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Napoleon Hendrix Honored by POA

Staff Report

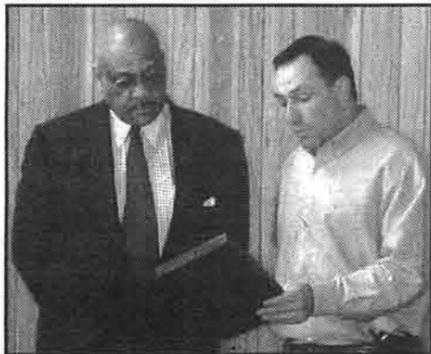
Legendary homicide inspector Napoleon Hendrix was honored by the POA Board of Directors in a ceremony held at the start of the September 21st meeting. Many of Napoleon's friends and coworkers were on hand to hear kudos and

cases would later develop into valuable resources in the hundreds of homicide cases to follow.

When Napoleon transferred into the Homicide detail, he teamed up with another respected investigator, Earl Sanders. The two would remain partners for some 15 years, working and solving as many as 85% of all



Assistant Chief Earl Sanders speaks fondly of his long-time partner.



Chris Cunnie presents Napoleon Hendrix with a plaque honoring him as POA Officer of the Month.

praise from Lieutenant Greg Corrales and Assistant Chief Earl Sanders.

Inspector Hendrix retired from the SFPD after an illustrious — and fruitful — 34 year career. Napoleon made his name as a crack investigator back in the late sixties and early seventies working out of Narcotics. Known as a tough but fair street cop, Inspector Hendrix developed a reputation among street criminals that was to serve him well in the following decades. Many of the "contacts" he made while investigating narcotics

their cases.

Inspector Hendrix enjoyed strong ties to San Francisco's African-American community, another invaluable resource that would serve him well in scores of gang-related and drive-by shootings that plagued the neighborhoods of the Bayview and Western Addition. Inspector Hendrix helped establish a special unit within the detail that targeted gang-related violence.

Few people retire from this department who are as respected and admired as is Napoleon Hendrix. His dedication to his job and his community is a benchmark for all of us to try and attain.

The POA wishes a long and enjoyable retirement to Napoleon. He deserves every bit of it.

When You Wish Upon A Star

By Rene LaPrevotte
Traffic Company

The time has again come when the City and County of San Francisco supports the "Combined Charities Program". In years past, I have begged and cajoled members of this department to make a pledge to **California Law Enforcement's Wish Upon A Star Program**. Wish Upon A Star grants the wishes of some very special children, and is funded solely by the donations of California's law enforcement community. Space doesn't allow all the Bay Area "wishes" we worked on this past year, but here are three...

Meggan — age 17, Osteosarcoma (bone cancer)

Meggan spent her 16th year undergoing chemotherapy and facing deadly complications that, on several occasions, almost claimed her life. When the last chemotherapy treatment was behind her, Meggan told us that she wanted to have a big party, a dinner/dance that would celebrate the 16th birthday she had missed, her regained health, and her future. She wanted to invite friends, family, and the hospital personnel who had helped her fight her cancer.

As we worked on the arrangements for Meggan's celebration, routine medical check-ups revealed that Meggan's cancer had returned. Plans for her wish celebration were postponed as chemotherapy resumed and Meggan's left leg was amputated.

In time, it became clear that Meggan would not get better. Nevertheless, she still had a wish. She wanted to do something fun and share it with her family. Having never been to Disneyland, Meggan chose that destination, along with Magic

Mountain (where she planned to ride the roller coasters), Knotts Berry Farm, and Universal Studios. Because Meggan's stamina was limited, we stretched her trip over 10 days to allow for an easy pace with

plenty of time for rest. Garry Zinger, Wish Upon A Star's wish pilot was only a phone call away should Meggan's condition worsen and require them to return home.

At Meggan's funeral, her family set out photographs of Meggan on her wish trip and her father spoke of how much this time together had meant to them as a family. Wish Upon A Star received a number of donations in Meggan's memory as well as several touching notes from people who attended the service and heard her father speak.



Catalina, age 4

Paul Wright 16 years — Osteosarcoma (bone cancer)

Paul's wish was to fly aboard a Cobra Helicopter and, if possible, visit an aircraft carrier. Paul was undergoing chemotherapy and recovering from the amputation of his left leg. As we began working on Paul's wish, we asked the Marines to send us a set of training prints that would demonstrate precisely how one climbs in and out of a Cobra. Paul used these training prints as personal goals to be accomplished with his physical therapist while learning to use his prosthesis. It was a very difficult undertaking, but Paul was never one to duck a challenge.

Paul and his family flew to San Diego, courtesy of the Wish Upon A Star express (a corporate aircraft that is available to families thanks to the generosity of Garry Zinger, 18 years as our official wish pilot). After a good night's sleep, operation Cobra began
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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President William Hardeman at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

Pledge of Allegiance was led by President Hardeman.

The meeting was turned over to Mr. Tom Abbott of the Bank of America. Mr. Abbott reported that the Federal Reserve Board met on Tuesday August 24, 1999 and raised the fed fund rate 0.25%. The Bank believes that it is a 50/50 chance that they will raise the rate again when they meet on October 5th. Two companies that we have stock in will merge, Best Foods and Heinz. Mr. Abbott explained that the major food chains will have to deal with a stronger company, thus getting a better deal for their stock owners. Our Asset Allocation remains strong with 38% in the Stock Market, 58% in Bonds, and the remaining 4% in Cash. Account Value \$9,333,414.00

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS. President Hardeman, Vice President Garrity, Treasurer Sturken Secretary Hurley. Trustees Jeffery, Crosat, Fontana and Kemmitt. Excused Kurpinsky. Also present was Past President Mike Duffy.

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS AND SUSPENSIONS.

Eileen Gaffney and Elizabeth Healy suspended for lack of payment of dues for 6 months. (Art. III, Section 3 of the Constitution) The following members Lawrence McDevitt and Divinio Antonio Are dropped from the rolls as per Art. III, Section 4 of the Constitution for non-payment of dues for one year.

New Members: 191st Recruit Class. Sean Archini, Nick Bryant, Dermot Dorgan, Barbara Dullea, Andrew Froines, Rigoberto Guitron, Leon Jew, Kevin Lundy, Joshua Olson, Oscar Padilla, James Richards, Ryan Seto, Nancie Stockwell, and Tim Wong. Our Best wishes to all our fellow Peace Officers.

MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING. Changes the wording from suspended to dropped Motion Jeffery seconded by Fontana that the minutes be approved. Motion Carried. Two Deaths were reported during the past month.

FRANK F. GENERAL. Frank was born in San Francisco and grew up in Eureka Valley. He attended Mission High and then onto U.S.F. where he excelled in football. He then worked as a Machinist before entering the Police Academy in 1948. Frank only worked in the department for a couple of years before he retired on a Disability in 1951. He worked for the 49'ers for 35 yrs. Frank passed away in San Francisco at the age of 81.

FRANK P. CARRICK. Frank was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Mission High School and worked as a Watchman before entering the Police Acad-

emy in 1935. His first assignment was Traffic, in 1945 he was promoted to Sgt. and assigned to Co. C. Then onto Ingleside before going to the big lights of Central. Then he found his home in the Old Southern where he remained for the next 11 years before he retired in 1968. Frank was awarded a gold medal of valor for his capture of two men for kidnapping and rape of a juvenile. Frank passed away at the age of 89 in Oregon.

COMMUNICATIONS: Donations: \$25 from Mrs. Cooper, \$50.00 from Adeline Bragg in memory of her son Officer Allyn Bragg \$35.00 from Ann and Bert Theis in memory of Mike Sugrue. Also handled many calls from the membership via our phone 681 3660. If you have a question give us a call.

NEW BUSINESS; Trustee Mike Kemmitt gave a report on the revision committee of the by-laws. He went through the records from 1981 and gave the Officers and Trustees a preliminary report. The Committee will meet after the Trustees give their input and come up with a final draft by December.

OLD BUSINESS; As a matter of house cleaning, our auditors would like a couple of items added to the minutes.

Peter Gamino effective 6/28/98 be re-instated with physical waived and back dues paid. Woodrow Tennant be re-instated. Also add the names of the 188th and 189th as members. 188th Recruit Class: Patrick Butherus, Bobby Cheung, Luis Dejesus, Laxman Dharmani, Leo Kaing, Michael Koniaris, Dan Mc Auliffe, David O'Connor, Eric Petterson, Eddie Simlin and Lyn Weggenmann. 189th Recruit Class: Thomas Abrahamsen, Lorenzo Adamson, Valerie Altamirano, Matthew Cole, Roel Dilag, Scott Hurley, Marcial Marquez, Kevin Moylan, Ted Mullins, David Parry, Marcio Quintana, Mark Robertson, Jon Rochlin, Louis Rue, John Sheehan, Michael Walsh, Mark Yesitis, and Arkady Zlobinsky.

As per Art. III, Section 3 of the by-laws the following are dropped from our rolls. Brain Mank, Eddie Simlin, Marcio Quintana, Mark Robertson, David Gonzales and Cynthia Ogle. The following members as per Art III, Section 4 be dropped from our rolls; Robert Hartmann, William Clarke, William Whitfield, and Michael Renteria. Kent Voorhies, designated beneficiary of Member Joseph Fabrizio deceased Oct. 1998. \$15,006.00.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 in the memory of our departed members. President Hardeman set the next meeting for Wednesday October 20, 1999 at 2 PM, Ingleside Station.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley, Secretary



Police-Fire Post 456 News

By Greg Corrales

"The person that stands neutral usually stands for nothing."

— Anonymous

Defense Secretary William Cohen dedicated the Vietnam crypt at Arlington National Cemetery's Tomb of the Unknowns September 17 to all the soldiers still missing from the war. Faced with the realization that DNA testing has virtually eliminated the possibility of an unknown soldier, the Pentagon decided to carve an inscription above the empty grave. The simple statement, "Honoring and Keeping Faith with America's Missing Servicemen", is a symbol of the country's commitment to the fullest possible accounting of the 2,087 Americans missing.

Remains placed in the crypt on Memorial Day 1984 were removed last year and identified, as those of Air Force 1st Lt. Michael J. Blassie, who died in May 1972 when he was shot down over An Loc, South Vietnam.

In the ceremony which coincided with National MIA/POW Recognition Day, the keynote speaker said that visiting the Tomb of the Unknowns reminded him of a quote from one of the Duke of Wellington's troops: "In times of war and not before, God and soldier men adore. But in times of peace with all things righted, God is forgotten and the soldier slighted."

"We are here today to reiterate our promise to our soldiers that they will not be slighted, now or ever," he said.

Has international politics reared its ugly head to force a true patriot into early retirement? He tangled with NATO political leaders over bombing targets; he badgered the allies into sending more planes and escalating the air war, he insisted the Army deploy helicopters to Albania. General Wesley Clark led NATO to victory in its first war. But instead of a ticker-tape parade or a reception at the White House, Clark is being forced into early retirement. Clark, whose term as supreme allied commander of NATO and chief of the U.S. European Command was to run until at least June 2000, will instead retire in April after 33 years in the Army.

The *Navy Times* reported that among senior military people, the abrupt dismissal was widely interpreted as a slap at Clark. He led the successful 78-day air war against Yugoslavia, but not without clashing with some of NATO's political leaders, including President Clinton. They see Clark's early retirement, and especially the way he was notified, as shabby treatment for the commander of a successful military operation. The timing of Clark's retirement came so far in advance, it suggests it was probably intended to salve some hurt feelings among NATO's political leaders. Clark pressured NATO to escalate the air war and argued for a ground campaign despite opposition from many NATO leaders, including Clinton.

A longtime member of the Army staff offered a harsher appraisal: "My

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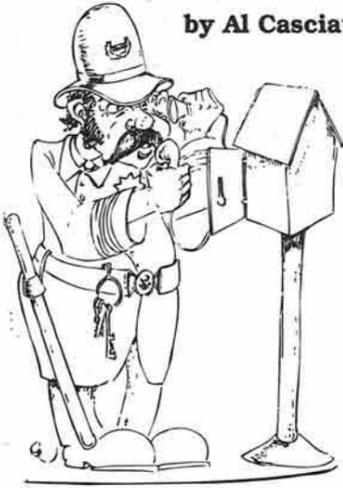
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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



...Get Well Wishes:

This past summer fourteen year old, **Arturo Vega**, son of Juvenile Bureau Clerk, **Velma Obregon**, traveled to Nicaragua to visit relatives. Velma's brother took the family to a restaurant to celebrate Arturo's visit. Tragically, Arturo and his uncle were served poisoned mushrooms and ended up in the intensive care unit of the local hospital. Arturo's condition was so grave that he could not be transported back home. After an extended stay, Arturo finally came home and spent his days watching or listening to the Giant's games cheering on his favorite player, Marvin Bernard. Inspector Liane Corrales, Juvenile, supported Velma through the ordeal. When Liane learned about Arturo's interest in baseball, she initiated contact with **Marvin Bernard**, who graciously sent an autographed get well message. He also asked to be updated on Arturo and his uncle's recovery. We all pray for the full recovery of Arturo and his Uncle...

...Wedding Bells:

On June 12th, **Tom Jankovic**, Mission Station, married **Jennifer Wilson**, Sheriff's Department, the couple honeymooned in Orlando, Florida. Tom returned by July 31st to standup for his best man **Angel Lozano**, Mission Station, who tied the knot with **Marieshelle Inguito** after an 11-year courtship. Angel and Marieshelle honeymooned in St. Maarten, Virgin Islands. **Gordon Clark**, Backgrounds, exchanged vows with **Alessandra Austin** on October 2nd before flying off to Hawaii. Our best wishes to all the happy couples...All the couples send a big thank you to all of the SFPD family that attended the weddings...

...Births:

On September 7, 1999 at 2230 hours, Central Station's **Darren and Cathy Choy** welcomed their 3rd child **Adriana Nicole** 4lbs. 14 oz. 17 1/2 inches. Big sister **Lauren**, 14 years old and big brother **Jerrod** 2 years are thrilled with their new sister and are helping mom and dad with the chores.

Greg and Roobina Ovenessian, Burglary, welcomed their first child on September 9, 1999. **Collette Ovenessian**, 8 lbs. 12 oz. 21 inches, made her debut at 0256 hours at the Seton Medical Center in Day City. Congrats best wishes to all...

...Granddads:

On September 28th and 29th, Burglary's **Gary Fox**, and **Dirk Beigen** respectively became grandparents. Gary's son, Jason, presented **Jason Patrick Fox** to the family.

Meanwhile, Dirk's lil' girl Victorine, made dad proud by giving birth to his new lil' princess, **Taylor Lauren Coverdale**. Congrats to all...

...Out Foxed:

Solo, **Paul Schlotfeldt**, recently tagged a Kawasaki rider. While being cited, the violator mumbled "How the hell did a Harley ever catch a Kawi?" While writing the citation, Paul deadpanned, "Planned ahead." Those kids just don't understand that you can't out fox an old timer ...

...Goodbye John:

Recently, a large group gathered for lunch at Kelly's Mission Rock to bid Inspector **John Fowlie** a fond farewell into retirement. A big thank you from John to the Narcotics Bureau, especially Theresa Philpott for organizing a wonderful event. John, we wish you all the best in retirement...

...Radios - PICS:

Solo, **Gil Chang**, chastises me for not being strong enough when I mentioned that the pics were getting so bad that someone was going to get hurt. Gil says, "Someone is going to get killed before we get any new radios." He also asks why do the radios cost so much. With today's technology how can it be that radios cost \$3500, and almost the same price to install them in radio cars and motorcycles. Is there a Golden Goose somewhere?...

...Helping Our Own:

The Behavioral Science Unit has published a list of our fellow employees who are victims of a catastrophic illness. Our donations of sick time not only help our co-worker but their families as well. Contact Officer **Jennifer Lee**, FOB, 553-1527 for details on how to donate sick time. Our prayers are also with Lt. **Al Benner**, Behavioral Science Unit, who underwent extensive surgery this past month...

...FBI Academy:

Captain **Roy Sullivan** is attending the 199th Session of the FBI National Academy. The session runs through December 18th and consists of 250 law enforcement officers from all over the world. Roy can be contacted via e-mail at roysull@yahoo.com ...

...Missing IPA Members:

International Police Association President, **Ken Davis**, writes that several active and retired members of the SFPD are missing. The members are **Libert Myers**, **Ed**

Pecinovsky, and **Holly Pera**. Ken can be contacted at 1-650-364-5966 or ipakdavis@aol.com. You can also use that phone and e-mail to request information about the IPA...

...Retiree:

Former Homicide Inspector, **Whitey Gunther**, decided to take the States Private Investigator exam this past July. Since this exam was actually being taken on a lark, he decided to look at the study material a few days before the exam. Panic set in as he began reading about alarms and private patrol operations. He crammed. After taking the test, he told the proctor that none of the study material had been on the exam. Whitey then learned that he had been sent the wrong study package! The state official promised him that he would be allowed to take the test again at no charge because of their error. When the results came out, Whitey learned that he had passed. Well what did you expect? He's Homicide trained. Congrats Whitey...

...Mark Your Calendars:

Several Retirement luncheons and dinners will take place in the near future. October 27th a noon luncheon for Solos **Bill Dodds**, **Tom Jones**, and **John Kranci**. Lt. **Tony Novello** (Uncle Tony) will be the guest of honor at a dinner which will be

held November 12th. The Academy's Sgt. **Gerry D'Elia** will be honored at a luncheon that will take place on November 17. Solo Sgt. **Gerry Golz** has retired and received several good bye lunches this past month, including a very special one at the Garden Court of the Sheraton Palace. Gerry will be residing in Austria. Our best wishes to the retirees...Contact respective units for prices and locations...

...Picnic Success:

The Annual Family Day Picnic at the Range was again a great success. The Coast Guard put on a terrific water rescue exhibition; Airport Bureau Sgt. **Joe Reilly** served over 500 bags of popcorn to little tykes who couldn't believe it was all free. Meanwhile, over at the Cotton Candy Booth, Payroll's, **Petra Diao and husband Ben**, entertained everyone by covering themselves with the candy and looking like spider man and woman. A big thank you from Committee Chair, **Laurie Pisciotto**, to all volunteers and officers who brought out their families and friends...

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

Retirement Dinner For "Uncle" Tony Novello

Friday, November 12, 1999

The Italian-American Social Club
25 Russia Street (Near Mission)
No-host Cocktails 6 - 7 p.m. • Dinner 7 p.m.

Dancing follows dinner

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New Year's Eve

The Party and the Planning

By Sgt. Dan Linehan
Headquarters

In a few short weeks the year 2000 will be here. This once-in-a-lifetime event will be unlike anything we have ever experienced. Bay to Breakers, Chinese New Year's Parade, First Amendment Demonstrations, Fourth of July Celebration, Gay Freedom Parade and numerous ethnic celebrations all require an organized and measured response. Our Department handles over 500 special events every year. Each of these events are planned based upon our experiences from the past year. But what if an event comes upon us that we have never experienced before? How do we respond? What have we done in the past with this type of event?

Historical Perspective

Let's think back to the day when the San Francisco Forty-Niners beat the Dallas Cowboys. How did the city celebrate that thrilling last second catch in the final moments of that playoff game? Weeks later how did the city celebrate the Forty-Niners first Super Bowl Victory? Let's not forget the following parade. How were things different between the second and third Super Bowl victories?

The truth is we did not anticipate the celebration levels very well at the time of the "catch," the first Super Bowl victory, or the parade. How did this affect the City and more importantly our officers? To me the victory was tainted because of the way some people "celebrated." These people caused personal injury to our officers and others while damaging property, all in the name of celebration. The police response to the following victories was measured by the experiences of the past. The planning of the later victories was effective and staffing levels met the demands required by the crowds.

Remember the celebration of the 50th anniversary of the completion of the Golden Gate Bridge? What did the planners anticipate for that once in a lifetime event? The crowd estimates for that party was 50,000. The actual participants of the Bridge walk were between 500,000 to 850,000. We were very lucky the Bridge held under the collective body weight and that it was 6 A.M. on a Sunday morning. Unless some of the walkers were up all night long or needed a gin fizz, to start their day, alcohol consumption was not a major factor. This New Year's Eve, we will not be so lucky.

New Year's Eve, 1999

After last New Year's Eve, we realized how unique this New Year's would become. I was then directed by Deputy Chief Santos to begin our planning. At my first meeting of the

Mayor's Millennium Celebration Committee I heard the plans and locations for this New Year's Eve. I soon realized that this is not just not a "police thing." To successfully plan an event of this magnitude, all city agencies must play a major role. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Services was the conduit to pull the players to the table. The planning process has been on going both inside and outside our Department. I am confident that San Francisco's emergency services will be able to respond to any need in an orderly and efficient manner. That is not to say that New Year's Eve will be a non-event. Public Safety and Transportation agencies will be put to the test and operating at maximum capacities.

Celebration Sites

The public celebration areas will be in areas that have been used in the past for special events. However, the type of celebration and the level of entertainment will be at a much greater level. The public celebration sites are as follows:

Union Square will be the site of an inter-faith gathering of religious groups. The Reverend Cecil Williams has been selected to officiate over this event. Plans to light the square and music have been discussed. Additional plans include large video screens, sound and low level fireworks. This will be a free but ticketed event. Each participating church group will be provided tickets that will be distributed within their respective congregation. Each hotel in the area will also have a certain amount of tickets for their guests. Crowd estimates have been projected as high as 20,000. Captain Manheimer will have this area of command.

Civic Center will be the main "hosted" event area. The planned entertainment within the area will be a fireworks display, a giant mirrored ball, laser lights, and big screen "Jumbo-tron" viewing area. This will be a paid-ticketed event, with Ticket Master or Bass Ticket Agency selling the tickets. Price range has not yet been determined. This will be open to everyone. The Bill Graham Civic Center, Davies Symphony Hall, Opera House and other locations around the area will also have events. Each of these groups will allow their guests to enter a designated viewing area to watch the fireworks, which will be launched at midnight. Crowd estimates have been projected at 50,000 inside the paid area. We anticipate a sizable crowd outside the gates. Captain Cullop will have this command.

The Golden Gate Bridge will be the site of a cascading flow of fireworks off the bridge and from anchored barges below. A laser light show will also be a part of the entertainment.

Because the Golden Gate Bridge is so well known around the world, this show will be the San Francisco Millennium celebration shot that will be seen by millions around the world. This fireworks display will require a closure of the east pedestrian walkway for most of the day and vehicular traffic just prior to midnight until about 0020 hours. The Marina Green and surrounding areas will be affected. Captain Cullop has desig-



nated Lieutenant Greely as the Field Incident Commander for this event. Crowd estimates have been projected at 15,000 to 20,000.

The Embarcadero at the foot of Market Street will be the largest free event. This area will be the main gathering point, as this event will be heavily publicized and has mass transportation points directly underground. The fireworks will come from the three locations on the water, behind the Ferry Building, Pier 19 and near Pier 30/32. Crowd estimates are nothing more than a guess. Based upon the public's response of the 50th Anniversary of the Golden Gate Bridge of 100 times the expected crowd, I believe we will have a crowd in like numbers. But it is only a guess and I hope I am wrong. Captain Goldberg will have this command.

The South of Market Area will be heavily impacted by all each of these events. Crowd estimates are an unknown but the amount of people passing through and attending the established dance clubs will be unprecedented. Captain Martel will have this command.

These are the planned events, as we know them today. As the day draws closer they may change. We expect change and will deal with each issue one at a time. However, some things will never change. Large crowds will gather at Broadway and Columbus, Coit Tower, Twin Peaks, 18th and Castro and on the San Francisco Bay. If the crowds gather, we will respond.

Supplies, Training and Logistics

In order to complete our mission, we must have the tools. Our greatest tool is our personnel. Our days off have been canceled, normal work hours may change and we will be fully mobilized. We will have two satellite booking areas. One location will be to the North of Market Street and one to the South. I do not expect

to be able to keep traffic open on Market Street during the entire night. We will have additional 240 peace officers from the San Francisco Sheriff's Office and District Attorney's Investigators Unit to supplement our staffing. The Department of Parking and Traffic will be fully mobilized and working in unison with us. We have purchased 2000 additional barricades, bring our supply up to about 3800. We will supplement our communications with Cell phones, Fax Machines, and Nextel group call phones. The Department purchased a fleet of ten buses that will transport our personnel around, as needed. The Air and Marine units will be fully mobilized throughout the weekend.

We are currently in the process of training a cadre of bus drivers from our ranks. All of our members, officers to lieutenants, have been updated in crowd control tactics. Training will continue all the way to the end of December.

If needed, the Department has approximately 700 sleeping bags and we have requested 700 cots from the California National Guard. Two separate locations with showers, lockers and exercise rooms will be available. A survey will be sent to each bureau to inquire how many members would desire to use this arrangement. This will allow us to deploy the necessary supplies.

Hot food will be served to each on coming group of officers assigned to the venues. Boxed food will not be the order of the day.

Many people have expressed their opinions about why one person has been tasked with such an incredible responsibility. They say that one person can't do it all. They are absolutely correct. The truth is, scores of officers of all ranks have stepped up to the plate to assist, inside and outside our Department. This is not a one-person, one bureau or one-department show. If we are successful it will be a victory for every person who will be working throughout the weekend. I have also heard that it will be impossible to control the crowds. We know that some damage will occur and some people may get hurt but if we can minimize the injuries and damage, it will be a job well done. This New Year's Eve is a wonderful chance to show the professionalism of the San Francisco Police Department and other city employees.

I will make every effort to inform and update our members in a timely manner. Should you have any questions or comments, I would love to hear from you. I can be contacted at 553-1108 or by e-mail. My e-mail address is sevenpts@aol. If you have problems, contact me when you have a solution.

If anybody should see Officer T. Roy Smiley, tell him his day off is also canceled and he has been assigned to the fixed post in front of the Ferry Building. His partner will be Officer Brendan O'Smarty.

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Traffic Officer Commended for Child Safety Seat Efforts

Notebook Staff Report

Traffic Solo Michael Lujan was presented with a commendation from Chief of Police Fred Lau for his years of hard work coordinating and administering the Child Safety Seat Awareness Program. The commendation was presented to Mike by two captains — former Traffic Company commander Captain Roy Sullivan, and newly arrived skipper Rich Hom — in a ceremony at Co. K. Lt. Keith Sanford — another child safety seat activist — also presented Mike with a signed 49'er team football. Former 49'er great Roger Craig, and others, frequently work with the safety seat coordinators.

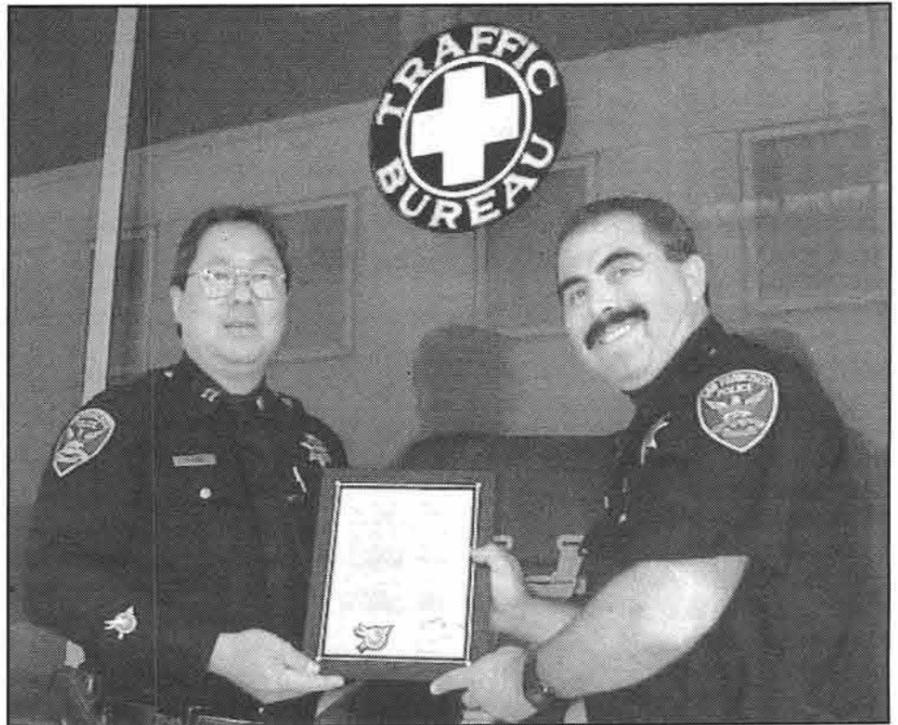
Mike has coordinated this important community outreach since 1991 when a grant funds were made available for the implementation of the program by the California Office of Traffic Safety. Since inception, hun-

dreds of child safety seats have been given to parents at no cost to ensure the safety of their small children while motoring through San Francisco.

Operating at safety check points throughout the city, Mike and other officers not only presented free safety seats to those found without them, but Mike would also climb inside each car and demonstrate the proper way to secure the seat inside the auto. Brochures and other traffic safety literature — in many languages — was also disseminated.

Mike has been able to perpetuate the program with financial assistance from corporate sponsors, including General Motors, Midas Mufflers, and AAA.

Mike will hold the next child safety seat checkpoint, in conjunction with ABC Safety Mobilization, on November 24, 1999 at an as-yet-unannounced location.



Traffic Company Captain Richard Hom (left) poses with Solo Mike Lujan in front of Co. K.

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assessment is that the White House is using Clark as the sacrificial lamb rather than admitting the egregious mistakes made by NATO and U.S. political leaders." NATO was criticized for clinging to an air-only war that failed to halt the Serbs' ground campaign of rape, murder, and ethnic cleansing or head off the massive refugee crisis. "From the beginning, Clark pushed hard and vocally for a ground option, much to the displeasure of some national leaders," the Army officer said. "His military instincts were correct. The White House and, I suspect, some NATO leaders, are embarrassed by their miscalculations."

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Please attempt to attend the next Post 456 meeting. The post meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. The meetings are held at the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. We are anxious to see some new faces at the meetings. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of business.

Yesterday's news had a feature on the inability of the armed forces to meet their recruiting quotas. Only the Marine Corps is regularly meeting their quotas. When asked why, Commandant of the Marine Corps, General James L. Jones replied, "There is one thing that neither IBM nor Boeing nor Xerox nor any major corporation can do and that's the intangibles that we find in the joy of just being a Marine."

"He committed these acts with love in his heart."

— Defense attorney Elijah Miller, on John List, who had systematically executed his mother, wife, and three children.

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A Class Act

By John Sterling
Taraval Station

Columbo with elegance and style. That is my impression of Nap. I hope Napoleon Hendrix does not take offense with my presumptive familiarity. However, I did work in narcotics with him long ago. He even allowed me to tag along on some of his Cases. I had a grand time at narcotics. I watched and learned from all the fine Inspectors. They taught me well. Some stood out far above the rest. The reputation one reaps from fellow cops never matches in veracity that which is conferred by your adversaries from the streets. There were those who were hated, and those given grudging respect. Nap got more than plain respect. He got reckoned respect. Woe be to him who dares call him "Brother." If he does, he better prove their mothers are the same person.

I had the amusing experience of living in the streets when I was a

Narc. I sat in many conversations with Cronks, with Napoleon and the others as the topic. To change from normal cop to Narc, I had to insinuate myself with the tenderloin Cronks. I visited a clinic daily to puncture needle marks in my arms and rubbing ashes on it to look like an authentic addict. I even got a room in one of its dingy hotels to blend in. The inspectors later staged an arrest and I spent a night in jail. This secured my credibility on my return, and soon I was shuckin' and jivin' with the best of them.

One night during an idle chatter, the topic for the evening was handshakes. In the early seventies, handshakes were taking exotic forms. One Cronk demonstrated the "Nap" handshake. When you meet Nap on his rounds, he grabs you by the throat and shakes you up and down until you spit out the dope. If you happened to be a short person against the towering Nap, your joints ache all over. If I could only have divulged my

personal experience with them, the ironic humor would not have been lost. Back then, when a Narc made a buy on the street, he later siced the Inspectors on him to make an I.D. for future arrest, while he repeated the buys to firm the case, and trace his source. I was on one of these I.D.'s and, after the Inspectors left, I tried to make another buy. With dismay, the poor dealer told me to follow him into the projects and wait until the dope passed through his alimentary track, as he was forced to swallow it when he was greeted with the "Nap" handshake. I reluctantly declined and told him I was going to the movies instead.

Another Narc had a somewhat whimsical, albeit twisted affair. I caught him gargling like crazy after a buy. Mystified, I asked if he got sick. He replied that he always gargles after a buy, didn't we all? Intimating that I was not as sanitary as he. He was purportedly told by dealers to hide the dope in his mouth after they spit it out of theirs to deceive the cops. I told him he was a dumb Narc. Unlike him, I said we fake it! Inciden-

tally, this Narc has moved on and became a successful lawyer, motivated I am sure, to take his pound of my flesh if we ever meet in court.

Another topic the Cronks talk about is the Inspectors' appearance, and how they treat their clientele. Most Narc Inspectors dress down because of the dirty nature of that kind of police work. Nap is an exception. He is always impeccably groomed. A good portion of his salary was spent on dressing well. To be respected, he believes you have to dress respectably. Even under his mortifying gaze, you know he will accord you human respect in spite of your circumstance. Those he meets; strangers, victims, or even the sinful, know he is a professional.

It is fitting that Napoleon Hendrix finishes his career in homicide. He always pursued his work as if on a mission from God. It is said of homicide detectives that they work directly for God, for they avenge the dead. I consider myself lucky that I am alongside this avenger and not in front of him.

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WISH UPON A STAR

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with the Marines making an early morning call to Paul's hotel and providing him with a VIP escort to the airbase. Once there, Paul attended a briefing, met base commanders, and was outfitted from head to toe with all the proper gear. Paul was included in all aspects of a Cobra pilot's day, most importantly several hours in the sky. A flight jacket that carried the emblem of all the Cobra Squadrons was a treasured parting gift given to Paul by the Marines.

The next day, Paul and his dad climbed aboard a fixed-wing aircraft that would take them to the USS

followed, then months of chemotherapy. Radiation came next, more chemotherapy, and then a bone marrow transplant. Catalina remained cancer free for only 9 months, and then the cancer recurred.

Catalina's wish was to be a flower girl in a wedding. This came as a result of the disappointment she felt when a wedding she was supposed to be in some months earlier had been cancelled. In her wish wedding, Catalina wanted to incorporate all the things she loved. She wanted to be a princess. In fact, she had her "princess" flower girl dress all picked out. She saw it on the "Rapunzel" Barbie doll. She wanted the wedding to be in a castle, and she wanted all her family to be there.

To accommodate their daughter's wish, Catalina's parents had decided to renew their wedding vows. The wedding took place at the Excalibur Hotel in full medieval costume, and was attended by Catalina's extended family. All costumes were provided by the hotel, with the exception of Catalina's Rapunzel dress, which was

made by her Godmother. Catalina was given a Code-3 motorcycle escort at 0500 hours to SFO by Keith Sanford, Joe Mayers and Al Luenow of the SFPD Solos. The solos gave Catalina a bouquet of red roses that she held on to all the way to Las Vegas. I've enclosed a letter sent by Catalina's mom to Maureen Logan, Executive Director of Wish Upon A Star.

Dear Maurine,

Hello! Hope this note finds you in good health and happy spirits. We are doing good right now. Catalina

has finished her second cycle of experimental chemotherapy, and so far she feels fine. We did a CT scan the Monday after we returned and it showed that her tumors were greatly reduced, so she is responding to the medicine.

Enclosed along with this note are some photos for you to see what we were up to in Las Vegas. I'm sending one to Pam, and some others you may be able to use for your story. I hope you enjoy them, and that you can see how happy you made a little girl and her family by granting a wish come true. I feel like everytime we see a law enforcement officer I want to go up to them and say "thanks", show them pictures and say, "See, this is how your donation works".

She doesn't look like a child who is fighting for her life, does she? One wouldn't know by looking at her that she has more scars from surgeries than a person who has lived a long "normal" life; or that she has a strange plastic tube sticking out of her chest which

is used for chemotherapy and blood work. She has recently lost all her hair — a good sign that the chemo is working, but a very upsetting thing for her (and us, to see her have to deal with it). She is fascinated with the fairytale Rapunzel...I wonder why.

Regardless of how she looks and what she (and we) have been through, we think of her as a blessing. We hope that she is happy and think her quality of life is great. To us, and many people she comes across, she is more beautiful than any child could ever be.

Thank you, Maurine, Pam, Joe, Paul, Geraldine, Wish Upon A Star Foundation, Barbara, Phylis Berg, Rev. Bill (especially for being so patient with the kids) and all the nice people in the Chapel, the Excalibur



Getting dressed in the proper gear



Catalina, her mom, brother, Sanford, Mayers and Luenow

Stennis, a brand new state-of-the-art nuclear aircraft carrier. Paul was made Captain for his two-day stay, and was involved in all aspects of carrier operations, as well as those of the F-18 fighter planes that landed on the carrier's deck. That night, under the stars and resting on calm seas, Paul and his Dad stayed up until 2 AM watching the constant touch and goes of the F-18's.

Catalina, age 4. Neuroblastoma

At age 2 1/2 years, Catalina was diagnosed with a form of cancer known as Neuroblastoma. Surgery



Petty Officer Mike Jenings explains deck operations on flight deck

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Yours Truly,
Ruben and Fannie Vasquez

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Lou Barberini
Bayview Station

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Opinion

Aetna's products and retirement distribution options. The article brought to my attention two troubling aspects on our relationship with our deferred compensation providers. First, our union does not screen who is allowed to make presentations to our members, and secondly, that our union does not analyze the content or validity of the material presented

to our members.

Ex-Hartford Salesmen

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One year ago, when Belardinelli was with Hartford, questions were presented to him at our union hall about possible funds missing from Hartford's General Account. Belardinelli avoided answering the

questions stating, "I'm not prepared to answer every question. I can not discuss every possible scenario. What is your agenda?" At the meeting, a typed version of the same questions were handed to Belardinelli. He never responded. The questions were reprinted in the POA Notebook, and despite Belardinelli's many written contributions to our POA Notebook, he never responded. For someone who collects a healthy income from our funds, doesn't Belardinelli have some responsibility, or at least an ethical responsibility to answer our questions?

While the City Retirement Board sues Hartford, for acts that occurred during Belardinelli's tenure, our union allows him to make presenta-

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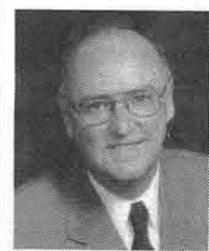
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San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers

By Daniel Hampton

Retirement

I can't believe it! I'm eligible for retirement this October. I'll have the age and 29 full years of service. Where did time go? Truthfully, it seems just like yesterday (1970) when I was sworn in.

I've enjoyed my career, and especially the people I've worked with and for. The people in this Department are it's most important assets. Whether one is involved in the suppression of crime and keeping the peace, or supporting those who do, we are all part of a God-ordained mission of protecting life. The men and women in uniform on the front lines (Field Operations Bureau), the Investigative Bureau, the Administration, all these departments make the S.F.P.D. click and run smoothly. It is an organization with which I am proud to be affiliated.

Now, obviously, our police job can take its toll on our members. We have all gone to funerals for officers killed in the line of duty. However, we have also attended funerals for those who have taken their own lives. Our job also takes its toll on our personal lives. There have been quite a few divorces and strained relationships within families. Problems with alcohol and drug abuse have also affected our members. The stress is quite unique to police officers, and I believe the personal problems, which I just described, can be arrested if

each of us asks God to direct us in our daily lives. Whether we're Catholic, Protestant, or another religion, if we seek God and ask him to help us serve others for the greater good, then life will have fulfillment in us.

My greatest mission, since 1980, has been to share my faith with fellow employees in the Department. I remember when I had to kill a robber in the line of duty in the late 1970's. For several months, I wondered if I could have responded differently to the situation, which involved a hostage. It made me question what life was all about, because I really had no interests in the things of God up to that time. In fact, I was quite self-centered. I thank Joe Mollo, who was in the Academy at that time, for sharing with me his faith in Jesus Christ. This Jesus Christ is the Son of God. He proved He is the Son of God through His resurrection from the dead. He offers eternal life to those who believe in Him and promises to give to us the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit will take residence in us and empower us to change our minds, so that we will confess that we are sinners and need to believe and trust in Jesus Christ. This new life and power will help us turn our lives around to serve God and our fellow man. If you receive Christ in your life as your Lord and Savior, He will get you through all the stresses in your job and in life. In the Bible He says, "I will be with you till the end of the age"

Heavenly Father, I pray for all members of the San Francisco Police Department. I ask that you open up their hearts to the truth of Your Son, Jesus Christ, Our Lord. May Your blessing and favor be upon each and every employee. Amen.

Officers need assistance

Catastrophic Illness Program 'Time Drive'

Staff Report

The Catastrophic Illness Program needs hours for the folks listed below. Donation forms can be found at Payroll; the POA office, or by telephoning the Behavioral Science Unit at 837-0875

#234 **Officer Tom Kracke** -Tom plans to return to work on a part time basis sometime in the near future and will need a time cushion for time-off for doctor's visits etc.

#536 **Officer Pat Yick**—Pat is anxious to come back to work. He still needs time for doctor's visits if that comes to pass.

#567 **Officer Ray Dane** — Ray is planning to return to work very soon. Ray has exhausted all of his time and will need some hours to ease him back into the swing of things.

#621 **PSA Gigi Miller** (Airport Police Service Aid) — Gigi is a single parent with two children. She is scheduled to return to work in October. Gigi will need time for numerous visits to health care professionals.

#456 **Federico Gabon** — Federico is a senior citizen and a civilian employee at the S.F. Airport who suffers from multiple health problems.

Federico plans to retire soon, but needs help until the process is completed.

#582 **Officer John Heard** — John is an Institutional Police Officer at San Francisco General Hospital who has a very serious circulatory disorder. John has missed numerous paychecks and is in dire need of assistance. His department is small and has limited resources. He needs our help.

#612 **Officer Dwight Perry** — Dwight is also an institutional officer who has numerous serious health considerations and has asked for our help. Dwight has missed numerous paychecks also.

#503 **Maria Gonzalez** — Maria is a civilian employee of the Superior Courts who has exhausted her resources. Maria's friends have asked for our assistance.

Remember, if you or any of your friends plan to retire, please don't wait to donate. An employee recently lost over 600 hours of SP because he waited until he retired to try to donate his time.

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OPINION

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tions to our members? How is this different from a district attorney aggressively pursuing someone who 245'd your partner, whereby you subsequently bail out the arrestee and have him over to your house for dinner? How can we accept that our future academy classes will not only have to pay Belardinelli's current Aetna salary, but will also have to make payments to Hartford to pay off the old losses while Belardinelli was there?

We cannot forget that the Aetna representatives are salesmen. At a recent lineup presentation, one of the Aetna salesmen stated, "Aetna is the best TAX-DEDUCTIBLE retirement plan available to us." Most people fail to recognize that salespersons are trained to craft every word of a presentation. Aetna is not the

best retirement plan available to us, a ROTH IRA is. Even though a ROTH IRA does not provide you with a "tax-deduction," it is still superior to deferred compensation accounts. (Maximizing your annual ROTH IRA should always be completed before you even consider deferred compensation.) The salesman at our lineup knew this, so he cleverly included the word "tax-deductible" to paint his product in a better light. Do you think the Aetna salesman's priority was you making the best financial decision or you committing as much as possible to his product?

Smart investing, like good police work, does not require genius. Smart investing, like good police work, only requires being able to recognize 917's and making sure they are never on our team. Most officers know when they purchase a car that the salesperson is trying to maximize their profit at our expense. I fail to under-

stand how these same officers drop the "them-versus-us" attitude when it comes to their financial assets.

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From Mike Hebel's article, I learned that the Aetna representatives discussed all of the various distribution options at the most recent retirement seminar. In the article, I also read that the Aetna representatives used the phrase, "You might outlive your assets." Insurance salespeople are trained to use terms such as these to promote "annuitization." By

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CyberNews

By Glenn Sylvester,
Academy



Last month, the first High Tech Crime course for law enforcement was delivered at Bayview Police Station. The need for this course was so evident that it was sponsored by POST as an ICI elective specialty. Attendees came from far North as Sacramento, and south from Palo Alto. We had (2) two from Project SAFE, (2) two from Broadmoor PD and the rest from SFPD. Imagine my surprise to have command staff personnel such as Deputy Chief Pengel and Lt. Patricia Jackson attend for the total course. I realize that they have busy schedules, yet they have the foresight and realization that the curriculum is needed. My thanks to the following individuals that made this pilot program a success.

- Asst. Dist. Atty Jerry Coleman — Instructor
- Lt. Lon Ramlan — Instructor
- Inspector Earl Wismer — Instructor
- Sgt./Insp. Tom Feledy — Instructor
- Officer Greg Yee—Co-Instructor
- Officer Al Wong —Co-Instructor
- Ms. Pat Celaya—Training Coordinator
- Ms. Arimena Brown, Ms. Nida Sylvester, Capt. Ron Roth, Capt. Greg Suhr, Capt. Jim Dudley

I thank all the attendees as well for your candidness, participation, and humor.

The next course is slated for January 2000

Backup as you work! Did you know that RAM is volatile? RAM is a temporary storage area for your current files that are in use. Take for example that you create a new document (let-

ter, correspondence, spreadsheet, PowerPoint presentation, Police Report, etc...), the lights flicker and your computer goes haywire momentarily, you look at your screen and the document that you've been working on for the past hour has now disappeared. You search frantically to find it and when that fails you call upon all your "computer expert" colleagues for help. Has this ever happened to you?

Your document was stored in RAM, which again is volatile. RAM operates on electricity. All contents in RAM are lost when electricity is shut off by power surges, turning off or resetting the computer, or even accidentally pulling the plug. Get into the habit of saving your work as you work. It takes a less than a few seconds to hit the "save" key. In most instances this is done by pressing "CTRL-S". Doing this will save your document to a storage device which is not ELECTRIC, but MAGNETIC. I practice this technique on most of my documents at 10 minute intervals. So if those unexpected loss of power situations arise, I have only lost the last 10 minutes of my work. I hope this helps. Until next month.... Happy Computing.

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Kathy Mahoney Returns as POA General Counsel

Staff Report

Chris Cunnie has announced that attorney Kathy Mahoney has been hired as the new POA General Counsel. Her appointment is effective October 1, 1999. She fills the position recently vacated by Sean Connolly,

now of the City Attorney's Office. Many members of the Association know and respect Kathy, and her return is expected to be well received. Kathy served as the POA counsel from 1993 until the Fall of 1997, when she resigned to go into private practice.

September 12, 1999

Ray Shine, Editor
POA Notebook
510 Seventh Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

RE: For publication in *Notebook*
Dear POA members and friends:

It is with a great deal of sadness that I announce my departure as the POA attorney, effective September 30, 1999. My two-year commitment to the POA is concluded and the time has come for me to pursue other challenges and career goals. I feel extremely fortunate to have had the opportunity to be your lawyer and to have worked with you all. I am especially thankful for the many friends and lasting friendships I have made.

My experience here has been unique and rewarding, but most of all, memorable and fun. For this, I thank you all.

I am happy to say I will be joining the City Attorney's Office as a principle attorney for the trial team in the Litigation Unit. In that role, I will continue representing the Department and police officers named as defendants in civil suits brought against the City. I believe it will be a privilege to work for Louise Renne and her office and welcome this new opportunity.

If you find yourself near City Hall, please do not hesitate to drop by and say hello.

Take care and Godspeed!

Sincerely,
Sean F. Connolly, Esq.



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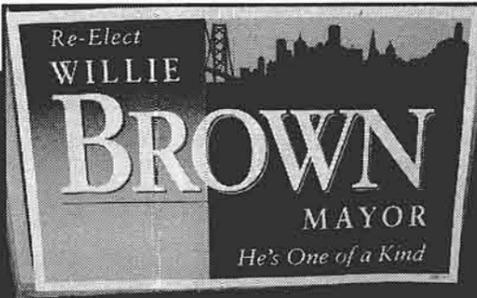


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Mayor Willie Brown and one of his favorite Harley-Davidson riders, big Al McCann.



Scores of friends and supporters of Mayor Willie Brown packed the back room at Julie's Supper Club, 1123 Folsom Street, for a reception hosted by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. The standing-room-only event was held Monday, September 20, 1999, and several thousand dollars were raised to help elect Mayor Brown to a second term.

The POA wishes to thank all of the attendees for making this event such a success, and for demonstrating support for the Mayor and the POA.

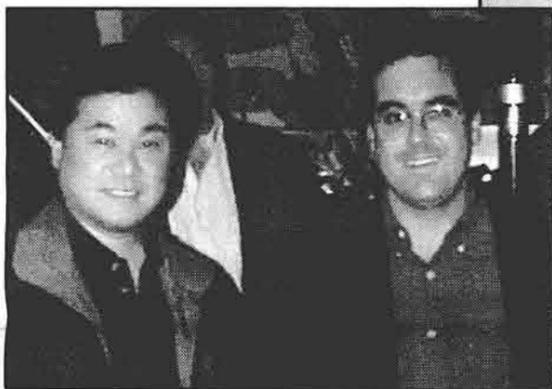
Special thanks go out to the gracious owner of the supper club, Mr. David Darwish, and to Rose Pak, Willis Garriott, Keith Sanford, Fred Lau, Roger Craig, and Bob Sarlatte.

Standing room only as crowd listens to Mayor Brown's pep talk



POA President Chris Cunnie and 49'er great Roger Craig.

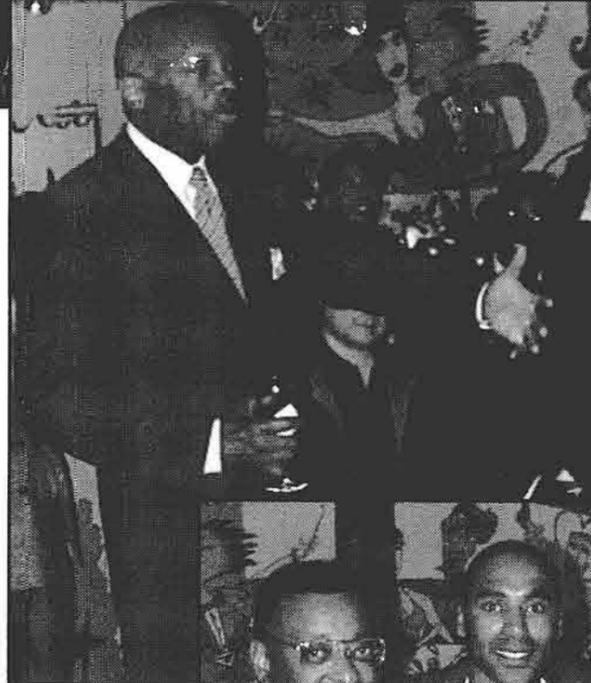
Julie's Supper Club owner David Darwish greets Mayor Brown



Chief Fred Lau and Police Commission President Dennis Herrera



Sally DeHaven, Linda Wittcop, Debrah Braden, and Joyce Watkins.



Left: Mayor Brown addresses his friends and supporters.



Past and present Airport Bureau directors: Millett, Mike Chandra, and J. Moss.



Right: DC Holder, Roger Craig, and OFJ President Marion Jackson



Chris Cunnie, Mayor Brown, SF Film Commissioner Giovanna Rovetti, and comedian Bob Sarlatte

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Letters

Yes on Laguna Honda

Chris —

Thank you for the wonderful article on Laguna Honda in the *Notebook*. My mother was a patient at Laguna Honda, Clarendon Hall, for eleven years, and I can say she received tender loving care for all of those years from the entire staff. My family and I felt fortunate. My mother passed away in March at the age of 101 years.

Sincerely,
Jack Payne,
Retired SFPD

Email from viewers

September 19, 1999

To the Producers of
Hearts of the City

Hello —

My name is David Farmer. I am a Correctional Officer for the Santa Clara County Department of Corrections. I just saw your wonderful documentary on BayTV. I was "channel surfing" after watching KNTV (San Jose) late local news, and luckily happened on your show.

The film moved me. It is an outstanding tribute to our heroes in blue who go into harm's way daily to preserve the peace. Men and women who sacrifice their physical and emotional well being so that citizens of their community may enjoy life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

Your film was especially moving to me due to the absolutely ironic timing in the viewing of it.

As I said, I had just watched KNTV's late local news when I saw your film. Sadly, today a San Jose police officer was forced to shoot a "mentally disturbed" man who attacked the officer with a knife. The gunshot was fatal.

KNTV's reporting of the incident was WRETCHED, and that is, of course, utterly unsurprising. KNTV played a sensational sound bite of the decedent's distraught mother, angrily demanding the officer be convicted of murder. They went on to criticize the San Jose PD for having seven fatal incidents this year — an all-time high. It was a hatchet job. It turned my stomach.

What happened in San Jose today was the tragic result of mental illness. The deceased man *was* a victim; a victim of mental illness, not the San Jose PD, or the unfortunate

officer who was forced to take the man's life.

After viewing the newscast, I was thinking about the officer; how he must be feeling tonight; being called a murderer! I was also reflecting on how they, the media, just NEVER UNDERSTAND.

Anyway, that was my frame of mind as I mindlessly thumbed through my remote control and found your film. It was chilling.

Thank you for making that documentary. I truly wish everyone would see it. Then maybe they would understand.

David Farmer



September 21, 1999

To: Hearts of the City@sfpoa.org

I was thoroughly moved and impressed by the documentary that aired this weekend. I am a doctor at San Francisco General Hospital, and the only contact we usually have with the SFPD is in the ER.

The series gave me a profound appreciation for the work you do, the sacrifices you make. It struck a chord for me as there are many similarities in our work: the stress of dealing with the fringe of society, the truly down-and-out, the same people with the same problems over and over again, facing death and tremendous suffering and tragedy on a daily basis, working nights, having to so often leave our families and loved ones. I am moved to think of this community we are working in and trying to better, and I now feel a deep sense of camaraderie with you.

What a great service you have done by helping us all understand each other better and feel connected. Bravo and thank you.

Rebecca Tennant, M.D.



September 21, 1999

To: Andrew Cohen

I saw the presentation on BayTV last night . . . congratulations on a job well done!

I have seen the first installment many times and enjoyed the sec-

ond also. This series shows the citizens of San Francisco that their police officers are ordinary people doing an extraordinary job. People don't take the time to realize that cops are people with families and they experience the same emotions (fear, sadness, etc.) as the rest of us.

Keep up the good work (and try to incorporate more shots of officer Fischer in the next installment!)

Debbie Fischer
(sister of Joe Fischer, TTF)

HSS needs Mills-Peninsula hospital

Editor —

In all that has been said about the City Plan it has never been mentioned that the mid Peninsula residents both active and retired were left without the closest hospitals to them, Mills-Peninsula. Peninsula Hospital was named in the top 100 hospitals in the United States this year. Sure, you can go there if you want to pay a \$500.00 deductible, along with the \$65.00 or more to HSS every month and \$44.00 to Medicare and the new \$50.00 deductible for prescriptions. Prescriptions that were \$8.00 for a 90 day supply are now \$18.00 and sometimes \$36.00 for the same thing plus having to mail away for it and waiting many weeks for it to arrive. Not having Mills-Peninsula being a part of the package means many people having to change the doctors they have had for many years because those doctors practice at Mills-Peninsula. The HMO's for the retirees did not offer Mills-Peninsula either.

The other thing that is never mentioned is the Health Service Board. Why are the same people being reelected over and over again? I believe they should take some responsibility for us being in the predicament in which we find ourselves.

I agree with the article that it is possibly time for the City to get out of the health care business and leave it to those with the expertise to give us what we want and need.

Of course, none of us will ever be one hundred percent satisfied, but we can sure be a heck of a lot better off than we are now.

Sincerely
Pat Celaya

Thank you

Chris—

Thank you very much, for your support and sponsorship of our 1999 Promotional-Scholarship Dinner that was held at the New Asia Restaurant on Friday, September 10, 1999. Your generous donation of \$600.00 is greatly appreciated.

At the dinner, we were able to celebrate many of our members promotions and acknowledge our scholarship awards to the recipients of the:

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Once again, the dinner was a great success, only because of your support and friendship to our Association and for that, we will always be grateful.

As Always,
David Tambara, President
SF Asian Peace Officers' Association



Editor -

This letter is to thank you for your sponsorship of the *Fourth Annual Tim Kilkenny memorial Golf Tournament*. Because of your assistance, the tournament was a great success, and we were able to collect over \$4,000, which will again enable us to provide a helping hand to individuals by offering scholarships and provide monetary assistance to those in need.

This year we awarded 6 scholarships totaling \$3,000. Last December we participated in the San Francisco Fire Department's *Toys for Tots* program and collected toys at our 1998 Holiday Party that we supplemented with a \$250 check. We also contributed \$250 to *Le Central Latino's* toy program. Earlier this year we awarded the *Phil Stolz Award* to Ron Johnson and Donated Bats and Balls to *Eureka Valley Playground*. In addition, we spent over \$500 so far this year on plants and flowers, and \$1,000 in monetary support to families who had suffered losses. We plan to continue to give our

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time and money to those in need throughout the remainder of this year and the years to come, and thanks to your support, we will be able to do so.

Again, thank you for your contribution to our event. Please believe us when we say that we could not have done it without your very generous help!

Sincerely,
The Tim Kilkenny memorial Golf Committee And Eureka Valley and Friends benevolent Society By Cynthia O'Brien, Treasurer EVFBS



Chris —

On behalf of all reserve officers, I want to thank you for your sponsorship of 2 Reserve Officers at the 1999 Reserve Officers Appreciation Dinner September 17 1999. Your support of the reserve program means a great deal to the reserve officers. Your gesture was most appreciated and contributed significantly to the evening. Thanks again!

Sincerely
Inspector Michael Kelly
Reserve Coordinator



Editor —

On behalf of the members of the SFPD band "RWS" thank you so much for the outstanding article and fine coverage of our band. We are all very grateful for the Notebook's fine work. We would also like to thank Steve Johnson and Chief Fred Lau for their continued support.

The band would also like to thank and acknowledge the following: Mr. Ed Pasqualin and staff from the Haight Ashbury Music Center; Britt Hahn and staff of Mirror Corporation; Smokey and Jimmy from Lennox Studios; Mr. Jim Marshall for the truly professional photography; Our fellow members of the SFPD for their support ; and most of all our wives and families for their patience and encouragement.

Thanks,
Kevin Martin and
members of RWS.

Letter to Union-Tribune Newspaper San Diego Ca

August 30, 1999:

Submitted by Al Casciato
Traffic Company

Once again it is no wonder to me why it is so difficult to overcome this minority vs. police topic. How can we begin to heal and take care of this problem when you appear to use the topic in an attempt to sell more papers by sensationalizing the problem of minorities relating to the police.

I have attempted to have my opinion published the last time I remembered being angered about one of your papers articles titled "Reminder from Riverside — Minorities have a reason not to trust some police"; but what was to be expected? I knew that it would be a long shot to have something from a minority peace officer's point of view published, but it was worth a chance.

In reference to your article dated August 29, "Police and African-Americans: A WIDE DIVIDE" you are again feeding fuel to the fire. I feel for the people in the article and the circumstances where they have had less than positive contacts with the police. What I would like you to consider is the millions of other contacts with people of ALL COLORS AND CREEDS that Peace Officers have had that happen with positive results. How about an article on the organizations such as ours that give help and aid to the members of the community, no matter WHAT THE COLOR OF THEIR SKIN. Yes, everyday we, as police officers, help thousands and thousands of people in ways people may not realize because it does not make the headlines.

Something else that doesn't make the print is how many times we have been cussed at, spit on, yelled at, and physically attacked because of the uniform that we chose to wear. All officers have done to receive this type of abuse is to have chosen a profession to "protect and serve" everyone that we can, and to perform this to the best of our ability. I ask that until you have walked in a police officer's shoes, please be cautious when passing judgment and remember that we, just like you the public, come in every color and ethnicity. And we, Peace Officers, are just like you; we are human, suffer pain, have emotions, and just like everyone else we also bleed red.

Richard Agundez, Jr., President
National Latino Peace Officers
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Chris Cunnie
President, San Francisco Poice Officers Assn.

Dear Chris,

I wanted to take a moment to call your attention to something really positive for a change: Providian Financial. So often these days Corporate America is portrayed as being self-serving; but this summer that certainly wasn't the case with Providian Financial.

I was in a pinch. We were having a Summer Jobs program in the Mission for the second year and sixty "kids" had been hired. Due to the fine print on a grant we had received, we weren't going to be able to make payroll because the lion's share of the funds was to be delayed for a little while. Members of the community and local businesses, including Walgreen's, were heroic in pulling together and generating funds. Two entities from outside the Mission, Providian Financial and Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison, LLP, were also up to the task and put us over the top.

I had never met Joyce Aldana or Jim Wunderman. I didn't know that Providian Financial was already sponsoring the Chief's Night at the Circus for the children of San Francisco. A friend of mine had me contact Jim Wunderman's office. Joyce Aldana called me back (on Jim's behalf), listened to my situation and said she would see what, if anything, Jim could do. Well, "anything" turned out to be a \$5,000.00 dollar contribution, a \$5,000.00 contribution to employ "kids" in a district desperate for youth employment by a firm that is not located in the Mission.

WOW!

Anyway, I just thought that when we are always being told "this and that" when it's negative, that it would be nice to hear an account that was nothing but positive. I always believe that anyone who helps "kids" has their heart in the right place. In the case of the Mission Merchants and community, Walgreen's, Brobeck, Phleger, and Harrison, and Providian Financial, their hearts are definitely in the right place and they put their money where they will definitely see a big return — our young people.

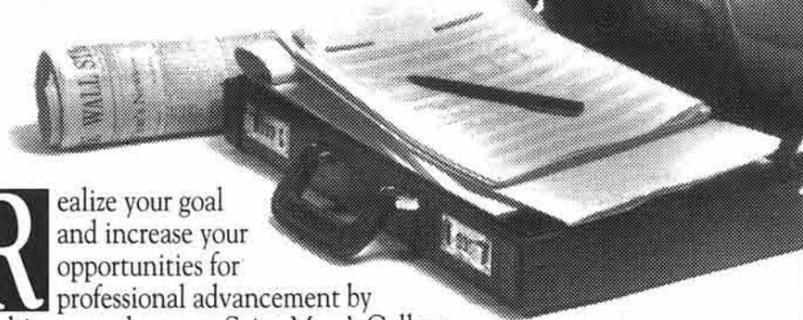
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selecting an annuity option (annuitization) at retirement, you are contracting with the insurance company to purchase a form of life insurance. Most insurance companies pay their salespeople a commission if an investor converts his account to an annuity.

The drawback of an annuity is that if you die within 10 years, you and your family will not even get your money back. You will have to live to your early 80's before you can collect your principal back and about a 5% return. The salesperson will try and convince you to annuitize with a quote of how much money you will receive each month. Don't be misled, each check is composed mostly of a return of your own principal. When you die after annuitizing, under no circumstances will your heirs receive one penny from your deferred compensation principal. When I entered the business, a seasoned insurance salesman advised me, "If you like your client, don't have him annuitize."

The alternative to annuitizing is that you can withdraw your funds on a schedule called a "SYSTEMATIC WITHDRAWAL." With this method, unlike an annuity, anything left in your account when you die goes to your family. Systematic Withdrawal is the most popular method of distribution in the private sector.

Insurance representatives are trained to confront the systematic withdrawal with tactics such as: "So many people are living past 100, the "Good Morning America" program can not feature everyone. For an

annuity to be comparable to systematic withdrawal, you are going to have to live into your 90's. In other words, when you annuitize, you are betting you will live much longer than the average person. Despite the "you might live past 100" line, the insurance company is betting their money, you won't. As a retired civil servant, you are fortunate you don't have to make this bet. Under Tier I/ Tier II, you will receive payments until you die. Why duplicate your Tier I/Tier II pension by annuitizing your deferred compensation account?

One of the most interesting things about the insurance salesperson's annuitization pitch is that they have to contradict themselves to sell it. Why did the insurance salesperson tell you to invest in stock mutual funds? Because over the long-term, stock mutual funds provide the highest returns. Now they have a product that functions best if you live a long-term, and suddenly they think you should be scared about stock mutual funds? I read in Mike Hebel's article that the salesmen used the trained, scare tactic: "You might lose capital through market volatility." Ask yourself, "If that's the case why should I ever invest in the stock market?"

By systematic withdrawing from your account, your deferred compensation account will continue to grow at stock market rates. Meanwhile, your Tier I/Tier II money rests in a secure fixed account. Thus, you will have created a "hedge." You will be betting both sides: 1) the stock market in your deferred compensation, and 2) a secure Tier I/Tier II fixed account.

Another reason not to annuitize is that to do so, you are essentially selling your stock market investment all at one time. It could be the wrong time or the right time to sell. However, just as it is safer

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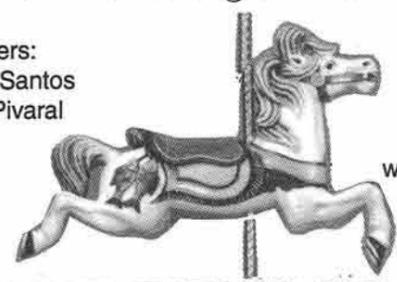
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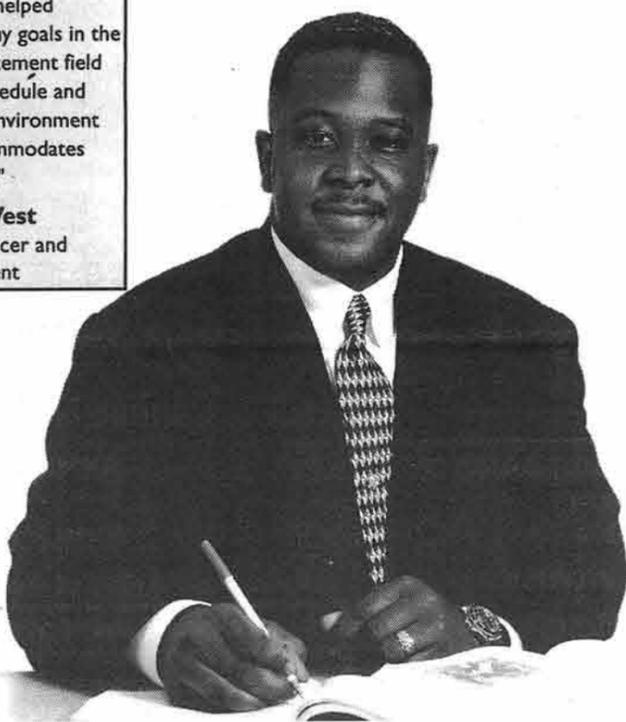




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to gradually build your deferred compensation account through steady paycheck contributions, rather than investing a large chunk all at once; it is just as safe to gradually liquidate your account through steady withdrawals, rather than selling all at once. Systematic withdrawal guarantees that you don't exit the market

at the wrong time.

Conclusion

With experience, police officers can walk into a situation and immediately know something is not right. Something is out of place. Something doesn't add up. Our union should question why the ex-Hartford representatives, with their questionable history, should be allowed to maintain their monopoly on provid-

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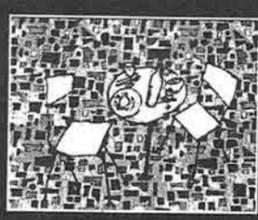
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No article summarizing Aetna's products should appear in our POA Notebook without Aetna paying for the space in our newspaper. The July POA article did not provide our members with direction, it only summarized Aetna's products. The more we contribute to Aetna, the more the Aetna representatives make. Thus,

Aetna should have paid for this space. If the Aetna representatives want to respond to a question or provide analysis or interpretation, then we can make an exception. Our relatives and retired members have to pay to advertise their businesses, why shouldn't Aetna?

Lastly, Aetna should not be allowed to state that they are "POA Endorsed." I can assure you that as a member of the POA Deferred Compensation Committee, we did not endorse Aetna. In addition, should Aetna incur any Hartford-type problems, a POA endorsement could expose our union to unnecessary legal liability.

Originally, I prepared a much longer article on the disadvantages of annuitizing. The article included several hypotheticals and illustrations detailing how annuitization can cost you and your family a sizable chunk. However, the amount of officers at retirement stage is rather small. The real issue here is trust, and I did not want that theme lost in esoteric illustrations. I would be happy to provide anyone with the unabridged original article, which includes detailed illustrations.



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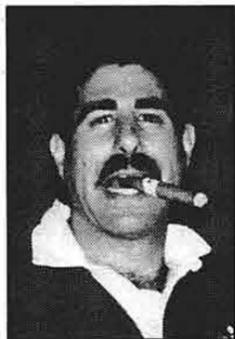
Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,
POA Notebook Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT: The SFPD Soccer Club took part in the 20th Annual North American Police Soccer Tournament which was held in Vancouver, BC Sept. 8th through 12th. The team that competed was a mix of A-Team, Killer-B, and C-Dog players and I am glad to say that I was part of the mix. This trip up north is always a great way to continue bonding with departments in and around Canada, especially Vancouver PD who we have the closest ties to. They say Vancouver is the San Francisco version for all of Canada, which is probably why we get along so well.

As far as the soccer aspect of the trip is concerned, SF won the "rec" division of the tourney three years ago in Abbotsford, BC (N. of Vancouver). This was also the last time we made this trip so we were anxious to try and do as well on the field as we had done before. It wasn't going to happen this time around though; we unfortunately ran into some bad luck and good competitive soccer as well on the way to an 0-win, 2-loss, 2-tie record during the week's play. We didn't even make the playoffs for the tourney—hard luck.

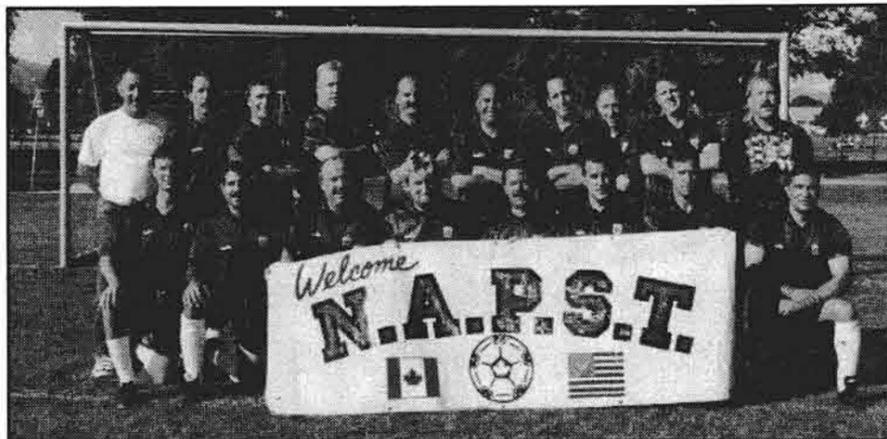
The players who did as well as could be besides myself (Nick "Someguy" Shihadeh) included: Steve "Ocho" Roche, Joey "Stretch" Boyle, Kevin "Scrappy" Healy, Johnny "Dynamite" Sheehan, Pete "Liverpool"



Richardson, Steve "Emmitt" Glickman, Mike "OB-1" O'Brien, Matt "Diego" Gardner, Brian "Mongo" Olcomendy, Brian "Moose" Canedo, Steve "Canig" Caniglia, Kirk "The Human Flea" Edison, Vinnie "Don't Call Me Vince" Echebare, Pablo "The Joker" Ossio, and last but not least Eddy "CURBSIDE" Castillo. The coaches on the trip were Brian "Mr. D" Delahunty, and of course everyone's favorite uncle was present: Frank "It's Done" Machi with his lovely wife Carol "Marol" Machi.

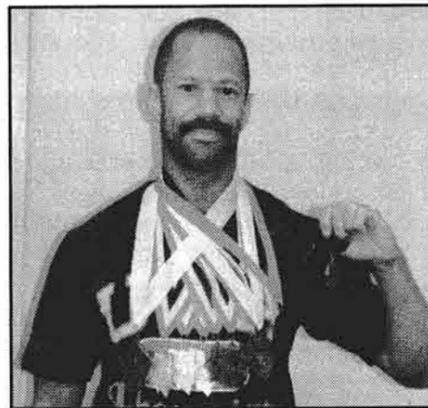
As far as other departments who made the trip, there were Abbotsford, Calgary, Toronto, York (N. of Toronto), Peele (W. of Toronto), St. Louis, Philadelphia, and even a team from that nutty, wacky place Bermuda (just to name off some). Everyone got along fabulously and we're very much looking forward to next year's trip which will take place in St. Louis.

The SFPD Soccer Club would like to thank those from Vancouver who helped make the trip very enjoyable. This includes: Bob "Stewy" Stewart, Eddy "The Eagle" Evanson, Rick "I Still Have Some Moves Left" Schaffe, Brad Messenger, Murray Moxly, and of course Deputy Chief Brian McGinnis. The Club would also like



SFPD Soccer Club: Representatives in the 1999 North America Police Soccer Tournament

to thank Joan Healy (Scrappy's mom) of Peter's Travel on Taraval for arranging the trip to Canada through Alaskan Airlines.



Ed Marchand and his medals for 1999. Congrats!

Treasure Island's Ed Marchand dropped me a line to let me know how his track competition has been going for '99 in the masters (over 40) level of competition. Despite an injury prone season for Ed, he still was able to participate in five meets. The first one was in Feb. at the Silver State Classic in Reno. He was still coming back from a nagging Achilles' heel injury from last year but was still able to take second place in both the long jump and triple jump events. The next competition for Ed was at the Arizona Masters Championship in May. Still plagued by leg problems, Ed wasn't able to run long distances in this meet either; but, he still went out and won the long jump event and took second place in the javelin throw (not too shabby).

Up next was the Cal Police Summer Games in Pasadena in June. Ed took part in a plethora of events even though he was not even close to one hundred percent, and he managed to perform pretty well despite some stiff competition. Ed's results were a fourth place bronze medal in the long jump, fourth place bronze in the javelin throw, fourth place in the 200

meter dash, third place bronze in the 110 meter high hurdles, and finally a gold medal in the 4 X 100 meter relay race with the help of others (Mike Simmons of Co. B, Maurice Valentine of the SF Sheriffs, and an officer from Compton PD). Ed wanted to mention that during his thirty years of participating in track and field, that the Pasadena Pd's handling of the events was the most unprofessional he has ever witnessed; thus, another complaint about the Summer Games appears in this column.

The "all comers" event took place in early Aug. at Diablo Valley College and Ed had a very successful meet as a result of his leg injuries healing nicely. He placed first in the 400 meter dash, first in the 200 meter dash, first in the long jump, first in the triple jump, and even another first place finish in the 4 X 100 meter relay race (very impressive).

Shortly after was the Nevada Police Summer Games in a very scalding Las Vegas in mid Aug. Again Ed was successful even though some of his injuries started popping up again. He won the long jump, took second in the 300 meter hurdles, took first place in the 4 X 100 meter relay, second in the 400 meter dash, and a first place finish in the 4 X 400 meter relay race that really tested Ed's strength and endurance and his ability to compete despite his injuries.

Next on the agenda is an event in Santa Barbara taking place this month of Oct., and Ed continues to train and hit the gym in his quest to keep his body as healthy as possible. Also in the meant time, he has been doing some coaching of high school kids at the Deer Valley High track team. I'd like to congratulate Ed Marchand for his continued tenacity in his track and field competition, as he has had a pretty successful season for 1999.

That's about it for this month...So See Ya next month....

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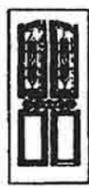
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Volunteers made all the difference

POA Golf Tournament a Big Success

By Gary Delagnes
POA Vice President

There is no doubt that the SFPOA is only as successful as its members. As we all know, there are many members that talk a good game, but very few ever actually step up to the plate and get involved. One of the many ventures we undertake is the SFPOA golf tournament. It is a yearly event that raises money for our community services fund, which in turn donates to charitable organizations throughout the bay area.

I wish to take this opportunity to thank all of the people that made this event possible.

Lynn Atkinson has been a god-send I do not know where I would be without her.

Steve Balma, Harry Pearson, and John Schmolke, as well as Jim Deignan were a tremendous help in planning the event and gathering up prizes, which is always the toughest task to accomplish.

Joe McKenna helped with the emcee duties, and anybody who has ever been asked to stand up and be funny upon request already knows how difficult that can be.

Special thanks also go out to all of the following members and

POA friends who helped with registration, green measurements, and other crucial tasks:

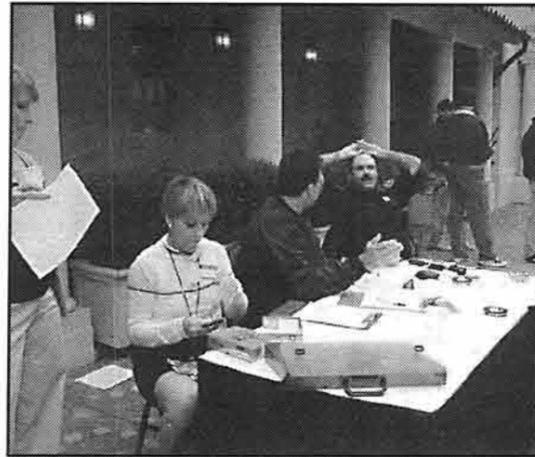
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All of us working together raised over \$13,000 for charity this year, which is a tremendous accomplishment. I have listed all of the people that I can think of who helped at this year's event, and for anyone that I miss please accept my apology.

We ask that POA members continue to get involved whether it be with committee participation, blood drives, political involvement, etc.

We are only as strong as the sum of our parts, and our continued success depends on all of you.

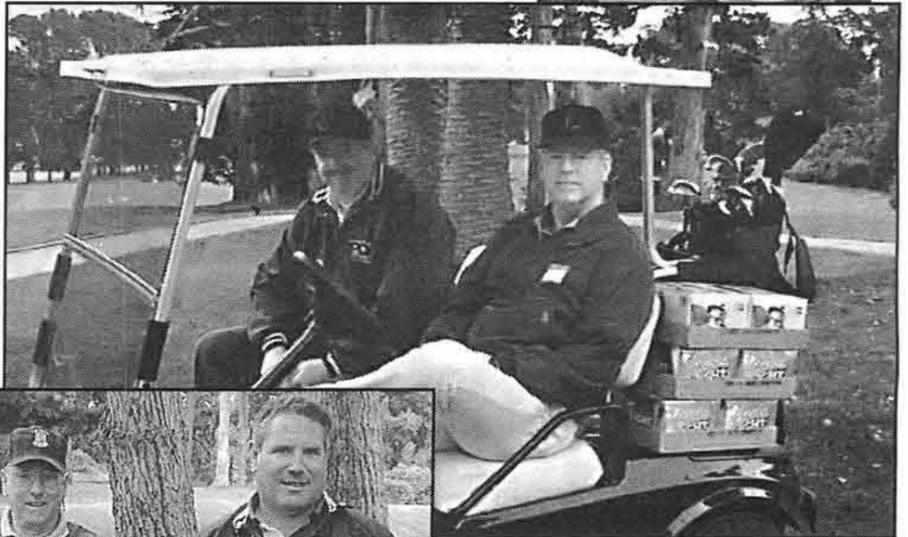
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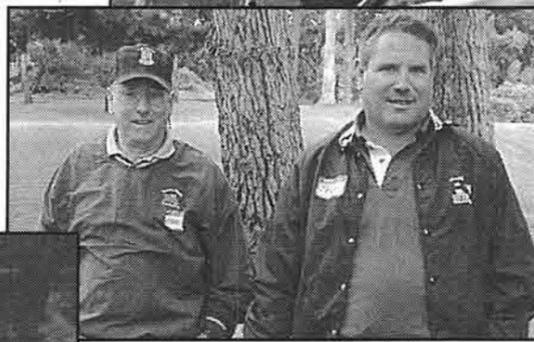
Lynn Atkinson works the registration desk



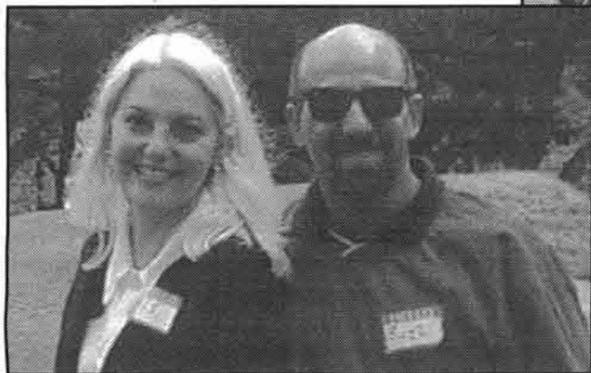
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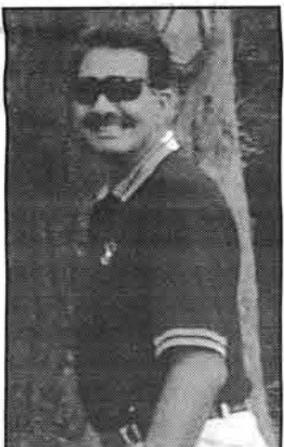
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The Loon's Nest Report

By Ed Garcia, TTF

Scott Warnke Wins Summer Golf Classic

As we watch the days shorten and the warm winds of summer are replaced with the morning chill of fall, 38 members of the Loon's Nest Golf Club look back to a great golf memory.

This August, the Carmel Valley and Monterey coast played host to

the 12th edition of the Loon's Summer Golf Classic. The Loons made a southward migration, with their first stop in the warm Carmel Valley, where blue skies greeted the Loons at the Rancho Canada Golf Club. This would be the first stop in a two-day tournament that would bring the Loons to a second nesting spot at the N.C.G.A. home course — Poppy Hills.

The opening day saw the loons challenged by the Rancho Canada West course, which boasts a slope of 125 and a rating of 70.4 from tournament tees. Tournament Director and 1999 Spring Championship winner Glenn Mar went out and conquered the front nine with an even par 36, which included birdies on the 5th and the 9th holes.

One stroke off the pace was Northern Station's Scott Warnke with a 37.

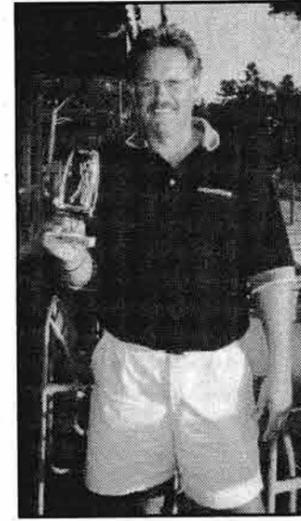
Ed Garcia posted a 39, while Ed Anzore and Bob McMillian fired front sides of 41 strokes.

As the first day's play was completed, Warnke had jumped out to a 3-stroke lead with a fine round of 77. Anzore and Garcia simmered in second place with rounds of 80, as McMillian and Mar began to fade.

Although there was some great



The victorious Anzore Brothers



Tom Hanacek, 1st place, 2nd flight



Summer Classic champ, Scott Warnke

golf being played, the BIG EVENT for the day was a HOLE-IN-ONE fired by Joe Allegro of the Hondas. In 12 years of Loon's Nest tournament golf, this was the first ace in the clubs history. Joe accomplished this rare feat on the 11th hole, a 150-yard par three that is protected by trees and traps. Joe, being the gentleman that he is, bought a round of drinks for all the players, and the golf course awarded a trophy to him.

On the second day of play, the Loons faced the always tough, scenic Poppy Hills Golf Club in Pebble Beach. This monster course has a rating of 71.5 and a slope of 138 from the white tees.

Scott Warnke could smell victory, and was primed to play. Scott played the first nine holes in 40 strokes, only to suffer a triple bogey on the 19th hole.

Glenn Mar began to stage a tremendous comeback, as he went out and fired a 38 on the Poppy front side, picking up a birdie on the 8th hole.

Warnke settled down after the 10th hole and proceeded to birdie 2 of the last 4 holes, posting an 82 for the day and a total of 159. Warnke's 159 gave him a six stroke edge over second place finisher Glenn Mar.

"Steady Eddie" Anzore posted a total of 166 to take third low gross in the first flight.

In first flight low net, Richmond Station's Charlie Anzore took first

place after firing a fine round of 84 en route to a two-day net score of 140, which was matched by TTF's Paul Guinasso. The tie breaker went to Anzore, second place Guinasso and Ed Garcia of TTF took third low net in the flight.

Second flight play saw close matches, as veteran Loon, Tom Hanacek of Millbrae had a two-day gross score of 185 to nudge out TTF's Chris Musselman at 188. In his first Loon's tournament, Pat Cesari of Co. E took third with a 191.

Second flight low net honors went to TTF's Tony LaRocca, as his net total of 140 gave him a two stroke edge over Derek Wyllie, and a three stroke edge over Bob Ziegler of Investigations. Ziegler posted a net 65 at poppy, which was the lowest net score of any player on the day, and this included a birdie on the par 4, 3rd hole.

The "Closest to the Hole" winners at rancho Canada were Ed Garcia, Harry Pearson (twice), and Phil Fee. On the second day, those honors went to Armando Chang, Park's Bill Siebert, Derek Wyllie, and Co. E's Steve Murphy. The Long Drive champs were Scott Warnke (281 yards) and TTF's Chris Musselman (291 yards).

This was the club's fourth visit to the Monterey area, and we found good weather, great courses, a hole-in-one, and a great time had by all. This is what summer golf is all about.

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The Loon's Nest Golf Club's 1999 Spring Championship Results

Played at Rancho Adobe June 18th, 1999		Second Flight	
Championship Flight		1st Place Low Gross	J. Greenwood 86
1st Place Glenn Mar	79	2nd Place Low Gross	M. Barbero 88
2nd Place Bruce Lorin	79	1st Place Low Net	A. LaRocca 59
3rd Place Sean Dougherty	80	2nd Place Low Net	C. Recinos 72
First Flight		Closest to Hole Winners	
1st Place Low Gross		Armando Chang	5'8"
G. Melanson	77	Glenn Mar	14'2"
2nd Place Low Gross		Charlie Anzore	2'2"
A. Renteria	84	Lou Landini	3'11"
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Northern Station Officer Wrestles in Sweden

Staff Report

One very determined and athletic San Francisco police officer traveled all the way to Stockholm, Sweden to take part in the World Police and Fire Games from July 16-24, 1999. He is wrestling champ Jude Farrelly of Northern Station.

Although there wasn't a national team to represent the U.S.A., the



Nicholas Richards (Santa Cruz P.D.), Ron Hughes (San Jose P.D.), and Officer Jude Farrelly (Northern Station).

American wrestlers who showed up fared pretty well against the international competition. Jude ended up teaming with 5 other officers from California, many of them known to Jude from the California Police Games.

1997 World Greco-Roman Champ, Ron Hughes (San Jose P.D.) won the World Title at 152 lbs. Freestyle (senior). Nicholas Richards (Santa Cruz P.D.) took the Silver Medal at 167 lbs. Freestyle (senior) after dropping a close match in the finals. Michael Cataline (Orange Co. Sheriffs Dept.) took the 4th place Bronze Medal at 213.5 lbs. Freestyle (open).

After a first round loss (against the eventual Silver Medallist from West Virginia), Jude pinned his next two opponents from the Royal Malaysian Police to bring back a Bronze Medal at 138.5 lbs. Freestyle (open).

Jude is looking forward to wrestling in next year's Police Games in San Bernardino, and in the International Police Games in Florida. He gives humble thanks to everyone who has helped in his success, claiming that he "couldn't do it without you."

Indigo Tabasa

By Officer Georgia Pappas

Dear friends,

On Dec. 12, 1999 I will be running the Honolulu Marathon (26.2 miles) with the Leukemia Society of America (LSA). I decided to run a marathon because I wanted to bring in the new millennium having accomplished a feat that most sane people wouldn't dream of. To make the run more meaningful for me I am also raising money for the LSA, in particular, Indigo Tabasa.

Indigo Tabasa is 7 years old and was diagnosed with acute lymphocytic leukemia on June 10, 1997. Her treatments have ranged from taking chemo pills daily to a portacath (object inserted into the chest) for chemo

administration. Although Indigo has had some setbacks and was hospitalized, her progress now has been very successful. Indigo makes light of a frightening situation and refuses to give up the fight.

I also refuse to give up the fight and so should you. Your donations would help fund research in finding a cure for leukemia and related cancers and improve the quality of life for the patients and their families. Any and all donations would be greatly appreciated and remember they are tax-deductible. Please make checks payable to: the Leukemia Society of America and send them back to me, Georgia Pappas, inter-department mail. Deadline for donations is November 15.

Thanks again.

Late Bulletin

Sponsors Sought for Walk Against Breast Cancer

By Marsha Ashe
Ingleside Station

This year 4600 California women will die from breast cancer. Another 20,000 women will be diagnosed with breast cancer in the same year. A team from Ingleside station will join the fight against this disease on October 24, 1999 by walking in the Bay Area's second annual Making Strides against Breast Cancer, a five-mile pledge walk in Golden Gate Park.

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Fazio For District Attorney

Once again the San Francisco Police Officer's Association has endorsed Bill Fazio for the Office of District Attorney. This endorsement is based on the belief of working police officers that Bill Fazio can best serve the people of San Francisco as District Attorney.

The endorsement is based on personal and working relationships developed with Bill Fazio for more than twenty years.

Bill Fazio is professional, knowledgeable, hardworking, and fair. He will be aggressive in his pursuit of

dangerous habitual criminals, but compassionate and considerate of those less fortunate. His experience as a former Deputy District Attorney, and as a practicing defense attorney has given him invaluable insight into both sides of the criminal judicial system.

Join the members of the San Francisco Police Officer's Association to improve the quality of life for all who live and visit this wonderful city. Vote November 2nd for Bill Fazio for San Francisco District Attorney.

Yes on Proposition A

Our Seniors Deserve More

By Kevin Shelley,
Assembly Majority Leader

Taking care of our older residents — who are among the most vulnerable members of our society — should be among our top priority as citizens and as elected officials.

It has been a productive year in the Legislature. I'm pleased we made some steps in this direction in Sacramento, including the passage of my AB160, a bill that will improve the way we care for seniors living in

nursing homes. We in San Francisco have to do our part as well.

We will have a chance November 2nd with Proposition A to rebuild Laguna Honda Hospital. We should do everything possible to encourage those who can to live independently. But despite our best efforts, there will always be those who will need nursing home care. It's our responsibility to provide that care in the best possible environment. That's why Laguna Honda Hospital must be saved for all San Francisco residents.

Vote "YES" on Proposition B

Firefighters & Police Retirement Equity

In 1980, a ballot measure was passed that saved the City hundreds of millions of dollars by encouraging firefighters and police officers to transfer out of the expensive "Tier I" Retirement Plan into the less generous "Tier II" Plan. Those who transferred were promised that they would receive future Tier II benefit improvements if they repaid money they received to transfer. However, even if they repaid, obscure provisions in the San Francisco Charter have locked them out of all improvements granted to other firefighters and police officers by requiring the voters to separately approve each benefit improvement for those who transferred. Proposition B will remove this obstacle and enable those who transferred to get the benefit improvements already enjoyed by their co-workers, including retirement benefit increases recently approved by the voters, cost of living adjustments, and domestic partner benefits. Currently, these veteran firefighters and police officers are the only San Fran-

cisco employees who are not eligible for domestic partner benefits.

PROPOSITION B

• Corrects the disparity that exists between a group of veteran firefighters and police officers and other San Francisco employees

• **Will not require any taxpayer funding. The low cost of Proposition B will be covered entirely by the existing surplus in the City Retirement Fund. In order to receive Tier II benefit improvements, the affected firefighters and police officers will be required to pay back, with interest, the money they received from the City to transfer. Those monies will be put back into the City Retirement Fund.**

• Simplifies the voting process. Voters will only have to vote once on Tier II benefit improvements, rather than having to vote separately on the same improvements for those who transferred.