures, word comes down that Bob Mc Kee is also retiring — again!

You see, Bob has already retired once. It was back in 1975 after a distinguished 36 year career with the San Francisco Police Department. Since then, he has dutifully carried out his responsibilities as the Secretary of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association. Now he is stepping down as the person who has consistently and accurately chronicled the business of the W&O for the past 30 years. His report of the minutes of each monthly meeting has appeared in this space in the Notebook for as long as I can remember. This month the space is dedicated to him.



dors on his Harley-Davidson wearing only a brimmed soft cap. Despite being trained "by some excellent riders" Bob endured several crashes. At one such mishap he suffered a hernia while picking up his overturned Harley. A very short while later the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and it was that injury that prevented him from serving in the military.

So, throughout the war years, Bob kept the traffic moving in this bustling port city San Francisco was a debarkation point for thousands of servicemen and women passing to or from the Pacific theater. Still, despite the urgency of the times, traffic was not the congested

mess that it is today, and Bob enjoyed helping everyone get around the town. "The only place we ever had a traffic jam was the bridge ramp at Second and Bryant," he explained. "There just wasn't that much traffic back then. We helped people, and they liked us."

Besides lacking crash helmets, Solo's of old also lacked radios. Long before the era of PIC, the motorcycles were equipped only with one-way scanners. There was no such thing as running a check of a license over the airwaves. Nor was there a capability to radio for back-up or help. "I did pull this one guy over once," Bob recalled, "and he pulled a gun out of the glove box. You know who backed me up? A cab driver! People were a lot different then...."

Bob was appointed a limited tenure Sergeant in 1952 and was transferred to Co. B. He was appointed to civil service Sergeant in 1956 and transferred to Co. G. After a brief stay there he returned to Traffic Bureau where he served in the Accident Investigation unit.

In 1975 the Personnel Bureau received a notice from the city Retirement Board advising them that one of their employees had achieved the maximum employable age for police officer and must be retired. That employee was Bob Mc Kee, and he retired from the Department on August 1, 1975 at age 65. Did the City and County have to force Bob out the door? Only Bob knows for sure, but

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Police-Fire Post 456 News



By Greg Corrales

"We have done to our own military what no foreign power has been able to do."

—Rep. Floyd Spence House National Security Committee Chairman

Any hope for an increase in the 1999 defense budget died recently when, by a 216 to 204 vote, the House of Representatives approved a federal spending plan that provides \$270 billion for defense in 1999. This is the same amount approved by the Senate. For the fourteenth consecutive year, after accounting for the effects of inflation, the buying power of the defense budget will go down. The 1999 budget represents the lowest level of defense spending in forty years when adjusted for inflation.

Rep. Floyd Spence, (R) S.C., the House National Security Committee Chairman, was among those pushing for a bigger defense budget. Spence said the \$270 billion allocated to defense leaves the military unprepared. Spence complained that the people who drew up the House-passed budget were "guilty of der-

eliction of duty" because the plan "puts our country at risk"

In the "Sound Off" section of the April 1998 issue of *Leatherneck*, a reader inquired as to who the "most decorated" black Marine is. The editorial response was, "Most decorated" is subjective. What is not subjective is that there are five black Marines who have won the Medal of Honor, all in Vietnam, and all posthumously... They are Sgt. Rodney M. Davis, PFC James Anderson Jr., PFC Oscar P. Austin, PFC Robert H. Jenkins Jr. and PFC Ralph H. Johnson."

In the July 1998 issue of *Leatherneck*, retired SgtMaj Louis Rountree is mentioned as the most decorated black Marine. SgtMaj Rountree enlisted in 1948 and was trained in Montford Point, Camp Lejuene, N.C. He served in the Korean War, participated in the 1962 Cuban blockade, and saw heavy action in Vietnam. He received three Silver Stars, four Bronze Stars with Combat "V", three Purple Hearts, and seventeen other awards. Unfortunately, SgtMaj Rountree has had a stroke and is confined to the Washington, D.C. VA hospital. Anyone wishing to send a card to one of our nation's true warriors should write to SgtMaj Louis Rountree, Department of Veterans Affairs, Medical Center-Nursing Home Unit, K Wing, Room 102, 50 Irving Street N.W., Washington, D.C. 20422.

The worst thing about liberty in

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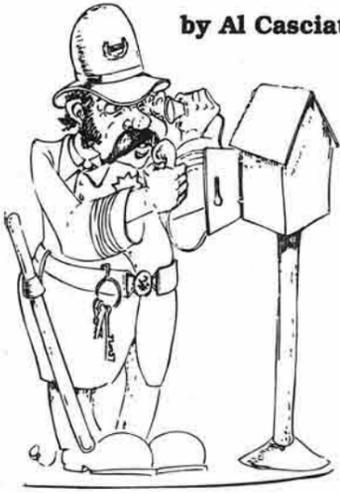
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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



...Mark Your Calendars:

On July 9th Captain **Roy Sullivan** and the members of the Traffic Bureau hosted a BBQ at the Mariposa Hunters Point Yacht Club on China Basin. The event brought together active and retired officers, as well as family and friends. 141 meals were served and from all accounts everyone was pleased to get together for no other reason than good will. That message was underscored that evening when Chief **Fred Lau**, Commander **John Portoni**, and Captain Roy Sullivan sat with Mrs. **Don Forte** at San Francisco General. Don had been at the BBQ prior to going on duty and had been sitting with Roy Sullivan commenting on how good the food was and how nice it was just to get together. A few hours later Don lay in surgery after being hit by a motorist who made a let turn into his motorcycle while both were proceeding side by side on First St. Don is out of the hospital and recuperating at home. He commented in the hospital as to how much he had enjoyed the BBQ. Visitors commented on how important it was for all of us to gather frequently. In that spirit Captain Sullivan and the Traffic Bureau will host another BBQ on **Wed. October 7th from 1100-1800 hours at the Mariposa Club**. Mark your calendars. The BBQs are financed by a fund set up specifically for this type of event. Captain Sullivan welcomes your assistance. Send checks care of Co. K...

...Preserving Our History:

Retired Captain **Tom Dempsey** has written a book about San Francisco officers killed in the line of duty. Titled *Men of Courage*, the book keeps alive the memories and stories of our fallen comrades. Copies are available from the Chief's Office for \$14 (fourteen dollars). All profits realized are donated to charity. Every member of the police family should read this book, a book that we hope will never have to be updated...

...Impound Account:

When is the last time you checked your impound account at the Credit Union? You know — that account used to transfer your payroll deductions. Since loans come and go and occasionally we have an extra pay period, it's not unusual for an impound account to have extra funds. Recently two CU members decided to check their accounts. **The retiree had \$2900+ and the active officer \$900+.** So if you haven't checked your account lately do so and if there is a little windfall, go out and have a nice time with a loved one. . .

...Eaves Dropping:

If the story is true. Seems that some local neighbors of the Hall of Justice have been entertaining themselves by listening to cell portable phone conversations emitting from the building. Enough said...

...Twister:

Last month several members of the department traveled to the Harley Davidson Reunion in Milwaukee. Officer **Joaquin Santos**, of Northern Station, by far had the most terrifying adventure in the cross country ride. While traveling through the Great Plains a tornado chased him and some other riders. They sped to a freeway underpass and tried to hide from the winds. For a few moments they hung on to anything solid as the tornado tried to pull them out. A hair raising experience to say the least...

...Births:

Jason and Michelle Fox, Treasure Island Detail, proudly welcomed their first child **Judith**, 8 lbs. 6 oz., 21 inches on June 29, 1998. The proud grandparents are **Gary and Kathy Fox**, Burglary. Proud Uncle **Matthew** is with the Daly City Police Department, and Proud Aunt **Kim** is now living in Chicago and expecting a second cousin for Judith.

...Condolences:

Our condolences go out to long-time P.O.A. secretary, **Laverne Petrucci** and children **Christine** and **Larry** on the loss of their dad and husband **Larry Petrucci**, July 20th, 1998. Larry was a friend to many of us. We also share the sorrow of the Daly City Police Department which mourns the sudden loss of Captain **James Mendiara** on July 10, 1998. Jim worked with many of us over the years and just recently on the U.S. Open at the Olympic Club. He had just returned from participating in a reenactment of the battle of Gettysburg. . .

...Lost and Found:

If you worked the US. Open and lost an item give Lt. **Dave Oberhoffer** a call at Taraval Station. Dave collected everything that was left behind and has items at Co. I. Also, if anyone knows if there are any left over souvenirs for sale let us know as several of those who worked missed out. . .

...Recruitment:

In a short time the department will conduct a recruitment for Q2's. We have been experiencing great diffi-

culty hiring new officers. Why? There are probably a number of factors starting with; the economy is very good and there is money to be made in a lot of other professions which are not as demanding or dangerous. Hopefully, we will be able to hire enough officers to keep up with the attrition. In the meantime; if we are unable to hire enough officers we should recruit as many retirees as possible to handle the inside and counter jobs so officer safety on the street doesn't suffer and the citizens of San Francisco receive the coverage they need...

...Consent Decree:

In a few short months, if not sooner, the Consent Decree will come to an end. What will its legacy be? Only time will tell. In the meantime the department struggles to define the rules which will govern future promotional exams and or processes...

...We need each other:

Every time a election looms on the horizon a perceived rift develops between active and retired members. Some active members discount the value the retirees can bring to the ballot box. Some retirees on the other hand perceive that active officers do not care about them. We need each other's help all the time. The issue of today may appear to directly affect one group. Tomorrow's issue the other group. Ultimately though all the issues will affect all of us. Today's active officers are tomorrow's retirees. Tomorrow's active officer's are the children of the retirees. We must all keep that in mind. **We need each other — all the time...**

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POA Forms 911 Oversight Committee

President Chris Cunnie has formed a committee to oversee the formation and implementation of the Department's new 911 project. The work-related impact of the new report writing and communications systems will be dramatic, and the POA wants to ensure that a viable, working system is launched only after appropriate and extensive training has occurred.

The new committee members are seeking input and concerns from of-

ficers in the field. If you have any, please contact one of the persons listed below.

- Russ Gordon, Co. D
- Glenn Sylvester, Academy
- Tom Feledy, Fraud
- Dan Leydon, Fraud
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MC KEE

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if his record of longevity, dedication, and service in the Widows & Orphans is any indication, they probably did.

Bob has served as the Secretary of that organization since the late Sixties. He has kept the written record of the affairs, the elections, the investments, the debates of that service organization for as long as most of us can remember. He has spoken to numerous SFPD Academy classes about the benefits of joining the W&O, and usually leaves each session with a large majority of new member applications in hand.

One of the most disheartening tasks that Bob was responsible for was the recording of the deaths of W&O members in each of the monthly minutes. While it is not required that he do so, Bob has always made a respectful extra effort to record the assignment and job history of each passing member, to create the image of an actual person to go along with the name. So there he would be at the end of every month, in the record archive at Personnel, the "old Sarge" pawing through the card drawers, researching the careers of deceased police officers, making his notes, then closing in finality the file on each.

Now Bob moves on. He has logged his final minutes and passed the quill along to Jim Sturken. An era of dedicated service ends. Former police officer, former POA President (1961), and Secretary Emeritus to the W&O Robert Mc Kee is off to enjoy the rest of his life, and takes with him our grateful prayers that it will be as rich and meaningful as the first half.

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of the Widows & Orphans Aid Association was called to order by V. President W. Hardeman at 2:08 P.M. Wednesday, July 22, 1998 in the Conference room at Ingleside Station.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Pres. Forencich and Tr. Dempsey excused. All others present with members R. Crosat, M. Kemmitt, R. Kurpinsky, & J. Sturken.

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

NEW MEMBER: Motion Mc Kee/2nd Jeffery Robert CANEDO be accepted. APPROVED.

SUSPENSIONS: 3 members were stricken from the rolls for non-payment of dues.

COMMUNICATIONS: Following donations received and acknowledged by the Secretary: **POLICE COMMISSIONERS SIDNEY CHAN & EDWARD PETRILLO** - monthly salary; **CHARLES HUDSPETH** in memory of Kenneth Sugrue; **MRS. ANTONIA KNIGHT** in memory of Robert Parenti. (Both families notified)

Treas. Parenti reported the usual bills, benefits, salaries, taxes, etc. APPROVED.

Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths:

JOHN BROGGI: Born in Ukiah in 1921, John had just been discharged from the Navy when he joined the Department in 1945, age 24. From the Academy to Potrero for 2 years, Mission 8 years, then to Central for 9 years. Transferred to Mission, John was promoted to Sergeant in 1975, retiring from Mission in 1976, age 55. In 1947 he was awarded a 2nd Grade for arrest and disarming of a suspect who had shot another officer. John was 76 at the time of his death.

MELVIN CALLEWEART: Born in Roseburg, Oregon in 1918, Mel was working as a teamster before becoming a member of the Department in 1947, age 29. From the Academy to Park Station for 2 years, then to Northern for 3 years, Potrero for 2 years. Transferred to Co. K - Accident Bureau, Mel stayed there until appointed a Sergeant in 1967, when he was assigned to Richmond for 2 years, returning to Traffic until his retirement on disability in 1977, age 55. He was awarded a 2nd Grade for the arrest of an armed bank robber in 1964. Mel was age 80 at the time of his death.

DANIEL CARRICK: Born in San

Francisco in 1908, worked as a jailer before he became an S.F. Police Officer in 1934, age 26. No Academy in those days, so he received his training working out of the Night Chief Of Police office. From there to Traffic - Fixed Post - until appointed a sergeant in 1947. Assigned to Potrero 2 years, Northern 5 years, appointed Temporary Lieutenant was assigned to Potrero until appointed Lieutenant in 1965 and transferred to Personnel, from where he retired on Service in 1973 at age 65. Dan was awarded the following: 1947 - 2nd Grade for arrest of 2 men who had wounded another officer; 1957 - C/C arrest of 2 suspects wanted for burglarizing cigarette machines; 1958 - C/C arrest of 2 juveniles who had been threatening people with a gun. Dan achieved the age of 90 before he passed away.

JOSEPH MC CORMICK: Born in Oakland in 1926, he was working as a banker before he joined the Department in 1953, age 27. From the Academy to Ingleside one year, then to Northern until his retirement on disability in 1957, age 30. John received a 1st Grade for fatally shooting a holdup man in the act of a robbery, who exchanged gunfire with police. He was 71 at his death.

JEANNE MC VEIGH: Born in Oakland in 1946, she worked as a Parking Control Officer for nearly ten years before becoming an S.F. Police Officer in 1975, age 29. From the Academy to short stays at Park & Southern. Transferred to Administration, Jeanne worked in Personnel, etc. The photographs of all the various Academy classes on the 5th Floor of the Hall of Justice are part of her work while assigned to the Chief's Office. In 1997 Jeanne was assigned to Mounted Patrol, a position for which she had waited for some time. Although she gave Cancer a tough battle, it still managed to cut short her stay with us at age 51.

JOHN NORTON: Born in San Francisco in 1937, John came from the San Jose Police Department to become a member in our Department in 1959, age 22. he was granted M/L, returned in 1961 for a stop at Headquarters Co. before resigning from the Department in 1962, age 25. John went on to have a brilliant career in law enforcement, finally achieving the position of Commander of the California State Police. He was a young 60 when he passed away.

KENNETH SUGRUE: Born in San Francisco, Ken worked as a security

officer before following his father into the Department in 1980 at age 21. From the Academy to Central for 6 months, then to Ingleside for 4 years. Assigned to Tactical Unit until promoted to Sergeant in 1992 when he was transferred to Central. From Central to TTF until his death at the young age of 39. Ken, among other awards, received in 1982 a Police Commission Commendation for the arrest of 4 youths who had fired a shotgun from an automobile; 1984-Bronze Medal of valor for the arrest of a burglar who had armed himself with a stolen gun and threatened to shoot officers. Suspect disarmed after a struggle.

MARIO TOVANNI, Jr.: Born in San Francisco in 1930, Mario was a salesman until he joined the Department in 1956, age 25. From the Academy to Northern 1 year, Richmond 1 year, Southern 5 years, Accident Bureau for a year, then back to Southern for 5 years. Assigned to City Prison, he stayed there until promoted to Sergeant and was transferred to Ingleside. After two years, transferred to Mission for a year, then to Ingleside 2 years. Back to Mission until promoted to Lieutenant in 1980. Mario served as Lieutenant at Ingleside until his retirement on Service in 1985, age 55. He earned the following awards: 1961 - arrest of three suspects and a fourth fatally shot while burglarizing a service station; 1961 - C/C arrest of 2 suspects burglarizing a grocery store; 1963 - 2nd Grade arrest and disarming a man with a rifle who had wounded a woman; 1964 - C/C arrest of armed suspect who had robbed a liquor store; 2nd Grade - arrest of suspect wanted for house burglaries and several rapes; 1965 - C/.C arrest of three suspects who had just burglarized a golf shop. Another member who suffered an early death at age 67.

ELVIN PLETTE: Born in Bakersfield in 1924, Elvin had just graduated from college when he became an S.F. Police Officer in 1947, age 22. From the Academy to Ingleside for 3 years, then to Southern from where he retired on disability in 1954, age 29. He was 73 at the time of his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Gary Joe (BoFA) Portfolio is still holding its own in spite of the turbulent market. Bank would like a change in wording of stock holdings to be Market Value instead of Cost. No changes contemplated. Number of deaths in this period forced bank to sell one bond.

Discussion by Trustees as to any changes to the Constitution. Decided to wait until an actuarial report is made. Tr. Fontana had several recommendations, which he will hold until report is received.

NEW BUSINESS: Motion Jeffery/2nd Fontana that Treasurer be allowed to contact for the actuarial report. APPROVED. Fontana would like dues payment to stop at age 70 or a partial payment only. Will wait for actuarial recommendations.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: V. President Hardeman set the next regular meeting for 2:00 P.M. Wednesday, August 19, 1998 in the conference room at Ingleside.

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

Fraternally,
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Thinking Of Buying A Family Computer?

Here it is August already, and a new school year looms just around the corner. Computers are increasingly more integral to the learning process, and an ability to zoom through a research project on the backside of a mouse has become more than an edge one student might have over another — it has become the standard by which students are taught to negotiate in the "Information Age."

Other reasons for purchasing a family computer are for access to the internet and e-mail capabilities, tele-commuting for mom or dad, and game playing. But what computer will be most suitable for the family as a whole,

Why You Should Buy A PC Computer

By Glenn Sylvester

With the advent of increasing computer technology, the PC platform offers the best choice for those considering their first purchase of a system; The PC represents an overwhelming vast majority of computers used in business, personal use, and the ever increasing Internet;

The reasons for this are very simple: Overall, PC's are much less expensive, offer future expansion capabilities, and software vendors develop programs geared towards

operating on a PC as a top priority before doing so on a Macintosh platform. The graphical user environment (Win 95, Win 98) has made it easier for users today to get right down to business and use their applications right out the box, as well as offering those power users the ability to go behind the scenes of the GUI as well. Couple this with "plug and play" capabilities in the operating system that makes it much easier to add extra devices to the PC if needed.



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or what will best suit the students of the 21st Century?

The debate over the Mac format vs. the PC format is more agitated than ever. So the Notebook has asked two of its most knowledgeable computer experts to offer our readers a nutshell recommendation as to which system is best. Tom Feledy, our esteemed Webmaster, is a faithful Mac user, and swears to that product's ease of use and reliability. Glenn Sylvester pens the monthly column CyberNews, and is an expert on PC's and their universality. Here are there recommendations: — Editor

24 Reasons Why You Should Buy a Win95 PC Instead of a Mac

By Tom Feledy
POA Webmaster

1. You're not doing anything for the next several months, and you've decided now is the time to buy a new computer.
2. You've always wanted to learn a second language, and someone suggested DOS would be fun — and useful, too!
3. Your bookshelves are empty and you want to fill them with large, heavy volumes containing mostly incomprehensible text you'll never have time to read, anyway.
4. You've seen all those Windows 95 class announcements at the Academy, and you've been looking for an excuse to take one.
5. You like a challenge. You get bored if things work right the first time. You enjoy "troubleshooting".
6. You like to tinker. Your fingers itch if you can't "pop the top" on that new computer and play with the "jumpers" and "dip-switches".
7. What your computer looks like is unimportant, even though you're going to be staring at it for several hours a day for the next year or two, and it will take up your entire desk. It's what's inside that counts.
8. You tired of feeling left out when everybody starts talking over morning coffee at work about their latest system crash.
9. You don't care about networking. You know your system will never consist of more than one computer and one printer.
10. You know the folks that work at your computer store real well, and they have agreed in advance to take back all the games and software you buy that won't work because of all of the undisclosed bugs in Microsoft's operating system and Intel's chips.
11. Your local computer store stocks a large selection of peripheral devices, like CD-ROM drives, printers, scanners, and digital cameras, so when the ones you bought don't work because of bugs (see 10, above), you can keep going

back repeatedly to return them and try different brands.

12. You like experimenting, to see what works — and more often, what doesn't. (See 11, above).
13. You are a born mediator. You have a knack for getting software and hardware vendors to all agree on what is causing your system to crash repeatedly. They promise a "fix" real soon.
14. Your time is worth nothing, so you don't mind spending it going back and forth to the computer store (see 12, above).
15. Your radio is broken, so you find the "on hold" music refreshing, as you wait for your computer help line to take the next caller.
16. You don't want to be different. All your friends have Win95 PC's.
17. You find product labels sexy: "Pentium", "MMX", "USB", "Pentium II".
18. You think Bill Gates needs more money, and you want to show your support for his entrepreneurial savvy — before he becomes really big!
19. You believe that, inside, all computers are alike, and so the cheapest computer represents the best value.
20. You have faith that your software will work right the first time, and all of it will work flawlessly with everything else. You will never have to uninstall anything.
21. City Hall and the SFPD have standardized on Win95 PC's. Their decision must have come after careful deliberation and consideration of all the options.
22. You enjoy clutter. All those cable connecting things in the back of your PC make you proud. You think the new all-in-one Apple IMac with color screen, hard drive, built in networking and 56K internet modem is just a kid's toy.
23. You liked "1984". You love Big Brother. (see novel by George Orwell)
24. For you, "almost as good as a Mac" is good enough.



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POA Pet Link

Would-be Pit Bull Bait Needs Loving Home

By Deborah Braden,
POA Animal Rescue Adviser

As police officers, all of us possess an innate desire to rescue and aid. Most of us react to dire situations without regard for the nature of the Being that needs our help. People or animals alike, we respond. That is why I am posting this new column in the Notebook. I know that if there is any group of people ready and willing to rescue a needy animal it is San Francisco police officers. So help me help these imperiled pets. If you can not adopt one of these special-case animals yourself, at least spread the word about their plight and generate an awareness in the hearts of your friends and neighbors.

The San Francisco Animal Care and Control has an abundance of animals who are in need of a home. Every month one of the animals will be featured who is especially needy. For those of you who have "rescued" any of our four legged friends you know that you are the recipient of an abundance of love and gratitude. If any animal I feature has been adopted by the time we go to publication don't despair! Animal Care and Control has lots of critters to go around. In fact they have chickens, bunnies, and rats. Oh, my!!!



I need a home and a name

This four month old female Doberman mix was picked up as a stray by an Animal Control Officer in Hunter's Point. She was undernourished and had old bite wounds on her ears. The shelter staff believes that this pup was going to be used as pit bull bait and managed to get away. In spite of having to fend for herself at such a tender age she is **VERY** sweet, docile, and timid. If you have a **lot of patience**, time, and love to give I know this brown eyed beauty could reach her potential of becoming a trusting, loyal, and wonderful companion. I believe she is very bright and eager to learn. Because she was too shy to venture out I took the photo inside her kennel space where she felt more secure and was very cooperative. Probably would be best in a home with older children.

If you can provide a home for this terrific puppy contact Animal Care and Control at (415) 554-6364 and refer to J.D. #86083 or visit their Web Site at www.ci.sf.ca.us/acc. Please do not call the POA Office.

P.S. There was a delightful bonus on the day of my visit — an unusually large number of young animals ready for adoption, including a litter of six adorable Shepard/Pit Bull mix puppies.

Things We Can Learn From A Dog

- Never pass up the opportunity to go for a ride.
- Allow the experience of fresh air and the wind in your face to be pure ecstasy.
- When loved ones come home, always greet them.
- Let others know when they've invaded your territory.
- When it's in your best interest, practice obedience.
- Take naps and stretch before rising.
- Run, rump, and play daily.
- Eat with gusto and enthusiasm.
- Be loyal.
- Never pretend to be something you're not.
- If what you want lies buried, dig around until you find it.
- When someone is having a bad day, be silent, sit close by and nuzzle them gently.
- Thrive on attention and let people touch you.
- Avoid biting when a simple growl will do.
- On hot days, drink lots of water and lay under a shady tree.
- When you're happy, dance around and wag your entire body.
- No matter how often you're scolded, don't buy into the guilt thing and pout. . run right back and make friends.
- Delight in the simple joy of a long walk.

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the Persian Gulf right now isn't that it comes so rarely, but that it ends so fast. In the United Arab Emirates, the most frequently visited port of call in the Middle East, only E-6's and above can spend a quiet night in a hotel room ashore. All others must report back aboard by midnight, or risk losing all liberty privileges. The rules were put in place after a couple of "incidents" in which drunken sailors ran amok in Dubai, the capital city of the United Arab Emirates. A number of innocent Marines were led astray by the same sailors. Officials insist the rules are to protect sailors and Marines from terrorist threats, a concern that has increased since the 1996 Khobar Towers bombing in Saudi Arabia.

The Navy's rules for liberty in Jebel Ah, United Arab Emirates main port, are:

1. All crew members must use buddy system at all times.
2. E-3's and below cannot use taxis.
3. E-5's and below cannot stay out overnight.

4. No vehicles can be rented.
5. No groups of four or more.

Despite the recent "gondola tragedy" in Italy, the skies are steadily becoming safer for the military, with an historically low level of serious mishaps, according to a congressional report. Investigators for the General Accounting Office, the investigative arm of Congress, wrote in a recent report that fewer service members are dying in military aircraft than was the case in the past, and that property losses are declining. In 1997, the military lost just 54 aircraft, with a total value of \$1.1 billion, had 76 deaths and reported a serious accident rate of 1.2 for every 100,000 flight hours, the report said.

Please make a determined effort to attend a Police-Fire Post 456 meeting. Meetings are the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are held in the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of business.

Retired SFPD sergeant and all-around good guy Joe Molinelli, and his beautiful wife Cleo, were kind enough to send me the following list of questions actually asked of witnesses by attorneys, as allegedly reported in the Massachusetts Bar Association Journal:

1. "Now doctor, isn't it true that when a person dies in his sleep, he doesn't know about it until the next morning?"
2. "The youngest son, the twenty-year old, how old is he?"
3. "Were you present when your picture was taken?"
4. "Was it you or your younger brother who was killed in the war?"
5. "Did he kill you?"
6. "How far apart were the vehicles at the time of the collision?"
7. "You were there until the time you left, is that true?"
8. "How many times have you committed suicide?"
9. Q: "So the date of conception (of the baby) was August 8th?"
A: "Yes."
Q: "And what were you doing at that time?"

Semper fi, Jack
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Catastrophic Illness Program Reminder

By Dave Tussey,
Behavioral Science Unit

Since its inception, the Catastrophic Illness Program has been one of the most valuable assets that the department has ever instituted for its members. It was brought about by some very diligent effort on the part of a few dedicated and innovative officers. Of course, as with all bureaucratic institutions, it's not without its problem areas.

be anticipated. There are several reasons for this.

At present there are over 70 city workers catastrophically ill and eligible to receive donations. One city employee is responsible for tracking and allocating hours from various payroll records for the entire city. This employee has other duties as well and works on the program on a part time basis. Often members will donate hours to members who are not in the program. Just because an

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I occasionally receive complaints from officers who have donated hours and are disappointed when they are not taken from their accounts in time resulting in their being lost. These folks are deservedly dismayed, as there is no greater waste than to give hours back when people in need could be utilizing them. There are ways to minimize the likelihood of this happening. I'll try to list a few of them now.

First, the most important thing to remember is to send the donation forms to the **Behavioral Science Unit**, in care of the Chief's Office. This way we can walk the forms through City Payroll and help expedite the process. We will also be able to assure that the forms won't get lost in the maze of city departments. Our unit also tries to keep track, as best we can, with the numbers of hours each recipient has in their account at any given time and try to anticipate their needs so that they don't fall short. As of this date, no department employee (sworn or civilian) has ever failed to receive enough hours to see him or her through their tough times.

Secondly, if you are approaching the sick time maximum or are anticipating retirement soon, by all means take the time to send in your excess hours **NOW!** Don't wait until the last minute. There is often a substantial time delay before the donated hours will be deducted from your account. The lag time varies depending upon different circumstances and cannot

employee is ill or injured does not mean that they have enrolled in the Catastrophic Illness Program. Employees, who might qualify, sometimes opt not to participate. We aggressively solicit their enrollment but ultimately the decision is up to them. Their wishes are respected.

The single most common problem for delays, however, is improperly filled out donation forms. Before sending in the form, please be sure that you understand the rules of the program and that the form is filled out correctly. These rules are clearly printed at the top of every CIP donation form. **Hours can be donated in 8-hour increments only to a maximum of 80 hours per pay period. (8, 16, 24 etc.)**

If you plan to retire and wish to donate your unused time, allow enough pay periods for all your hours to be deducted. (one pay period for each 80 hours and one form for each 80 hours). It would also be helpful to allow at least 3 to 6 weeks to process the procedure in order to get it started. If you're unsure or need advice please call us. We'll be happy to walk you through it; we do it all the time.

If, however, in spite of your best efforts, you get caught short, don't panic. And more importantly, don't get frustrated and decide not to donate your valuable hours. Call me and I will personally pick up your donor form and push it through the system. **Dave Tussey Behavioral Science Unit 837-0875**

'Buzz the Fuzz' Is A Hit In The Marina District

By Philip Fee,
Ingleside Station

Recently "buzz the fuzz" coordinators and supporters gathered for two fund-raisers in the Marina District. Our goal was to promote our upcoming "Buzz the Fuzz" head-shaving event, scheduled for October 24th, supporting children with cancer.

C-net comes aboard with corporate support

Officer John Miller at Mission Station and his wife Linda have organized the members of C-net to be the first "Buzz the Fuzz" corporate sponsor. With interactive games for the kids and involvement from the numerous C-net employees, C-net and Buzz the Fuzz will show the children that we admire their courage in fighting the disease.



Minimalist hair stylist, Kate Devoe, Shaves down Stephen Weaver, owner of the Horseshoe Tavern

Rock and Roll legend "R.W.S" Agrees to play the Baldy Bash

Breaking away from their European tour, the group "R.W.S." has agreed to play at the "Baldy Bash" following the main event on October 24th. With vocalist Sgt. Mike Morley (Co. C), the group has really skyrocketed to fortune and fame. "R.W.S." members include Kevin Martin (Co. B), Sgt. John Geraty (Co. D), Dave Garcia (Co. G) and

The first stop was "Uncle Jacks" on Lombard where owner Tony Boskie was challenged by his patrons to loose his locks for a good cause. Tony's regulars raised hundreds of dollars betting that Tony wouldn't go through with the shaving. The patrons were wrong, Tony is now sporting a cool new look. Stop by and give your thanks to Tony for supporting our cause even though his head now looks like a gray tennis ball.

The next stop was the Horseshoe Tavern on Chestnut Street where owner Stephen Weaver helped to promote our event. With the support of friends, family, and packed house, Stephen lost his locks and raised a whopping \$4,500.00. When hair stylist Kate Devoe was finished, Stephen was rumored to look like "Bull" on the TV show *Nightcourt*.

Everyone at both events had a great time and raised much needed money for the kids we support. For those who are planning to take part in October, begin now by contacting your supporters so that we may reach our goal of \$1000 per participant.

Larry Barker (TTF); who began their infamous band during the 1997 Park Station Christmas party. This performance should not be missed, and promises to be a great ending to the 1998 "Buzz the Fuzz" campaign.

Up coming Buzz the Fuzz events

August 11th
Marina Lounge, 2138 Chestnut St. 8:30pm

August 14th
City Hall Captain Cullop head shave 12 noon

August 19th
Paragon, 3251 Scott St. 8:30 pm

August 25th
Windows, 3259 Pierce St 8:30 pm

September 1
Kezar Club, 770 Stanyan St 8:30 pm

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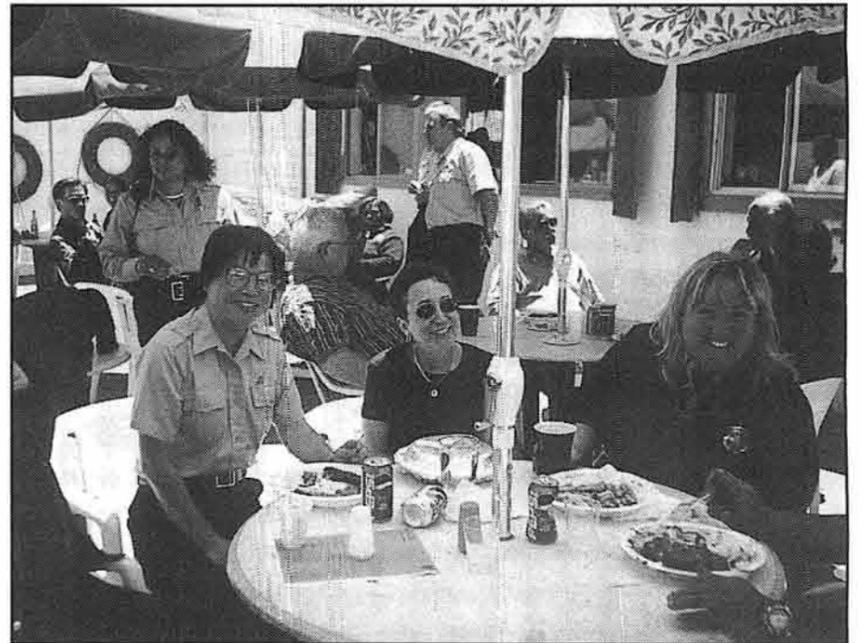
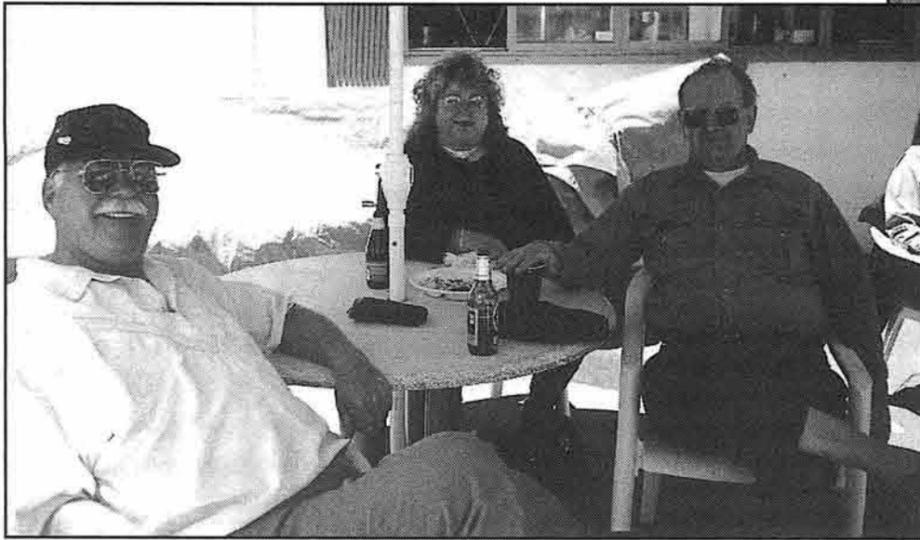
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Special thanks go out to Captain Roy Sullivan, Lieutenants Al Casciato and Keith Sanford, Bob Donnelley, Linda Chen, Patience, and Ada Wong. Of course a special thanks goes to the fine hosts and crew at the Mariposa Yacht Club. Look for the next event sometime this Fall.



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POA Honors Citizens Who Aided Injured Sergeant

Notebook Staff Report

Solo Sergeant Don Forte heard the call on his PIC radio, that a Bayview unit was pursuing a vehicle at high speed northbound on U.S. 101 approaching eastbound on I-80 toward

sport/utility vehicle made an abrupt lane change directly into the right side of the officer's motorcycle, shattering his right ankle and overturning the bike onto its left side.

Sergeant Forte flipped through the air and landed feet-first against the far curb on Folsom Street, then cartwheeled into a steel mailbox, severing all four bolts that mounted it in place and knocking it into a chain-link fence, then his broken body came to rest a short distance from his crashed Kawasaki. He lay in the gutter on Folsom Street, dazed and in shock, and unable to move or call for help. His injuries were severe; two fractured legs, a fractured hand, broken ribs, and internal pain in the abdomen.



Sgt. Jim Hughes (left) and Officer Paul Schlotfeldt present plaque to Ronald Martell

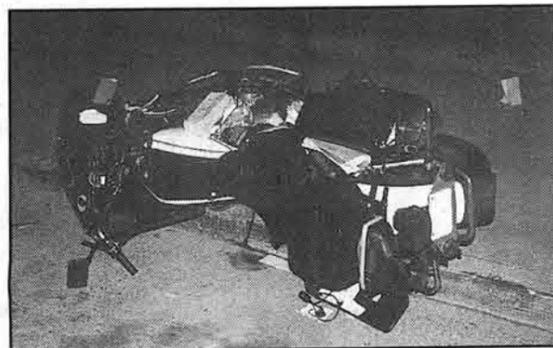
the Bay Bridge. He steered his Kawasaki south on First Street with the thought that he would position

The July 8th accident was witnessed by several motorists. Three of those persons responded directly to the injured officer and played crucial roles in rendering aid and summoning assistance.

Matt and Mar Hershenson rushed to the downed officer and saw that he needed immediate medical attention. Matt picked up the microphone attached to the crashed motorcycle and began calling out for help.

"We have an officer down at First and Folsom!" he called into the mic. "Officer down! We need help!"

Many of the officers in the area had switched to PIC 2 to monitor the chase, but quick reaction by the dispatcher who heard Matt Hershenson's call sent emergency help on the way to the area. The first two Solos to arrive at the scene began rolling immediately upon hearing the call over their PIC radios, and arrived just minutes later.



Sergeant Don Forte's crashed Kawasaki

himself in the area of the on-ramp, and be available for back-up should the chase get that far. He kept it cool, and proceeded along the left side of the wide, one-way street at about 30 miles per hour. Suddenly, a large



A grateful group of solos pose with honorees Matt and Mar Hershenson

Ronald Martell also witnessed the collision. A registered nurse with emergency first-aid skills, he began immediate steps to assess and stabilize the suffering Solo. He remained at Sergeant Forte's side until EMT's arrived and relieved him. The professional calm and know-how exhibited by Mr. Martell was crucial in preventing further injury to the officer.

On July 21, 1998 the POA Board of Directors honored the Hershensons in person, and Ronald Martell in his absence, for their ready willingness to help a San Francisco police officer in dire need. The presentation of a plaque from the POA, and a gift certificate from the Solo Motorcycle Unit caused Matt Hershenson to be visibly moved. Ronald Martell was unable to appear

at the Board meeting, so on July 29th a three-man Solo detail was dispatched to his place of business in South San Francisco where he was presented with his plaque from the POA, and a gift certificate from the Solos.

These modest presentations were as much of a symbolic nature as they were heartfelt and sincere, for it is



POA Secretary Steve Johnson presents plaques to the Hershensons

the philosophy of the POA that we, as police officers, rely as much on the support and assistance of the public we serve as they rely on us for their safety and security. It is a symbiotic relationship, and neither fares well without the other.

Fast Facts . . .

'Motorcycle Accidents Claim Lives of More Than A Thousand Police Officers'

Compiled and excerpted from material written by Craig W. Floyd, National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Mr. Floyd is a frequent contributor to American Police Beat who has given permission, along with the author, to reprint this material.

- Nationally, motorcycle accidents are the number three cause of police deaths, behind shootings and automobile accidents.
- The names of 1,014 motorcycle officers are engraved on the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C. All were killed in on-duty motorcycle accidents.
- Ironically, one of the most common causes of death for a

motorcycle officer is becoming involved in an accident during a funeral escort.

- Another common instance of death for a police motorcyclist occurs during a collision with an auto during a pursuit for a traffic violation.
- The worst statistical decade for police motorcycle deaths was the 30's when 246 officers crashed and died in the U.S.
- Through the first seven years of this decade there have been 44 officers killed in motorcycle accidents in the U.S.
- The single deadliest year for police motorcycle officers was 1930 when 39 officers died from injuries sustained in crashes.

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By Daniel Hampton

Fathers And Sons

“Like father, like son,” is a very old saying that holds a lot of truth. Fathers have a significant influence in the lives of their sons. At a young age our sons run to their mothers for affection and protection when they are sick or hurt. But as they grow older they’ll need fathers who will be involved in their lives and who will become playmates, pals, and heroes to them. Involvement means an investment of time and energy that fathers bring into a personal relationship with their sons.

Fathers, we need to be there for our sons as much as the job permits; helping them understand homework assignments, being present at school

functions, sports practices and games, and special times together on a bicycle ride, at a movie, or at a restaurant. Yes, time invested now will reap friendships that will last a lifetime. If fathers are missing from the family, or are too busy to interact with them, their sons will find that father/son relationship outside of the home. If they become involved with outsiders that have deviant lifestyles (child abusers, gangs, drug culture, cults, etc..) it is possible to lose them. Let us be diligent in our relationships with our sons. I don’t need to tell you there is a lost generation of youth out on the streets killing each other. The majority of them have missing fathers. God help us to keep our focus.

Sons want and need to have close relationships with their fathers. Are you surprised that sons need affection from fathers? You shouldn’t be. They need to know that their fathers aren’t ashamed or embarrassed to say, “I love you, son”, or to demonstrate their love for them with hugs, kisses, and wrestling. Have you ever been to the zoo to see how fathers in the animal kingdom treat their cubs, pups, or kids? We can really learn from watching their interaction—how

they frolic, play, hug and lick. Our godly affection will give our sons self-confidence in knowing that “since Dad loves me, Then God must love me too!” Don’t worry about the facade that you can’t be affectionate toward your sons because you have to show them how to be a “man”. Being a “man” will come later on in their lives, right now they need fathers who love them and are their friends.

Now, fathers should always be good listeners so that their sons will want to confide in them. If we become impatient, angry, or want to lecture them on their problems then they will keep their problems to themselves. Worse yet, they’ll find another friend they can tell their problems to and possibly get the wrong advice.. Learn to listen without getting emotionally upset. Become a confidant to your son. When you have this kind of relationship with them you can give godly advice that comes from the New and Old Testaments.

Fathers must point out the way for their sons to become “real men”. If the saying “like father, like son” is true, then we must show by example how real men of God live in this day and age. Show your sons how much you care for their mothers and sisters by your kindness, thoughtfulness, tenderness, affection and love; and they in turn will grow up to be courteous, respectful, loyal, and kind to members of the opposite sex.

God Our Father has designated men to be leaders of the family household. We must teach our sons that God has designated women to be our helpmates, equal in Jesus Christ, yet assigned different roles for the purpose of raising godly children.

Fathers, we have the role of spiritual leader in the family. We are to lead the family in worship, prayer, and devotions, giving thanks to God Our Father for everything, especially for choosing us to believe in His Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. We must pass this spiritual heritage to our sons, as in a relay race a sprinter passes a baton to the next runner.

Fathers, we have a holy purpose, a trust, an obligation, to reveal to our sons that “real men” are followers of Jesus Christ. Father God, help us fathers to be the spiritual leaders you have ordained us to be in our families. We truly want to have stronger faith in You and Your Son, Jesus Christ Our Lord. What we lack in faith please build up so that our sons can truly see that we are real men of God who seek after Your heart. May they see that we are not preoccupied with our own needs, but that we are interested in their needs and the needs of others. We pray that You choose our sons for Your design and purpose and that their names are entered in the Book of Life. Amen.

Prayer Watch

Please pray for the following: Henry Kirk, Reverend Tom Hernandez (recently lost his sister Ruth), Frank Mosqueda (Commander Santos’ brother—in-law), and Jim Deasy. Never underestimate the power of prayer. I have been told by those who have received prayer from us that they are recovering. For those who are in need of healing physically or spiritually remember the bible says, ‘Lord your word is a healing to my bones’. Read and meditate upon the New Testament. Our Lord Jesus Christ shall heal you. Amen.



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POA/Chief Lau Co-Sponsor Judaism In Law-Enforcement Luncheon

By Forrest Fulton,
Behavioral Science Unit

The POA and the San Francisco Police Department held a luncheon for the Judaism in law-enforcement's new speakers meeting. The speakers' meeting was held at the Police Officers Association's assembly room. The topics discussed were the philosophy of outreach, the process of inclusion, and the history of the SFPD contributions of Jewish Police Officers.

Chief of Police, Fred Lau set the tone and spoke to the group of members relating his happiness at seeing "supportive outreach" being made to "traditionally overlooked groups" in the department. Chief Lau spoke of his dream of making his philosophy of inclusion the golden rule for our department. His presentation made all that heard him understand his direction and goals of truly representing the total population of our city. His encouragement was well received and appreciated by all in the audience.

POA Vice President, Gary Delagnes, also spoke to the members, and he echoed Chief Lau's philosophy, and illustrated how much the POA has changed to reflect the diverse makeup of it's members and our City. Delagnes' presentation was refreshing, powerful, and to the point. He said the POA has been actively working on supporting its members in new ways, and providing a model for labor organizations with diverse populations. The support from the POA has always been constant and aggressive when any of its members has been in need of help. Currently the Association is expanding its support, and is also working on developing a greater variety of helping systems that aid in the spiritual and cultural needs of all its members.

I welcomed the attendees and luncheon guests. I explained that the SFPD has updated, invigorated and expanded the Department's Chaplain Program. The SFPD's Program uses volunteer Chaplains from several religious denominations to support department members who are in personal crisis or in need of spiritual support. The SFPD Chaplains respond 24-hours a day to officers and members needs after critical incidents, physical injuries, during family crisis, or for spiritual needs and questions.

I introduced the members of the Behavioral Science Unit, commanded by Dr. Alan Benner the SFPD Director of Police Psychology. Also ac-

knowledged were the Department members who produced the event; Sergeant Lynette Hogue; Officer Nicholas Shihadeh; Tamara Borok (Planning), Officer Andrew Cohen (TTF); Officer David Tussey; Officer Gordon Clark; and high school volunteer James Fulton. These individuals donated their time, helped plan, picked up the food, and set up the luncheon (performed the real labor).

The principal speaker was our Department's Jewish Chaplain, Rabbi Herbert Morris. He gave us a historical perspective of how Jewish people had served as law-enforcement officer's back in colonial times. Rabbi Morris articulated how Jews had to use the courts and justice system in the United States to gain their rights to serve as police officers and obtain their full status and participation in our nation.

Rabbi Morris recognized the needs and complexities of working in law-enforcement and how it came with a personal cost to the individual. He was also able to express how people who served in administrative and support positions also contribute to the community of justice in our city. For in the Criminal Justice System each element, street officer, inspector, police dispatcher, storekeeper, or administrative staff worker, are all valued members of the San Francisco Police Department.

Rabbi Morris also encouraged the members of the Department to use the full resources of the agency during times of stress. He recommended the services of Police Department's Behavioral Science Unit as a resource for SFPD members and their families during the many emergencies encountered during law-enforcement service.

Rabbi H. David Teitelbaum (Executive Director of the Board of Rabbis of Northern California) also spoke at luncheon. He related several touching and sincere stories of individuals that were struggling with the issues of life, the meaning of faith, and how humor (great golf joke) could be a tool against trouble. Rabbi Teitelbaum also shared his happiness at seeing the great progress that has been made within the law-enforcement community, and how the SFPD had truly become a role model.

Captain Susan Manheimer (our guardian angel) recognized and acknowledged the many distinguish persons in the audience. Commander Jack Santos was recognized for his uninterrupted support for officers in need, and as a advocacy for Judaism



Rabbi Herbert Morris offers a prayer at luncheon

and traditional values. Captain Manheimer provided much of the energy, driving force and direction to the luncheon's goal of "inclusion and faith".

The department members attending the luncheon were able to visit with Mrs. Marilyn Rosekind and her Sister-in-law, Sylvia Rosekind-Solomon. Marilyn and Sylvia are the wife and sister of fallen San Francisco Solo-Motorcycle Police Officer Barry Rosekind. Officer Rosekind was killed in the line of duty while performing traffic enforcement in 1958. It was very valuable having his wife, Mrs. Marilyn Rosekind, speak to the new generation of Department members and tell her husband's story.

Knowing our history helps us value the sacrifices that have been made by our members that have gone before us. The simple act of meeting our SFPD families that have experienced the loss of an officer helps us value their life. Knowing our fallen heroes' families helps us realize the extent of their sacrifices and the greatness of their loss. Officer Barry Rosekind was one of the first San Francisco Police Department's, Jewish Police Officers killed in the line of duty. His family, his children, and our department are still feeling his loss.

The Judaism and law-enforcement luncheon was supported by the membership of the Police Officers Association, members of the Officers For Justice, Golden State Peace Officers Association, Asian Officers Association,

Latin Officers Association and by members of the Christian Community. SFPD Police Chaplain's Rev. Michael Ryan, Rev. Lawrence Au, and one of the founders of the Christian Peace Officers Association, Officer Daniel Hampton were also in attendance. The real success was the large group of San Francisco Police Department Members: both Jewish and Christian who were able to share a great kosher meal, and wonderful fellowship. Members of the community also were able to lend support to the event. David's Deli (474 Geary St.) helped subsidize the luncheon and provided a co-sponsorship for the event.

As officers and department members we don't often take time to share our spiritual and cultural selves with each other. In this event the POA and the Department have helped provide a supportive format for our spiritual celebration and the acknowledgment of our core values and traditions. This luncheon is but the start and an example of the exploration of "inclusion" by the POA and the Department. For those of you who missed the event, you have an open invitation to the next miracle.

In the future, if any Department member is interested in participating in other luncheons, workshops, or celebrations, of spiritual needs or values, please contact me (Sergeant Forrest Fulton) at the Behavioral Science Unit (415) 837-0875.

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Unique Workshop Hosted by SFPD

Families Of Officers Killed In The Line Of Duty Share Common Issues

by Forrest Fulton,
Behavioral Science Unit

On Saturday July 25th, at 12 o'clock and 4 o'clock workshops were held for family members of San Francisco Police Officers killed in the line of duty. The workshops were located on Treasurer Island at the Behavioral Science Unit. The SFPD and POA co-hosted the workshops.

Representing the Department and the POA was Sergeant Forrest Fulton, Officer Nicholas Shihadeh and Rev. Michael Ryan.

On the agendas was how the Police Department and the Police Officers' Association can help provide additional support to spouses' children and grandchildren of SFPD Officers killed in the line of duty.

The family members (the real experts) gave many suggestions; each was very realistic, simple, practical, and needed. One of the major themes from the families was the deep feeling of loss and disconnection from the Department and the Police Officers Association after the killing of their family member.

The results of the workshops are



Sgt. Forrest Fulton, left, and Officer Nick Shihadeh, right, with Mark Rosekind, and his mother, Marilyn, widow of Barry Rosekind.

being developed into a written action plan. The action plan will be submitted to both the Administration of the Department and the Board of Directors of the Police Officers' Association.

Any Department Member or Family Member that wishes to add a suggestion please send it to Sgt. Forrest Fulton, at the San Francisco Police Department's Behavioral Science Unit.

Anyone that is willing to help, by volunteering their time to families that have given so much, for so long, please call the San Francisco Police Department's Behavioral Science Unit (415) 837-0875.

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Joel Harms,
Muni Transit Company

Benson Chen, the free-spirited custodian at building 606, Hunter's Point, is gone. He left us abruptly in June, a victim of a drunk driver's mistake.

I met Benson about a year and a half ago, when Muni Transit Company joined TAC and other SOD units at the shipyard. Benson would enter my office every morning bearing a big smile, a hearty "Joo Sun"-greeting and a terribly-rendered hand salute.

Before he began emptying trash cans or cleaning up we always shared a few moments of his exuberance as he practiced his English phrases. What he didn't have in pronunciation, he made up for in enthusiasm. His great attitude was infectious and we were working on that salute.

But as you may have heard, Benson's life was cut short by a hit and run driver.

Knowing little of his family, I spoke with his work mate, Daisy Huang, and learned that Benson's mother, who had been a doctor in China, had immigrated here. Apparently their financial position had been pretty dismal, due to their lack of knowledge of the English language. I also

learned that Benson was a dutiful son who loved to prepare food for his mother. He had just made a meal for his mom and had left to meet his girlfriend, when he was killed.

A condolence card signed by a couple of hundred officers and department employees at Hunter's Point was taken home by Miss Huang whose father wrote Chinese-character condolences for us. A small collection was taken up to help the family and resulted in the accumulation of one thousand, four hundred and fifty dollars for Benson's mother. The benevolent proprietor of Green Street Mortuary assisted the family by providing cremation for Benson's body and a number of officers attended the memorial service there. A small shadow-box frame, containing an SFPD patch with Benson's name underneath was placed next to the urn of his ashes.

Although Benson's mother was distraught during the service, she found the time to instruct the minister in Cantonese to deeply thank the police officers from Hunter's Point, who had made her son's job so pleasant.

So long to you Benson, we say goodbye to you with a suitable, heartfelt salute.

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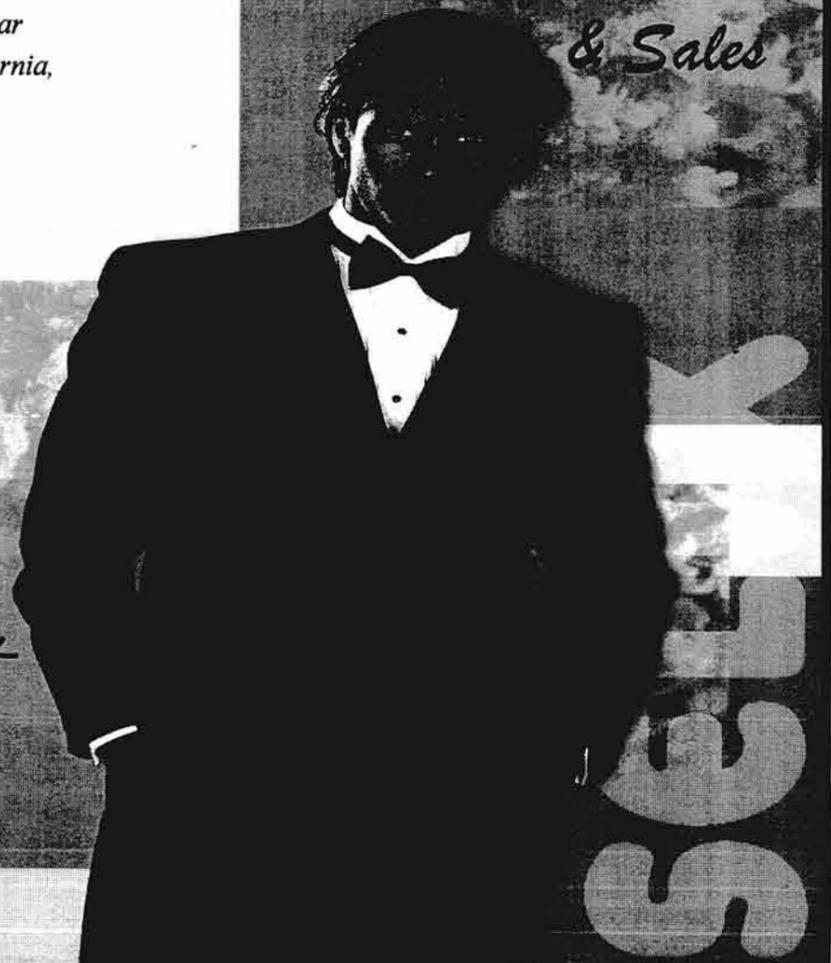
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Report From FBI Headquarters, Washington, D.C.

By Greg Corrales
Executive Fellow,
FBI Safe Streets & Gang Unit

To truly appreciate how much the rest of the world loves San Francisco, one needs to get away from the City for awhile. Without fail, when I introduce myself as a police officer from San Francisco to people all across the country, their faces light up, they smile, and they tell me about their visit to San Francisco. San Francisco is *everyone's* favorite city! Although there is no city that can compare to San Francisco, Washington, D.C., our nation's capital, is seducing me. I will live in San Francisco for the rest of my life, but now I will always think of Washington, D.C. as my second home.

As I mentioned in my last dispatch, my duties as the Executive Fellow to the FBI Headquarters, Safe Streets and Gang Unit require a great deal of traveling. Every time I fly back to Washington, D.C., I look out the window as the plane approaches Ronald Reagan National Airport. As the plane flies directly over the Potomac River, a spectacular panorama is afforded of the sunlit city. The aircraft seems to glide over the river, and one can see Georgetown, the Watergate, then the Mall, the Lincoln, Washington, and Jefferson monuments, and in the distance the Capital. It is truly a beautiful experience, of which I never tire, no matter how often I am exposed to it.

Several days ago, the Washington, D.C. Police Department had a terrible tragedy. It is every police officer's nightmare. An off duty police officer was fatally shot by a second off duty officer. The deceased officer was in a struggle with someone and a shot was fired from his weapon. The other officer was nearby, heard the shot, and encountered a man with a gun in his hand. All witnesses agree that

the officer identified himself, and ordered the gunman to drop the gun. As the gunman turned toward him, the officer shot him, and then learned, to his horror, that he had shot a brother officer. This was the second off duty Washington, D.C. officer fatally wounded by "friendly fire" in the last year. To compound the tragedy, both officers in the recent mishap were second generation Washington, D.C. police officers.

When one reflects on the myriad challenges we face every day combating the Forces of Evil, one can only conclude that it is miraculous, that tragedies like the one which just befell Washington, D.C., do not occur more often. When unfortunate episodes like this do occur, we must not point fingers. We must give support to *both* officers and their families and loved ones. We are the only ones that understand how these things can happen.

One of the most negative factors to being so far from home, is being unable to share one's grief at the funeral of a respected and loved colleague when he or she is taken from us. To learn that, one after the other, George Huegle, Ken Sugrue, Jeanne McVeigh, and John Norton died, all of whom were much too young, has been very disturbing. I will miss each of them, each of my beloved fallen comrades! Rest in Peace.

Cops followed OC guidelines

Officers Win Appeal of Commission Sanctions

Notebook Staff Report

A San Francisco Superior Court judge has overturned the Police Commission's decision to suspend two officers involved in the Aaron Williams incident. Under the decision handed down July 21, 1998, by the Hon. Raymond Williamson, Officer Gerald Louie and Officer Kirk Bozin will receive full back pay and benefits, plus interest. In February of last year the Commission had imposed a 20-day suspension on each officer, 10 of which were held in abeyance.

The Commission had voted unanimously to suspend the officers for failing to immediately report their use of pepper spray in the melee. The Commission reached this decision despite testimony by Lt. Ed Springer, the Department's chief trainer regarding OC spray, and Officer Rich Lee that neither officer had violated any department rule or general order. Both officers reported their use of OC spray immediately upon returning to Richmond Station.

Judge Williamson found that both officers acted appropriately and "in accordance with San Francisco Police Department General Order 5.01(N)(1)." The favorable decision for Officers Louie and Bozin came in

a decision on the Writ of Administrative Mandamus filed by attorneys for the officers. Louie's attorney, former POA General Counsel Katherine Mahoney, said "I was confident that officer Louie would be exonerated once a superior court judge reviewed the record, which showed beyond any doubt that my client had done nothing wrong."

The officers' lawyers also argued that the Commission was biased, citing in part numerous statements Commissioner Pat Norman made before the hearing. One such statement was that the official cause of death for Mr. Williams, "excited delirium" did not exist. She also stated to a boisterous crowd at a Commission meeting just weeks before the officers' disciplinary hearing that what happened to Aaron Williams was "inexcusable".

Although he did not rule that the Commission was biased, Judge Williamson did address the issue in his decision. "For any trier of fact it is essential that not only should the trier of fact be free of bias but also convey the image of fairness. The remarks of Commissioner Norman, regardless of the context and/or interpretation given to them, did nothing to convey an image of fairness and lack of bias."

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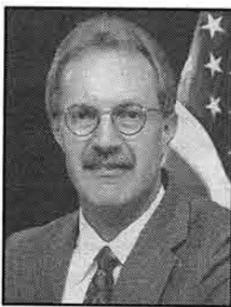
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Many participants invest their deferred compensation moneys far too conservatively, fearing loss of principal. But the biggest risk is not loss of principal but loss of purchasing power. If your goal is to create a large (or very large) account at retirement, then you will want to put most of your savings into equity funds.

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WHEN: October/November 1998 (Date to be set)
TIME: 9:00 am to 12:30 pm
PLACE: POA, 510 7th Street
PRESENTERS: Mike Hebel (POA),
Peter Belardinelli and Gary Bozin (Hartford)

As requested by the attendees of the recent workshop on "Building a Deferred Compensation Portfolio" this new and exciting follow-up workshop will present an in-depth review of the various deferred compensation distribution options.



In addition, a marketing/portfolio manager for one of Hartford's fund families will be invited to discuss the investment funds and economic outlook. Mike Hebel will discuss "Lessons learned from the Honor Roll members."

Mike Hebel, Peter Belardinelli, Maria Kaplan and Gary Bozin at the POA/Hartford April 1998 workshop "How to Build Your Deferred Compensation Portfolio"

This workshop is available to the first 50 SFPOA members who contact the POA (861-5060) and sign-up. There is no charge for the workshop.

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#1 Star

"My initial deferred compensation g

With a guarantee of confidentiality, Star Performer #1 has revealed his long term strategy to create real wealth, for retirement, through the use of the Hartford's deferred compensation plan.

Current Account Value: As of July 17, 1998, Star Performer #1 had an account balance of **\$615,421**. Of this amount, contributions totaled \$141,547 (23%) and earnings totaled \$473,874 (77%). **Wow!!!**

Investment Plan: started deferred compensation in 1980 with contributions of \$25 a pay period (\$650 annual); after two years increased his contributions to \$150 a pay period (\$3900 annual); by 1984 he was a maximum contributor (\$7,500 annual); has already doubled up for 3 years (\$15,000 annual); initially was 100% invested in the Hartford Stock account. Before starting in deferred compensation, he had no investment experience. He had never owned a mutual fund nor any stocks.

In 1980 the City offered a Tier I buy out. Star Performer #1 analyzed this with his tax preparer. ("It was a terrible deal and I did not take it.") However it was then that he also analyzed the Hartford's deferred compensation plan. "Now this was an outstanding deal — much better than an IRA. I did begin. At this time in 1980 I sat down with my wife and we closely examined our financial situation. I could not count on promotions and the Tier I retirement plan, as good as it is, would not allow my wife and I to do what we wanted after retirement. I knew then that we must invest, be aggressive, and do well to achieve our retirement dreams."

Retirement Dreams: In addition to achieving financial independence Star Performer #1 and his wife desired a second home and a boat. In 1980 they envisioned a modest second home in the mountains and a 12 foot boat. This dream did mature as Star Performer #1's account balance took off skyward. He has purchased a second home on a lake with 340 feet of shoreline. He will build, on this property with the assistance of a relative several cabins which he will rent. His 12 foot boat has now grown to a yacht commensurate with the growth of his deferred compensation portfolio.

Investment Strategy: Star Performer #1 started out 100% in Hartford's Stock fund. Within 6 years he was 100% in Hartford's Capital Appreciation fund (formerly called Aggressive Growth). In 7 years he had an account worth \$100,000 — his initial goal was achieved. Using this one fund his account quickly grew from \$70,000 to \$270,000.

Over the years, Star Performer #1 did quite a bit of switching (market timing) from equities to the general account. "Some switches worked, others did not. Overall it was a wash. I would do it again if the market conditions



Long Term Investing Pays Off Hartford's Net Investment Performance

| Calendar Year | Jan/June 1998 | 1997 | 1996 | 1995 | 1994 | 1993 | 1992 |
|--|---------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| GROWTH | | | | | | | |
| Putnam International New Opportunities | 16.21% | 0.73% | 15.89% | 21.25% | — | — | — |
| Hartford International Opportunities | 16.30% | -0.41% | 11.85% | 12.63% | -3.15% | 32.07% | -5.62% |
| Fidelity Advisor Overseas | 14.97% | 10.45% | 11.57% | 7.83% | 1.11% | 40.64% | -5.64% |
| Janus Worldwide | 24.25% | 19.46% | 25.34% | 20.86% | 2.73% | 27.32% | 8.08% |
| American Century: Twentieth Century Ultra | 23.47% | 22.09% | 12.88% | 36.51% | -4.43% | 20.78% | 0.34% |
| Putnam Vista | 16.44% | 22.19% | 21.31% | 38.19% | -4.58% | 16.45% | 16.85% |
| Janus Twenty | 35.25% | 28.60% | 26.77% | 35.07% | -7.52% | 2.56% | 1.11% |
| Hartford Capital Appreciation | 11.41% | 21.43% | 19.54% | 28.78% | 1.26% | 19.30% | 15.55% |
| Skyline Small Cap | 5.67% | 25.14% | 25.53% | 19.93% | -2.35% | 9.23% * | — |
| American Century: Twentieth Century Select | 19.31% | 31.07% | 18.20% | 21.63% | -8.81% | 13.70% | -5.32% |
| Hartford Stock | 20.91% | 30.40% | 23.18% | 32.57% | -3.10% | 12.92% | 8.68% |
| Fidelity Advisor Strategic Opportunities | -3.83% | 25.07% | 0.77% | 37.05% | -7.90% | 19.42% | 11.92% |
| Fidelity Advisor Growth Opportunities | 11.04% | 27.60% | 16.85% | 32.04% | 1.99% | 21.14% | 14.05% |
| GROWTH & INCOME | | | | | | | |
| Fidelity Advisor Growth & Income | 17.74% | 26.73% | — | — | — | — | — |
| Hartford Index | 17.03% | 31.62% | 21.04% | 35.39% | 0.14% | 8.10% | 5.49% |
| Hartford Dividend and Growth | 10.52% | 30.90% | 21.73% | 34.80% | — | — | — |
| American Century Income & Growth | 17.34% | 33.22% | 23.10% | 35.72% | -1.39% | 10.37% | 6.96% |
| Scudder Growth & Income | 9.48% | 29.21% | 21.14% | 30.07% | 1.73% | 14.61% | 8.64% |
| American Century Value | 5.56% | 24.94% | 23.20% | 31.67% | 3.11 % | 2.78% * | — |
| American Century Balanced | 13.68% | 15.95% | 11.66% | 20.35% | -0.92% | 6.35% | -6.86% |
| Hartford Advisers | 15.01% | 23.58% | 15.47% | 26.89% | -3.91% | 10.86% | 6.96% |
| Calvert Social Balanced | 9.73% | 19.18% | 11.54% | 28.31% | -4.44% | 6.66% | 6.28% |
| Fidelity Advisor Balanced | 10.79% | 21.42% | 7.60% | 13.20% | -5.89% | 18.64% | 8.28% |
| INCOME | | | | | | | |
| Putnam High Yield Advantage | 3.38% | 12.40% | 9.66% | 17.80% | -5.95% | 20.00% | 17.61% |
| Hartford Bond | 3.89% | 10.52% | 2.53% | 17.13% | -5.14% | 8.86% | 4.23% |
| Hartford Mortgage Securities | 2.97% | 8.20% | 4.06% | 14.84% | -2.83% | 4.99% | 3.35% |
| HVA Money Market | 2.25% | 4.54% | 4.16% | 4.55% | 2.67% | 1.66% | 2.35% |
| GENERAL ACCOUNT | | | | | | | |
| (Effective Annual Yields) | 3rd Qtr '98 | 2nd Qtr '98 | 1st Qtr '98 | 4th Qtr '97 | 3rd Qtr '97 | 2nd Qtr '97 | 1st Qtr '97 |
| | 6.05% | 6.05% | 6.20% | 6.25% | 6.35% | 6.30% | 6.30% |

ED COMPENSATION HONOR ROLL

By Mike Hebel, Certified Financial Planner

Star Performer Reveals His Strategy

...goal was \$100,000. I never dreamed that I could amass over \$600,000, but I did."

warranted it. Although I do it, I do not recommend market timing." He has been in equity funds for 95% of the time and in the general account for 5% of the time.

Star Performer #1 began to chart all the deferred compensation funds and do systematic research on the characteristics of mutual funds. He watched what his account was doing. He became convinced that he could and must get aggressive in his investing. He studied Hartford's many accounts and observed how some (over 3, 5, and 10 years) did much, much better than others. He wanted to be with the financial winners to achieve his goals.

He became excited about this form of investing for his family's retirement. It took the form of a hobby and was fun. He thoroughly enjoyed the research and decision making involved.

Now retired, he believes he is getting more conservative with his investment decisions.

Present Holdings: 20% in the Hartford Stock fund; 20% in American Century Value fund; 30% in Skyline Small Cap Value; and 30% in Hartford Capital Appreciation. In October 1997 he made his last fund switch when he moved money to the newly available Skyline Small Cap Value fund. His long term money makers have been Hartford's Stock and Capital Appreciation funds.

He monitors these sub-accounts on a weekly basis calling Hartford every Monday morning. He uses a computer spreadsheet to monitor their progress.

Main Sources of Investment Information: For over 20 years he has been a faithful viewer of *Wall Street Week with Louis Rukeyser* (Friday, 7:30pm, KQED, ch #9). This program has been a guiding force, encouraged him to be an investor, and to stay with the stock market despite its volatility. He enjoys the comments of the roundtable guests especially Mary Farrell ("really sharp") and Marty Zweig ("always nervous").

He subscribes to *Louis Rukeyser's Wall Street* (1750 Old Meadow Road, #300, McLean, VA, 22102; \$49/annual) and to the *Mutual Fund Forecaster* (800-442-9000; \$100/annual). The latter publication allowed him to see how different people were approaching the market (traders vs. investors). He also subscribes to *Forbes* (really likes the columnists in the back of this magazine) and occasionally reads *The Wall Street Journal*. "I want investment opinions from people I respect. I am a police officer by profession not a professional investor." Star Performer #1, now retired, may describe himself as a police officer, but his inspiring deferred compensation achievements shows real financial acumen.

He also listens to *Star Ship Money Talk* (Bob Brinker, KGO, 1 - 4 pm on week-ends).

Deferred Compensation Withdrawal Plan: Star Performer #1 has just retired. He will use the systematic withdrawal option to receive approximately \$3,500/month (\$42,000 annually) for a period of at least 20 years. He will withdraw 7% of his account balance on an annual basis. He will select the option that allows him to recalculate at age 70. Combined with his police pension, he will receive nearly \$100,000 annually.

Star Performer #1 also has a large IRA account currently invested in the Vanguard Index Total Stock Market fund (800-635-1511).

Advice to police officers: Star Performer #1 has always wanted to help other police officers replicate his success. He is a big believer in deferred compensation and has talked many, many of his peers into participation. "I get many thank you calls all the time."

He believes that the big money has been made in the stock market. He urges fellow participants to settle for 10% average annual returns; he is not sure that there will be many more 20% annual advances. He believes that there will be much market volatility ahead (daily 300 point moves on the Dow Jones Industrial Average) which will scare many new stock market participants. He urges police officers not to get rattled by the volatility in the stock market. He does not believe that a Dow 10,000 is too high. He is a long term bull.

He urges police officers to get their expectations right (10% - 12% per year). He states that the market requires emotional steadiness and patience. "Be happy if you get more than 10%. Hang in there. Don't flee when the market goes down."

He states that Hartford is a "class A act" which performs and gets results. He is a true believer in Hartford's Stock and Capital Appreciation accounts.

"Be long term sighted. Answer the question: What do I want with my retirement? Answer that and then get your finances together so you can do it."

Lastly Star Performer #1 says: "Stay married. This really helps. Divorce is very expensive. I really appreciate the continuing and ongoing support of my wife helping us achieve our retirement dreams."

I thank Star Performer #1 for his participation in this article. Usual admonition: past performance is not a guarantee of future results; each deferred compensation participant must assess his/her own tolerance for risk and reward.

Retirement Board Selects Finalists

The contract with The Hartford to provide deferred compensation administrative and investment services will expire on December 31, 1998. The Retirement System staff and board has been in the process, for the last 7 months, of selecting a deferred compensation provider for calendar years 1999 - 2004.

At its meeting of August 4, 1998, after a lengthy presentation from its consultant Watson Wyatt and Co, the Retirement Board selected 6 finalists. These 6 will make full and detailed presentations to the Retirement Board on August 18, 1998. The Retirement Board will select, on September 8, 1998, the deferred compensation provider for the next 5 years beginning January 1, 1999.

The 6 finalists, in alphabetical order, are:

1. Aetna
2. Copeland
3. Fidelity
4. Great West
5. Hartford
6. State Street

The Honor Roll

(as of July 17, 1998)

City Employee Accounts

1. \$1,001,166
2. \$ 658,566
3. \$ 620,975
4. \$ 615,421 (SFPD)
5. \$ 588,677
6. \$ 581,637
7. \$ 581,025
8. \$ 579,511
9. \$ 576,562
10. \$ 560,355

Police Department Accounts

1. \$615,421
2. \$557,755
3. \$437,113
4. \$413,168
5. \$363,512
6. \$362,748
7. \$354,748
8. \$352,806
9. \$350,002
10. \$337,642

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| Compound Average Annual Total Return | | 10 Yr. | Total Annual Fees |
|--------------------------------------|--------|--------|-------------------|
| 3 Yr. | 5 Yr. | | |
| 12.73% | N/A | N/A | 2.8% |
| 12.27% | 11.31% | N/A | 1.54% |
| 13.85% | 12.24% | N/A | 2.36% |
| 27.77% | 22.55% | N/A | 1.87% |
| 24.63% | 18.78% | 21.10% | 1.85% |
| 26.33% | 19.98% | 17.20% | 1.95% |
| 34.78% | 22.55% | 22.65% | 1.78% |
| 20.86% | 17.84% | 16.63% | 1.40% |
| 23.20% | 16.22% | N/A | 2.38% |
| 24.90% | 16.40% | 14.29% | 1.85% |
| 29.86% | 22.09% | 16.19% | 1.21% |
| 14.72% | 12.64% | 12.72% | 2.03% |
| 22.76% | 19.61% | 18.12% | 2.09% |
| N/A | N/A | N/A | 2.11% |
| 28.39% | 21.40% | 16.48% | 1.14% |
| 27.20% | N/A | N/A | 1.48% |
| 30.14% | 21.62% | N/A | 1.47% |
| 24.72% | 19.51% | 16.25% | 1.63% |
| 21.80% | N/A | N/A | 1.65% |
| 16.38% | 12.58% | N/A | 1.85% |
| 21.90% | 16.29% | 13.10% | 1.38% |
| 17.07% | 13.15% | N/A | 1.59% |
| 15.20% | 10.31% | 12.38% | 1.96% |
| 10.99% | 8.67% | 10.03% | 1.94% |
| 7.60% | 6.00% | 7.53% | 1.27% |
| 6.64% | 5.54% | 7.02% | 1.20% |
| 4.39% | 3.80% | 4.46% | 1.19% |

Letters To The Notebook

Support Greg Suhr, Boycott Reebok

Editor -

In April of 1996 a man by the name of Mark Garcia died of a heart attack after overdosing on crack cocaine and wrestling with the police. Since then the Garcia family has filed suit against members of the Police Department including the Lt. on-duty at Mission station (Lt. Greg Suhr).

Recently another member of the Garcia family (Daniel Garcia-nephew) has filed an OCC complaint against now Cpt Gregory Suhr. Needless to say he had the support of Anthony Van Jones (Bay Area Police Watch). Dan Garcia stated he was under arrest in a cell at mission station when Cpt Suhr entered the cell threatening him and provoking a fight. The complaint involves serious criminal charges against Cpt. Suhr. Apparently Mr. Garcia felt his allegation would be his word against Cpt. Suhr's word but would at least harm Cpt. Suhr's reputation.

This complaint has now backfired on Mr. Garcia and Mr. Jones as Cpt. Suhr has responded. It turns out that Cpt. Suhr was off duty and out of the county at the time of Mr. Garcia's arrest. He was at a little league baseball game which can be verified by dozens of people. With this thrown back in Mr. Garcia's face they now claim a simple case of mistaken identity. These are the same people who want Cpt. Suhr removed from his assignment.

Chief Lau has notified the District Attorney's office and requested prosecution of Mr. Garcia in the event the complaint against Cpt. Suhr is proven a lie. Not a mistake- a lie!!

Earlier this year the company "Reebok" awarded Anthony Van Jones a \$25,000.00 check for a Human Rights award. As a friend of Cpt. Suhr's, I am now boycotting all Reebok products and I ask that

you, your family, and friends use your conscience the next time your kids or you need a pair of shoes. I also would appreciate you taking the time to notify Reebok of your decision.

Sgt. Bob Johnson,
Ingleside Station

Editor's note: On Friday, July 24, 1998 Van Jones issued a public apology to Greg Suhr and to all San Francisco police officers, and disavowed his support for the bogus and slanderous claims made by Daniel Garcia, Jr.

Let 'em eat bullets!

Editor -

On May 26, 1998 the State Assembly passed AB 1707, the "James Guelff Body Armor Act of 1998." This bill makes it a felony for an ex-felon to possess body armor (bulletproof vests). The bill is named after Officer James Guelff, a San Francisco police officer who was killed on November 13, 1994 at the shootout at Pine and Franklin Streets. The man who killed Officer Guelff was wearing body armor and took six hits but never went down.

Assemblywoman Carole Migden voted "no" on this bill, a bill that is intended to save police officers' and citizens' lives!! When asked why the Assemblywoman voted this way, Dan Reeves, her assistant, stated, "In politics votes are traded. Anyway, you already took the ex-felon's gun away, now their bullet proof vests!" Now I read that Carole Migden championed the cause of eggs on her Caesar Salad — how profound! Well, I never heard of an egg killing a police officer. I guess Carole is saying, "let them eat bullets."

I'm so happy to see real legislation from our San Francisco Assemblywoman. Sincerely,

Richard Cairns,
FOB

D'Arcy Legacy Lives On

Editor -

Thank you for publishing the article about Commander Jerry D'Arcy by Lt. Paul Chignell and his tribute to one of the finest men I have had the privilege to have known. He was truly one of a kind.

We all miss him so much—how he could transform an ordinary coffee stop into a moment of marvelous story telling was magnificent. You left feeling terrific after so many laughs—especially his tall tales about his experiences in the dog unit with Art O'Keefe, Mario Tovanni*, Kenny Foss and Charlie Beene.

With his unbelievable energy he turned an Association that was operating on a song and a prayer, along with our first secretary Ethel George, into a viable, effective, and exciting organization. The Association of today carries on his legacy.

Jerry was a good man - missed by many—especially his family - his first wife Pat, kids Brian, Jerry, Pat, Jeannie and Kevin and none other than the indefatigable Helga. We were lucky to have been touched by this man.

Sincerely,
Louis Calabro,
Retired SFPD

*Mario passed away July 1998.

Dear Chief Lau -

I wish to commend a motorcycle policeman who helped me on Wednesday, June 17. He was stationed at John Daly Blvd., directing traffic at the US Open at the Olympic Club.

At 10:15 a.m. we were not able to convince any of the security guards to let us in to the club grounds, even though I had credentials an "access to all" badge. (My husband is Buzz Taylor, President of the USGA).

Finally, the officer with the motorcycle took pity on us and called in to get permission to bring us into the grounds . . . and led us in by motorcycle.

I was impressed with this man's initiative and thoughtfulness. Thank you. He has my appreciation and respect.

Sincerely,
Barbara Taylor

Paul -

Excellent article you wrote in the July issue of the Notebook about Jerry D'Arcy. This writing brought back some wonderful memories of Jerry and his very active life.

I was on the same police list as Jerry, but in the Class of July 20, 1953. Jerry's widow is my granddaughter's catechism teacher at St. Stephen's. I forwarded your article to my granddaughter so she would be able to show Mrs. D'Arcy.

I was saddened to hear of the loss of Mario Tovanni.

Remembering Kenny — I haven't seen Kenny Sugrue in years, but what you wrote sounded just like I remembered.

Sincerely,
Lou Barberini,
Retired SFPD

Thanks for the courtesy

Thank You

Lt. Al Casciato
c/o SF POA

Dear Al,

Thank you for arranging for the SJETC group to participate in Traffic Safety Day and the barbecue at 3COM Park on June 27. The kids had a great time and so did their adult supervisors. Please extend our thanks to the POA for sponsoring SJETC for the event.

Many inner-City youth only get to see one side of law enforcement. It is very important that young people have the opportunity to see the side of law enforcement that is there to look out for their safety and well-being.

Thanks too for assigning Officer Mike Phelan, Reserve Officer Bob Kim, and Cadet Jack Hart to accompany our group. "Officer

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Mike" is an old friend who has been on many adventures with the group and the kids were happy to see him again, and were impressed to see him in uniform. "Officer Bobby" and "Cadet Jack" were instant hits and were invited to come along on future field trips. They all represented the Department well.

SJETC is truly fortunate to have friends like you, and the SFPOA, supporting our efforts. I look forward to the partnership continuing for many years to come.

that a member of Officer's Peagler's four man team was shot and is currently on disability.

In short, Messrs. Peagler and Wells are outstanding examples why San Franciscans should be proud of their police department and I encourage you to recognize the fine work they do.

Sincerely,
Amos Brown
Member, Board of Supervisors

Boeddeker Bash

Sincerely,
Dear President Cunnie,

On behalf of the Tenderloin Community, I want to thank you for your contribution to the Juneteenth Celebration in Boeddeker Park. This year's celebration was a tremendous success due to the time, talent, and generosity of so many.

Throughout the day, the park was filled with people, including over one hundred children who enjoyed games, face painting, cotton candy, and a balloon lady dressed as a clown. Over a thousand community residents enjoyed music, entertainment and an old fashioned barbecue. The Tenderloin received some very positive comments from the media. It really was a great day in Boeddeker Park!

Again, thanks you for all you do for our community. I am

Very truly yours,
Sgt. Charlie Orkes,
Tenderloin Task Force

Dejavu!

Editor -

I've been meaning to compliment you on your style of editorship of our monthly paper, but procrastinated. Then, suddenly, opening the most recent issue to page 16: dejavu! I couldn't believe my eyes on seeing my old column, "On Routine Patrol," even with its goofy masthead. It sure brought back memories.

I loved doing that column for seven years with almost no breaks, except the couple of issues I missed because of vacations. It was great fun. And all the unsung heroes who continued to be ignored by the media, managed to get into that column. I tried not to miss anything worthwhile. It also brought some things to the attention of those in power. That was almost frightening, to realize what a column could do. I once even got a letter from the Chief Justice of the California Supreme Court. Imagine?

Our paper gets read by many people, not only by policemen. I hope that you'll keep up the good work. In the meantime, I promise to send a couple of pieces for your consideration, articles which I have written and haven't polished yet. But I shall make an effort to send these in before too long. Maybe you'll even publish them...

Thanks again for the surprise, and for your good work!

Sincerely,
S.G. "Yash" Yasinitsky,
Insp. retired

Empathy; Unity; Fraternity

Dear President Cunnie:

Just a few weeks ago, I had the unfortunate experience of responding to a call from a frantic wife whose husband had unexpectedly died in his sleep. As you know, this turned out to be Sgt. Ken Sugrue of your agency. On Tuesday July 14, 1998, a funeral was held for one of our officers, Detective Joe Sant, after he lost a heroic battle with Leukemia. While the funeral took place in Concord, Joe was buried in Colma. As a tribute to Joe, and his cousin Rick, who has worked for the SFPD for twenty-nine years, our procession was joined at the Bay Bridge by a group of your motorcycle officers. I want to take this opportunity to thank them for participating in Joe's last ride. I was fortunate enough to be part of the procession. I must tell you that I have never seen such a

well trained group of motors. They were incredible! I am confident that Joe looked down upon the procession with pride.

Deaths like Joe's and Ken's are difficult for our members, particularly because these officers were young family men who didn't have a fighting chance. While we can tell ourselves that we would have acted differently, tactically speaking, when officers are killed in the line of duty, death from heart failure or a long term illness such as Leukemia, is not so easily dismissed. As association presidents, we must ensure that our members, particularly those who were close to these officers, receive any support that they may need. Likewise, it is a good time for us to remind our members to take care of themselves, to receive routine physicals, and to have their benefits in order.

I appreciate the aid that the members of your association have given to Joe and his family. Likewise, I am proud of the response that our members gave the Sugrue family in their time of need. It is my hope that we will always enjoy this type of support for each other. Please do not hesitate to contact me in the future should you or a member of your association need anything.

With great appreciation,

Timothy M. Runyon, President
Concord Police Association

Thank You

Dear Traffic members & Solo's -

I wish to thank you for remembering my husband, Tony Pulvirenti, in such a special way with your donation to St. Anthony's Foundation.

Your thoughtfulness to me, Tony, and all of our family is truly appreciated at this time of need in our lives.

Thank you again.

Sincerely,
Betty Pulvirenti and family

Difficult job appreciated

Dear Chief Lau,

As you may be aware, I was recently the target of a death threat. In response to such threat, SFPD provided me with dignitary protection. In particular, Officer Brian Peagler and Officer Michael Wells were assigned to protect me.

Moreover, I would very much like to bring to your attention the very fine work that Messrs. Peagler and Wells have done and are doing to protect the citizens of San Francisco. I consistently received compliments about Messrs. Peagler and Wells ranging from their good looks and grace to the way they were constantly abreast of the events and people impacting my life. Their ability to seamlessly move from black tie to seedy undercover suggests the talent and skill those two gentlemen possess.

Perhaps, most impressive was the law enforcement perspective on crime and criminal behavior Messrs. Peagler and Wells shared with me during our time together. Too often we simply fail to appreciate the dedication, hard work and sacrifices that goes into doing all that those within your command do so that the rest of us can be safe. Indeed, I have been informed

Ethel Siegel Newlin,
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Update information

Misdemeanor First Offender Program

By Michelle Jean, MFOP

This is an update on the Misdemeanor First Offender Program article that I wrote for the June 1998 POA Notebook.

There seems to be a misconception among the criminal element that misdemeanors are not prosecuted in the City and County of San Francisco. It seems that the "word" has gone out to the criminal element that one can commit a misdemeanor crime of their choice and not be prosecuted in San Francisco. Well, that has now changed with the creation of the Misdemeanor First Offender Program.

The District Attorney's Office receives approximately 500 misdemeanor cases per week. With the District Attorney's Office only having four D.A.s to handle this caseload, it is not possible to file criminal charges on all of the citations. Understandably, this can cause a great deal of frustration for San Francisco Police Officers who cite misdemeanor offenders. The goal of the First Offender Program is to relieve the frustration for the beat cops, alleviate the overburdened San Francisco Courts, and hopefully deter individuals from committing misdemeanor crimes in San Francisco by holding them accountable for their criminal behavior. Out of 1500 cases that have been resolved through the Misdemeanor First Offender Program, I have had only five re-offenders. Seems to be working!

I work closely with Assistant District Attorney, Reve Bautista who refers an average of 200 cases to the program per week. This number does not reflect juvenile cases since they are not eligible for the program at this time. Hearings are currently held on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday with approximately 12 to 15 cases heard per day. During the hearing process we attempt to educate the offender of the consequences of their actions, help resolve any neighbor disputes, retribute victims, and explain that criminal charges will be filed if the individual continues to commit misdemeanor offenses.

An example of the success of the

program is 3Com Park. When complaints to Giants Security came flooding in, Giants Security asked the S.F.P.D. to step-up the enforcement on under-age drinking, marijuana violations, trespassing, ticket scalping, batteries, and other misdemeanor violations. Thanks to the efforts of F.O.B.'s Lt. Carlson, Sgt. Fewer, and crew, 500 cases have been heard and resolved through the Misdemeanor First Offender Program.



Officer Mario Ceballos (standing), Assistant D. A. Reve Bautista (seated left), and Officer Michelle Jean review reports.

The officers who work the games, usually, upon citing offenders explain that if they are first time offenders their case will probably be sent through the First Offender Program.

Hopefully, some of you have received notices advising you that the misdemeanor case that you generated has been referred and resolved through the Misdemeanor First Offender Program. This notice was created to let you know that your time was not wasted in citing the offender and writing the report. So just a reminder! Don't tell someone when you're citing them that nothing is going to happen to them, since that's not the situation anymore. Also, when writing a citation, make sure you have the correct address and obtain their phone number. It's the only way the District Attorney's Office can notify the individual that they are eligible for the program.

If anyone has any suggestions, comments, or questions, please call me, Off. Michelle Jean or Off. Mario Ceballos at 558-2450.

SFPD Family Day Picnic

Volunteers Needed

Adults and teenagers are needed to work two hour shifts on Sunday, October 4, 1998 for the Family Day Picnic at the Police Range. There are a wide variety of assignments to choose from, including food preparation, food/beverage serving, barbecuing, photography, petting zoo, a host of game booths, set-up, and the dreaded custodial chores.

This is a chance for some of the high school students to earn community service credits for graduation. This event is free to you and your family because of volunteers and donations. Call Officer Juanita Stockwell, (S.I.D.) 553-9085 for further information and sign-up.

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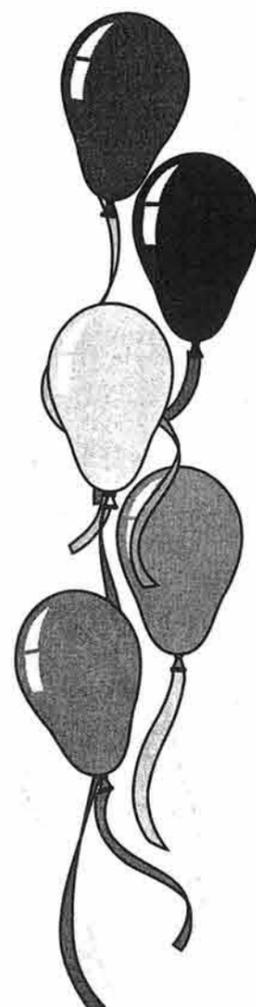
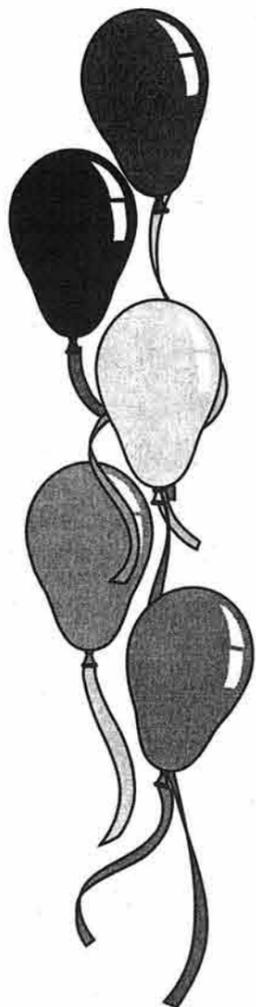


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SPORTS



Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh, Sports Editor

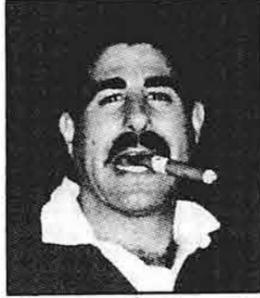
Check It Out: I've got more results from the Cal Police Summer Games that took place in Contra Costa back in June. Lou Perez (GTF) dropped me a line to let me know that he won a couple of bronze medals in "track and field" in the 1 mile run and the 5,000 meter run. In the mile Lou had a time of 4:41 to become the first SFPD cop to ever medal in that event; in fact, he's dedicating that medal to the first plain clothes partner that he ever had, Ken Sugrue. Kenny also was the first partner that Lou ever got into a foot chase with. I wonder if Kenny was able to keep up with you Lou; you can tell us later.

Other track competitors would include the always successful Ed Marchand (T.I.) who came away with three medals of his own. In the javelin competition he took a 3rd place bronze, he shared a 3rd place bronze in the 4 x 100 meter relay race (along with Leonard Morrow of Co. H, Wendel Jones of Co. C, and Mike Alexander of Narcotics), and saved his best for the long jump. In that competition, Marchand had a practice jump of 18' 8" and it ended up being good enough for the gold. Wish him luck the second week of Aug. as he will be competing in the Track and Field World Games Competition as a Master (over 30 yrs.) at the University of Oregon located in Eugene, OR.

In addition to sharing bronze in the relay, Leonard Morrow would also win a 4th place bronze in the 100 meter sprint while Wendel Jones would win a silver medal in the long jump as well. In the triathlon competition (open division), Co. D's Rene Guerrero wasn't able to duplicate the gold he won last year but he did pull a silver medal victory out of his hat which is still pretty darn impressive. Tactical's Mike Palada entered the triathlon competition for the very first time and didn't do too shabby with a 6th place finish. It sounds like he'll be returning to the T.C.A. (Toughest Cop Alive) competition next year with his buddy Eddy Yu. Speaking of Yu, he took 4th in the T.C.A. individuals but had a really good chance at clinching the gold if wasn't for some difficulty with the swim. I know that he will definitely be ready to conquer all next time around.

Even more track and field competitors include Co. B's Michael Simmons who shared a gold in the over forty/ 4 X 100 meter relay race with the Airport's Alex Jackson, SF Sheriff Maurice Valentine, and a BART PD officer who's name escapes me right now. Valentine also took a silver in the triple jump competition and will be competing along with Simmons in the Nevada Police Games taking place in wonderful, exciting Las Vegas at the end of August so wish them luck.

I don't want to forget my buddy



Rafael "Raffy" Labuton (Co. D) took a third place bronze in the over forty/ long jump and shared a third place bronze in the over forty/4x100 relay race as well thanks to the encouragement he receives from his wonderful wife Jeannie Solomon Labuton (Capt.'s secretary/Co. D). Congrats to all the track guys.

Switching over to racquetball, I'd like to mention the gold medal that Miriam Pengel (Co. E) and Jennifer Dudoroff (Co. G) won in the women's doubles competition. Dudoroff also won silver in the racquetball individuals which when combined with the silver police star she just received when getting promoted to sergeant made it a pretty successful summer for her — congratulations.

Other female competitors at the summer games include Co. H's Stephanie Long who won a gold in the Equestrian/Pin and Tie competition while riding her horse "Vader". Then there was Marina Barron (TTF) who competed in karate and won a bronze in black belt fighting, a silver in "kata", and even a gold in "weapons kata". Jennifer Jackson of Co. G would win bronze in "kata" as well.

Northern's Dave Nastari won a bronze in men's "kata" and then got down and dirty when he won a gold medal in karate/black belt division for his weight class. The Airport's Dennis Martinez (canine unit) also competed in karate/black belt for his weight division and came away with gold to go with his bronze in "kata". The motto for these "marshal arts" medal winners was "STRIKE HARD, STRIKE FAST"; I'm sure glad that they're on our side as they are not to be messed with.

There was a four man bowling team representing the department that did very well in Contra Costa by winning gold. The members were Roger Farrell (Co. G), Bill Decarsky (Co. G), Eugene Yoshi (Dog Unit), and of course the Airport's Bob Massola. As far as doubles were concerned, Massola and Farrell combined to win silver while Yoshi and Decarsky combined for a bronze. Then there were singles in which Yoshi won silver while Massola won bronze. Finally in the "all events" competition the combined results had Farrell winning a silver (Grand Master), Decarsky a bronze, Yoshi a silver, and Massola a bronze. As far as averages are concerned, Farrell is in the "190 and over" area while the rest are between 169 and 189. Good stuff from these guys.

The SFPD made a good showing in handball as well; the locale was the "Big C" Athletic Club in Concord and

the event was well coordinated by Obie Anderson (San Ramon PD) and Jim Rose (Alameda County Sheriff). In open/singles a strong, tireless Lou Barberini (TTF) beat Bob Lozito (Sacramento Sheriff) for the gold medal. Tom McGee (Airport) bested Jack Brier (Cal State Investigator) for third place bronze, and Ed Kenney (retired Insp.) defeated Don Hutchinson (Placer County Sheriff) for a fifth place bronze. In the open/doubles



Handball Winners: Obie Anderson, Jim Rose, Ed Kenney & Tom McGee.

competition, the combination of Ed Dullea (Bomb Squad) and Barberini were too much for Brier and Hutchinson and they came away with the heralded gold. Also, Kenney teamed up with McGee and earned a bronze when they beat the Rose/Anderson team in an exciting tie-breaking match. Way to go.

I was impressed to hear about the wrestlers we had representing the department. This includes: Jason "J.J." Jefferson (Co. H) who took a 4th place bronze in the freestyle/167 lb. class, Tim Farrelly (Co. E) who won gold in the freestyle/138 lb. class, and then there is Dan Simone (Co. H) who took a 4th place bronze in freestyle/187 lb. class, a 4th place bronze in "greco" style in his weight class, and even won gold in wrist wrestling. Incidentally, Farrelly will also be at the Nevada Games in Vegas so wish him luck.

As far as current departmental

sports is concerned, it looks like the sports committee is still looking for a basketball commissioner to take over the league this year. The season is only a couple of months away so somebody better act fast. If interested, contact Brian "Moose" Canedo at Mission Station during the day.

I'd next like to say: How about those French soccer players beating that cocky Brazil team in the World Cup? (I know Rene LaPrevotte is happy). Personally I wanted Brazil, but what the heck. Never-the-less it was very enjoyable to watch what I could of the tournament with the expanded TV coverage this time around. Now I can hardly wait for the 2002 World Cup to come around.



Handball Winners: Don Hutchinson, Jack Brier, Lou Barberini & Ed Dullea

What happened to those Giants? I hope they recover for a wild card spot. I was at the Thurs. afternoon Giants/Cardinals game last month (7/23) and couldn't believe the fans booing late in the game when Mark McGwire was intentionally walked with first base open and the game still on the line. Hey now, I think that a Giants win is just a little more important than a McGwire home run, don't you think?

This month's capital "K" for knucklehead award goes to the entire NBA (owners and players union) for the silly lockout that is now in effect. Thank God the NFL regular season is only a month away. That's all for now...So See Ya...

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Champions off the field as well

SF Striders Youth Track Program Trains Winners

Staff Report

The SF Striders Youth Program is a component of the SFPD Juvenile Division Youth Program Section, funded by Nike. It is a year-round, full services program, for boys and girls ages 6 to 14. The program provides life skills educational workshops, physical fitness training, employment opportunities, after school tutorial, and a nutritious snack program. Our eyes and ears are always open for whatever is needed to improve our children's behaviors and life style adjustments according to Officer Billy Ray Smith, Program Coordinator and Director.

Thirty-eight of the ninety-eight youth enrolled in the SF Striders Educational and Physical Fitness Training Program attended the 1998 Pacific of America USATF (United States of America Track and Field) Junior Olympic Track and Field Championship on Saturday, June 20, 1998, at Petaluma High School, in Petaluma, California. The top eight finishers in Petaluma advanced to Region 14 Track and Field Championship, which was scheduled for July 11-12, at Fresno State University.

SF Striders entered a very dedicated group of youth from San Francisco in the Pacific Association Championship Track meet. This was the first step for our youth to advance to the 1998 USATF Junior Olympic National Track and Field Championship, scheduled for July 28 - Aug. 2 at the University of Washington, Seattle.

One of the SF Striders outstanding participants is Valerie Dalian Peterson, a 10-year old girl (Bantam Girls Division). Valerie is San Francisco's best 400 and 800 meter runner in the bantam girls division. Valerie's time in the 400 meter run is 67 seconds, and 800 meter run is 2 minutes and 38 seconds. Both times are ranked nationally, within the top ten girls in the IJUnited States.

Valerie was born January 1, 1988. Her mother and father were addicted to drugs. After Valerie's birth, her mother requested Valerie's grandmother, Icyphene Peterson, to care for their daughter because of the parent's drug addiction. Icyphene Peterson is one of many grandparents caring for grandchildren because of parent's addiction to drugs.

"This is Valerie's second year enrolled in our program," said Veronica Lightfoot, Counselor at Dr. George Washington Carver Academic Elementary, and SF Striders Educational Curriculum Specialist. "Valerie has excelled far beyond many expectations, as an athlete and academically."

Valerie is a Gifted and Educationally Talented (GATE) student at Dr. George Washington Carver Academic Elementary School. In the spring of 1998 Valerie was chosen as one of the gifted achievers to work on a special-assignment Air Quality Research Project with Dr. Peter Palmer, a chemist at San Francisco State University. This was indeed an honor for Valerie to work with Dr. Palmer since he had completed a project for the Russian Space Station Mir. Her findings were submitted to an environmental task force in the city of San Francisco. Valerie was so concerned about what she found at an old power plant that she wrote Mayor Brown to ask what can be done to eliminate the power plant, improve the quality of the air, and clean the polluted water for fishing.

Beside being Involved with science, Valerie likes reading, drawing and acting. Her favorite subject is math.. Her aspiration is to become a nurse. Valerie is a member of Providence Baptist Church where she participates in the Juniorette Choir and is a Junior Usher.

"I am honored to be employed in a city where the Mayor, Police Department, and other city agencies have demonstrated they care about the future of San Francisco and San Francisco's youth," said Officer Smith. "There are too many other youth similar to Valerie in the city and county of San Francisco. There are too many other grandparents similar to Icyphene Peterson in the city and county of San Francisco."

With the continued support of Mayor Brown, the Police Department, and Nike, (P.L.A.Y. Program) we will direct more youth to become more involved in an educational and a physical fitness training programs.

The SF Striders Educational and Physical Fitness Training Program is now accepting enrollment for the 1998-1999 program. The program is Free. Contact Officer Billy Ray Smith, 558-553.

The Loon's Nest Report
Renteria Wins Spring Championship

By Ed Garcia, TTF

The Loon's Nest Golf Club finally had the opportunity to play the 1998 Spring Championship on June 30th, after suffering two postponements. The Loon's came out of a two month holding pattern (with tired wings) to land on the East Bay's premier test of skill, Clayton's Oakhurst Country Club. Oakhurst has been the site of two L.N.G.C. club championships and it has become a regular nesting spot on the Loon's yearly migration.

The tournament was played in three flights on a sunny day which started out with moderate winds that

Ed Garcia of T.T.F. First flight low gross was a battle between Mike Mahoney of Hit & Run and John Wong, as they both posted scores of 95. John had a nine stroke lead over Mahoney at the turn, but Mahoney fired a birdie on the final hole to put the two players in a tie. The tie breaker went to Mahoney and second place to John Wong. Kurtis Wong from Muni Company grabbed third low gross with a 97.

Low net in flight one brought about matching scores of net 78 from Co. K's Roy Sullivan and guest Dan Stefani. Stefani had a five stroke lead over Sullivan after the front side, but Sullivan got hot on the back side. Sullivan birdied the 13th hole en route to a gross 42 on the back and a net score of 78 for the day. The tie breaker went to Sullivan and second to Stefani. Third place went to Park Station's own Phil Fee. Fee finished four strokes behind Sullivan & Stefani.

Second flight low gross saw another victory by Marty Barbero. Marty



The victorious Loons at Oakhurst Country Club

became stronger as the day went on. In the champion flight, the leader after the front nine was our tournament director Glenn Mar. Glenn fired a 38 on the front with a birdie on the par 5, 7th hole. Close in behind Glenn was Mike Renteria from the T.T.F. Mike picked up birdies on the first and fifth holes en route to a front side 41. Tom O'Connor from Traffic Administration was sitting in third place. O'Connor is the current L.N.G.C. Club Champion, having won the title at Oakhurst in 1997. As the Loon's started to turn towards home former Spring Champion Steve Landi made his move, as he fired a 39 on the back nine with two birdies. Glenn Mar was looking like a winner heading into the 18th hole, as he needed a par for a score of 78, which would give him the championship. But danger was lurking on the treacherous 18th hole, as Glenn would find out, posting a triple bogey and finishing with an 81. Renteria finished at 81 also, picking up a birdie on the 15th hole. Cards were matched to break the tie and the title went to Mike Renteria. Steve Landi finished his round with an 84 and Tom O'Connor posted an 85.

In Championship Flight low net, Mar posted a 71, giving him a six stroke edge over Muni's Glen Melanson and third low net went to

shot a 94 to give him a 14 stroke edge over second place finishers Earl "the Pearl" Wismer of Fraud and George Gublengay of the Airport Division. Barbero is in his third season as a Loon and the man has been a trophy winning machine. In a club house interview with the local sports writers Barbero confessed to having recently taken lessons from the Pro at Oakhurst, as Marty resides nearby. Those lessons have paid off.

Second flight low net saw a close match between Co. B's Al Tong and Burglary's John Cleary with Burglary's Lewis Bronfeld close in behind. Tong and Cleary both posted net rounds of 73 and the tie breaker went to Tong, leaving Cleary in second. Bronfeld posted a net 74 to pick up third place.

The Long Drive winners were Tom O'Connor and Mike Mahoney. Tom drove his ball 261 yards into the wind on the 1st hole to take the title for the Championship Flight. Mike Mahoney drove his ball 237 yards into the same wind to take the title for the flights. The two closest to the hole winners were Ken Lum and Doug Seefus. Seefus had the shot of the day which stopped 5' 5" from pin on the 13th hole. The two second place finishers were Mike Farrell from the Vice Squad and Dan Mahoney from Park Station.

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Racquetball Anyone?

Dudoroff and Pengel Take Home Gold

By Miriam Pengel,
Northern Station

It wasn't without a lot of hard work and then a guessing game. Our playing status was unknown until the day of the first match. Jennifer Dudoroff and I had practiced hard for the doubles competition. Having opposite schedules and living about



Jennifer Dudoroff (left) and Miriam Pengel

100 miles from each other, we were not sure if we would have a lot of quality practice time together. Three weeks before the Games, while playing basketball, my left ankle gave out and I ended up on crutches. I had to drop out of the singles competition, but I was determined to play doubles. With a lot of ice and athletic tape, we played our doubles matches.

Neither one of us had ever played Racquetball in the Police Games before, so we did not know what to expect. The games were vigorous and at times down right tough. We played San Jose P.D. That was a fun match and a bit competitive. I guess matches are always a lot more fun when you win, because that is what we did. We beat San Jose and moved on to the Gold Medal round.

We were placed against two gals

from California Youth Authority. They were able to "scout" our games before we played them and they seemed ready and eager to play us. Jen and I were confident that we could take them. It was an intense match. For a while we were going back and forth in points, but we won the first game. The second game started out competitive. It could have gone either way. We did not want to go three games with them (racquetball games are best of three to fifteen points). We played hard and beat them in two. We emerged the victors and we took home the Gold! We had put a lot of time and energy into trying to win the competition; and we did.

Winning the Gold was such a great feeling. It was nice to represent SFPD and to work hard with a partner and come out as winners. Jen and I learned a lot about competition and each other and it was a great experience. We have competed in other sports in the Police Games-Summer Games, but racquetball proved to be the most competitive and the most rewarding. The racquetball competition is bracketed into three categories: singles, doubles and mixed doubles. If anyone out there is interested in playing mixed doubles, please get in touch with either Jennifer or myself for next year's competition in Pasadena.

Jennifer went on to play in the singles competition. She played some long and exhilarating matches. One day she played two matches, that was almost 4 hours of constant playing. She was doing great and looking just a bit tired too. She played singles and ended up winning the Silver medal. What a great accomplishment. The first time competing in racquetball in the California Police Summer Games, and Jennifer came home with both a Gold and a Silver medal!!! Congratulations, partner...

Fishing Cook Inlet, Alaska

By Warren Omholt,
Personnel

The following article is concerning a trip that my wife and I took to Alaska last month. I normally wouldn't bother telling anyone about "What I did on my vacation", but it was one of the best times that I have had, and the information that I can give to whomever may want to go could save them a lot of time and expense.

So if you would print this I would appreciate it, but if you don't, okay.

If you don't get your limits, then you haven't left the lodge.

My wife, Pam, and I went to Alaska on a sightseeing/fishing trip on July 4, 1998. We returned on July 14. While we were there we met a real nice couple, John and Kathy, who are starting their own bed and breakfast/lodge at Anchor Point. That is on the Kenai Peninsula, about 125 miles north of Homer, Alaska. I don't know where you would find a more impressive view than from their front deck. It is an unobstructed vista across Cook Inlet of five volcanoes. Just gorgeous.

Their house is situated on a cliff about 75 feet above the beach on the

shore of the inlet. The Bald Headed Eagles that cruise the coast line are about eye level with you. Downstairs, the lodge owners just put in three bedrooms (each with its own full bath), a full kitchen, dining area, and by now a lounge with big-screen t.v. and stereo. Bed and breakfast is only \$75 per night, and the lodge package is only \$85 per night. Take the lodge package (food in Alaska is expensive). Or, you can have the complete downstairs for \$200 per night. You are not going to beat these prices in Alaska, especially for what you get. Two real nice people and a great place to stay. AND FISH...

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By Rene LaPrevotte

In Search Of The Perfect Margarita

As you know through faithful monthly consumption of this column, myself and several riding buddies were lamenting the sad state of Margaritas in the so called "Mexican" restaurants that have become so popular. Someone, I can't remember if it was me or not, said: "Ya-know, I'll bet we'd git bedder margaritas dan dis in Mexico" and someone else slurred, "Yea, yur probably right". Thusly was born the theme for 1998's annual motorcycle road trip... **In Search Of The Perfect Margarita**

Since all our other Mexican vacations started at San Francisco International Airport (Usually in the airport lounge with \$6.00 draft beers), it was up to me to go to triple-A and get a map to see where Mexico actually is. At our planning dinner, the guys were amazed to learn that Mexico is actually a suburb of Los Angeles, and not that far away. Since I'm a supervisor with a big city police department, and it is usually my job to make simple tasks more complicated than necessary, I decided that we would go to Mexico via Las Vegas. This would allow us to leave a charitable donation at the local home for wayward girls. You know, it's that place where they are so poor they don't even have a stage to dance on, so they try to get you to let them dance on your table... a "table" dance! (Some are so poor they have to dance on laps!).

But I digress... so anyway, I put out the word that we're going to Mexico, (San Felepe, actually) and I get the usual cast of characters to volunteer, most of whom crap out when the hour of departure approaches (Are you reading this Favetti?). So we end—up with myself (I had to go, I had the map), Ed Dullea from the Property Clerk's office, plus another guy that was out of vacation so he violated some stupid General Order about using accumulated sick

time (SP) to go riding with his friends (We'll call him "SP"). Then there was my buddy from Phoenix who retired from the Arizona Dept of Public Safety half a decade ago, M.J. Mauser, and a new riding associate of his, a huge corn-fed country boy named "Frank". Last was a certifiable psycho from the SF Fire Department named Tony Smerdel who is in charge of their EMT program (I figured he might come in handy!).

The plan was for "SP", Tony, Ed and myself to take a scenic ride down Coast Hwy #1 to Southern California where we would spend the night, then meet the two Arizona guys in Vegas the next day. Myself and "SP" ride sport bikes, the kind that the uninitiated (and Harley riders) generically call "Ninjas" and Tony and Ed were on "Hogs". In the back of my mind, I was fearful that Hwy #1 would cause a problem with two Harleys and two sport bikes given the disparate velocities these two types of vehicles were designed to be ridden at. My fears were realized when "SP" and I met Ed and Tony on Skyline for our rendezvous for breakfast at Alice's Restaurant in La Honda. Even at a sedate pace for the two sport bikes, the Harleys were dragging parts on the pavement, sending—out showers of sparks behind them. When we stopped for breakfast, I naively thought that Ed was drinking red wine with breakfast to calm his nerves. I later learned that this is his daily ritual.. "Cabernet, so much more than a breakfast drink".

After a sumptuous helping of grease served by an 11550 candidate at Alice's we were off. In deference to "SP" I can't tell you what the date was, but after months of unrelenting rain, the day was an absolute joy to behold, with eighty degree temps all the way down Skyline. This, I was certain, was a harbinger of good things to come.

I was wrong. Once on Highway #1, we found that about every ten miles were road crews servicing the battered roadways, victims of the year of El Nino. This meant that we would get about ten minutes of glorious riding, followed by a flagman and stopped traffic wherein we would have to follow a pilot car over freshly spewed road oil. Thinking this was an aberration that would eventually go away, we stuck with Hwy #1 way too long, and made the decision to get the hell out of there as soon as we could. That, unfortunately wouldn't be until Paso Robles. Having wasted the better part of six hours traversing less than two hundred miles of

coastal highway, we decided to spend the first night in fabulous downtown Bakersfield. Twelve hours after "SP" and I left Novato we pulled into the home of Merle Haggard and a 108 degree blast furnace aptly named Bakersfield.

You can scratch Bakersfield off the list of potential candidates for the perfect margarita. They do have cold beer though, so we did our best to deplete the area's supply of Miller Genuine and hit the sack... cause tomorrow night were going dancing in Vegas!

Up bright and early, some breakfast (And Dago Red for Ed) and we hit the highway before the thermostat hit triple digits. Southeastern California and Southern Nevada have never been my favorite riding areas, so we put the hammer down to end this part of the journey ASAP. We arrived in Vegas and checked-in to the Best Western Marti-Gras. I've stayed here before when we rode out for the Super bike races at Las Vegas Speedway. For \$39.00 a night you get a suite with kitchen and two King Beds, plus a small casino, restaurant, pool and the all important hot tub. Later that afternoon we were joined by MJ and Frank from Arizona. Now my buddy MJ would never be accused of being light-in-the-ass, as he tips the scales on the Northern side of an eighth ton, but Frank made MJ look anemic. Frank, as we later found out, played semi-pro football and had calves about the size of the gas tank on my motorcycle. Appropriately, Frank was riding a hybrid Harley clone called a "Big Dog". Guebb what his new name was!

In what would become a ritual, the six of us (seven or eight if you count Big Dog) would hit the local mini-mart for beverages then we'd park our flattened fannies in the hot tub for R&R. It was in Vegas that a sudden windstorm reared its ugly head, and as we sat in the bubbling water we dodged the fiberglass shingles that were being ripped from the roof of the hotel and flung into the pool/hot tub area. All the other guests of the hotel ran screaming for their rooms with towels over their heads to protect them from the flying debris, but the six of us sat in the hot tub, our only concession to the prevailing hurricane was to hold our hand over our drinks, to keep the gravel out.

That night we went "dancing"... boy those waifs are sure good dancers, but enough of that. The next morning the six of us could be found in the parking lot, attaching luggage and trying to figure out how best to

get out of sin-city. The wind had abated, but we had to navigate the bikes through the shingles littering the parking lot then we hit the highway South toward old Mexico.

In a motorcycle riders life there are a few (too few) of those clear warm mornings when the sights and smells fill your senses and just overcome you with unremitting joy. This was such a morning, with the desert blooming with wildflowers awakened by the record rainfall of the Winter of '97 and good comradeship. Heading for the border we felt like bandits escaping the long arm of the law (And in some opinions may well have been doing just that!)

Our intention was to enter Mexico at Calexico where we would buy the requisite Mexican insurance prior to the border. The slow pace of the Harley guys didn't impede the velocity of the sportbike contingent, as we would just do our thing, then when the need for rehydration or food would arise, we would stop in some little desert town, park prominently on the street, and await the noisy arrival of the two Hogs and the Big Dog. This was the case in Brawley California as MJ, SP and I sat in a taqueria waiting for Ed, Tony and the Big Dog. As the time slipped by, we began to get that sinking feeling that the Harley guys should have been here by now. The clock continued to run and the guys still weren't here so the three sportbikers began a worst case scenario discussion at which time we could hear the Harleys off in the distance. A great sigh of relief was cut short when we could hear back-firing instead of the syncopated beat of a Harley engine. As the guys pulled into Brawley, we noted that Ed's hog was running on one cylinder.. .not good. Ed, Tony and Big Dog relate a story of Ed's bike going-off on one cylinder, and the guys finding the front spark plug had loosened, allowing a lean fuel mixture that caused some seriously nasty things to happen in the front cylinder when combined with the desert heat.

Ed got the phone book and found a shop called "Hog Heaven" in Imperial, California (about five miles South). It's ten after five on a Tuesday afternoon, but a human being answered the phone at Hog Heaven, and told Ed that given our state of emergency and proximity to absolutely nothing else, he would wait for our arrival. A quick rehydration and we followed Ed's back-firing, farting Harley into Imperial where we locate "Hog Heaven" off some fairly low-life back street. The owner/mechanic at

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Hog Heaven looks like a poster child for a ZZ Top concert, and there are three other tough looking black-shirted guys hanging out drinking Budweiser.

The mechanic listens to Ed's fart-machine, runs a compression test and declares the engine "terminal". He also tells us that it is our bad luck that he is going on vacation in three days and can't really take-on any additional work, as he is clearing out his workload so he can take two weeks off... groans all around. Hearing this, one of the Budweiser drinkers who looks like he'd just as soon decapitate you with a motorcycle chain as look at you told the mechanic: "Hey bro, go ahead and put his bike ahead of mine, I don't really need it this week anyway". The mechanic then tells us that he'll lock Ed's bike up in the shop and tear into it the following morning at 6:00AM. He then tells us that this is kind of a rough town, (duh!) and that we should stay at the Airport hotel down the road, and that the Harley guys can leave their bikes locked in his shop for the evening just to be safe. He then casts a jaundiced eye at our rice-rockets... "Those things can't stay though"... fair enough, I didn't want my Honda spending the night with a bunch of oil leaking outlaws anyway, no telling what kind of attitude it would develop by the next day.

One of the other beer drinking customers now volunteers to give Ed a ride to the hotel which is gratefully accepted. The usual Mini-mart/hot tub/bar/dinner modus operandi ensues and off to bed. The next morning we have breakfast (novel idea) and Ed has his carafe of vino and we hang-out at the pool while ZZ Top does brain surgery on Ed's Harley. Two o'clock and Tony hikes Ed back to Hog Heaven where the hog is declared "cured", Ed's wallet is lightened by \$500.00 and ZZ gives Ed a list of "brothers" with pick-ups that will come to Mexico to bail Ed out if the Hog takes another crap.

I don't know about you, but I don't know if I would have received that kind of treatment at the local Honda shop. And while I don't see myself buying a Harley Davidson any time soon, I'd be lying if I said I wasn't t seriously impressed by the Harley fraternity in Imperial, California.

Well now its about 115 degrees, perfect motorcycle weather, and we code-three to Calxico, where the largest Mexican/Samoan woman I have ever seen sold us our "full coverage" insurance for our planned four

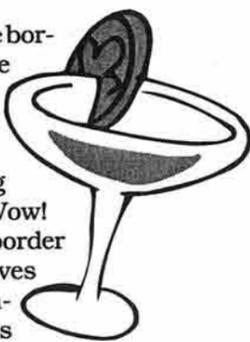
days south of the border. As Ms. Huge is writing my policy, I entertain visions of her and Big Dog locked in love. .Wow!

Crossing the border at Mexicali leaves us only about another 120 miles to San Felipe down the Baja coast. The highlight of the journey was the stop you are required to make at the entrance to a "Military reservation" which is a place on the road where there is a double-wide trailer obviously abandoned during the great "Grapes of Wrath" migration and taken over by the Mexican Army. At the check-point you are surrounded by Mexican Troops, the oldest of which was about seventeen, but all of which were totting a sub-machine gun. About fifty yards down the road is a machine gun bunker with a bored looking fifteen year old at the controls of a very operable looking 50 caliber machine gun. I don't think even the most hairball gringo would think of playing games here.

The head man scopes us and our bikes with a critical eye, then nods his approval. . "You do wheelie?" he says. Well, here I am in the middle of nowhere with a medical facility probably 100 miles away where they have yet to hear of penicillin and some heat-crazed youngster is pointing a machine gun at me telling me to wheelie. . "dance you stinking varmint"... is this guy setting me up to get shot-in-the-back? No wheelie, no gun shots, and we're off again.

Due to a pre-agreed implementation of the "500 mile rule" as well as a statute of limitations problem including international treaty, I am enjoined from talking about the next four days. What I can tell you was that no one went to jail, no one crashed, and we made it home without incident. The only casualty was a sore jaw-bone from constant laughter. That and my ATM card which I stored in my magnetic money clip on the second day, rendering the magnetic card useless for the remainder of the trip (Pretty good excuse eh? Thanks for the loan suckers!)

We're going to do it again next year. Ed is going to make sure his plugs are tight, I'll keep my money in another pocket, we'll take a case of Budweiser to Hog Heaven and we'll continue our **Search For The Perfect Margarita**



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California S.W.A.T. Championships

Police Summer Games 1998

By Mark Solomon,
CPC/Tactical Unit

On May 7th and 8th, the San Francisco Police Department sent officers from our Tactical Unit to participate in the 5th Annual California S.W.A.T. Championship, held in Bakersfield California. Twenty-four S.W.A.T. teams throughout the state and members from Calgary Canada were invited to participate this year.

Each team was comprised of six competitors and one alternate. Seven

The team events were designed after actual incidents that have taken place in Bakersfield over the years: 10th and M Street, Let's Get Them Outta There, Bus Rescue, Bailey's Surprise, One Shot One Kill and You'll Love Us Or Hate Us. The individual events were Cover and Shoot, Obstacle Shotgun Course, Sub Machine Gun Crossfire and Four-Gun Combo. While dressed in full gear, each event tasked the teams and individual operators to use multiple weapons such as their handgun, shot gun, MP5 sub machine gun, HK 53 machine gun, .308 bolt rifle and flash bang diversion devices.

Each course of fire would begin with a long distance sniper shot. When your team completed the running, jumping, banging, shooting, dragging, rescuing, etc., the designated sniper would take the final shot at a steel target and the time clock would stop. The time and points would then be calculated for the team score.

I asked if they had any problems bringing

their fully automatic weapons into our country. I was informed they were hassled more for their fresh fruit and vegetables...

After the first day, our team did very well and we placed in the top 4 of the three completed events. It was a long day so we made a B-line to our hotel and continued training, this time in the hot tub. We met Officers from other departments, traded information/training techniques and had a few yuks. While talking with our Canadian brothers from Calgary, I asked if they had any problems bringing their fully automatic weapons into our country. I was informed they were hassled more for their fresh fruit and vegetables...

When we completed the remaining courses of fire on the second day, we knew we placed in the top ten. That night, Bakersfield PD put on a great banquet dinner and Medal Ceremony. The keynote speaker was Mr. Ron McCarthy, who is a retired Los Angeles Police Department S.W.A.T. Commander. This year's competition was dedicated to Officer James J. Rapozo. Officer Rapozo was a Police Officer on the Visalia California Police Department S.W.A.T. Team; He was killed in the line of duty during a critical incident on January 1, 1998. Officer Rapozo's wife, Marray Rapozo, accepted a beautiful plaque in his honor then delivered a very moving speech.

After the smoke cleared and the seconds were counted, our team had a great showing and we took 7th place overall. Out of the 175 competitors, Angelo Spagnoli placed 3rd in the individual event and brought home a bronze medal. (First and second place was separated by less than one second and Angelo was right on their heels.) All participants should be commended and congratulated for a job well done. We shall return next year!



The SFPD S.W.A.T. Team

members from our unit qualified and were eligible to participate in this competition: Team Leader — Dino Zografos, Angelo Spagnoli, Darby Reid, Mike Palada, John Syme, Tom Smith and Mark Solomon. On May 6th, we packed up our motor home and headed to the beautiful outskirts of Bakersfield, California. During the ride down, we had plenty of time to strategically plan for the upcoming events and even stop off for some health food at the B & K Lounge. A short 7 hours later, we arrived and checked into our hotel. While Dino and Darby responded to an event briefing, the balance of the team took advantage of the time for training — by the pool.

The competition was held at Five Dogs range facility which is located approximately 45 minutes from downtown Bakersfield; that is about 20 miles from the middle of nowhere and halfway to somewhere!

Once back from the meeting, we learned that this year's courses of fire would show each team's mettle as they incorporated precision shooting with physically challenging obstacles. One event had a military obstacle course coupled with a 2 mile run. There were six team events and four individual events, which would take place over the next two days.

The competition was held at Five Dogs range facility which is located approximately 45 minutes from downtown Bakersfield; that is about 20 miles from the middle of nowhere and halfway to somewhere! When we arrived in the morning, we saw that El Nino was going to get the blame for one more disaster. Due to all the rain run off from the surrounding mountains, the range had a river running through it. The staff members there got very creative with railroad ties, logs and anything else that could be used to bridge the course. The competition went off without a hitch.

Mountain Biking

Riding The Slickrock

Ron Roth,
F.O.B.

About three years ago I began to ride my mountain bike in areas that trails. I did my Mt. Tam phase on the fire roads with the great views. I explored the hills and trails off of Skyline, down the Peninsula. I con-



"What Cliff?"

tinued to ride the many areas within one hour of my house that people in other areas of the country would die for. Every time I talked to an avid rider, or every time I read a mountain bike magazine, I kept hearing about a place called Moab, Utah. This is supposedly the undisputed "Mecca" of mountain biking. A few weeks ago I got the opportunity to go there and find out for myself if this was true.

My buddy Dan and I jumped into his van, equipped with Tule racks above, and drove to Moab, Utah. The grueling drive took about 16 hours, as Moab is in the southeast corner of Utah. Past Reno, there wasn't much in between except for a lot of tumbleweed. As we got close, the transformation was unbelievable. We suddenly had beautiful plateaus of majestic sandstone everywhere. The 1000' shear walls and rock formations were sights to behold. As we cruised into Moab, it was suddenly apparent that this town was user friendly to mountain bikers. Tours, guides, bike shops, sidewalk cafes, and restaurants named after local bike trails were plentiful. We settled into a local campground and began to plot our next four days of rides.

Day 1 took us to the famous "Slickrock Trail" on the outskirts of town. This is a very technical must-do for all serious bikers. The ride consisted of a 11 mile loop, entirely on "slickrock". Slickrock, native to the Moab area, is a red colored smooth sandstone that has tremendous traction qualities. It was not unusual to climb 60-70 degree inclines with no rear wheel spin. The same goes for riding down the hills, you stick like glue, with no slipping and sliding. White dotted lines are painted on the rock the entire 11 miles to prevent you from getting lost in the miles and miles of slickrock. The ride includes stunning views of the town, the desert, and the adjoining Colorado River. This challenging ride took about 2 1/2 hours to conquer, and at the end, I was surprised at the improvement of my riding skills.

Day 2, still exhausted from Slickrock, we decided to take it easy. We rode through the "Canyonlands Park" to "Gemini Bridges". This is a fairly mild 15 mile out and back along jeep trails. The payoff was at the Bridges, as they consisted of natural sandstone bridges, caused by thousands of years of erosion, spanning a desert canyon over 500' below. The

sights were fantastic. We learned that this area has been used in the filming of many very scenic motion pictures such as, City Slickers and Raiders of the Lost Ark.

On Day 3 we hit pay dirt. The "Porcupine Rim Trail" is by far the most technically challenging, beautiful, enjoyable ride I have ever been on. After being dropped off by a local bike shuttle service, we began the trail with a 4 mile winding uphill along more slickrock. When we reached the top, it was hard to believe we weren't on top of the world (actually at about 7,000'). In the distance, the snow covered LaSal Mountains create the backdrop for more great desert views, including the famous "hole in the rock" formation (this formation is pictured



on all new Utah license plates). We met some locals at the top, including a female racer from Colorado, who led the way down.

We cruised downhill for 7 miles on slickrock, hardpack, and jagged rocks. Many segments seemed as though we were riding down dozens of steps, from rock to rock. The views on the way down were abundant, but we were very careful to pay attention to our sight lines, as we didn't want to be helicoptered out due to a serious fall. Our unofficial guides then told us that the best part was yet to come. We then began 4 miles of very technical single track (continuing downhill). This part of the trail skirted the Colorado river gorge. A few feet to the right, and a small mistake, would send us down 1000' into the river below. The concentration on this part of the ride was intense, as we didn't want to become statistics. A creek crossing and a 4 mile ride into town finished the ride, and now it was "Miller Time."

Day 4 had us try the "Slickrock Trail" for a second time. Again we had a ball, meeting several fellow bikers along the way. During all of our riding in Utah, we never got the cold shoulder from hikers, we were impressed by the friendliness of everyone in and around the town of Moab. They thrive on mountain bikers coming to enjoy the hundreds of miles of unique trails. Although it was very scenic and affordable to camp, there were plenty of motels, and lots to do for non-bikers. We met many European tourists that came to sightsee, hike, mountain climb, or white water raft. Arches National Park is just outside of Moab and offers great tours.

I will be back to Moab, and I urge anyone with the mountain biking bug to go. It's a trip you'll never forget.

3 "Police Games" records set

Deborah Erdy Swims to 5 Gold Medals, 1 Bronze

By Ray Shine,
Editor

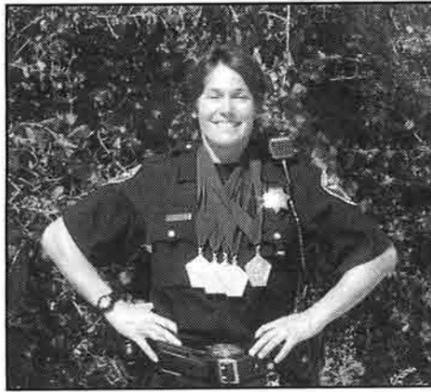
Five year SFPD officer Deborah Erdy, Mission Station, returned from the 1998 Police Summer Games sporting her trademark grin as well as her six new medals, five of them gold.

Erdy was not only the sole woman swimmer representing the SFPD, but she also distinguished our department by establishing three new "Games" records in the 50 fly (00:31), the 100 fly (1:15), and the 500 freestyle (6:17). She also took gold in the 100 freestyle and 200 free.

"I was the only female on any of the SFPD teams," she commented. "But we were very happy to beat L.A.S.O. and Sacramento P.D."

Erdy, 38, has been swimming competitively since age 12. She made the United States Olympic teams in 1974 and 1976. She has also competed as a professional tri-athlete.

Her triathlon experiences also paid off at the Police Games. Erdy teamed



Erdy and her "starter collection" - 5 Golds and a Bronze!!

up with Damon Kieve, Ed Yu, and Nat Chan to compete in the team competition for Toughest Cop Alive. The four San Francisco officers won a team Bronze in that event, with Erdy handling the 5K run and 100 yard swim, Chan taking the obstacle course and 100 yard dash, Kieve doing the shot-put and bench press, and Yu the rope climb and pull-ups.

"This was my first police olympics," Erdy explained, "and I'll be back next year. It was a lot of fun."

SFPD Swimmers Take 27 Medals

By Don Matissek,
Retired

The SFPD did well in swimming at the Police Summer Games of 1998. The four swimmers were retired members Howard Kyle, Don Matissek, and Frank Petuya and active member Deborah Erdy of Mission station.

In the Women's Division, Deborah took first in the 100, 200, and 500 freestyle. If she swam the 50 she probably won that as well, but I don't have that time. She also took gold in the 50 and 100 butterfly.

In the Grandmasters "C" Division Kyle took second in the 50 and 100 freestyle, while Matissek placed fourth in both. In the 50 back-stroke Kyle

took gold and Matissek silver. Matissek also took a gold in the 100 back stroke. Kyle and Matissek took gold and silver in the 100 I.M., and Kyle placed first in the 50 and 100 breast-stroke.

In the Grandmasters "D" Division Frank Petuya took first in the 50 breaststroke, second in the 50 and 100 freestyle, 50 and 100 butterfly, 50 backstroke, and 100 I.M. The three SFPD retirees, swimming with a retired San Jose officer, took third place in the free and medly relays. For the future it looks like we will have a mixed relay team.

We know there are a lot more swimmers in the department, let's see if we can get them to go to Pasadena in 1999.

SFPD Shooters Cap 13 Medals

Shooting Results For 1998 California Police Games

By Duane Otis and Bill Leet

Team captain Tom Morris (ret.), Bill Leet (ret.), Dave Collins (Co I) and Jamie Ongpin (Muni) representing SFPD shot large-bore rifles at ranges of 200, 300 and 600 yards. Jamie Ongpin "held tight" and took the silver in the sharp shooter classification.

Tom, Bill, Jamie, and Duane Otis (Crime Scenes) teamed up for the small-bore rifle competition and took team fifth in the marksman/sharp-shooter classification.

In the PPC revolver competition, Otis, Bob Gillaspie (Backgrounds), Ongpin, and Mike Zurcher (Housing) teamed to take the fourth place medal. Zurcher took the individual gold in the distinguished revolver class. Otis came in fifth in the distinguished master group. Leet was third place marksman in the distinguished semi-automatic classification. Otis and Gillaspie were volunteer coordina-

tors at the Contra Costa Sheriff's range and spent 12 to 14 hours daily making sure the PPC match ran smoothly and was fun for all participants.

Jamie Ongpin also shot in the "action pistol" competition and came away with fifth place individual.

Great Shooting! 13 medals won!! All SFPD shooters expressed special thanks to Chief Fred Lau and Range Master Mickey Griffin for their support. Due to their interest, the range was available for special practice sessions, and the range staff was always willing to lend a hand.

Anyone interested in any of the above disciplines should contact Range Master Griffin. We are committed to helping any officers who wish to improve their shooting or participate in matches. Be ready for the Mike O'Brien match or the 1999 Police Games in Pasadena. Get started now.

SFO Athletes Claim 25 Medals

Airport Bureau Soars At Police Games

By Alex Jackson,
Airport Bureau

I am forwarding this information to you acknowledging the dedication to training, participation, and achievements of the officers of the SFPD-Airport Bureau who participated in the 1998 Police Summer Games. They are as follows:

• **Kathy Feyling** — Participated in the team road race events and won two medals. She won a **gold** medal in the 15K team road race event and a **silver** medal in the singles.

• **Tom McGee** — Participated in the handball events and won two medals. He won a **bronze** medal in the singles and later teamed up with **Ed Kinney** in the doubles and won a **silver** medal.

• **Robert Massola** — Participated in tennis and won 4 medals. He won a **gold** medal in his team's event, a **silver** in the doubles, a **bronze** in the singles and a **bronze** in the "All events."

• **Kevin Murray** — Participated with the Soccer Team and won a **gold** medal.

• **Tracy McCray** — Participated with the Women's Basketball Team and won a **bronze** medal. A good job by the team which played together for the first time.



The SFPD Karate Team: Dave Nastari, Marina Barrón, Dennis Martinez & Jennifer Jackson

• **Dennis Martinez** — Participated in the Martial Arts Events and won two medals. He won a **gold** medal in Karate (Kumite) and a **bronze** medal in Kata (Form.) Martinez had to work hard to win the gold medal. However, he had trained long and hard for his events and it paid off during the competition.

• **Al McCarthy** — Participated in the Track And Field Events. He won a **bronze** medal in the Masters' 1500 meter event. McCarthy demonstrated

exceptional desire and stamina to hang in there for his bronze medal, even though the 1500 is not his race. He later participated in the 800 meter race. He made an excellent showing but fell short. Nevertheless, his enthusiasm and desire inspired us all.

• **Frank Clemens** — Participated in the Masters' 5000K Run. He worked hard in his training and prepared himself well. This was his first time running in the Police Games. He ran hard and well, but fell short in his efforts. But he had that glare, which means that he will return and achieve his goal to get a gold medal next time.

• **B. Dahl** — Participated in the singles and doubles events in Tennis. Dahl won two medals. He won a **silver** medal in the singles and later participated in the doubles with **Fracchia** and won a **bronze** medal.

• **Alvin Louie** — (Super Star) participated in six events and won six medals in those events. Louie won a **gold** medal in Wrist Wrestling, a **gold** medal in Darts 301, a **gold** in the Darts Doubles 501, a **bronze** in Darts 501, a **silver** in the 30K Road Race and a **bronze** in the Team Road Race event.

• **Alex Jackson** — Participated in the Track And Field Events and won **3 gold** medals. Jackson's first race was the 4x100 meters in the Masters' events. Jackson ran the first leg and passed the baton to **M. Pruitt** of BART, who ran the second leg. Pruitt passed the baton to **M. Simmons** of Southern Station, who ran a terrific race in the third leg. Simmons passed the baton to **M. Valentine** of the SF Sheriff's Dept., who anchored the event. They were going for the record that was set by LAPD in 1986, but fell short. Maybe, next time. Jackson won a **gold** medal in his next event which was the 100 meters in the Grand Master "A" and returned the next day and won a **gold** medal in the 200 meter race. Jackson stated that he ran all of his races "In the name of Jesus."

A total of **twenty five** medals were won by members of the SFPD-Airport Bureau during the 1998 Police Summer Games. I would like to commend all of the members of the Airport Bureau and the Department who participated, who supported and cheered for all of us.

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Bank Heist Ends With Arrest Of Three Armed Gunmen

Notebook Staff Report

San Francisco — July 7, 1998 — Tips from witnesses to a bank robbery and savvy, coordinated patrol work resulted in the arrest of three holdup men and recovery of bags of bundled cash. The incident occurred at the Bank of America at 2310 Fillmore Street, and involved a brazen take-over of the premise by masked bandits armed with pistols and shotguns.

Bank patrons assisted police by observing the license plate number of the getaway vehicle and providing physical descriptions of the suspects. One passer-by in the busy Pacific Heights neighborhood even followed the suspects to the area of Webster and Pacific Streets where he observed them change their clothing and switch vehicles. He promptly informed Sergeant Joe Currie, who had responded to the area with several other Northern Station officers. Currie broadcast the updated information about the new vehicle, a Tan or beige Jeep, and of the revised clothing description of the dangerous occupants fleeing in it.

Officer Tom Flippin had been monitoring that information as he returned to Park Station from the Hall of Justice. Flippin caught sight of the suspect vehicle in the area of Laguna and Page Streets and gave chase. At Haight and Buchanan Streets one of

the suspects got out of the Jeep and ran off with a bag of loot while the vehicle with his two accomplices resumed its speedy flight. Officer Flippin pursued the lone bandit on foot and was able to take him into custody after a brief chase.

Meanwhile, undercover narcotics officers Will Gonzales and Nellie Gordon had picked up the fleeing Jeep and were advising of their approach toward the Mission District. Once the bad guys crossed Market Street Sergeant Pablo Ossio, and Officers Joe Bueno and Guillermo Amigo intercepted the Jeep at Duboce and Mission Streets where they assisted the Narcotics unit in disarming the robbers and taking them into custody.

In the final accounting three dangerous felons were removed from the streets of this city and \$140,000 recovered. Everyone involved in this arrest deserves due credit. The coordinated teamwork of the various police units is certainly a tribute to their collective training and experience. But also vital to the favorable end to the incident are the quick-witted dispatchers and phone personnel in communications, as well as the citizens who provided the key information about the getaway vehicles. This is yet another vivid example of just how dependent good police work is on community involvement and confidence.

Mission Clean Team

Notebook Staff Report

If you've been in the vicinity of 16th & Mission Streets lately, you may have noticed that the sidewalks look a lot cleaner. You also may have wondered why that group of young people wearing yellow "Mission Station" T-shirts were pushing brooms and why they were being followed so closely by uniformed officers.



Officer Frank Harvell escorts the Mission Clean Team at 16th and Capp Streets

The youth, and the officers with them, make up the Mission Clean Team. The Clean Team is the creation of Captain Greg Suhr, (Mission Station), and Ethel Newlin, (St. John's Educational Thresholds Center). When Greg and Ethel were named co-Chairs of the Community Peace Initiative's Culture of Peace last year, they agreed that finding jobs for Mission youth was a high priority for reducing tension. They also felt that in order to improve relations between young people and adults in the community it was important that the youth be employed by local businesses.

In June the merchants of the 16th Street corridor came to Greg and Ethel with a request that they pool their resources and "do something" about the situation (drug traffic, filth, nuisance crime, etc.) in the area. Greg and Ethel presented their proposal at a meeting of the newly formed 16th Street Merchants Association. The plan was quite simple — if the merchants were willing to create a fund to finance it, they would organize and supervise a crew of neighborhood youth to keep the neighbor-

hood clean, in more ways than one. The merchants accepted the challenge and the Clean Team went into operation three weeks later.

The youth work 20 hours a week and are supervised by at least one uniformed officer at all times, essentially guaranteeing a beat officer for those hours. The officers working with the Clean Team are instructed to cite offenders for the nuisance crimes that are tearing down the quality of life of that community. In addition, the BART PD assured that they would have at least two officers up on the plazas during the hours that the Clean Team works. The Mayor's Office and the Department of Public Works also committed their support and resources to the project. DPW supplied the necessary brooms, scoops, bags and work gloves needed to do the job and pick up the many bags of trash collected by the team. DPW also committed a "Green Machine" for the project area.

The Mission Clean Team project will be in operation through the end of August. If you have a chance to see them in action, stop and congratulate them on a job well done.

FIREWORKS

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street dealers in Chinatown disappeared for more than a week. Several more arrests were made prior to the end of the season, but that stash in the Bayview proved to be the bulk of this year's illegal supply in San Francisco. It was never determined who the clear owner of these fireworks was. Nevertheless, whoever owned the stash of confiscated fireworks, suffered a large financial loss.

The Fireworks Abatement Unit curbed a very dangerous, illegal activity. New innovations such as bilingual fliers, community education, and the use of a black powder sniffing dog gave us a cutting edge advantage over illegal dealers and street gangs.

Perhaps the main advantage over the dealers was the privilege of working with highly motivated, innovative and experienced officers. But while several dozen officers participated in the operations, six individuals performed particularly well. They are Officers Benny Fong, Daryl Fong, Bob Herrold, Henry Lam, Angel Poon, and Henry Yee. These six dedicated



Sgt. George Rosko, center, with task force members Daryl Fong (left) and Bob Herrold (right)

officers worked as much as 500 hours of combined off-duty time in order to make this a successful operation. This group makes my job as coordinating sergeant easy. I give each and every one of them a heartfelt thank you with the hope of being able to work with all of them again next season.

FINAL TABULATIONS

- Approximately 4000 lbs. Fireworks explosives confiscated
- 12 Felony bookings
- 7 Misdemeanor cites
- 5 Autos towed/impounded
- 151 Explosives (M-80's-M-1000's)
- 2 Warrant arrests
- 1 Gun recovered

Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates the following POA members who are retiring from the Police Department. All of these veterans will leave after long and distinguished careers, and it is our wish that they each move on to new and rewarding pursuits. The "experience deficit" left by these retirements will be difficult to compensate for. But if only a fraction of their collective knowledge, skill, and reasoning has rubbed off on their bright, young replacements, that deficit will not last long.

Good luck, and a long and happy retirement to each of you.

Member Length of Service

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| Officer Rich Ramon, Central Station | 30 years |
| 8-16-68 to 7-7-98 | |
| Officer Rich Oakes, Vice Crimes | 28 years |
| 9-28-70 to 6-30-98 | |
| Sgt. Doug Mitchell, Richmond Station | 30 years |
| 7-1-68 to 7-4-98 | |
| Sgt. Larry MacKenzie, Solo Motorcycles | 36 years |
| 10-1-62 to 7-4-98 | |
| Lt. Inge Underdal, Park Station | 30 years |
| 8-16-68 to 7-10-98 | |
| Sgt. Mike Trueman, Solo Motorcycles | 31 years |
| 2-16-67 to 7-10-98 | |
| Insp. Ken Moses, Crime Scenes | 28 years |
| 3-16-70 to 7-10-98 | |
| Insp. Ron Kern, Vice Crimes | 30 years |
| 7-1-68 to 7-10-98 | |
| Total police experience | 243 years |

Promotions

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends its congratulations to those POA members who received recent promotions to the rank of Sergeant or Lieutenant.

- Henry Garcia to the rank of Lieutenant
- Ray Kilroy to the rank of Lieutenant
- Mikail Ali to the rank of Sergeant
- Jennifer Dudoroff to the rank of Sergeant
- Phil Fee to the rank of Sergeant
- Sidney Sakurai to the rank of Sergeant
- Phillip Wong to the rank of Sergeant