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Shooting accuracy not focus of course

F.A.T.S. Training Hones Decision Skills

By Ray Shine

San Francisco police officers go to the police pistol range to keep their shooting accuracy keen. They go to the academy FATS laboratory to hone their decision-making skills. These two types of training are not the same. Range training is about the necessary accuracy *after* an officer has decided to use his or her weapon. FATS training is all about the *making* of that crucial decision.

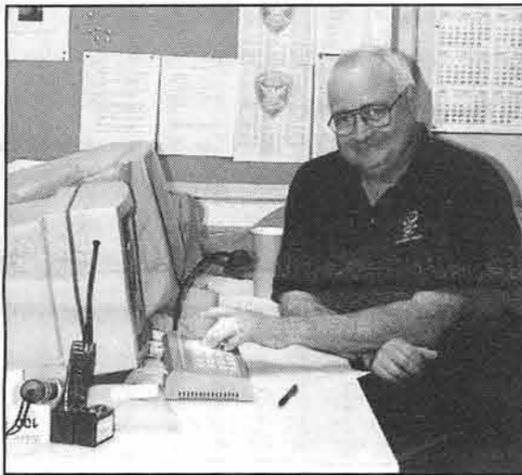
FATS is the acronym for Firearms Training System. The San Francisco Police Academy operates the third generation FATS in a state-of-the-art facility that is equipped with over \$220,000 worth of inter-active video and "shoot-back" equipment. There are only 12 such labs in California.

Since July 1998, over 820 San Francisco police officers have been put through the course. None have complained that it was a waste of time, and all have left with a positive training experience.

"Many officers come up here thinking we're putting them through some sort of auxiliary shooting course." Says lead instructor, Sergeant Jerry D'Elia. "That's not what we do. That's not what FATS training is really about. In fact, they're usually surprised to learn how little emphasis is put on the fundamentals of handling and shooting their service weapon."

The focus of all FATS training is on the mental processes involved in a simulated, but very real, critical incident. Shoot . . . or don't shoot? That is the common decision facing an officer in each of the video scenarios in which they interact. All of the officer's activity after he or she has made that decision is just so much play-acting. Nevertheless, the stress-induced, life-threatening decision to deploy the firearm is as close as an officer comes to the real thing.

Fortunately, most career police officers will never directly participate in an actual shooting incident. However, for those few officers who are confronted with the ultimate deci-



Sgt. Jerry D'Elia at F.A.T.S. control panel

sion, FATS training can quickly dispel any of their TV-induced preconceived notions about the perception of and reaction to a threat against their life.

Sergeant D'Elia puts it this way: "FATS training is about dealing with the officer's thought process and decision making in the midst of stress-overload situations," he says. "It's not about how to shoot, but *whether* to shoot. This is training for your head, not your hands."

An officer participating in FATS training interacts with a selected series of video scenarios. Each video is computer controlled, and Sgt. D'Elia can control, alter, or enhance the events which appear life-size on a screen facing the trainee. It is possible for Sgt. D'Elia to replay the same video several times, altering it just enough each time to take the trainee completely by surprise.

For instance, in one scenario a frantic woman appears on the screen running towards the trainee and calling out to the officer to save her from a man seen in the background. The man is seen to pull a weapon from his coat just as the woman places her body between the trainee and the man with the gun. The trainee reacts, aiming his special laser-fitted Beretta at the background figure and firing.

Evaluation: Proper decision. Sgt. D'Elia then alters the scenario with a

(See F.A.T.S., page 5)

A Message from the President

X-Games Spotlight SFPD Can-do

By Chris Cunnie
SFPOA President

Summer, 1999: X-Games; Gay Freedom Day; Giants v. Dodgers; Street fairs; Fourth of July fireworks; Tall Ships parade. Those are a few of the special events that San Francisco police officers have covered this summer. Coming up are more street fairs, Columbus Day Parade, Fleet Week, 49er and Giants games, bicycle tours and marathons, various high-profile conventions and, last but not least, Y2K.

Let's not forget the planned and unplanned demonstrations, monthly escapades called Critical Mass, the August celebration of the SFPD Sesquicentennial, a multitude of construction projects, a spate of film production, and everyday, district-by-district police services.

Let's also factor in a critical personnel shortage and the on-going hiring blitz that can't keep up with retirement attrition. And what about the throes and travails of converting the entire report writing system over to UCS, and training the entire department in crowd control?

What's it all mean? It means that San Francisco police officers continue to serve the city in capacities unmatched by any other police department in the region, if not the entire state. Weekend after weekend, San Francisco officers will have days off cancelled, opt for over-time details, and work short-staffed regular shifts in order to meet the policing

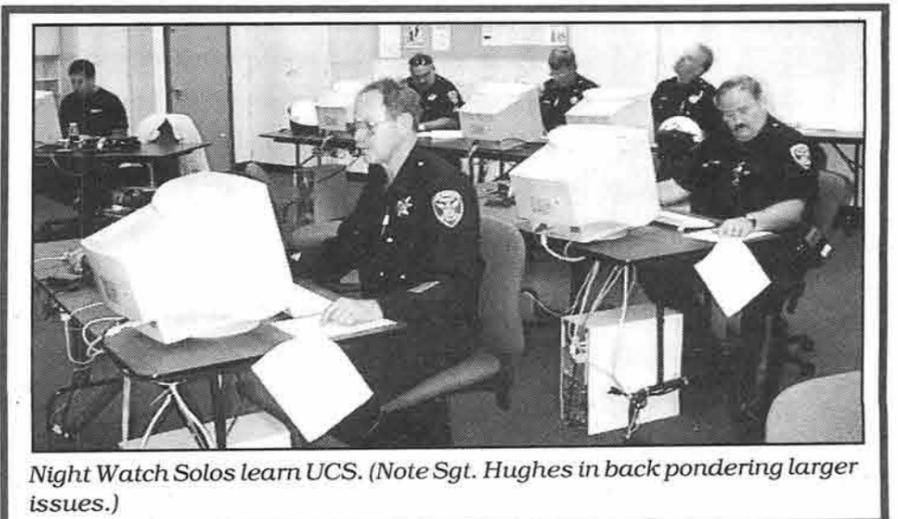
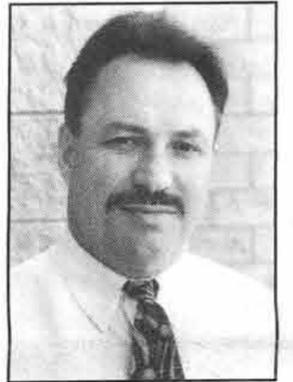
demands of San Francisco's residents and visitors.

As crime continues to drop, San Francisco officers continue to work their districts and details in the most dedicated and heroic ways. Every extra shift, each cancelled weekend is another lost soccer game, another unattended family picnic, another one-parent trip to Marine World without a mommy or daddy. As much as each officer sacrifices their private lives for San Franciscans, so too do the families and children of the officers.

A recent article in the San Francisco Examiner praised the success of the X-Games. The event organizers proclaimed the event so successful that they have already committed to returning next year. Much of that credit belongs to the officers who policed those various events. The planning, the logistics, the necessary think-on-your-feet contingencies are a direct result of this department's tradition of tolerance, ease of facilitation, and overall commitment to anything that benefits the business and image of this city.

It is an individual and collective

(See PRESIDENT, back page)



Night Watch Solos learn UCS. (Note Sgt. Hughes in back pondering larger issues.)

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 2:05 p.m. in the Conference room of Ingleside Station.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present Trustees Jeffery, Crosat, Kurpinsky and Fontana. Excused; Kemmitt. Also Present were Vice President Garrity, Treasure Sturken and Secretary Hurley. Also present Al Aguilar and past president and Secretary McKee.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING: Motion by Jeffery, seconded Kurpinsky that the minutes be approved as published. Motion Carried.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS, AND SUSPENSIONS. President Hardeman Dropped from our roles for non-payment of dues (six months) Robert Hartman, William Clarke. Also suspended for non-payment of dues (three months) David Gonzales and Cynitha Olge. New Member Robert Tayac. Motion Fontana, seconded by Garrity we accept our new member. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion Garrity, seconded Fontana. Motion Carried.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Election Committee chaired by Kemmitt made their report. Motion to Change and revise our Constitution results were counted by Ray and Mary Crosat, Bob Kurpinsky, Dave Fontana, Jim Sturken and Mark Hurley at the San Francisco Police Credit Union. At 10 AM June 2, 1999. The results were as follows. 942 members voted for the changes. 13 members voted no. President Hardeman expressed his thanks for all the work that went into the entire election process He also ordered the results made official and to hold all the ballots till the end of the year.

FIVE DEATHS WERE REPORTED THIS PAST MONTH;

FRANK FORENCICH Frank was born in San Francisco and lived on Bernal Heights. He attended Mission High School and when the war broke out Frank was ready to go and joined the Marine Corp. Frank distinguished himself in combat while serving with the famed Second Marine Division. Upon returning from overseas Frank worked as a Welder before entering the Police Academy in 1949. His first assignment saw him going to the Ingleside for a couple of years before seeing the big lights of Central, then back to Old Ingleside for ten years before he was promoted to the rank of Inspector. Frank was awarded many Captain's Comps. For his work at Ingleside and in the Bureau. He retired in 1976, but that did not keep him from his staying involved with the Retired Police Officers Assn. and the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Assn. where he served as president. Frank also served with Monsignor Heaney, Police Chaplain at the Apostleship of the Sea. Frank was a very proud man who kept going even as his health started to fail. Frank passed away in San Francisco at the age of 76.

JOSEPH A MENDIOLA Joseph was born in Mexico City, Mexico. He came to San Francisco and worked as a Welder before entering the Police Academy in 1949. His first assignment saw him going to Richmond. Then to Southern before making the Bureau and being assigned to Juvenile. Joe was awarded many Captain's Comps. all for the apprehension of armed robbery suspects. Also a Bronze Medal of Valor for his pursuit and arrest of a another armed robbery suspect. Joe retired to Sedona, Arizona where he passed away.

JOHN Q. MURPHY John was born in San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He worked as a Garage Helper before entering the Police Academy in 1953. His first assignment saw him going to Co. K (fixed post) then to Park Station before going to Communications. In 1960 John transferred over to the Fire Department where he served with One Truck (rescue) until his retirement from the Fire Department. He was 68.

GENEVIEVE BAYREUTHER: Born in Arcata, Calif. She came to San Francisco for her education at Mary's Help Hospital. When war was declared she served as an army nurse in the European Command. She served in a mobile hospital in England. After returning home to San Francisco she worked at SFGH as a nurse before entering the Police Academy in 1949. She was one of the original female police officers in our Department. Her first assignment saw her being assigned to the Juvenile Bureau. Where she was promoted to Inspector. She retired in 1971. Only to continue to work within the Juvenile system as a lecturer and consultant. She also was involved as a Founding member of the Emeritus College at the College of Marin, and with her work with Unwed mothers at St. Elizabeth's in San Francisco. She passed away in San Rafael at the age of 84.

EDWARD CLARK: Ed was born in Oakland, Calif. He moved to San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He attended Mission High School and then worked as a Streetcar Conductor before entering the Police Academy in 1943. Ed once told me that they needed him on the force to keep all the Sailors and Marines in tow. Ed's first assignment saw him at Park Station. Seven years later he made the big move to the Southern, where he stayed until his retirement in 1972. Ed was responsible for getting a lot of our current POA members involved in the Association. Ed served as our President in the Mid 60's. He also served as a past president of the Widows' and Orphans'. Ed gave up his suit and tie for a flowered shirt and was always on the move. He passed away in Reno, Nevada at 87.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES, The current value of our account \$9,106,640.00. The Trustees will be having a special meeting with the Bank of America later this evening for a thorough report.

ADJOURNMENT: President Hardeman set the next meeting for Wednesday July 21, 1999 at 2 p.m., Ingleside Station.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley,
Recording Secretary.

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Around The Department

by Al Casciato



... New Retirees:

This month we say good bye and good luck to the following Officers who officially retired. **Al Baldocchi, Howard Bergmark, Robert Cardinale, Terry Collins, Robbie Corley, Ralph Domer, John Fowlie, Jack Gleeson, Steve Gudelj, Reagan Howe, Bob Mahoney, Pete Maloney, Duane Otis, Earl Rochlin, Karl Strom, Steve Wilhelm,** and DA Investigator **Jackie Damato.** May you all have a long and enjoyable retirement...

...On-line:

Effective July 2, 1999 an on-line compensation manual was made available by Human Resources. To access the URL use www.ci.sf.ca.us/dhr or access ERD via e-mail at compensation@ci.sf.ca.us. If you have any suggestions on how to improve the web site contact **Janet Bosnich** at 557-4920 or let her know at the POA Golf Tournament on August 16 where she will be working as a volunteer...

...Credit Union:

DA Investigator **Mike Koppel** recently traveled to Greece where his son **Bryan**, 12, competed in a Soccer Tournament. Mike reports that the SF Police Credit Union ATM card worked every where they went, Athens — London — Paris — etc. In fact Mike says it worked so well that he spent a lot more than he had planned and the family had a great time...

...Birth:

Michael and Cristina Androvich, Ingelside Station, welcomed a new baby girl on May 16, 1999. **Marisa Anne Androvich** 6lbs. 13 oz. clocked in at Kaiser San Francisco at 0457 hours. Marisa joins Brother **Matthew** who arrived in March of '98. The entire family has spent some time relaxing at the Russian River and celebrating the new arrival — Retiree **Carl Decker** is ecstatic that he now has a granddaughter. Li'l **Renee** was born to **Gary and Michele Decker** at Fort Hood, Texas where Gary is stationed as a Staff Sgt. for the Army. Congratulations to all and our best wishes for future happiness and success...

...Building 606:

Most members have never visited building 606. But now that training for the millenium is in full swing virtually the entire department will have the opportunity to visit the facility. Curiously though, is the facility Ok? Why is it that when you ask for directions, you are told; "If by day follow the Haz Mat signs. If by night follow the glow." **Mulder**, where are you?...

...Speeders Galore:

On the night of June 11, 1999 Lt. **Al (Blackjack) Pardini** of the Tenderloin Task Force was patrolling the district admiring the good work of his troops. While on O'Farrell Street at 2150 hours he was passed by a speeding vehicle. Quickly affecting a traffic stop **Blackjack**, not wanting to bother any of the troops handling felonies wasted no time in citing the violator who we will call Mr. Doe. Shortly thereafter at 2225 hours another speeder zoomed by Al on Hyde Street this one with his lights off. Thinking this was a caper a stop was made. After an investigation it was determined that only traffic violations had occurred and that the violator was not running from another crime. Interestingly Al noted that this driver was another Mr. Doe having a birth date very close to the first Mr. Doe and a startling close resemblance. Could these two be brothers? When you tagged them both, why ask, and besides if they were related did they know each was zooming around the Tenderloin with no apparent business...

...Medical Alert:

The following are some matters, which I feel, are important to share with you. One member recently went to his HMO for a heart-related issue. The doctor did not want to send him for a particular test because it didn't appear necessary. The member on his own decided to go to the lab and pay for the test himself. The test was positive and the member is now seeing a specialist. Would another six months make a difference? — A retiree, who resides in New York, noticed that after changing health coverage his check continued to have deductions taken by the HSS System. After numerous calls and being placed on hold he contacted the POA who facilitated the process of correcting the deduction and securing a refund. — Another elderly city retiree needed dental care, which exceeded \$8000 out of pocket. Thanks to some helpful ladies at the Medicare Office some of the procedures will be covered as medical. — **The point being. Be aggressive with your health care and if you have a problem don't hesitate to contact your employee organization...**

...Sounds in the Night:

It was pointed out to me that several persons in the Hall of Justice leave a radio playing whenever their office is unoccupied. After listening to music emitting from one office during a weekend I asked the occu-

pant upon her return as to why. She explained that the sound of the radio keeps mice and rats from crawling around. She also points out that you should select a station that has a lot of variety because the creatures get used to sounds, like all news stations that repeat stories, and are then no longer frightened and make themselves at home...

...Computer Training:

Susan Nangle and **Christopher Hayes**, Mission Station, recently taught the report writing computer training class to a variety of senior (pre-computer age) officers. During their introduction Susan asked:

"Have you ever used a mouse?" To which **Abe Martinez**, Co.K, blurted out "No, but I can catch one." Setting the tone for a very enjoyable class. Kudos to all the report writing instructors who have made a potentially trying experience very pleasant and informative. Note: To Mt. View PD. Before you buy the UCS/TRW system let them work out the bugs. Seems that our techies are very frustrated...

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Cyber-question

What Gender Are Computers?

Submitted by Yvonne Huey
POA Office Staff

Both women and men were asked what gender would best designate computers:

WOMEN responded:

- Computers should be masculine:
1. In order to get their attention you have to turn them on.
 2. They have a lot of data but they are still clueless.
 3. Most of the time, THEY are the problem.
 4. As soon as you commit to one, you realize that if you waited a little longer you could have had a better model.

AND THE MEN responded:

- Computers should be female:
1. No one but the Creator understands their internal logic.
 2. The native language they use to communicate with other computers is incomprehensible to everyone else.
 3. Even your smallest mistakes are stored in long-term memory for later retrieval.
 4. As soon as you make a commitment to one, you find yourself spending half your paycheck on accessories.

3Com's Palm-pilot — Less is More

By Tom Feledy, Fraud
POA Tech Adviser

It's the size of a pack of playing cards, yet it can hold *thousands* of phone numbers, *years* worth of calendar data, more to-do lists than your significant other could ever dream up for you — and parts of the Penal Code, too, if you like. It's faster than a speeding bullet, and runs for months on just two AAA-batteries. It even has a built in calculator!

It's the Palm Pilot by 3Com, and you can get them now from \$150 to just over \$400, depending on the model you want, though they all work the same.

3Com's been doing more than just buying names for ballparks. A few years ago, they bought US Robotics, which a few years before that had bought a little company called Palm Computing. The rest, as they say, is history. Supposedly Apple tried to buy Palm, but failed. Too bad. It's what they wished their Newton had been. The Palm Pilot is the most successful handheld computer ever built. They sell *millions* each year.

I've used one since September 1996, when Palm came out with the "Professional" model then called the Pilot 5000. Although I've tried, I find it hard to do without one while I'm at work. Say goodbye to your rolodex, date book, and maybe even your notebook!

It helps to understand that the Pilot made to fit into your hand, hence the name "Palm". So, it's small, and since the display covers most of its face, it has no room for a keyboard. You tell it what you want by touching a "stylus" — or your finger, on the credit card-sized screen. The stylus is a 4" plastic rod that slides out of the device. You use it like a short pencil, writing characters on the screen, or poking at little symbols to tell the Pilot you want find something or do something with what you've found.

Now "finding" is what this gizmo is really good at. In *seconds*, it can find *any* word, in *any* record among literally *thousands*. It's the fastest Find I've ever seen in any handheld computer. And the word or partial word you're looking for can be *anywhere* in the record.

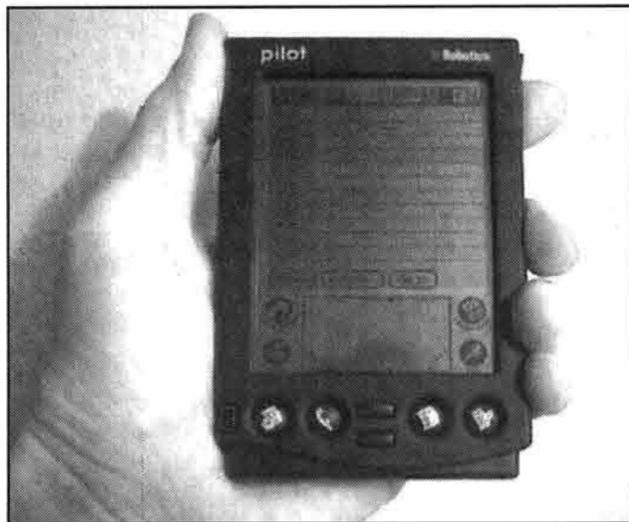
Let's say you get paged by someone, and all they leave is their extension, like

mine: "1530". You can quickly check to see if this is someone you know, just by doing a Find on the partial telephone number you got off your pager. The answer comes up almost as fast as you can say "Find", in a note you left yourself, a phone list entry, or an appointment you made where you entered this number — anywhere, and everywhere that number appears. You might have made the note *two years ago* — the Pilot will find it.

The Palm Pilot is also great at keeping track of what you did. For example, you're not sure if it's time again for your 6-month dental checkup. Just do a find on "Dentist", and up pop a list of all your dental appointments, past, present and future, as well as the listing for your dentist's number.

Tired of missing your spouse's anniversary? Just make a "repeating" calendar entry, and be reminded automatically, with an alarm several days in advance, if you like. For payroll purposes, use it to track overtime worked, time off and SP used.

Now in case you think you're going to have to enter all your telephone numbers, appointments, and things to do with that little plastic dingus — don't worry! The Palm Pilot comes with one of the best desktop pro-



grams I've seen, and a way to connect ("Hotsync") it to your PC or Mac that is truly a "no-brainer".

You may have heard about some of the other palm-sized devices out there — ones that run Windows CE. Let me say if you like Windows 95, you'll love Windows CE. :-)

If you don't believe me, read what the Examiner's James Coates said in his "Ask Jim" column: "In this somewhat weary reviewer's opinion, the Palms have proved far more reliable than any number of Windows CE devices that I have tested and that have either been crash-prone or simply broken down in a mechanical way. By contrast, the Palms have withstood all the licking I could give them and kept right on ticking."

And for those attracted to the color screens on competing products like the Casio E100, reflect on this: the Palm Pilot runs for about 2 months on the same batteries. The Casio, with its pretty color screen, lasts only 6 hours.

Finally, because the Palm Pilot has been around a few years, there is a *ton* of downloadable software out there, and numerous web sites to visit (see below). Some of the software, like the star-charting programs, are truly amazing, when you consider that a few years ago, stuff like that wasn't even available for desktop PC's!

Here are just a few of the websites devoted to Palm Pilots, their software, and accessories.

- www.palmpilot.3com.com (the official company site — has mailing list)
- www.palm.com/macintosh/index.html (for Mac users, free latest Hotsync software)
- www.pilotzone.com (software, hardware, and accessories)
- www.pilotgear.com (same, with good mailing list)
- www.starpilot.com (star-charting software)
- www.landware.com (software & accessories, including Pocket Quicken)
- www.the-gadgeteer.com (reviews of Pilot models)
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Believe me, I've tried almost every pocket gadget there is, from Sharp, Psion, Newton, Poquet, and Casio. The Palm Pilot takes the prize for simplicity, speed, and reliability.

If you have Palm Pilot insights to share or questions about this article, email me: Tom@sfpoa.org.

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few touches of a keyboard, then re-plays what appears to the trainee as seemingly the same video. But this time, as the frantic woman moves toward the trainee, she suddenly pulls a knife from her waistband and stabs at the trainee, who had not yet drawn a weapon.

Evaluation: Bad decision.

The use of an officer's pistol is not the only decision a trainee must make. In a FATS scenario, the officer must decide many things within a few short moments. The use of the sidearm is but one — albeit often the ultimate — weapon at their disposal. In order to simulate actual field situations as closely as possible, all FATS trainees have at their disposal a la-



F.A.T.S. equipment, clockwise from top: Laser-pepper spray, 26" Baton, Laser-Beretta clips, belt-worn air pack and Laser-Beretta.

course. This provides an insight into the stress and split-second decision making skills never before appreciated by non-police personnel. The standard FATS-3 course is about one hour in length, but an extended 10 hour "Officer-involved Shooting Incident Seminar" is available at the academy several times per year.

The officers who have experienced FATS-3 seem to appreciate the training and value the lessons it provides. A survey of the hundreds of officers and civilians who have been put through the course tells it all: 74% of those said the training has enhanced their knowledge of the department policy and



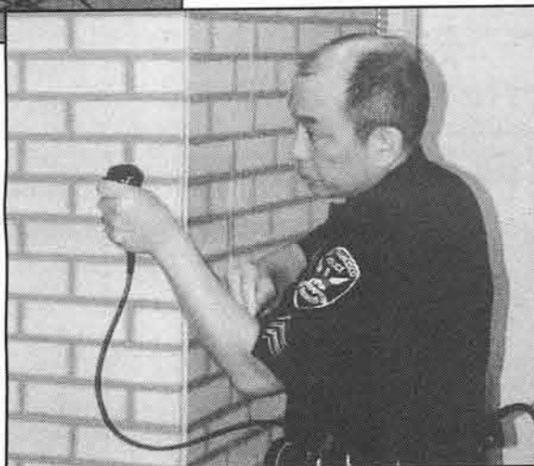
Sgt. Jones Wong shoots F.A.T.S.-3.

ser-rigged canister of pepper spray, a 26" baton, and a laser-activated Beretta pistol. Any or all of these weapons may come into play in a video scenario. It is the mental process involved in deciding which weapon to deploy that is at the core of all FATS training.

At the conclusion of each video, Sgt. D'Elia can replay it for review. In replay mode, it is possible for the trainee to see everywhere on the screen that he had pointed the muzzle of his weapon, as well as where each round fired, hit the screen. Red dots indicate a "miss", yellow a "wounding", and green a "mortal" hit. Many trainees are surprised to see where their muzzle had been pointed, especially when it targets an innocent person, a child, or their own inter-active partner.

This latest version of FATS also has a "shoot-back" option. That is a LED activated sensor that each trainee wears that is activated whenever the officer has not achieved the proper cover. Taking cover is another of those critical decisions that FATS is designed to provide to the trainee.

Besides San Francisco police officers, members of the city attorney's office, the OCC, and POA legal staff have also been put through the



Sgt. Wong shoots Laser-Pepper spray

procedures in regard to use of force and deadly weapons; 77% said that the course trained them to give better and more effective verbal commands; 87% said that they were better prepared and capable of using more appropriate tactics in use-of-force situations.

If you have the opportunity to attend a FATS-3 training session don't pass it up. It is some of the best and most job-related training you will ever receive. It is training that might save your life, or the life of an innocent party.

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CyberNews

By Glenn Sylvester
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Backup continued:

OK, after reading my last article and before it's too late, you decide that you should invest in a backup device of some sort. Having tons of labeled floppies (if you labeled them), just doesn't seem to cut it. What can you do? There are a few questions that must be answered before investing in a back up device.

1) How much data do I need to backup?

Most likely, at the start you will be backing up all your applications (programs) and, later on, your data files. You need to ascertain just how much data resides on your hard drive. In windows, double click on "My Computer", right click on your "C" drive and chose "properties". This should give you a nice graphical display of how big the hard drive is and how much is used. If you have additional partitions (extra drives), right click on each one of them and write down the figures. Bet you didn't know you had extra partitions. (For all those lucky ones).

On the Mac, you should be able to obtain this same information by clicking on the hard drive icon and taking note of the stats displayed.

Be cognizant if you have external SCSI hard drives attached to your system.

2) Internal/External Tape Backup

Unless you know someone who can open your computer and install an internal device, or you can do it yourself, consider the External option. Most internal devices are either SCSI, IDE, and/or equipped with it's own card for parallel configurations. With newer SCSI, you can daisy chain up to 15 devices, 7 devices with the earlier systems. With IDE, the maximum is 4, parallel is 2 devices. Then there is cabling and power considerations. At least with the External devices, they utilize their own separate power and can be easily hooked up to your existing parallel port (printer).



Backup Tapes use "Streaming" technology. This means data is stored in a stream, right in line back to back. Upon reaching the end of the tape, it has to rewind to the start and begin writing to the next track. This is what makes it slow. The faster devices are in this order, SCSI, IDE, Parallel, Floppy (slowest). Backing up 2 gigabytes of data using a Floppy interface may take as much as 4 hours. Of course you need not sit and watch the backup, the beauty of using a tape is that you can walk away and come back later. This is much better than having to change reels!

Then there is matter of compression. Tape devices allow the use of compression to squeeze more data on tape. Based on the capacity of the tape device and tape you are using, you can increase its capacity. Again, this takes more time. Compressed files with have to be de-compressed when restored to the hard drive. I would recommend backing up files in the "native" mode. This is faster and may require extra tapes. Again, this is dependant on how much data you are backing up. If you are backing up 100 megabytes on a 1 gigabyte tape, you will need only one tape in compressed or native mode. 1 gigabyte on a 1 gigabyte tape will require two tapes in "native" mode, yet only 1 tape in compressed mode. Some files can not be compressed and that's another story.

Looks like I'm out of space. More on Tape Devices and Backups next month. Happy computing!

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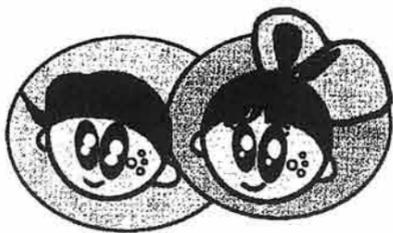
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Emergency Numbers for Your Cellular Phone

By Tom Feledy, Fraud

A few months ago, I published a list of numbers to use with your cellphone so you wouldn't have to dial 9-1-1. The numbers I listed were for San Francisco and the Peninsula, but now, thanks to Assistant DA Jerry Coleman, we have numbers for the North Bay as well.

Below are the 7-digit numbers that dial directly to the emergency dispatch center of whatever town in which you happen to find yourself. You can find these 7-digit emergency numbers in your local phone book, in the Government pages under "Police, Fire, Ambulance", where the listing says "Dial 9-1-1, or xxx-xxxx".

All jurisdictions are required to have a 7-digit equivalent to 9-1-1, so you can reach their emergency dispatchers via a regular telephone number. Calling this number from a cellphone is much faster than calling 9-1-1, because your call goes directly to the emergency dispatch center in that locality — instead of CHP's Vallejo Center, where you will inevitably be put on hold - only to be transferred back to one of these local numbers anyway! Calling one of these numbers is just like dialing 9-1-1 on a pay phone in that town, except that you'll have to tell the dispatcher your location and telephone number, because it won't show automatically on their screen, like with E911 service.

Emergency Cellphone Numbers

Freeway Emergencies	9-1-1
San Francisco	1-415-553-8090
Peninsula	
Burlingame	1-650-692-0310
Belmont	1-650-595-7400
Colma	1-650-997-8320
Daly City	1-650-992-1225
Foster City	1-650-573-3333
Hillsborough	1-650-579-3838
Half Moon Bay	1-650-726-2211
Menlo Park	1-650-325-4424
Millbrae	1-650-697-1212
Pacifica	1-650-355-4151
Redwood City	1-650-369-3331
San Bruno	1-650-877-8989
San Carlos	1-650-592-2222
San Mateo	1-650-377-4500
South San Francisco	1-650-873-3333
North Bay	
Marin County Sheriff	1-415-479-2311
Santa Rosa	1-707-528-5222
Belvedere, Ross, & Tiburon	1-415-435-7360
Corte Madera & Larkspur	1-415-924-2405
Fairfax	1-415-453-5330
Mill Valley	1-415-389-4170
Novato	1-415-897-1122
San Anselmo	1-415-258-4610
San Rafael	1-415-485-3393
Sausalito	1-415-289-4141

Program these numbers into your cellphone, carry them around in your pocket or glove compartment, or tape them to the back of your cellphone — anything to avoid having to dial 9-1-1 on your cellphone - unless, of course, you're reporting a problem that's actually on the freeway. The best course is to program these numbers into your phone, so you don't have to fumble around when an actual emergency occurs.

For all active duty members, note the 7-digit number for San Francisco. I recommend that you *memorize* this number anytime you carry a cellphone while you're on duty in the City.

Long Distance? In February, 1999, Cellular One changed their service to require all "long-distance" cellular calls to be preceded with a "1", just like regular long-distance phone calls. I don't know why this changed, since I believe GTE and other cellular services still work without the "1". Anyway, if you're programming your phone, test this "feature" and remember to include a "1" before the area code. If you fail to do so when required, Cell One gives you a cryptic recording "Your call cannot be completed as dialed. Please check the number and dial again." This can be just as upsetting as CHP's recording when you're trying to get emergency help for someone. I wish someone at Cell One would fix this.

If you have numbers you'd like me to add to this list, send them to me at Tom@sfpoa.org, or at Fraud).

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Congrats To The Grads

By Mark Hawthorne

Recently, a special class of Master's candidates completed their course work and studies at Golden Gate University. As is the tradition this time of year, graduates are receiving their sheepskin and moving onward with their lives. The group pictured here is no exception although they may be exceptional. The group consisted of all full time members of the Criminal Justice system, Police, Probation, and Sheriff personnel.

They began their studies in the Fall of 1996 as a cohort and shared special occasions such as celebrating the birth of Kevin Mannix, enduring promotional processes, celebrating the publishing of a book by one of their colleagues and downright studying their tails off to complete the rigors of the coursework.

The members of the cohort also

did something that has not been done before, taking part in a cohort group of graduates pursuing their Master's Degree in Public Administration, the first and only program of its type offered by Golden Gate University. Each class consisted of five eight-hour sessions on Saturdays. Multiply that by thirteen classes, and that's many Saturdays devoted to scholastics. A test of endurance one might say. The classes were long, trying, educational, and provided each candidate the opportunity to test the strength of their inner resolve. Thankfully, all candidates were successful in the endeavor. To all of the recipients of their Master's, congratulations on a job well done. We can rest assured you have paved the way for other members of the department and of the Criminal Justice system to pursue their educational desires.

\$1.5 million for new hires

Pelosi Announces Grant for SFPD

Representative Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) announced a \$1.5 million grant from the U.S. Justice Department's Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) program for the San Francisco Police Department. Pelosi said, "This grant will have a direct impact on helping the San Francisco Police Department reduce crime in our city. It constitutes the federal share for the support of 20 additional

police officers for the next 3 years." Pelosi added, "I commend the Clinton Administration for creating the innovative programs that allow for increased community policing and safer streets." Funding under the COPS Universal Hiring Program (UHP) are designed to cover up to 75% of the total annual salary and benefits of each new officer, up to a maximum of \$75,000 per officer.

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By Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer
Certified Financial Planner

On Saturday, June 19, 1999 a 4-hour seminar was held at the POA. In attendance were 40 members interested in learning how to build a deferred compensation portfolio and how to maximize their withdrawal at retirement time.

Janus Mutual Fund Group

Chris Dunne gave a general overview of Janus' view pertaining to equity markets. He pointed out that since 1915 there had been 93 market corrections in which there has been a 10% dip in stock market prices from their previous high; a dip has occurred approximately every 12 months. He further pointed out that since 1946 there had been 22 bear markets wherein equity prices have dipped 20% from their previous high. While he was not predicting a bear market, he did point out that markets are both rewarding as well as volatile.

His description of the money managers at Janus Funds caught the attention of all the attendees. Their money managers have **all** their investment moneys in Janus funds. The managers own part of the company and are there for the long term; Janus has a very, very low manager/analyst/staff turnover as a result of this policy wherein ownership follows performance. At Janus, everything is done first and foremost for the shareholders.

Mr. Dunne then briefly spoke about the three Janus funds which are offered through the Aetna Deferred Compensation Program. These funds, (20 Fund, Worldwide Fund, and Balance Fund) have all done exceptionally well. In my judgment, they are amongst the best offered through our deferred compensation program and deserve consideration, as ap-



Chris Dunne addresses POA seminar

propriate, for every deferred comp account.

The **Janus 20 Fund** remains one of the top performing mutual funds. For the 6-month period ending April 30, 1999, the fund had posted a 52.52% gain beating its comparative index, the S & P 500, which returned 22.31%. This performance ranks it number 8 out of 254 capital appreciation funds tracked by Lipper, a leading mutual fund rating company. America on Line, Microsoft and Cisco Systems remain its top three holding. Its top five industries are internet software, computers, drugs, telecommunications equipment, and computer software.

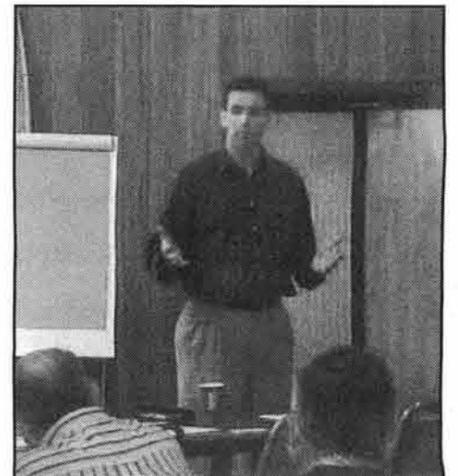
The **Janus Balance Fund** has returned 22.66% for the 6-month period ending April 30, 1999, while the S & P Index has gained 22.31% and the Lehman Brothers Government/Corporate Bond Index has declined by .12%. These results helped this fund achieve a 7th place out of 422 balance funds ranked by the Lipper Rating Service. This fund is presently invested in equities (31%) high yield corporate bonds (25.2%), preferred stocks (15.1%), investment

grade corporate bonds (18.3%), and US treasury notes (7.5%). Its top five equity industries are: Cablevision, Multimedia, Intergrated Electric, Telecommunication Services, and Finance. This fund, combining equities, bonds, and cash equivalents, has been an outstanding performer. Its objective is to produce high total return consistent with the use of bonds and cash equivalents to moderate market risks and volatility.

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ational Funds. He further reviewed the brokerage account, currently available, which allows members access to an additional 450 mutual funds. Gary noted that there is incredible interest amongst the City's participants, in the Janus 20 Fund, following its blockbuster performance in 1998 when its total return was nearly 80%. He urged both caution and diversification with particular attention to each participant's time horizon and risk tolerance.

Gary concluded by indicating that he welcomes questions by Police Department members and very much enjoys helping them put together a suitable deferred compensation port-



Chris Dunne, Institutional Client Relationship Manager for the Janus Mutual Fund Group

folio. Gary is located a #1 Front Street, Suite #950 in downtown San Francisco. His phone number is: 415/364-2000. He also noted that Aetna has particularized its web site for the San Francisco account; that web site is: www.Aetna.com/ars/custom/sanfran.

Peter Belardinelli opened his presentation with a general review of retirement planning principles. He noted that deferred compensation is just one piece of the retirement planning puzzle. He urged the participants to consider all their sources, such as the CCSF pension, deferred compensation, social security (if eligible), mutual funds, IRA's as well as other savings and investment sources.

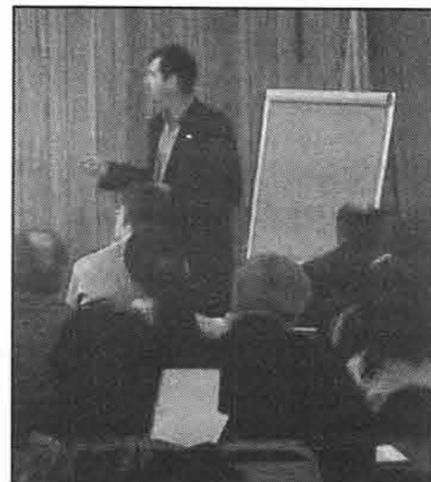
He urged participants to take advantage of the "catch up" provision whereby unused deferrals from prior years may be used during the 3 years prior to normal retirement age. He stressed that the catch up cannot be used during the final year of employment. The catch up allows deferrals to be increased from a maximum of \$8,000 per year to \$15,000 annually for a 3-year period.

The Internal Revenue Services requires that distribution must begin either at age 70-1/2 or at retirement, whichever is later. Once a payment begins, the option selected is irrevocable.

Distribution Options

Peter discussed the various distribution options available which are: lump sum, annuity pay outs, systematic withdrawal option, estate conservation option, deferral of pay out to a later date, or a combination of all the above.

Annuities provide a lifetime income for the participant as well as a designated beneficiary. They provide an income stream wherein an in-



Peter Belardinelli, Aetna Field Manager

the 6-month period ending April 30, 1999, it gained 24.1%, out performing its benchmark, the Morgan Stanley Capitol International World Index which rose 17.29%, placing it 28th out of 229 global funds tracked by the Lipper Mutual Fund Rating Service. Its top five countries are: United States (38%), United Kingdom (8%), Japan (7.5%), Netherlands (7.7%), and France (6%). Amongst its top ten equity holdings are: Cisco Systems, Tyco International, Microsoft, and AT&T. This fund's manager, Helen Young Hayes, believes that there should be continued growth in the United States and Europe along with brighter prospects in Asia and the emerging markets.

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The Retirement Planning Seminar continued with presentations by Gary Bozin, our Police Department representative and Peter Belardinelli, Regional Manager. Gary asked the participants to complete a financial self-assessment to guide each participant in determining the range of portfolios that were suitable for their investment risk tolerance. Gary presented model portfolios and spoke in depth, about several of the current Aetna offerings including the Janus Aspen Series and the Aetna Institu-

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come source would not be outlived. Most unfortunately, though, California has a one time premium tax of 2.35% that applies when an annuity option is selected. Peter stated that the most popular annuity selected by CCSF participants was the joint and survivor annuity wherein there was a guaranteed payment for the lives of the participant and the beneficiary. He also indicated that the life annuity with a period certain was very popular wherein the participant was guaranteed payments for lifetime with a minimum guaranteed (5 to 30 years). With the systematic withdraw option, a participant can select a specified amount or a specified period within which to take withdrawals. While the systematic withdrawal operation is in place, the participant can make investment option transfers. Since this is not an annuity option, the California premium tax is not applicable.

Distribution Selection

Peter presented a deferred compensation plan distribution worksheet as well as a review of pay out illustrations. He concluded by emphasizing that the deferred compensation distribution selection is as important as the accumulation decision. He urged participants to consider all their options.

I must concur with Peter that the distribution selection is at least as important as accumulation decisions and certainly grows more important as each participant approaches that decision. I also urge all persons ap-

proaching this decision to carefully consider the twin devils of loss of earning power through inflation as well as loss of capitol through market volatility. I urge those considering distribution to look at combining the various options that Aetna offers so as to protect one's supplemental retirement fund from the ravishes of both inflation and market volatility. This can be done with a mixture of the withdraw options that provide for guaranteed payments as well as variable payments (variable annuity or systematic withdraw) which allows a participant to continue to have money working in the stock market thereby protecting against the ravishes of inflation while also having a guaranteed fixed monthly payment protecting against market volatility.

Next Seminars

It is anticipated that the Police Officers' Association will repeat this most valuable planning seminar in the Fall of 1999. Advance notice will be provided by POA Notebook editor Ray Shine. Special thanks to Ray for this June presentation.

It is also anticipated that the **3-day retirement planning seminar** at the Embassy Suites in Burlingame will occur on October 25, 26, 27, 1999. This seminar is opened to police officers and their spouses/partners who are eligible for retirement (25 years of service and age 50). More information will be forthcoming on this well attended 3-day planning seminar.

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RE: RETIREMENT PLANNING SEMINARS

Dear Chief Lau:

Since 1985 the San Francisco Police Officers' Association has co-sponsored with the Department the semi-annual retirement planning seminars to better prepare our members for their retirement years. These seminars were conceived, planned, and coordinated by Gino Marionetti and Michael Sugrue. Both are now deceased.

The Association wishes to continue its long tradition of co-sponsoring these very valuable seminars. To that end, I have asked the POA welfare officer Mike Hebel to coordinate on behalf of the POA.

At its meeting of June 15, 1999 the POA's Board of Directors passed the resolution urging that these retirement planning seminars, in the future, be titled "The Gino Marionetti and Michael Sugrue Memorial Seminar Program."

I trust that the Department would concur in this most deserved designation.

Sincerely,
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Suspect arrested for assault on officers

Bayview Officers Go 2-for-2 In Use of Spike Strip

By Ray Shine

For the second time in as many months, San Francisco police officers successfully stopped a fleeing vehicle by deploying a spike strip to deflate its tires. The Bayview District incident occurred on June 17, 1999 at 2112 hours, and involved another textbook example of teamwork, clear thinking, and logistics.

The chase began when Bayview Officers Kelly Paul and Eric Peterson attempted to make a traffic stop at 25th and Cesar Chavez streets on a vehicle being operated by an assault suspect. Rather than pulling to the side of the road, the driver took off, wheeling his 1982 Toyota through several police districts, and breaking numerous traffic laws in his attempt to shake the pursuing patrol car.

While the chase wound about the area of Potrero Hill, Sergeants Bob Guillermo and Joe Buono were closely monitoring the pursuit on the police radio inside their patrol car. As the fleeing vehicle was headed toward the old shipyards on Illinois Street, Guillermo and Buono positioned themselves for the spike strip deployment.

A moment later the swerving car came toward them as they stood in the street at 22nd and Illinois. Guillermo was poised with the rolled spike strip, Buono standing by to call

the shot. It was then that the erratic vehicle turned and headed straight for Buono.

Sergeant Buono feared for his life. He stepped back toward the curb, but the vehicle only followed his retreat. Buono had little choice. He drew his service weapon and called out a warning to the approaching driver. His call went unheeded, but rather than fire Buono sprang back further just as the vehicle drove within a few feet of his position.

The car then turned sharply toward Guillermo, and nearly struck him as it sped by, but not before the tires rolled across the deployed spike strip and deflated within seconds. The driver managed to wheel down to 16th and Illinois on bare wheels before he pulled up and was taken into custody by pursuing officers.

Despite the close call experienced by Sergeants Buono and Guillermo, no officers or citizens were injured in this incident. The credit goes to the training and experience of the officers and their supervisors, as well as to a cool-headed dispatcher.

The successful deployment of a spike strip is as much art as it is science. It requires a logistical plan based upon the officers' familiarity with the district, and relies on constant communication between all those involved.

This incident may have been most succinctly summed up on SFPD form #436, the Vehicle Pursuit Summary, submitted by Sergeant Guillermo immediately following the incident. It is a dramatic — albeit understated — recap of the long and complex event. In part, it reads as follows:

- Did any vehicle collisions occur? *The answer checked: No.*
- Was pursued vehicle involved in a collision? *The answer checked: No.*
- Was the primary pursuit vehicle involved in a collision? *The answer checked: No.*
- Was any other police unit involved in a collision? *The answer checked: No.*
- Was an arrest made? *The answer checked: Yes.*

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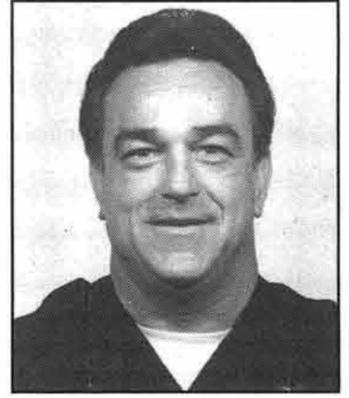
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Al Perini

By Willis Garriott



Late last month, I lost a long-time friend and colleague, a man so memorable and unique that I don't think I will ever meet his equal again. His name was Al Perini, and this modest note is my public tribute to his life and career.

Most of you already know — or know of — Al. His reputation as a police officer, and his legend as a cop, are intertwined legacies of a man who lived life large, loved long, and laughed much — at himself, and at the foibles of life here in the city to which he was so dedicated.

Of course, like all men of conviction, Al was devoted to his family — the roots of his success in life. In Al's case, that would be his beloved wife, Marilyn, his son and daughters, and other siblings and in-laws too numerous to mention. But like his friends, none of those in his family ever wanted for a lack of companionship or comfort from their husband, father, brother, or friend.

Al's other big love in life was, of course, the Police Department. No one I have ever met or worked with in the department had as much pride and passion about being a San Francisco police officer. No one. And he was one of the best. A man made to wear the uniform. A man respectful of the spirit of policy and procedure, yet the best there ever was at bending and manipulating the letter of the rule.

He possessed a natural ability to lead — through respect and example. He forgot no favors, forgave all, and favored none. His nickname, "Sergeant Al, the patrolman's Pal." was the most appropriate moniker ever bestowed upon a boss by an admiring crew of subordinates and peers. It was

a tag he cherished, a testament he appreciated above all formal honors ever bestowed on him by the department.

Al's most favorite assignments were Central Station, and the Solo's. The greatest portion of his 31-year career was at Co. A. He looked forward every watch to going downtown to the Bright Lights. I don't believe he considered it a job at all. Being a police officer was not *work* in Al's eyes, it was a privilege. No other community in San Francisco reaped the benefits of Al's passion for that more than North Beach, Broadway, Chinatown, or the depths of the Tenderloin.

I could write pages of Al Perini stories, as many can. I could tell you about a friend and fellow officer, regale you with humorous anecdotes of a funny, inventive soul, or pause you with a poignant glimpse of a tough guy capable of the most genuine charity and compassion.

And yes, there are Al Perini stories I will never tell. Tales of the "inner sanctum," cherished memories that I will keep forever. Al had a blind faith in friends and friendship that I will never betray.

His passing leaves a huge hole in the hearts of all who were his friends and family. The department has seen the passing of a legend. The city has lost a hero. We would all do well to remember that . . .

But then again, which of us who knew him could ever forget?

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Graduate

By Daniel Hampton

WOW! Where did time go? My daughter graduated from Mercy Burlingame, June 1999. I can't believe it. She is well prepared to go to college. She signed up already with a local junior college and is registered with 15 units.

She could have easily qualified for a U.C. or a State University, but chose a J.C. She was advised by her cousins to attend a junior college first, and then transfer to a U.C. or State University as a Junior. One of her cousins, who went directly to a U.C. campus told her that if she had to do it all over again she would have chosen a J.C. She explained that the cost and debt incurred at the U.C. for the first two years could easily have been avoided if she had attended a J.C.

Of course, graduates with the support of their families, should decide which college would best suit them with regard to their desired major and minor degrees. Both my children attended a private school for their primary education. I was able to afford a private school for my daughter's secondary education. I know college will be a breeze for her because both private schools have prepared her for the challenge.

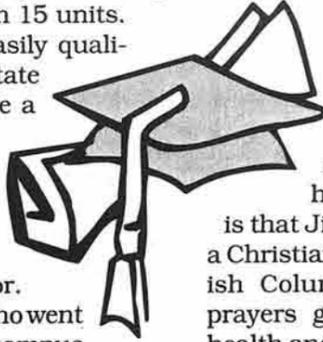
If you can afford private education for your children, you won't regret it. Save approximately \$200.00 per pay stub for each child starting at their birth. You should have enough money in advance each year to pay for their private secondary education.

This amount will not pay for their college education. I suggest you go to the credit union and see a financial counselor about an annuity for your children's college education. For private colleges, which are quite expensive, you'll have to start the annuity at or before their birth. If you haven't saved for your children's education, it's best to send them to public schools. I don't recommend going into debt for private education.

Whether your children attend private or public schools, stay involved to make sure they are appropriately challenged and encouraged by their

teachers. With your help and support, your children will be prepared when it comes time to move on to college.

At our June luncheon over 40 people attended. Shawn Chase gave a great testimony of how God worked in his life. He almost went through a divorce, but by rededicating his life to Jesus Christ and the Lord's teachings, his marriage was saved. Mike Chase was on hand to hear his son's testimony. Mike told me that he recently rededicated his life to Christ, and now, he tells his friends that they should too. Those attending said they enjoyed hearing what Shawn had to say. It was so relevant to their lives.



Lieutenant James Speros gave me some sad and good news. The sad news was that his mother had a stroke. The good news is that Jim is soon to be married to a Christian Lady who resides in British Columbia, Canada. Jim, our prayers go out for your mother's health and for your happiness in the near future.

Our next guest speaker for our August 11th luncheon will be Reverend Ronald L. Harlow, Sr. Ron has worked at the Airport Bureau for over six years as a Police Services Aide. He is well respected by all at the Airport Bureau and has ministered to our members there. Let's break bread and have fellowship with the many officers who will attend from the Airport Bureau. Let's show Ron and our fellow officers at the Airport Bureau that we are one family. Watch for Ron's flyer.

Summer is upon us. You owe your spouse, children, and yourself a vacation. My parents would always make sure we had a summer vacation away from it all. We weren't rich but we had plenty of food on the table and great summer vacations. Vacations don't have to be expensive. The idea is to get away with the family, interact, communicate, and enjoy some fun with each other. We would visit relatives in the State and out of State. Many relatives would open their homes for us to stay.

My Dad would make sure that he brought enough funds to buy the food and help prepare the meals if we stayed at relatives' homes. It's great visiting with aunts, uncles, and cousins at different locations. We all grew close and developed lasting friendships. This July we'll pack up and go to Yreka for a family reunion and on to Oregon to visit friends. Hope you'll be doing the same.

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Ron is a guy we can all relate with. He has also ministered to members at the Airport Bureau and is respected by all. Many members from the Airport Bureau will be attending this luncheon to hear the spiritual truths Ron will share with us. They are part of our family in the S.F.P.D. Let's show our support and fellowship by attending!

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Officer safety update

**The 'Flesh-Eating Virus:'
Fact or Fiction?**

By Ron McGlashan
SFPD Office of Public Affairs

In the past short period of time, there has been a lot of press attention on the topic of the "flesh-eating virus" which invaded the emergency room of the San Francisco General. It is important that we sort the facts from the fantasy, here and now.

First and foremost, it is important to know that this is not a virus but rather an organism. According to Dr. Joanne Whitney, a Professor of Pharmacology, "This type of organism is not all that uncommon. This organism is found in common soil." Whitney continued, "We see periodic dusters of this infection and the scenario painted by the press describes its manifestations."

According to sources at the Department of Public Health, the five infected cases admitted to San Francisco General shared one common trait; they were all mainline drug users. Four of the patients had been using black tar heroine.

Before I get ahead of myself, it is important that you know that police officers are at very, very low risk of developing a problem by mere contact with an infected person. Public Health sources inform us that you have to have an open wound in order to play host to the infection, and there would have to also be the means of injection

The staff at San Francisco General has seen it all when it comes to unusual infections. In these most recent cases, all five patients were admitted showing the same symptoms, which raised the brow of the medical staff as the patients reached the triage area.

All five victims had large open sores on various parts of the body to include the forearm, or inject site. The open areas had rapidly grown in size over a short period of time. Doctors noticed that there was extensive lymph node swelling in the underarm, neck and groin area. Blood chemistries and serology tests confirmed that this was a flesh-eating bacteria known as Myonecrosis. The tests indicated that the infection was systemic, which means the entire system of each patient was infected.

Dr. Thomas Aragon of the Department of Public Health states, "In this case we used antibiotics in an attempt to treat the infection, coupled with surgical removal of the dead tissue. Myonecrosis means just that, dead tissue," said Aragon.

Medical sources claim that in the early stages of this infection, the use of antibiotics and removal of the dead tissue can arrest the problem, but in some recent cases, the infection was far too advanced. Two women patients have recently died because of

gas gangrene, which is the final phase of the infection.

Paramedics claim that when two of the women were retrieved from a residence of the Mission area, there was a rooster in the apartment of the women. There was a rooster feces, bags of black tar heroine, and other assorted drug related items all over the apartment. It is speculated that this may explain the source of contamination, but this is pure speculation according to medical sources.

Dr. Aragon and the staff of the Infectious Disease Unit of the Department of Public Health have the same concern, "Ulcers and open soars are common amongst the i.v. drug user because of poor sterile practices," said Aragon. "Our main concern is that other users would ignore an open sore that grows in size which is the warning shot with this type of organism."

Dr. Whitney sums up her opinion this way. "This is the sort of thing that happens when you do stupid things to your body. There is nothing here that surprises me at all. The patents all i.v. users. The rooster running around the apartment, I have to admit, adds a little zest to an otherwise uneventful visit by the paramedics."

There have been no new cases of Myonecrosis seen in the City and County since the admission of the five cases at San Francisco General. The three remaining patients are not responding to antibiotics and surgical removal has been performed extensively in all cases. The Department of Public Health has issued bulletins all over the city which warn i.v. users of the dangers of this malady. The following is information is posted throughout the city:

1. Sudden onset of redness, pain, warmth, swelling or numbness in the area of injection or contamination.

2. It may look like an abscess or cellulitis, but ooze a brown to blood tinged watery discharge.

3. The surrounding tissue may look initially pale, then dusky, and finally deeply discolored, even black.

4. Left untreated it will lead to amputation, shock, coma, or even DEATH.

This article may seem like a horror story to the average reader. To the seasoned officer who is familiar with the ways of the drug culture, this is old news. Just remember to glove up when you have physical contact with drug users. Safely dispose of the gloves and wash your hands immediately. In the event of a needle stick, secure the syringe and follow through with the standard protocol. The flesh-eating bacteria may be the least of your worries, but is my job to keep you informed.

Legal update

405a P.C.— Lynching

Briefed by Mike Paganini, SFPD

In re Anthony J.
Court # A080758
Cite as 99 C.D.-O.S. 4728
First Appellate District
Filed June 15, 1999

QUESTION: Can a person who takes part in a riot leading to his/her escape from the custody of a peace officer be convicted of his/her own lynching?

ANSWER: YES

FACTS: Anthony J. was arrested by police officers on a warrant for auto theft. The officers succeeded in handcuffing Anthony, though he struggled with them and repeatedly yelled for assistance to a large crowd that eventually numbered two or three hundred people. After being handcuffed, Anthony continued his attempts to break away and also continued to request assistance from the large crowd. The crowd finally charged the officers and pulled Anthony away. Anthony fled, still handcuffed, and eluded immediate capture.

DISCUSSION: The San Francisco Juvenile Court upheld allegations charging Anthony with resisting arrest, lynching, ADW on an officer, assault, and petty theft. On appeal, Anthony challenged only the lynching charge and contended that a person who takes part in a riot leading to his own escape from police custody cannot be convicted of his own lynching.

RULING: The Appellate Court noted that Penal Code Section 405a defines Lynching as "the taking by means of a riot of any person from the lawful custody of any peace officer." Under Section 405b, "Any person who participates in any lynching is punishable by imprisonment in the state prison for two, three or four years."

The Appellate Court held that the provisions of the lynching statute plainly include a person in custody who participates in a riot that enables him/her to escape. Thus, the court concluded that the lynching statute clearly applied to Anthony's conduct.

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Hawaii Arbitration Award Subject Of Controversy

(From the <http://starbulletin.com/Honolulu-Star-Bulletin>)
From Labor Relations Information System info@LRIS.com

Police union officials say more of Hawaii's seasoned officers will leave for higher-paying mainland departments following an arbitration panel decision awarding them a 15 percent pay raise over four years.

"The City feels funding...elephant enclosures are more important than police officers..."

The State of Hawaii Organization of Police Officers (SHOPO), representing 2,700 officers statewide, had sought a pay raise of 40 percent over four years to match mainland salaries. "It seems like a lot more officers are looking to leave, that's the general consensus," said Sergeant Richard Wheeler, SHOPO's Oahu chairman. "A lot of them were just hanging around waiting for (the decision)."

The award provides across-the-

board raises totaling 9 percent, with the other 6 percent coming in step increases — pay hikes based on seniority. It also provides for a \$500 "retention" bonus to be paid late next year. "Nine percent over two years would have been acceptable," Wheeler said.

Wheeler said he's concerned because officers won't get much of a raise until the last couple of years. "We've got a problem here that needs to be fixed," he added. "What happens if we lose 150 officers this year?" As of today, 45 Honolulu police officers have transferred to mainland departments this year, according to Honolulu Police Department statistics. A total of 12 additional officers have also retired. Meanwhile, officers are feeling "betrayed" and "under appreciated" by Mayor Jeremy Harris and the City government, Wheeler said.

The City feels funding the Waikiki War Natatorium and elephant enclosures are more important than police officers, he added. "Are you going to call an elephant when someone's breaking into your house?" Wheeler said.



Lt. Keith Sanford, Solos, Chief Fred Lau and former 49er Roger Craig at an AAA sponsored Child Seat give-away conducted by SFPD Traffic Company.



AAA and SFPD donated \$2500 each to Special Olympics as sponsors for their runner, former 49er great Roger Craig. Pictured above, left to right are Scott Smith, AAA Life Insurance Manager, Roger Craig, Chief Fred Lau and Bob Brown, AAA Manager of Media Relations.

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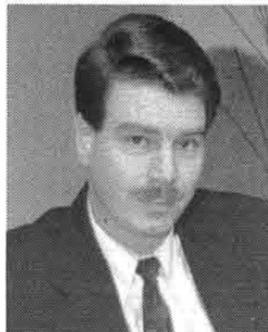
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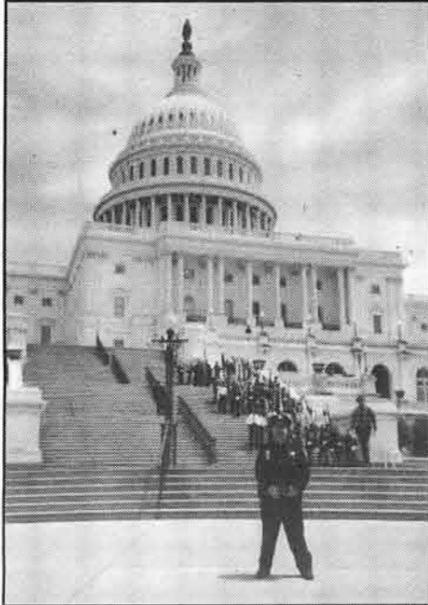
Police Week 1999 in Washington DC

By Stephen Val Kirwan,
Ingliside Station

It is a place of quiet reflection in the midst of our country's capital. It is a place where strong men and women shed silent tears and where the words "We won't ever forget" are spoken as a pledge to those whose names are engraved upon the light gray marble walls, rising gently upwards from this hallowed grounds. The elliptical open-air memorial consists of two marble-hewn wings—East and West, each symbolically guarded by massive bronze lions, which steadfastly keep watch over those remembered upon the marble walls. A central reflecting pool bears the words "It is not how these officers died that made them heroes, it's how they lived."

The National Law Officer's Memorial, located in Judiciary Square in Washington D.C. was dedicated in 1991 to honor more than 14,500 officers—local, state and federal—who have been killed in the line of duty. Included on the curved marble walls are the names of the 93 San Francisco police officers killed in the line of duty, from Officer John Coots (End of Watch 6-12-1878) to Officer James Guelff End of Watch 11-15-1994). Every year during Police Week, held during the second week of May, the names of those who have fallen are added to the Memorial during a solemn candlelight vigil

two others. This continued as candlelight, slowly at first then with building momentum, began to fill the square. The over 5000 in attendance soon held a candle, lit in memory of and to honor the 312 new additions to the Memorial. A lone bag piper appeared at the center of the memorial and the hushed square was soon filled with the stirring "Amazing Grace". As the notes of pipes echoed off the marble walls of the memorial and the courthouses nearby, the Square, filled with the light of 5000 candles, was soon parted by "the Thin Blue Line", a blue laser emanat-



Various honor guards muster on capitol steps



I pause at "The Wall"

honoring "The Thin Blue Line." The Visitor's Center, located two blocks away at 605 E Street NW, houses ever-changing exhibits and a central computerized database where one can research and obtain information about each officer remembered on the Memorial.

This year, the 11th Annual Candlelight Vigil was held at dusk on Thursday, May 13, 1999. With full honors from police honor guards from all over the country in attendance, survivors were escorted to the Memorial and presented with long stem red roses to honor their husbands and wives, sons and daughters, mothers and fathers who had paid the ultimate sacrifice. After the invocation, the keynote address was given by Attorney General Janet Reno, and a special presentation was made to John Walsh host of "American's Most Wanted" for his efforts and contributions to law enforcement and child protection.

As the light faded and the speeches concluded, the widow of a recently fallen officer was asked to light the memorial candle located upon the stage and then to share the light with

ing from the center of the memorial and reaching skywards. As the echoes of the pipes slowly diminished, the names of the new inductees were read off.

On Saturday, commencing at Noon, as a conclusion to the official schedule of events for Police Week, a memorial program was conducted at the foot of the Capitol building. On each step leading out onto the Mall were honor guards from each state and territory, plus those of the federal government law enforcement agencies. As a breeze caused each flag to ripple, Vice President Al Gore thanked the nation's law enforcement officers and their families for the sacrifices all too often called upon in the line of duty. Members of the honor guards were added and replaced, the names of all officers that gave their lives during 1998 were read from the "Roll of Honor" as thousands of police officers from all over the country stood at attention in their "Class A's".

After the Capital ceremony, I returned to the National Law Officers Memorial. There the marble walls were strewn with mementos left to



I march in parade representing SFPD and the Emerald Society

the fallen by their relatives and friends: a picture of a newborn who never got to meet their parent, a letter to a lost colleague, a patch taken off a uniform or a simple rose laid by the officer's name. As others did rubbing of their fallen's name off the wall, I saw a mother holding the hand of a small child, both wearing blue ribbons from C.O.P.S. (Concerns of Police Survivors) marking them as survivors who had lost someone who had been inducted onto the memorial this year. The mother, with tears in her eyes was telling her daughter that even though Daddy was in Heaven, his name was on this wall. The child, looking to those who were taking impressions from the wall with pencil and paper, asked her mother why they were "coloring". The mother responded that they were "taking someone special's name off the wall." The child became very excited and happy, puzzling her mother and asking if she too could "take her Daddy's name off the wall." When the mother asked her child why she was suddenly so happy, the little girl stopped, and in a moment when all else fell silent, she replied, with the wisdom of a child "cause if I take Daddy's name off the wall, he came home from Heaven." If only...

Val Kirwan, as the President of the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society, on Friday May 14, 1999, attended the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Spring Meeting in Washington DC.. After a presentation and motion put forward for a vote and a lively discussion, San Francisco was selected over New York to host the Fall 2000 Annual meeting. An honor indeed for a new chapter organization.

The San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society is a fraternal organization formed to promote the contributions of Irish Americans in law enforcement and to strengthen and develop relationships between law enforcement and the community as well as with fellow officers. It is open to all sworn law enforcement personnel officer in the Bay area, those citizens of Irish descent, or others who are interested in the organization. Currently the SFBALIEIES has a membership of over 300 encompassing 28 law enforcement agencies spanning the nine Bay Area counties. All who may be interested in the SFBALIEIES can contact the following for further information: Val Kirwan, Joe McFadden, Marty Halloran, Pat Burke or Diarmuid Philpott

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Why Did The Chicken Cross The Road?

By T. Roy Smiley,
POA Philosopher

The other day I was watching the X-games and enjoying the daredevil events when I began to wonder: Why do they do it? Why do these young men and women deliberately place themselves in harms way?

That night I tossed and turned for hours, unable to shake the wonder and confusion of life. Soon, in my mind, it all boiled down to one simple question: Why did the chicken cross the road?

The next morning I researched the answer by finding out how the best minds — living and dead — had answered the question. What follows is a compendium of that research.

Mary Dunlap, OCC: Although the chicken has not yet filed a formal complaint, my preliminary investigation finds that the officers have insufficient probable cause to question the activity of the chicken. I will dress in a chicken suit and place myself in the middle of the road to see first-hand how rampant this harassment is. I will recommend to the police commission that all officers undergo a chicken sensitivity course.

Jack Minkel, POA Treasurer: I don't question what chickens do. I just deep-fry 'em.

Dr. Seuss: Did the chicken cross the road? Did he cross it with a toad? Yes! The chicken crossed the road, but why it crossed, I've not been told!

Tom Ammiano: Why, to be seen, of course!

John Crew, ACLU: As far as I know, it is neither illegal to cross a road, nor to be a chicken. Although the folks over at the POA are quick to deny it, this is a clear example of how the cops conduct avian-profiling. If it were an American Bald Eagle crossing the road, or perhaps a fancy Cockatoo from Pacific Heights, we wouldn't be having this discussion. See, this is so typical of how the POA puts their spin on the truth.

Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown: Surely, it is to see if there is any *there* there.

Gary Delagnes, POA VP: You know, I'm glad you asked that question. The whole quandary is kind of a

metaphor for my own life. Let me start at the beginning . . . I was born and raised in this city, and I've been a police officer for more than . . .

Ernest Hemingway: To die. In the rain.

Steve Johnson, POA Secretary: I don't know why, but we should do whatever we must to help it cross the road safely and have a long and happy life. We're the POA. We're here to help any way we can.

Stuart Sunshine, head of DPT: I think the chicken is unclear on the concept. I mean, it does have wings, doesn't it?

Chris Cunnie, POA President: Crossing the road? Which road? And who's askin'? Something going on I should know about?

Former Mayor Frank Jordan: The answer's simple: bad advisors.

Mayor Willie Brown: Well, of course. It wants to be Da Chicken.

Official Response of the Pedestrian Safety Task Force: Obviously, it's a chicken with a death wish.

Chief Fred Lau: Hmm. . . the *why* of it concerns me. I will send officers into the street to liaison with that particular community, and work to resolve any issues that the chicken — or any other bird for that matter — may have in that regard.

Unnamed senior officer in Tactical Division: In my day, we didn't ask why the chicken crossed the road. If someone told us that the chicken crossed the road, that was good enough for us.

Aristotle: It is the nature of chickens to cross the road.

Karl Marx: It was a historical inevitability.

Captain James T. Kirk: To boldly go where no chicken has gone before.

Fox Mulder: You saw it cross the road with your own eyes. How many more chickens have to cross before you believe it?

Freud: The fact that you are at all concerned that the chicken crossed the road reveals your underlying sexual insecurity.

Einstein: Did the chicken really cross the road or did the road move beneath the chicken?

Ray Shine, Notebook Editor: I dunno. Just make sure you spell-check the answers some of these guys give you.

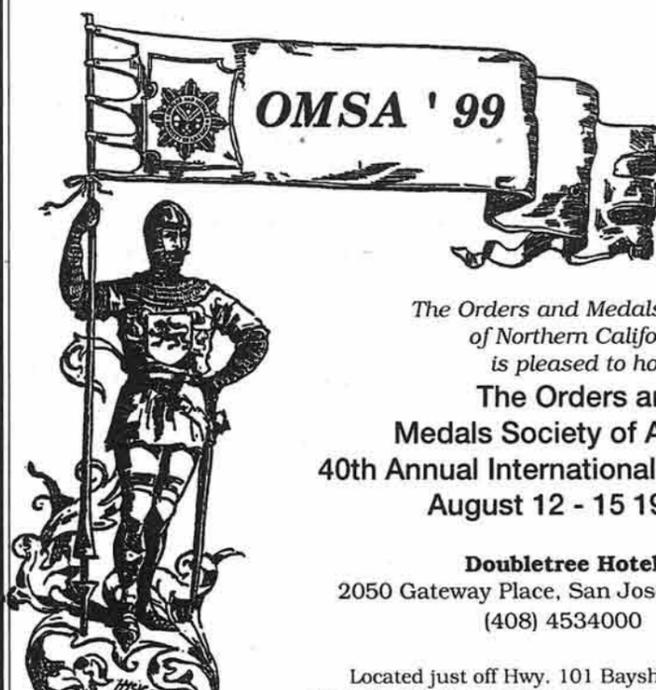


Premiology Convention Lands in Bay Area

By S.G. Yasinitsky,
Premiologist and Retired SFPD

The Orders and Medals Society of America is holding their annual convention in San Jose August 12 through the 15th; however, the public admission day is on Saturday the 14th. There are many policemen and other law enforcement folks who are interested in premiology, (awards of the world: medals, decorations, orders, ribbons). I hope that such an announcement will draw some of them to this unique event in the West.

I began collecting when I was only 14 years old. Now, 49 years later, our Society has grown into an international group with some 7,000 members all over the world. Our last convention had people from 13 different countries and from 29 different States of the U.S. in attendance. Exhibits included several of the Medal of Honor groups, from the Civil War to the Vietnam conflict, and even a Victoria Cross group from England. There is much, much to see and learn, especially for someone interested in history. Please plan to attend this interesting affair.



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Editor,
San Francisco Examiner:

I'm not sure why you call it the "Fat City" series, unless you're saying that the overtime being worked by city employees is for no purpose, or that City workers should put in extra hours but not be compensated for it.

As your series shows, almost everyone interviewed said the same thing: they're working extra hours because the City hasn't hired enough workers to deliver the needed services. A city that is "doing more with less" is not a "Fat City".

Until the needed workers are hired, those who work the extra hours to keep things going should get the respect they deserve, having earned San Francisco its proper title: "Lean City".

Tom Feledy
San Francisco

Praise for BSU

Dear Chief Lau,

In August 1958, my husband, Barry R. Rosekind made the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens of San Francisco. Barry was a San Francisco Police Department solo motorcycle officer killed in the line of duty. I thank you for May 6, 1998, a very special day when the San Francisco Police Department and Police Officers' Association held a tribute to the officers who have given their lives in the line of duty. This was the first significant public acknowledgment honoring the 92 officers killed over the years in San Francisco. I participated in the ceremony with my son, Dr. Mark Rosekind, and my grandson, Aaron Rosekind. We are extremely appreciative of everyone's efforts to honor those fine officers and acknowledge the families that they left behind.

It was at the May 6 ceremony that I met Sergeant Forrest Fulton and learned about the activities of the San Francisco Police Department's Behavioral Science Unit. Sergeant Fulton invited my participation in a number of activities. On July 22, 1998, I spoke at a Chaplain's Luncheon and on July 25, my son, Mark and I attended a family workshop. This workshop involved family and friends of officers killed in the line of duty. This initial workshop explored ways that the SFPD and POA could provide additional support to spouses, children, and grandchil-

dren after losing a loved one in the line of duty. In September, there was a combined meeting of family members related to officers who had been killed in the line of duty and those who had died of other causes.

This support group has continued to meet on a monthly basis and, with the help of group facilitators, addresses issues and concerns of the surviving family members. This is a unique and deeply painful activity that has already led to many significant changes. I attend the meetings every month and have personally witnessed the important growth and support that occurs at those activities. For example, initially, some family participants could only cry during the meetings and now, having worked on their difficulties, are making numerous contributions to the group. Family members express their grief, anger, and pain and are helped with ongoing concerns. The improvement in people's lives and the opportunities to move forward are incredible.

This group and many other activities would not exist without the dedicated and passionate efforts of Sgt. Fulton and the other men and women of the SFPD Behavioral Science Unit. Diane Wolfe, Chaplains Lawrence Au, Lillian Repak, and Michael Ryan are superb in their professional and personal skills. I can not thank them enough for their tireless efforts to address this critical issue and to have made such an important difference in so many lives. The devotion of these individuals and others to provide support for such a difficult and painful concern is evident in their tireless efforts and unwavering attention to any issue.

Shortly after my husband's death, after the required activities had ended, in many ways it seemed that I was forgotten by the SFPD. After almost 40 years, I can not fully express how important it has been for the SFPD and the POA to reach out and bring my family back into contact with the SFPD/POA families. In a very short time, Sgt. Fulton and the many others in the Behavioral Science Unit have made us feel once again connected to the SFPD and POA. Their many actions on behalf of my family and many others will change us in positive ways forever.

Please, whatever acknowledgment and support can be extended to this very important unit will be translated into tangible and long-lasting effects on many people's lives. All of those mentioned above are worthy of any personal acknowledgment that can be be-

stowed upon them. However, knowing them as I do now, an even greater honor would be the ongoing financial and moral support of the Behavioral Science Unit. These men and women make a difference. I sincerely hope that you, and the Department, will provide much needed support to continue their activities and, however possible, increase them.

On behalf of my entire family, I thank you for your efforts and those of the SFPD and POA to reach out and support the many of us that have lost a loved one in the line of duty. I look forward to many years of continuing participation in BSU activities, and to seeing the expansion of much needed support to the unit and the families who benefit from their expertise.

Best regards,
Marilyn S. Rosekind
Foster City, Ca.

Thank you

Mr. Jack Minkel
Treasurer
San Francisco Police Officers
Assoc.

Dear Jack—

On behalf of the San Francisco Police Youth Fishing Program, I would like to thank you and our association for your generous donation again this year. The POA has been a valued partner with programs such as ours which portray our officers in such a positive role and also serve the youth of our community. The POA's donation will provide ocean fishing experiences for nearly 100 kids this summer and all indications are that this could be the best fishing season in many years.

Once again, thanks for your continued support which is invaluable to our program

Yours Truly,
Larry Minasian
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Dear Friends and Sponsors —

On Monday, May 17, 1999 St. Cecilia Men's Club hosted the St. Cecilia Golf Tournament Classic at Lincoln Park in San Francisco.

Due to your generosity, it was a resounding success. A tentative morning sky held its own as 120 golfers set off for a day of sport and relaxation. The day concluded with dinner, libations, and memories shared.

The record number of sponsors, prize donors, and golfers made this our most successful tournament to date. The children of St. Cecilia School will greatly benefit from your generosity. In addition, we hope that the friendships made and camaraderie shared will continue throughout the years. We look forward to seeing you all again next year!

On behalf of Reverend Michael Harriman, Pastor, and the children of St. Cecilia School, we thank you.

Sincerely,
The Golf Committee



Dear Chris -

Thank you for the San Francisco Police Officer's Association's fourth year of continued support of the Family Day Picnic. Your generous and prompt donation of \$5,000.00 will certainly enable the picnic committee to accomplish their goal of an enjoyable day for all those who will attend the October 2nd event.

In addition to your financial contribution, I also wish to acknowledge the P.O.A.'s agreement to again advertise the various sponsors and contributors in the Notebook. As you know, an event of this nature would not be possible without this type of support.

On behalf of the Friends of the San Francisco Police Department, members of the S.F.P.D., and in particular the picnic committee — thank you.

Sincerely yours,
Fred H. Lau
Chief of Police

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The birth of innovation History Lesson

Submitted by Chris Weld,
Retired SFPD

In the beginning was the Plan. And then came the Assumptions. And the Assumptions were without form. And the Plan was without substance.

And darkness was upon the face of the Officers. And the officers spoke among themselves, saying, "This is a crock of sh*t, and it stinketh."

And the Officers went unto their Sergeants and said, "It is a pail of dung, and we can't live with the smell."

And the Sergeants went unto their Lieutenants, saying, "It is a container of excrement, and it is very strong, such that none may abide by it."

And the Lieutenants went unto

their Captains, saying, "It is a vessel of fertilizer, and none may abide its strength."

And the Captains spoke among themselves, saying to one another, "It contains that which aids plant growth, and it is very strong."

And the Captains went to the Deputy Chiefs, saying unto them, "It promotes growth, and it is very powerful."

And the Deputy Chiefs went to the Chief, saying unto him, "This new plan will actively promote the growth and vigor of the Department with very powerful effects."

And the Chief looked upon the Plan and saw that it was good. And the Plan became Policy.

And that, my friends, is how sh*t happens.

I'm Suing 'Em

By Charles Beene,
Retired SFPD

1. Guns:

Are advertised so much, I bought a couple more. I needed some money so I robbed a store. My kid found my pistol, (one of eight I keep in the bedroom for "protection"), and went down to the school to ask a teacher if they couldn't work out a better grade for him.

I'm suing the gun manufacturer for money to replace the teacher and have money for my kid to go to college, when he gets out of jail.

2. Tobacco:

Was advertised as something that would make me a real cool dude with the chicks. It hooked me and made me sick so I'm in the hospital for a long time.

I'm suing the tobacco company to pay for my doctor and hospital bills and to have a little left over to buy a few toys (battery operated wheelchair).

3. Gambling:

Was advertised as a way to get out of my situation, being as poor as a dog, and also thrilling, as my life is so, so boring. But the result is I lost the little money I did have... and my trailer too.

I'm suing so I can get a car, or bicycle, and at least a single-wide to live in.

4. Alcohol:

Was advertised as the way to make my life interesting, "This Bud just seemed to be for me". So if one Bud was good, then a few more must be more exciting. Then the cop pulled me over. When I ask him to hold my Bud while I looked for my driver's license, he didn't laugh.

I'm suing so I can get my friend's car back, and can take up a new hobby, as soon as I get out of this Betty Ford Clinic that Bud got me into.



5. Reading:

I was reading Paladin Press' book "Hitman" and it seemed the answer to getting rid of the crummy boss of mine. I went by the steps, one through 28, but got caught anyway.

I'm suing as this jail is a crummy place to spend the rest of my life, and my wife could use some money. Paladin's Insurance Company was forced to give some women 2 million dollars when a man read the book and killed their sister.

6. Movies:

I was just bored to death until I went to the movie "Death Wish", starring Charles Bronson where he acted like a decoy and when the scumbags started to rob him, he shot them to death, and the audience gave him a standing ovation. I wanted to be like that...tried it...but the cops didn't like me like the audience liked Bronson.

I'm suing as the movie gave me the idea. I had no thought there was more to killing than being a star like Bronson. I need money for my appeals.

7. Cell-phone:

You know how you were taught to give 100% attention to your driving when on the road...to practice, practice, practice, and even take lessons in concentration. Then they sold me this device for my ear and mouth to have me make decisions for my wife, kids, work, etc., while I'm driving. No wonder I had an accident.

I'm suing the phone company to pay for the car damage and the guy's hospital bills I struck.

7. Video Games, Computers, etc.:

It is just amazing the items that have caused me to stray from the Bible and Sunday school. I used to be such a nice, boring guy, until I learned how to read, got interested in seeing movies, and bought a killing tool. Help! Where's my lawyer? She seems to be doing alright!

I'm sitting here now at the computer, drunk as a skunk, sick from cigarettes, being offered XXX movies by the dozens, trying to read this police novel of murder, wishing I could be the first to start gambling from my home by computer. If they try to come and get the money I lost, I'm armed to the teeth. At least I don't do dope. I know that's illegal...or used to be.

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Help! No Pardon for Cop-Killer

Editor -

I received this forward from Jan Taylor, who is the editor of Police Magazine, the publication of the IAWP (International Association of Women Police). Can you print it in the Notebook the next printing, so that members can have an opportunity to write in support of this cop killer trying to receive a pardon?

Thanks,
Robin Matthews, FTO Office

Dear Members

This person who wants to be pardoned shot and killed my son's father-in-law. Would you write a letter to the South Carolina Parole Board requesting that no pardon be granted?

These are the circumstances as related by my daughter-in-law:

September 10, 1966: 11:15am. My dad died alongside the road where he had been shot by Kenneth Fleming moments before. Fleming shot my dad twice, once in the heart, and once in the lung, as Dad approached Fleming's car.

Fleming then sped off, and my dad emptied his revolver into Fleming's car before he collapsed and died in front of his patrol car. Fleming was captured 5 hours later at Myrtle Beach State Park

The trial itself wasn't held until a year later due to several postponements. A change of venue was granted, and then a postponement was granted because of the lack of women available for jury duty. In its last session, the SC General Assembly passed legislation allowing women to serve as jurors. Ironically, two of the court-appointed lawyers for the defendants served in the Assembly at the time. The two others in the car, a boy and girl, plead guilty to accessories after the fact, and then testified against Fleming.

The jury found Fleming guilty with a recommendation of mercy, which saved him from the electric chair. This was probably because of his age (17). Fleming's sentence was life.

In August 1968, he was shot while trying to escape from prison. He was paroled in 1981 after 15 years (this was 5 years before legislation was passed that victims and families of victims be notified).

So now, Fleming has built somewhat of a successful business and life, and thinks he deserves to be PARDONED. In the years before he killed my dad, he compiled quite a record for a "boy" of seventeen. 1964 - Burglary; 1965 - auto larceny; 1966 - Burglary. While at a detention center in 1965, he and 3 other boys attacked the superintendent and another boy, tied them up, stole \$105 and the superintendent's car. They were apprehended in Texas. He was listed as an escapee from the George Republic School for boys, a home for wayward boys, at the time he killed my dad. Brunner, the other boy, testified that they committed 7 or 8 break-ins along the way from Penn-

sylvania to SC. The girl testified that as they sped away, Fleming said, "I told you I had guts" and later said "one more cop down and how many more to go". They both testified that he had bragged about the possibility of killing a cop before he shot my dad.

Both psychiatrists (defense and state) described him as a psychopath. Though they differed in opinion about his ability to distinguish right and wrong, both said he had no sympathy or a capacity for putting himself in another's place or having feelings for another person. The criminologist from the George Republic testified that Fleming was an impulsive, self-centered man who had a disregard for authority and other people.

I believe his application for pardon further demonstrates his self-centeredness and his disregard for authority. The investigator at the Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon told me that there was nothing in his record or in his application that expressed any remorse for what he had done.

If there was a point where his life turned to the positive, it was while serving his sentence or while on parole for the murder of my dad. He was shown mercy when he was found guilty, he was given a second chance when he was paroled, and now, with a pardon, he would like us to forget that my dad lived and died for the State of SC because he (Fleming) has made "something" of his life. Mr. Fleming should be grateful for what he has and not be so selfish as to ask for more.

This is his second application for a pardon. Without us and others standing against this, he may get it. Daddy loved his job. He was an honorable man in an honorable profession. It isn't right that his killer be pardoned. I think that a letter from you to the pardon board will let them know that people have not forgotten my daddy and that his life still matters. I have also asked the SC Troopers Association and the Headquarters of the SC Highway Patrol to send letters and attend the hearing.

As publisher of a Women's Police magazine, your letter will let the board know that others care and are watching without turning this into a media circus and bringing more pain to my mom and my daddy's brothers and sisters. With the liberal media today, I am afraid of what that would do to my mom.

The address is SC Department of Probation, Parole, and Pardon Services, PO Box 50666, Columbia, SC 29250. Your letter should reference Kenneth Hayes Fleming, DOB 01/01/49. My dad's name is Patrolman Marion Charles Steele. Thank you for getting involved. Please feel free to e-mail any contacts you have in SC and elsewhere that would be willing to help us.

Sincerely,
Chrys Steele
chryss@infoave.net

Health Service System Report

By Jim Deignan

This report contains information from HSS Board meeting of June 15, 1999 and July 8, 1999.

The meeting of June 15, 1999 was held at City Hall, in a Board of Supervisors' meeting room.

The meeting began with the introduction of a new board member, Dr. Melissa Welch, appointed by Mayor Brown. Dr. Welch replaces Dr. Sydney Foster who had served on the board since 1991.

The board also elected Scott Helfond President and Clare Zvansky Vice President for the upcoming fiscal year.

Rael and Letson reported on the financial standing of the City Plan, please see actuarial report. We are still experiencing high utilization in the prescription-drug category. Rael and Letson projects a \$5,000,000 loss to the City Plan through 6-30-99.

The Board awarded Towers Perrin the actuarial contract for the upcoming fiscal year. This ends a 35 year relationship with Rael and Letson.

The HSB authorized staff to enter into negotiations with United Behavioral Health to continue our substance abuse contract. We also approved the continuation of the Total Wellness newsletter for one year.

Director Ann Sommercamp reported that there are 20,000 claims outstanding with a 14-day turn around. The system still has about \$750,000.00 in over payments to recover. At the conclusion of open enrollment the City Plan had lost approximately 11,000 total lives. The Board of Supervisors at their June 14 meeting approved HSS rates for the upcoming fiscal year. Local 21 has filed a grievance regarding benefit and rate changes to the City Plan.

There have been questions raised by members regarding the cap for City Plan members residing out of the PPO area. Individuals who reside

outside the health plans preferred provider service area will be covered at 100% of usual, customary and reasonable charges for the balance of the benefit year after \$16,000.00 in standard benefits have been paid by the system.

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At the HSB meeting of July 8, 1999, the HSB adopted changes to Health Service System rules relating to conducting upcoming meetings.

Before taking a vote on any action item, the board shall ask for public comment. Comment shall be limited to three minutes by each speaker. Each speaker shall be requested to fill out a speaker card in advance, the speaker may still request to remain anonymous. Each speaker's comments must be pertinent to the item under consideration by the board.

Members of the public may address the board on any matter within the board's jurisdiction during the other "business" item on the agenda.

In addition, we have changed the rules regarding enrolling new born children. The rule allows the director more flexibility in enrolling member's new born children after the 30 day window. Please apprise yourself of HSS rules.

Financial report by Towers Perrin exhibited our overall loss ratio at 108% for fiscal year 1998-1999. Towers Perrin places our outstanding overpayment closer to \$1,000,000.

Also, there are health-care related articles for your information. Please take some time and read them. Health care experts are predicting sizable increases in health care coverage with prescription drug coverage becoming about 60% of plan cost.

Editor's Note: Due to space considerations, the financial reports are not printed here. They are available upon request at the POA office.



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Firearms Safety Class For SFPD Families

By Mickey Griffin
SFPD Rangemaster

Since August, the SFPD Range staff has been offering a unique Firearms Safety Class to officers and their family members. The SFPD is one of the first police departments in the nation to offer a safety class to officers' families, and to provide officers with a trigger lock for their department issued handgun.

The main focus of this training is to address the issue of firearms safety at home, especially around children and young adults. The course covers a variety of safety issues, including current legal requirements, basic firearms safety rules, safe storage procedures, and security devices.

Attending family members have really enjoyed the class. They all agree that the time invested in this training may help save a life.

The two classes are held monthly on a Saturday, once in the morning and once in the afternoon. Members just have to call the Range Staff to enroll their family members.

Firearms Safety Course Schedule, through December 1999

The schedule for the Firearms safety Training and trigger-Lock Program follows.

All Officers are encouraged to bring their family members with them. The minimum age to attend this training is 10 years old.

LOCATION:

Lake Merced Range
700 John Muir Drive
(415) 587-2274

TIMES:

0800 to 1200 hours
1300 to 1700 hours

DATES: SATURDAYS

07/31/99 08/28/99
09/25/99 10/23/99
11/20/99 12/18/99

Please notify the range staff as to which class you would like to attend along with the numbers of family members.

Important Notice For 415 & 650 Area Code Customers

415 Area Code Customers:

On October 21, 2000, a new area code — 628 — will be added to the existing 415 area. While no existing phone numbers will change, all new phone numbers will have the 628 area code. Beginning July 24, 2000, ALL customers in the 415 area must use 1 + 10-digits to complete local calls (1 + area code + 7-digit number). In preparation for the overlay, Cellular One customers with 415 cellular telephone numbers may use 1 + 10-digit dialing to call other 415 numbers beginning October 21, 1999.

650 Area Code Customers:

On September 16, 2000, a new area code — 764 — will be added to the existing 650 area. While no existing phone numbers will change, all new phone numbers will have the 764 area code. Beginning June 17, 2000, ALL customers in the 650 area must use 1 + 10-digits to complete local calls (1 + area code + 7-digit number). In preparation for the overlay, Cellular One customers with 650 cellular telephone numbers may use 1 + 10-digit dialing to call other 650 numbers beginning September 18, 1999.



Leaving Your Pet In A Parked Car Can Be A Deadly Mistake

Submitted by Deborah Braden, Background Investigations

On a warm day, the temperature in a parked car can reach 160° in a matter of minutes, even with partially opened windows.

With only hot air to breathe, your pet can quickly suffer brain damage or die from heatstroke.

Signs of heat stress: heavy panting, glazed eyes, rapid pulse, dizziness, vomiting, deep red or purple tongue.

If your pet gets overheated, you must lower his body temperature immediately!

- Get him into shade and apply cool (not cold) water all over his body.
- Apply ice packs or cold towels only to head, neck and chest.
- Let him drink small amounts of cool water, or lick ice cubes or ice cream.
- Get your pet to a veterinarian right away-it could save his life.

On hot days, your pet is safer at home!

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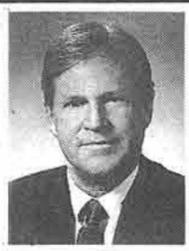
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PAL Soccer

The San Francisco PAL Soccer started on March 27th with 134 teams and finished on June 12th. A total of 1921 youngsters ranging in age from 6-17 participated this Spring (755 were females and 1166 were male.) Games were held at Beach Chalet, Crocker Amazon, Louis Sutter Field, Lowell High School, Oceanview, Polo Fields, and West Sunset. The team divisions were as follows:

Under 8 Girls South

- Grizzlies
- Comets
- SF City Panthers
- Sea Stars
- Stompers

Under 8 Girls West

- Ostriches
- Snapdragons
- Meteors
- Super Tornados
- Big Green
- Revolution
- Little Angels

Under 10 Girls North

- SF City Tornados
- Tigers
- Black Beauties
- Shooting Stars
- Raptors IV
- Blue Angels

Under 10 Girls South

- SF City Dolphins
- SF City Phantoms
- Tasmanian Devils
- Dynamites
- Orcas
- Bobcats
- Dragons

Under 10 Girls West

- Flyers
- Pelicans
- Brazilian Orchids
- Wolves
- SF City Tigers

Under 12 Girls South

- Daisies
- Blue Stars
- Quakes
- Texas Bluebonnets
- Wildcats
- Pyramids
- Hammers
- SF Vikings 87-88

Under 12 Girls West

- SF City Tigers
- Manjaro
- Earthquakes
- California Poppies
- Jamestown
- Scorpions

North Girls

- SF City Tigers
- Viking Argonauts
- Rising Flames
- Manjaro
- Firebirds
- Mission Rebels
- Chippers
- African Violets
- SF Vikings

East Boys

- Mission Titanes
- JC Guada-Chivas
- Mission Gators
- Cheetahs
- SF Visitors
- Vikings
- Mission Stars
- JC Chivas Select
- Conglomerates

Under 8 Boys South

- Shocker Sparks
- Jaguars
- Guadalajara Allstars
- Wildcate-Fas
- Hawks
- JC Chivas Jr.
- Mission Knights

Under 8 Boys West

- All Stars
- Renegades
- Celtics
- Wildcats
- SF City Chargers
- Bears
- Blue Knights
- Rugrats
- Dragons

Under 8 Boys North

- Latin Hearts
- Mighty Yodas
- Shocker Lightning
- Shocker Thunders
- Tigers
- SF City Chargers
- Sunbirds
- Purple Pythons
- Bears

Under 10 Boys South

- Mission Angels Jr
- Mission Shockers
- Shocker Jrs
- Wildcats
- Rockets
- SF City Stars
- Mission Tigers

Under 10 Boys West

- All Stars
- Bobcats
- Huskies
- Wildcats
- Jamestown Cougars
- Town Eagles
- Pumas USA
- SF City Bandits
- Mission Dragons Jrs

Under 12 Boys North

- Red Devils
- Lion King
- Lasers
- JC Pumas
- SF City Scorpions
- Comets
- PC United
- Viking United
- Mustangs

Under 12 Boys South

- JC Chivas
- Earthquakes
- Shocker Allstars
- SF Viking Girls
- DC United
- SF Vikings
- Mission Dragons
- Jamestown Cougars
- Wildcats

Under 14 Boys South

- Jaguars
- Hammerheads
- JC Guadalajara
- Garfields
- JC Guad United
- SF Vikings United
- SF Eagles
- San Felipe

Under 14 Boys West

- SF City Scorpions
- SF Golden Jaguars
- Tomcats
- Shamrocks
- Mission Jamestown

The winners are:

- Under 10 Girls North
- Under 10 Girls South
- Under 10 Girls West

- Black Beauties
- Tasmanian Devils
- SF City Tigers

- Under 12 Girls South
- Under 12 Girls West

- SF Vikings 87-88
- SF City Tigers

- North Girls

- African Violets

- East Boys

- JC Chivas Select

- Under 10 Boys North
- Under 10 Boys South
- Under 10 Boys West

- Latin Hearts
- Mission Tigers
- Pumas USA

- Under 12 Boys North
- Under 12 Boys South

- Red Devils
- Earthquakes

- Under 14 Boys South
- Under 14 Boys West

- JC Guad United
- SF Golden Jaguars



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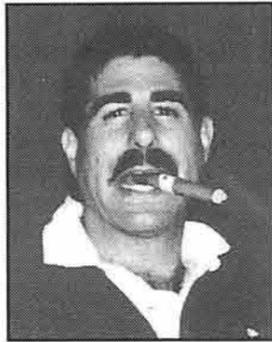
Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh
Sports Editor, SFPOA Notebook

CHECK IT OUT: Congratulations to Southern Station for winning the B Division softball championship over the Bayview Pitbulls by a score of 14-6 on Tues. June 15th at Jackson Field. This capped a very powerful season for Southern as they went 13-0 throughout the regular and post season. Manager Al Honnibal couldn't have been any prouder of his team as they continued to display the strong combination of powerful hitting throughout the line-up to go along with solid defense at every position.

To get to the final game, Southern had a bye during the first round of the playoffs but then met up with Daly City PD in the second round (DCPD had defeated Taraval/Parole in the first round). They made short work of them with a crushing 25-6 victory for the chance at Bayview. Bayview on the other hand played in the first round. They defeated Central Station and then went on to defeat a very tough Ingleside team to get to the championship. Unfortunately they ran into a brick wall with Southern.

The standouts for Southern Station during the game as they have been all season long were: Dave "Powerhouse" Maron (who just crushed the ball into submission), Tommy



Walsh (who hit the ball well besides playing a solid 1st base), Greg "The Gazelle" Latus (who hit well and tracked down every single ball hit near him in the outfield), and of course Carl "CB" Bryant (who besides keeping things loose in the dugout, throws strikes very consistently with a very good arc as well). For Bayview I'd like to mention Brett "Ogle" Thorpe (who is a presence at the plate and in the outfield), Brian "Linebacker Speed" Lujan (hardest hitting player on the club as well as fastest), Kevin "Lab" Labanowski (hit well and fielded his 2nd base position well despite the umpire talking to him constantly), and particularly I want to list the very capable left side of the infield which includes Mike Hara at 3rd and David Do at short. Hard luck to Bayview but good stuff to Southern. A more detailed article with pics will hopefully be provided in next month's issue by Honnibal along with Rod Tong.

In fact, the rumor mill has it that Southern Station wants to challenge the A Division champion Airport Bureau to a game to see who really is

the strongest team in department softball. As "the Comish" I'm all for this match-up. We could probably set it up for early August at Jackson Field which would include a barbecue for the teams and the spectators. I'll keep you posted.

Two more things I'd like to mention as far as softball is concerned: first I'd like to thank Dennis Wade for the great job he does taking care of and preparing the fields at Jackson for us; and second I'd like to apologize to Bob "Sled" Del Torre for saying in my column a few months ago that he was in his early 50s. Actually Del Torre is only 48 years old and hasn't quite cracked the half-a-century barrier yet.

Early results from the Cal Police Summer Games in Pasadena include the silver medal won by the soccer club's A Team. They weren't able to make it four golds in-a-row as they had a partially injured squad when playing a very scrappy LAPD team that defeated them 1-0 for the only goal given up during the whole tournament. The A's had a 4-win, 1-loss record otherwise and played great soccer throughout the week. A more detailed article and pics will be in next month's sports page by John Anton.

As far as the Killer B's soccer team, they too had hard luck when they just missed getting into the medal round with a 2-win, 1-loss, 1-tie record. They'll pull it back together for next year and hopefully make a go at that gold. The C-Dogs were just happy to survive the week down in Pasadena on that very hard grass parking lot of the Rose Bowl that everyone was forced to play on. They managed to win a game and get out in one piece.

The soccer club was happy to welcome some newcomers to all three teams: first was John "Dynamite"

Sheehan who gave the A Team a boost this year; second was Tom "New Guy" Costello who was a good addition to the Killer B's; next was John "Jack" Webb (of the Airport) who scored the winning goal in the only game the C-Dogs won, and finally the club would like to acknowledge Rob "The Elk" Canedo ("Moose" Canedo's brother) who showed us that there are in fact 102 uses for duct tape. The club is now looking forward to making a good showing in this year's North American Police Soccer Tournament taking place in Vancouver in mid September.

I recently heard from Mission Station's Debrah Erdy on how she did in Pasadena amongst a very competitive field of swimmers from the southern Cal. area. She posted a 6:17.84 time in the 500 Free Swim for a gold medal, a 2:16.6 time in the 200 Free Swim for a gold medal, a 1:12.3 time in the 100 Fly Swim for a gold, a 30.6 second time in the 50 Fly for a silver, and a 1:01.2 time in the 100 Free Swim for a silver. This isn't counting the two third place bronze medals she won in mixed relays (medley and freestyle) with retired members Frank Petuya, Don Matisek, and Howard Kyle. Seven medals in all. Great stuff!

Erdy's biggest competition was from former US National/all American at USC Kim Stansfield who was with LAPD. Erdy did well against her despite losing. She's going to continue working hard as it will be even more competitive next year when the games expands to include fire departments around the state. In fact, Erdy wants to hear from any female swimmers who are interested in competing to contact her at Mission.

Anyway, I'll have more results from the games as well as pics coming in next month's issue....So See Ya...

POA Congrats to Women Soccer Team

USA Women #1

By Ray Shine

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends kudos and congratulations to the United States Women's Soccer Team for their recent victory in the FIFA World Cup Soccer Competition. Team USA defeated the women's team from the Republic of China on Saturday, July 10, 1999, thereby establishing themselves as the "Best in the World".

There are hundreds of soccer fans within the ranks of this Association, and the effort, dedication, and athletic ability needed to succeed on a global scale is appreciated by all who follow the sport. As fans watching on television — or those lucky few who attended the play-off game at Stanford Stadium July, 4— we also appreciated the drama and first-rate athletic competition that the mem-

bers of the team provided for our entertainment and inspiration.

Good luck to all of the women who thrilled us all with their skill and play. As the defenders of The Cup we anticipate many more benchmarks to be set by these athletes and this team, on the field and off, for years to come.



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The Anzore Brothers, 2nd place

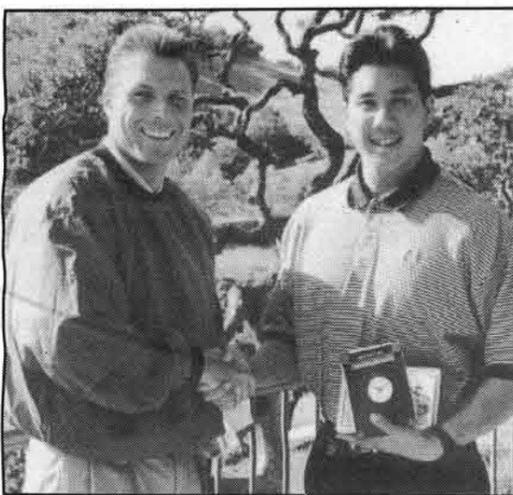
Loon's Nest Report

O'Connor-Sullivan Win 1999 Best Ball Championship

By Ed Garcia
TTF

April finally brought clear skies over the Fountaingrove Golf Club in Santa Rosa, allowing the members of the Loon's Nest Golf Club to finally play the 1999 Best Ball Championship. The Loons had suffered rainouts in February and March, but we finally prevailed in April.

This was the first time the Loons had landed at the northern golf outpost and we found a tough, tight course in very good condition. After-



Greenwood & Mar, 4th place

noon winds and players being pursued by snakes in the rough added to the challenge. This was a two-man, Best Ball tournament with handicaps used and the competition was tight.

Team Scores

O'Connor-Sullivan	65
Anzore-Anzore	65
Fee-Mack	65
Mar-Greenwood	66
Pursley-Renteria	68
Ziegler-Siebert	68
Landi-Dudoroff	68
Lorin-Lorin	69
Lum-Cerbatos	70
Parry-Dalton	70
Morimoto-Guinasso	71
Kane-Muselman	71
Garcia-Hanacek	72
Warnke-Edison	72
Carlson-Smith	72
Barbero-Belrose	72
Minasian-Ford	73
Everson-Wismer	74
Balma-Stefani	74
Ries-Zamagni	75
Wong-Chang	75
LaRocca-LaRocca	76
Syme-Walsh	76
Allegro-Huddleston	77
Pearson-McMillian	77
Ballard-Barron	78
Davis-Landini	80

After the front nine scores were posted Glenn Mar and his old Tactical partner, John Greenwood were the early leaders posting a six under par thirty on the front. The teams of Gregg Kane-Chris Muselman and Phil Fee-Larry Mack posted thirty-one strokes on the front. Rick Parry and Rich Dalton of Robbery sat alone in third with a thirty-two. Several teams bunched in at thirty-four strokes for the front side.

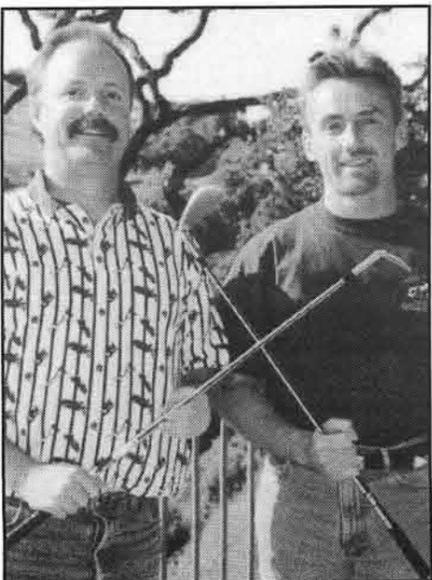
As the wind began to whistle over the hills and through the valleys of Fountaingrove, the early leaders began to falter. Heading into the back nine the Co. K team of Tom O'Connor and Roy Sullivan started to put their game in order as they posted 4 team net birdies and one eagle.

The Anzore brothers, always a tough team, rallied on the back with a thirty-two, leaving them in a three way tie for first along with Phil Fee and Larry Mack with net team scores of sixty-five. Cards were matched to break the tie and the luck of the leprechauns prevailed for the team of O'Connor and Sullivan, as they became the 1999 Best Ball Champions.

The Anzore brothers finished in second place, while Fee and Mack had to settle for third place. Glenn Mar and John Greenwood posted a sixty-six to finish one stroke off the pace and take fourth place. Fifth place went to the TTF team of Gile Pursley and Mike Renteria. Mike and Gile burned up the backside for a team score of 30, making them the back nine medallists. Their team score of 68 had them in a tie with Bob Ziegler and Bill Siebert. The tiebreaker went to Pursley & Renteria.

The long drive winner was Gary Lorin, who hit the longest ball in loon contest history. On the eighth hole Gary hit the ball 321 yards straight as a string. This put him one yard past the old record of 320 yards struck by Joe Engler, Sr. at Sonoma in 1994.

The close-to-the-hole winners were Glenn Mar and Mike Dudoroff with second place going to Tim Smith and Tom O'Connor.



Siebert & Ziegler, 6th place

Golf

A Loon Rises to the Occasion

By Ed Anzore
Noise Abatement

As the new scoring chairman for the Loons Nest Golf Club, I must report on a wonderful round of golf by fellow Loon Steve(Mizuno) Morimoto, Airport Attaché. Being in retirement at the Airport Bureau, Steve has plenty of time to hone his skills as a golfer. Those of you who know Steve, have played with Steve, or talked to Steve realize that golf is his life. Steve has had his swing and brain analyzed by numerous fellow loons and golfing experts only to tell him to quit playing and take up ping-pong.

On July 5, Fellow Loon Paul(I play Xls) Guinasso, Steve Moss from the Airport, and I played Peacock Gap on a wonderful day. The first hole started out with Steve's typical military style of golf—left, right, left, right, left. Steve settled down and fired a fine 41 on the front. We then moved to the back where Steve parted 5 straight pars, birdie, and a bogey. Steve then asked how he stood. Shaking in my boots, I said "You are even on the back." Steve was on record pace for a 76, a personal best and first round in the 70's. Steve parted 17 with a putt of at least 15ft. On 18, Steve skied a drive, second shot went 75 yards, and things looked a little shaky to

say the least. With the heart of a Loon, Steve proceed from about 160 yards out and stuck his third shot 3 feet from the pin. We then took extra time to putt out, making Steve sweat it out. Steve calmly walked up to his put, muttered something about Ben Crenshaw, and sank the putt for a 76.

During the course of this round, Summer Games playing partner Paul(XL) Guinasso, who never found a ball he couldn't play, was heard mumbling, "where the hell were you two weeks ago. We could have had a gold." Paul and Steve took a bronze medal in team play and Paul getting a Silver in the Individual play. We did not recognize Paul for the first few holes and he was not carrying Steve on his back. Paul is working on his back with his chiropractor to get in shape for the Summer games next year in Ontario. Paul plans on carrying Steve Again.

Bruce Lorin (Permits) and Mike Renteria (TTF) took a silver in Team play after tying for first. A tie-breaker was used for to settle the three-way tie for First. Scott Warnke, Co.E, took a silver in his flight. Unfortunately, I was out of a medal in a tie-breaker. All in all, 5 of 6 SFPD golfers brought home medals... JOB WELL DONE.

1999 S.F. Hook & Ladder 10K

By Jim Gallagher
Race Director

The 21st Annual Hook & Ladder 10K will be held on Sunday, August 15, 1999. The race is a benefit sponsored by the San Francisco Fire Fighters. There are Fire-Police divisions for both individuals in different age-groups and team divisions. (See application for number of awards in each division) Awards include: breakfast at the world famous Cliff House. Special drawings for the first 500 pre-registered. Join the fun and run with San Francisco Firefighters.

Registration: \$15:00 (includes t-shirt) when applications are received before 8/9/99, \$12.00 no t-shirt), \$20.00 after 8/9/99, \$15.00 without t-shirt. Race day registration starts at 7:30 am.

Location: Rainbow Falls and Kennedy drive in Golden Gate Park. Start time 9 am.

Awards for divisions: five age-groups for both sexes; five divisions for Fire-Police; and seven team divisions (see race application for specifics).

Course: A figure 8 loop through Golden Gate Park which has moderate rolling hills. The climatic conditions are typically cool, and course tends to be fast. Fire Engines & Trucks will be located throughout the course.

Race applications are available in the *City Sports Magazine*, and are also available at Hoy's Sport, Lombardi's, On the Run, Niketown, and many Fleet Feet retail stores throughout the bay area.

For further information contact Jim Gallagher 415-753-0880.

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TEAM RESULTS

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Bay Area Regional	1844-72x	Melendrez-Reglos-Schweid-Gaffud
US Marshalls	1784-53x	Thompson-Christman-Turner-Dyke

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US Park Police	1798-49x	Kang-Moore-Wasserman-Booth
SF Sheriff-Admin	1748-44x	Tenke-Knox-Hennessey-Kennedy
SFPD Tactical	1723-52x	Spagnoli-May-Reid-Madsen
Daly city PD Range	1723-45x	Prudden-Criuello-Bennett-Parker
SFPD Muni	1711-39x	Ongpin-Miranda-Leet-Kozel
US Postal Police	1710-36x	Butler-Martin-Apps-Robinson
US Park Police #2	1702-28x	Roth-Chan-Daugherty-Sinkeldam
Dalv citv PD	1668-35x	Cullen-Smethurst-Wood-Palaby

Expert

SF Sheriff-7days	1685-38x	Lynch-Gala-Schoch-Sum
SF Sheriff- CJ#7	1669-39x	Olson-Gonzalez-Lee-Thompson
SF Sheriff #1	1664-42x	Drilon-Espinoza-Haskell-Wu
SFPD Inspectors	1657-42x	Walker-Nannery-Feledy-Walwyn
SFPD Reserves	1646-25x	Yee-Werdeman-Smethurst-Diaz
SF Sheriff #3	1632-57x	Carranza-Gonzales-Thompson-Des Roche
SF Sheriff #6	1617-22x	Chien-Reymundo-Koon-Pressley
SFPD-Co.A	1613-52x	Fong-Gregory-Downs-O'Connor
DOD PD	1555-27x	Stickles-Gaston-Davis-Thomas
Club Richmond	1535-37x	Anzore-Coates-Weggenmann-Buscolocci
SF Sheriff	1532-37x	Ramirez-Colmenero-Barrena-Martinez
SFPD-FOB	1189-41x	O'Leary, M -Swiatko-Sorgie-O'Leary,S

Sharpshooter

SFPD-FOB	1549-35x	Garbayo-Furminger-Gin-McEllistram
SFCCPD	1515-35	Low-Ngoi-Sandoval-Villaita
SFPD-Team Ingleside	1512-30x	Stefancie-Gee-Valequette-Shine
Inst PD-SFGH	1511-26x	Cranston-Martinez-Almanza-Kelpsas
SFPD Inspectors	1508-34x	Fairbairn-Lagarejos-Ozenne-Totah
SFPD- Northern	1485-33x	Keeve-McCiellan-Woo-Ghiselli
SFPD-FOB	1485-15x	Anderson-Collins-Maciel-Yalon
Pick-up	1476-16x	Morris-Ng-Griffin-Guitron
SFPD Inspectors	1260-17x	Gillaspie-Otis-Nazzal-Peters

Marksman

Range	1342-24x	O'Brien-DelFante-01 Brien, J- Garret
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*First person on each team wins "Top Gun Prize"

INDIVIDUAL RESULTS

Match Winner - Bernard Melendrez - BART PD
 Distinguished Semi-Auto Match - Bernard Melendrez - BART PD
 Distinguished Revolver Match - Angelo Spagnoli- SFPD
 Top SFPD- Angelo Spagnoli
 Top Deputy Sheriff - J. Drillon

(This year all shooters are re-classified according to present ability)

CLASS: DISTINGUISHED MASTER

Score	Name	Agency
470-24X	Melendrez, B	BART PD
469-23X	Spagnoli, A	SFPD TAC
465-16X	Reglos, R	RC PD
461-17X	Kang, T	US Park PD
460-19X	Shweid, G	City Atty
460-17X	Ongpin, J	MUNI
460-15X	Butler,D	US Postal
459-17X	Drillon, J	SF Sheriff
459-04x	Cullen,C	DCDP
458-16x	Thompson, W	US Marsh.
455-17x	Cranston,E	INST. PD
455-15x	Christman, J	US Marsh.

CLASS: EXPERT (continued)

Score	Name	Agency
410-08x	Nannery, J	Auto Det.
409-13x	Feledy,T	Invest.
409-07x	Gonzalez, A	SF Sheriff
407-07x	Gillaspie, R	Admin.
407-05x	Kozel,	Muni
407-03x	Sinkeldam, E	US Park PD
406-12x	Low, D	SFCCPD
405-09x	Anderson,M	Co. B
404-10x	Garbayo, J	Co. F
403-08x	Madsen, M	SFPD TAC
402-05x	Ng,D	SF Sheriff
401-08x	Miller, M	US Park PD
401-07x	Stefancic, B	Co. H

CLASS: MASTER

Score	Name	Agency
450-15x	Stickles, L	DOD PD
449-13x	Gaffud,E	SO Sheriff
448-15x	Olson, R	SF Sheriff
448-12x	Fairbairn, B	Invest
447-15x	Tenke, E	SF Sheriff
447-10x	Yee, R	SFPD/Res
446-20x	Carranza, J	SF Sheriff
446-17x	Moore, Z	US Park PD
446-12x	Prudden, T	DCPD
446-10x	Knox, G	SF Sheriff
446-09x	Wasserman, J	US Park PD
445-16x	Criuello, M	DCPD
445-06x	Booth, D	US Park PD
443-12x	Smethurst, G	DCPD
440-07x	Lynch,A	SF Sheriff
439-13x	Roth, T	US Park PD
439-12x	Wood, F	DCPD
438-12x	Turner,R	US Marsh.
438-10x	Gaston, C	DOD PD
438-08x	Walker, B	Admin
435-13x	Fredlander, P	US Postal
435-08x	Hennessey, M	SF Sheriff
435-07x	Fong, B	Co. A
434-18x	Gonzales, E	SF Sheriff
434-09x	May, D	Co. K/Solo
433-14x	Ramirez, L	SF Sheriff
433-10x	Dyke, M	US Marsh.
432-11x	Anzore, C	Co. G
431-13x	Thompson, L	SF Sheriff
431-13x	O'leary, M	Co.D
431-05x	Chan,G	US Park PD
428-07x	Miranda, A	Muni
427-09x	Chien, J	Sf Sheriff

CLASS: SHARPSHOOTER

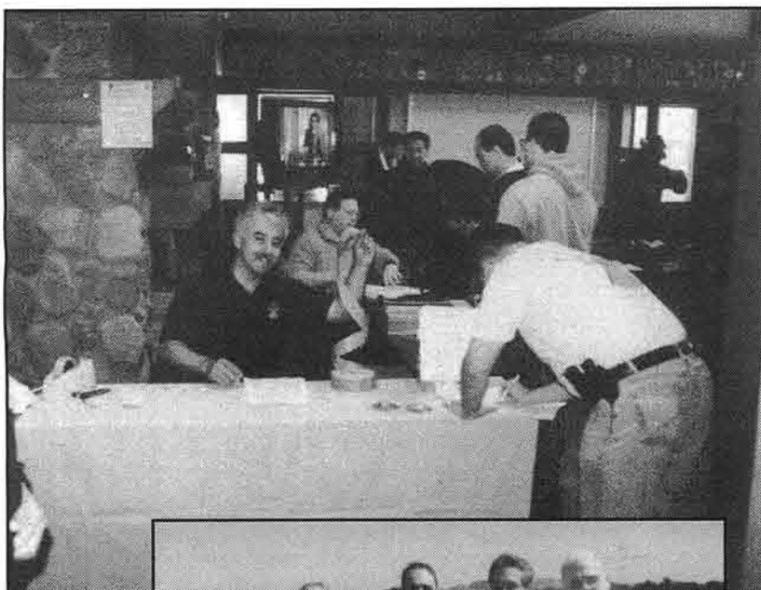
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400-13x	Walwyn, H	INVEST
399-11x	Sum, D	SF Sheriff
399-10x	Mc Clellan, D	Mounted
398-07x	Haskell, M	SF Sheriff
397-10x	Gee, R	Co. H
397-06x	Wu, E	SF Sheriff
395-04x	Robinson, E	US Postal
394-13x	Furminger, I	Co. B
394-09x	Valiquette, F	Co. H
394-03x	Smethurst, J	SFPD/Res
393-14x	Ngoi,V	SFCCPD
391-04x	Diaz, J	SFPD/Res
390-10x	Weggenmann, L	Co. G
387-07x	Sandoval, D	SFCCPD
387-05x	Thompson, R	SF Sheriff
386-13x	Swiatko, P	Co. C
386-09x	Gin, W	Co. F
386-09x	Otis, D	PHOTO
386-03x	Collins, D	Co. I
385-00x	Maciel, M	Co. B
379-09x	Sorgie, D	Co. G
379-08x	Lagarejos, L	DOJ/BNE
379-06x	O'leary, S	Co. D
378-06x	Martinez, J	INST PD
378-04x	O'Brien, M	Range
375-08x	Colmenero	SF Sheriff
365-11x	Barrena,O	SF Sheriff
365-03x	Mc Ellistram, S	Co. F
361-00x	Woo, B	Co. E
359-05x	Pressley,D	SF Sheriff
359-04x	Martinez, N	SF Sheriff
355-05x	Ozenne, R	NARC

CLASS: EXPERT

Score	Name	Agency
425-12x	Lee, H	SF Sheriff
425-07x	Daugherty, J	US Park PD
424-13x	Gala, J	SF Sheriff
422-07x	Schoch, P	SF Sheriff
422-03x	Morris, T	SFPD/Ret
420-11x	Davis, J	DOD PD
420-11x	Kennedy,A	SF Sheriff
420-04x	Apps,K	US Postal
419-07x	Bennett, D	DCPD
417-12x	Reid, D	SFPD TAC
417-04x	Reymundo, J	SF Sheriff
416-10x	Leet,B	SFPD/Ret
415-08x	Keeve, D	Co.E
415-04x	Gregory, T	Co.A
414-06x	Werdermann, M	SFPD/Res
414-04x	K---,Leonard	SF Sheriff
413-11x	Downs, P	Mounted
413-10x	Coates, C	Co.G
413-10x	Parker, C	DCPD
410-12x	Espinoza, E	SF Sheriff

CLASS: MARKSMAN

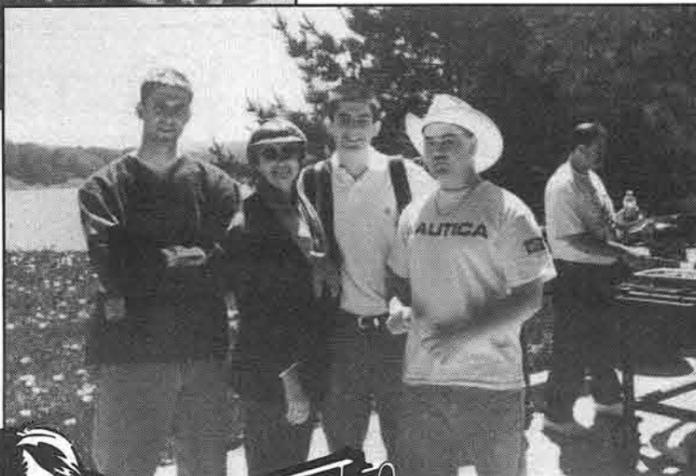
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350-10x	Almanza, H	INST PD
350-03x	O'connor, D	Co. A
341-06x	Del Fante, G	Range
339-04x	Wynne, D	SFPD/Res
335-05x	Griffin, K	INST PD
329-02x	Villalta, M	SFCCPD
328-02x	Kelpsas, K	INST PD
327-07x	Palaby,N	DC PD
326-09x	Totah, R	Robbery
321-06x	Des Roche, R	SF Sheriff
320-04x	Shine, R	Co. K/Solo
317-03x	Guitron, C	DCPD
312-05x	O'brien, J	Range
311-09x	Garrett, A	Range
310-05x	Ghiselli, G	Co. E
309-03x	Yalon, M	Co. I
300-06x	Busalacchi, P	Co.G
279-00x	Nazzal,G	NARC
247-10x	Thomas, C	DOD PD
188-01x	Peters, G	Photo



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*	2. Cranston, E.	INST PD	464	23X
*	3. Otis, D.	SFPD Inspectors	463	24X
#30	4. Tenke, E.	SF Sheriff	459	14X
*	5. Butler, D.	US Postal PD	455	22X
*	6. Gillaspie, R.	SFPD ADMIN	455	14X
#31	7. Melendrez, B.	BART PD	451	11X
*	8. Christman, J.	US Marshall	445	15X
*	9. Swaitko, P.	SFPD/CO. C	443	9X
*	10. Trueman, M.	SFPD(RET)	422	6X
*	11. Smethurst, J.	SFPD-RES.	412	7X
*	12. Diaz, J.	SFPD-RES.	309	5X
*	13. Reymundo, J.	SF Sheriff	213	3X

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1999 - DISTINGUISHED SEMI-AUTO MATCH

#33	1. Melendrez, B.	BART PD	470-19X
*	2. Reglos, R.	RC PD	467-19X
*	3. Drilon, J.	SF Sheriff	464-17X
*	4. Ongpin, J.	SFPD/MUNI	462-19X
#34	5. Shweid, G.	City Atty	461-16X
#35	6. Espinoza, E.	SF Sheriff	456-18X
*	7. Gaffud, E.	SONOMA.S.D.	454-15X
#36	8. Otis, D.	SFPD/INVEST	453-24X
*	9. Olson, R.	SF Sheriff	450-16X
#37	10. Gala, J.	SF Sheriff	449-18X
*	11. Yee, R.	SFPD/RES	447-15X
#38	12. Dyke, M.	US Marshall	445-10X
#39	13. Stickles, L.	DOD PD	445-11X
#40	14. Crooker,	SJPD	444-14X
*	15. Miller, M.	US PARK PD	440-09X
*	16. Fairbairn, B.	SFPD/INVEST	439-12X
*	17. Thompson, W.	US Marshall	439-10X
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*	51. O'Conner, D.	SFPD/TF	339-06X
*	52. Leet, B.	SFPD/RET	331-02X
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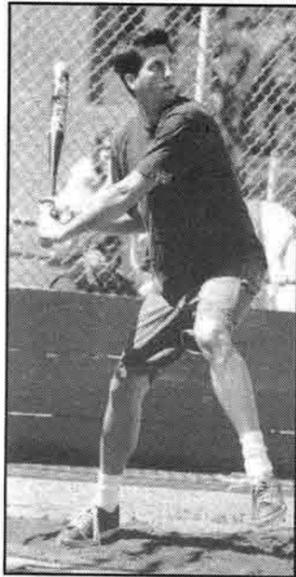
Softball — Airport vs. Mission

'A' Division Championship Game

By Michael Etcheverry
Airport Bureau

On June 6, 1999, the Airport Bureau and Mission Station met in the championship game of the softball 'A' Division. Mission finished the season in first place with the Airport close behind in second place. Mission bested the Airport in both of their regular season games. The last one being a come from behind thriller 12 runs to 11.

A large crowd of spectators including D.C. Pengel, D.C. Santos and Commander Pisciotto gathered to see this heavyweight fight. The crowd was hoping to see another thriller but it was not to be. The Airport put this one away early jumping out with 10 runs in the first inning. The big blow was supplied by game M.V.P. Jerry Lyons, who battled



Mission Station's Phil Jerry Lyons, who battled

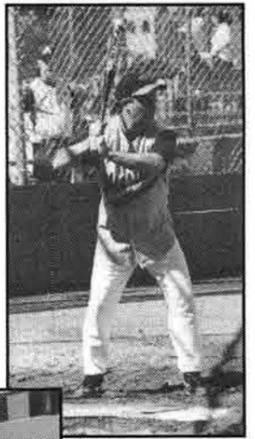
the Golden Gate Bridge traffic and then hit a grand slam to put the Airport ahead for good. The Airport played their usual solid defense and continued to hit solid line drives enroute to a 19-6 victory.

Mission Station was lead by good fielding and hard hitting third baseman Pablo Ossio. Ossio had a monster home run to get his team on the board. Other notables for Mission were Phil Lorin, Mike Flynn and Captain Greg Suhr. Mission Station team captain Mario Machi was overheard saying that his defense let him down.

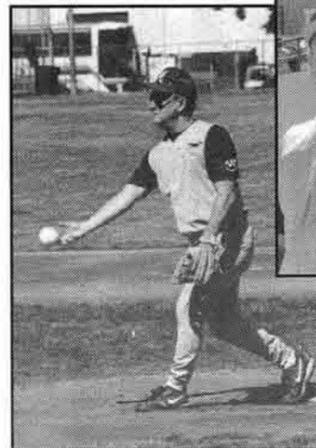
Other Airport standouts were Jim McCoy, Kevin Murray, Jim O'Meara, Steve Maes, Jeff Ferreira, and Scott Korte. Matt Mason was his usual force behind the plate. Pitcher Nick Allen was focused on the strike



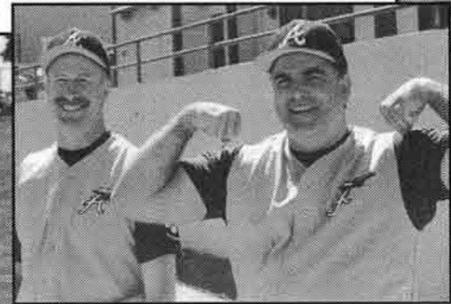
Airport Bureau



Mission Station team captain Mario Machi



Airport pitcher Nick Allen



Airport softball veterans Terry Carey & Marty Scanlan



Mission Station

zone and he kept the opposition off balance. Seasoned bench players Terry Carey and Marty Scanlan both contributed to the win with big hits.

The Airport becomes only the second team in P.D. history to win the 'B' division one year and go on to win the "Big show" 'A' division the next. It's been a great two year run for the Airport. They look forward to three in a row next year.

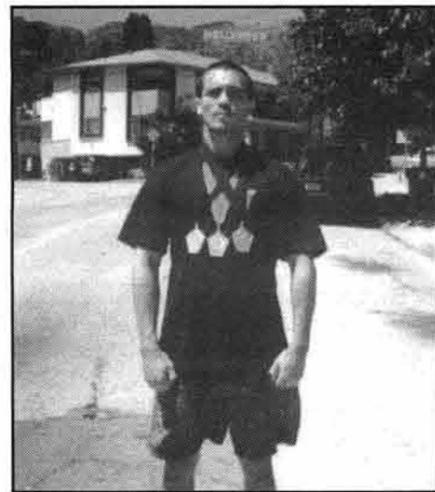
Wrestling

Northern Station's Farrelly Grapples for a Gold

Notebook Staff Report

During the 1999 California Police Summer Games Jude Farrelly of Northern Station represented our department in Wrestling. He won the gold medal in Greco-Roman Wrestling at 136.5 lbs. and under (open). He also took the silver medal in Freestyle wrestling at the same weight class. He was awarded the gold medal in Wrist Wrestling at 150 lbs. and under (open).

He would like to thank his family for their continual love and support, his brother, Casey, for guiding his weight training program.. his girlfriend, Mary Jane, for putting up with his training schedule and standing by him.. his boy, Samer ("Slammer"), for helping him with his mat work.. his coach, Alex, for sharing his knowledge with Jude and always pushing me to be the best...



Officer Jude Farrelly, Northern Station, with his Police Games medals

the SFPD and his extended family at Northern Station for their encouraging words and support... and, most of all, he thanks God.

Dispatch from the games

Roller Hockey

From Joe Noto, Co. K
Goalie, SFPD Roller Hockey

First game. We lost 9-2. We don't have enough skaters. Every body got tired fast. Steve Griffin #34 played in goal the first two periods and let 6 goals in. I played the 3rd period. I let in three. One I should have had. One they got on a power play.

Scott Woody Kendall #7: 1 goal, 1 assist

Mike Gonzales #17: 1 goal, 1 assist

Danny Manning #44: 1 double minor

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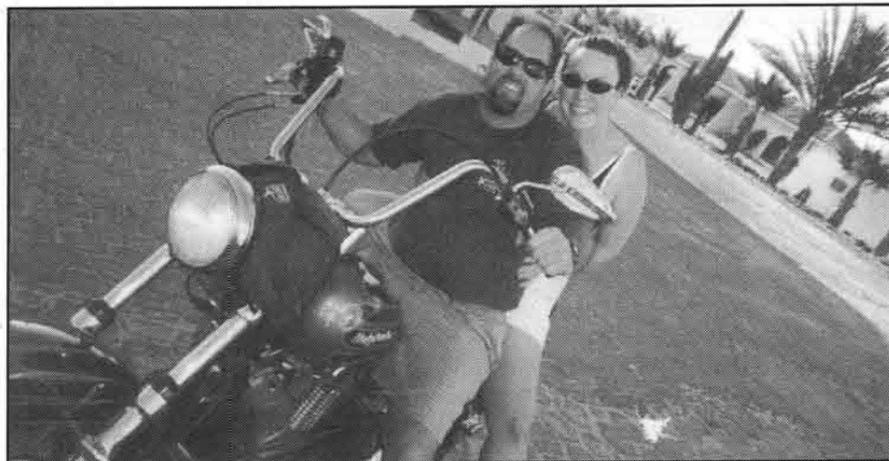
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ON 2 WHEELS

By Rene LaPrevotte

In Search of the Perfect Pina Colada

On Monday, May 17 a group of adventurous souls gathered at the Buttercup Pantry in Pleasanton wherein introductions were made all around. Present were myself ("Eric Von Zipper, King of the Road"), Ed "Cabernet" Dullea from the Property Clerk's Office, Mike "Flake-out" Favetti from TAC, Vince "Rocketman" Rapetto (Auto Detail), Mike "The Pooch" Pucinnelli (Narco), Tony "Freeze-dry" Smerdell, Warren "Tatts" House and Rich "Treefrog" Johnson of the SF Fire Department. The only non-tax eater on the trip



Chicks & mechanics dig Harleys

were on the road again, with El Centro our night's destination.

Former SFPD member Mike Galligher is now the General Manager of the month-old Best Western—El Centro Motel, and Mike rolled out the red carpet for our group. Yours truly was housed in a Governors' Suite, with my name on the placard on the front door and a mini-bar filled with complimentary "frio cerveza". There was a note on the door of the mini-bar that was written in Spanish. I asked Galligher for a translation and he related the fol-

gas tank, and we were off to Olde Mexico.

As we crossed the border, it was my bad luck to be riding behind Rich "Treefrog" Johnson, who despite his Norwegian Name is a darker complected Mexican, that most of the Federales at the border. Both "Treefrog" and myself were red-flagged over to the inspection area for a cursory search for God-knows-what. The Customs search completed we re-joined the other seven riders and South we went. About a hundred searing miles down Baja and we stopped at a re-hydration stop for a few cold ones. Problem was, this oasis is so far out in the tules that they only stock a six-pack, so the Senora had to run down to the local Mexican Mini-mart for more Tecate.

With our thirsts refreshed, off we went. About five miles outside of San Felipe, Pooch was on the shoulder of the road with a bone-dry gas tank. Being "King-of-the-Road" I pulled my siphon hose from the tankbag and drew a spare gallon out for the Pooch. Minutes later we have arrived in San Felipe. The next four days are a bit of a blur. I do recall that this is where Smerdell was assigned the name "Freeze dry"... Just add alcohol and watch the personality grow!

And Then There Were Seven

The third day in San Felipe and we noticed that Warren was no where to be seen. It seems that Warren was torn for his newly wed waiting back home, and pissed at his Hog with the motor flopping around the chassis like a dying tuna, and decided on the spur of the moment that he was going home. We later found out that Warren's Hog went permanently to sleep somewhere near the border, and he had to walk to a farmhouse where he bummed a ride to a U-Haul to rent a truck to carry his Milwaukee Missile home.

After four nights of the bright lights of San Felipe, the guys voted to cut Westerly across the Baja Peninsula to Encinada. This decision was made after great consultation, and ignored admonishments about poor road conditions. We found that with the exception of about thirty miles of the hundred and eighty-mile trip the road was fair. Those thirty miles that were bad were really bad. Countless potholes pounded the bikes, and motorists coming head-on would frequently swerve into our on-coming lane to avoid holes on their side of the street. These on-coming kamikazes and the fillings being jolted from our heads would have kept Rip Van Winkle awake for days. It was on this stretch of Bosnian blacktop that "Rocketman's" entire tail light assembly was shaken from the back of his BMW.

Once in Encinada, we noted that Smerdell's rear tire was flat. This would necessitate the first of several cans of Fix-A-Flat to keep his Harley on the road. It might have something to do with the four nights of "burn-



We don't got no stinkin' badges

was Gino Rinaldi who is a former roommate of Favetti's, which should qualify him as some sort of Federal Witness Protectee.

After a quick breakfast and discussion of what our route would be, we climbed aboard two Hondas, a BMW and six Milwaukee Paint Mixers and took the super-slab (Hwy #5) South. Since we intended to make Palm Springs the first night (About 500 miles) we had to forgo the scenic route South in the name of putting some miles under our belts. The visual treats would have to come later. Once we got to the Lozangelous area, we found ourselves smack in the teeth of their rush hour (five or six hours actually). We stopped in Pomona, and after a brief search for a refreshment stop, we learned why Pomona's claim to fame is a drag strip. While refueling the bikes, we met some very nice girls who obviously weren't born the same gender they were now promoting themselves to be. The "girls" suggested a nice little bar where we could hangout, but we voted eight-to-one to pass on the offer (Smerdell was the lone hold-out). Off we go and the dinner hour finds us pulling into Palm Springs for a well-deserved rest.

The next morning we find Favetti had put a casehardened disc lock on his front brake rotor, but he chose a novel way of putting the lock on backwards so that he couldn't insert the key into the locks tumblers. As we stood by and cheered, Mike had to remove the front wheel and then remove the brake rotor from the wheel to free the ass-backward lock. After running around the Palm Springs area for the tools necessary for old "Flake-out" to finish his repairs, we

lowing: A week prior, a rather buxom woman was checking into the motel. Both Galligher and the female clerk noted that the woman had hair on her arms that was about an inch long. After the guest checked-in, the female motel clerk turned to Mike and recalled an old Mexican axiom... "If that is the driveway, imagine what the ranch looks like".

That evening, as we lounged around the motel pool, Galligher bar-b-que'd a batch of Tri-tip fajitas for the group which we washed down with cervessa and tequila. The only one who missed the free dinner was Gino, who's Harley had taken to running on one cylinder on the trip down, and was diagnosed with an electrical short. Gino limped over to "Hawg Wild" in Imperial. If you recall our trip last year, this is the same life-saver that put Ed Dullea's bike back on the road last June. The owner/mechanic is the same scary looking tattooed and bearded gentle giant that worked overtime to get us going last time. He again offered to Gino that if the bike broke down in Mexico, he would drive down in his pick-up and bring Gino back to the US. Once again, I doubt that Mr. Honda-San would offer the same hospitality had my Japanese-bike taken a dump.

The next morning, as we were loading our bags onto the bikes, Warren noticed that the air cleaner on his bike had beaten a serious looking dent in the side of his gas tank. It seems that his hog had broken a motor mount and the engine was trying to shake itself out of the chassis. About an hour of grinding on the air cleaner with a fingernail file allowed just enough clearance to keep the flopping engine from holing the

outs" that Tony enthralled the Mexicans with. Later that evening, we decided that our six-day diet of margaritas was becoming a little old hat, and someone (I think it was Mr. Macho "Tree frog") decided to try a Pina Colada. Pronouncing the Pina Colada the way-to-go, he passed his cocktail around and suddenly it was now **In Search of the Perfect Pina Colada**. Up to this point, we had been in the usual Gringo tourist hang-outs (Hussongs and Papas & Beers) and decided to wander down the street for something more authentic



The secret initiation for the Baja virgin

for our last night in Mexico. We found a dimly lit hole with a horseshoe shaped bar, with a drunken Mexican at every barstool. In front of each patron was a beer and a water glass of rotgut tequila. We waited for seven of the drunks to fall off their bar stools so we could sit down, and after pushing the snoring inebriates over so we could be seated, we cheerfully ordered a round of Pina Coladas. It seemed like all conversation in the bar suddenly stopped and every drunk was suddenly looking at the "mericones" with disdain. Sensing that we were about to feel the pointy end of a lot of switchblade knives, Smerdell boldly ordered double paper umbrellas for our Pina Coladas. Finally realizing just how macho we gringos actually were, the Mexicans pocketed their knives and left us alone.

The next morning we put another can of Fix-A-Flat in Tony's Harley and blasted back to the U.S. We stopped for lunch just North of San Diego and when it was time to leave, Smerdell's Harley wouldn't start. His new Dudley Perkins starter had decided it was still on vacation, so we got to push the 700 lb. Harley every time Tony had need of an engine. This was particularly exciting given that the rear tire was usually near flat and pushing the dead Hog was a groin stretcher.

Our last night we got to Santa Barbara, and found a nice hotel on the beach with a hot tub where we filled Rocket's saddlebags with cold ones and watched the sun set over the Pacific. That evening we had a killer (expensive) dinner at Andrea's Harbor side Restaurant that cost us as much as all our previous dinners combined. (Welcome Home!)

Came the dawn and we were back on the road, our final leg of another hilarious road trip. As we rode through the bay area, the guys peeled—off one by one. After the camaraderie of the past eight days, it was saddening to see the guys go. I know there will be another San Felipe trip next May, and I'm pretty sure everyone who went this year will be a repeater. We decided we did in fact find the perfect margarita, but the jury is still out on the perfect Pina Colada.

Adios

San Francisco Police Department Medal of Valor Awards

The following named members of the Police Department were presented Medal of Valor Awards and Certificates at a Ceremony on Wednesday, July 14, 1999 at the Gianini Auditorium, Bank of America Center, 555 California Street.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates all of these brave and dedicated officers, and thanks them each for their selfless courage and commitment to the mission of this department — to make San Francisco the safest and most livable city in the nation.

— Chris Cunnie, President

GOLD MEDAL OF VALOR

Sergeant James Spillane
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 Officer Joseph Marte
 Officer Jennifer Dudoroff
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Editor's note: The POA Notebook seeks an interested member to write an in-depth column about the individual medal winners. The column would include details about the incidents and particular heroics demonstrated by each officer. Interested members should contact Ray Shine at 861-5060, or at Co. K, 553-1245.

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 Officer Frank Harrell
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Officer Theresa Ewins
 Officer Christopher Creed
 Officer Hector Jusino
 Officer Robert Moser
 Officer Keith Parker
 Officer Stephen Kirwan

What's Missing From This Picture Besides a House?

Notebook Staff Report

Answer: A big summer fireworks story to go with it. As you recall, this hole on 19th Avenue was made when an illegal fireworks cache exploded and blew two homes into the stratosphere last summer. That did not happen this year. In fact, the stories about illegal fireworks busts are almost non-existent this year.

The reason is that Sergeant George Rosko and his seasoned crew of fireworks task force officers kept the lid so tight on street sales of fireworks that business in that explosive black market was at an all time low. Unlike past summers, the total seizure of fireworks was just a bit over one thousand pounds. The largest single bust netted just 400 pounds.

Sergeant Rosko is the first to give credit to his team of plain-clothes and uniformed officers who worked to suppress the sales of these dangerous items. "The officers detailed to this task force deserve all the credit." Says Rosko. "They were such a presence on the streets of

Chinatown that no one wanted to risk selling. Not even the street gangs got into it this year. It was amazing."

This was the fourth consecutive summer that the San Francisco Police Fireworks Suppression Task Force went into operation in the Central district. Street sales of fireworks have declined steadily from year to year, but this was the first summer when street sales became virtually non-existent.

The task force has a core group of veteran suppression officers that Rosko relies on for his basic street operation. They are Leon Sorhondo, Angel Poon, Bob Herrold, Henry Yee, and Daryl Fong. Many other officers also participate, but only on an occasional basis.

Sergeant Rosko apologized for not having the goods for a big story. "It just wasn't out there this year. My guys did a hell of a job working the streets. They were everywhere. The word was definitely out there. No one wanted to risk a sale. Maybe we'll have something for you next year."



This once was two homes on 19th Avenue. Exploding fireworks moved them elsewhere.

Promotions

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends congratulations to the following members on their recent promotion to Sergeant, Assistant Inspector, Lieutenant, and Captain. Well done, all.

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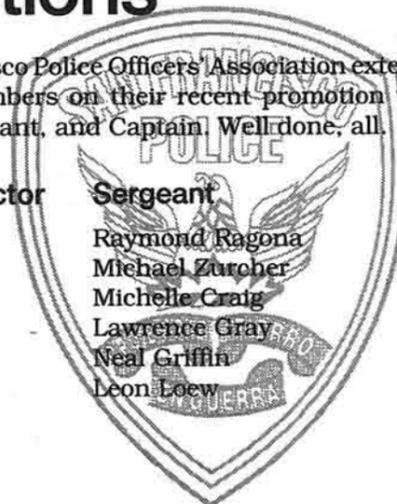
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Lieutenant

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 Gary Manini
 David Spencer

Captain

Kevin Cashman
 Michael Kemmitt



CORRECTION: We regret that the name of George Rosko was entered as that of George Stasko when this photo ran in the June issue of the Notebook. We particularly regret the error for the obvious reasons. Our apologies go out to Sergeants John Madden and George Rosko, as well as to the family and friends of George Stasko.



Sergeants John Madden and George Rosko

PRESIDENT

(continued from page 1)

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