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POA Mourns Death of Two Members

Helicopter Crash Claims Veteran Officers

Two of this department's finest officers perished in a department helicopter crash on Tuesday, January 11, 2000. The pilot, Inspector Kirk Brookbush, and the observer, Officer Jim Dougherty, were returning to San Francisco after a routine maintenance flight. The wreckage of their Bell Jet-Ranger helicopter was found in a field near the Central Valley town of Crows Landing on Wednesday morning.

Inspector Brookbush was a 27-year veteran of the department and a member of the 122nd recruit class. He served in a variety of assignments, including Park and Central stations, the Photo Lab, and Tactical-Air Support.

Officer Dougherty was a 28-year veteran. He becomes the third member of the 119th recruit class to be killed in the line of duty. His name will join classmates Douglas Gibbs and John Macaulay on the Wall of Honor at 850 Bryant Street. Jim Dougherty served in the Accident Investigation Bureau, at Park and Taraval Stations, and in Tactical-Air Support.

As we go to print the terrible event has just occurred. Funeral plans are pending. There will be more tributes paid to these fine men in the February issue of the *Journal*.

The men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association extend their condolences to the families of both of these exemplary police officers. It is always a tragedy when one of our own dies or is killed, and the grief and sorrow is compounded by the circumstances that took two of our brothers at once. Our thoughts and prayers are with the families, and this Association will be there for them over the course of the difficult days ahead.

God Bless Inspector Kirk Brookbush and Officer James Dougherty.

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT



Chris Cunnie,
SFPOA President

The sudden deaths of Kirk Brookbush and Jim Dougherty have palled the great start we had going into the New Year. My optimistic outlook for the coming year is now clouded over with grief and sadness. As friends and coworkers of Jim and Kirk, we have much to reflect upon in the coming days. I know that we will pull together and support one another, the Brookbush and Dougherty families, and the department administration in this difficult time. We will pull together just as we did two weeks ago when we worked along with Kirk and Jim in one of our department's finest moments. . .

New Year's Eve went very, very well. All of you pulled together and did an outstanding job. I credit the success of the New Year's Eve events to several factors.

First and foremost, the department has a superb bunch of people that it can rely upon to pull off an event of this magnitude. Planning and preparation are nothing without qualified individuals running the show. It is to the credit of Chief Lau, DC Santos, and Commanders Fong and Portoni that they delegated the practical aspects of planning and preparation to those they knew could put it all together. That is the mark of sound leadership: the ability to entrust responsibility unto others, and to enjoy confidence in your subordinates and the rank-and-file.

Sergeant Dan Linehan certainly deserves a great deal of credit. He devoted more than a year of his life and career to planning and launching the largest mobilization this department has ever undertaken. Thanks to Dan, and those he tapped for their expertise and talent, we were the best equipped, best trained, best transported, and best fed that we have ever been for citywide event.

Training was exemplary. The tactical aspects were handled on a scale that we have never before experienced. Commander Heather Fong oversaw several multi-agency training exercises that included rock and bottle throwing role players, simulated fire bomb-

ings, and actual deployment exercises of motor convoys onto city streets. This event was our department's first deployment of non-lethal weaponry, and training for the use of those technological advances was comprehensive and effective. Sergeants Jerry Salvador and Doug Carr, along with Officers John Mambretti and Liam Frost, worked tirelessly on developing and scheduling the massive training events.

Many others, of course, played pivotal roles in the Y2K success story. SFO was rendered safe and secure by DC Pengel and her bureau of expert officers and staff. Treasure Island and the bay waters that surround it were patrolled by Captain Rich Cairns and his command of officers. And certainly credit goes to each district commander for directing so well the security of the venues and activities in their districts.

It is said that an army moves on its stomach. If that is true, then we have to thank Steve Caniglia, Jim Drago, Rich Pate, and those who helped them for putting on one of the best feeds this department has ever sponsored. No cold boxed chicken that night. Our people ate very well, and the preparation for that monumental task can not go without due mention.

The last line really is that we are a talented and dedicated group of civil servants. The New Year's events of 1999 will prove to be a shining example of how well this department can work when everyone pulls together, when preparation and planning are unfettered, when the administration demonstrates its concern and appreciation for the needs of the men and women who stand hours on the skirmish lines, drive the busses, escort the convoys, work the command centers, and who do a thousand other necessary tasks and duties. . .

And yes, of course, there were two men who lit our night from a helicopter. . .

Martin Luther King, Jr.



"And let us move on in these powerful days, these days of challenge to make America what it ought to be. We have an opportunity to make America a better nation. And I want to thank God, once more, for allowing me to be here with you."
— Martin Luther King, Jr.

Excerpted from "I've Been to the Mountaintop", his final sermon, delivered on the eve of his assassination, April 3, 1968, in Memphis, Tennessee

January 15 is the birth date of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. The San Francisco Police Officers' Association pays honor and tribute to Dr. King during the National Holiday that celebrates his life and his struggle for equality and unity throughout this nation. — Chris Cunnie, President

What Has Become of the POA Notebook?

Notice to our membership, readers, subscribers and advertisers:

As you can see, we have changed the name of our association newspaper to the *SFPOA Journal*. We feel that the new name more accurately represents the content in our paper.

Webster's Dictionary defines the word *journal* as "a record of experiences, ideas, or reflection . . ." and as "a periodical dealing especially with matters of current interest. . ." As we see it, that more accurately represents the contents found in a typical issue. Since the POA publication is printed as a monthly, we would be hard-pressed to claim that we are timely with news and current events. Rather, our content tends to be retrospective, reactive, opinion-based, amusing, or topical.

Our masthead has a new look as well. Again, it was felt that the new look more expressly represents the contents of the paper to the reader, and readily identifies the paper as that of our police association. We believe it also adds an air of sophistication and professionalism to our official publication.

As the next few issues evolve, look for expanded use of photos, spiffier graphics, and a more reader-friendly layout. The beginning of a New Year in a new century seemed like the perfect time to make these changes. We hope you like our new look, and that you will soon recognize the name *SFPOA Journal*, or *POA Journal*, or *The Journal* to be synonymous with the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. Any correspondence, remittance, or communication to the *POA Notebook* will continue to be recognized and responded to accordingly.

— Ray Shine, Editor



POLICE-FIRE Post 456 News

By Greg Corrales

"There are no greater patriots than those good men who have been maimed in the service of their country."

—Napoleon,
Political Aphorisms, 1848

Several days before Christmas, a half dozen members of Post 456 went to the Fort Miley Veteran's Hospital to visit elderly vets that would be spending the holidays in the hospital. We gave an envelope with a small amount of cash to twenty-five of them, wished them a merry Christmas, and told them that their sacrifices were not forgotten. The response of the veterans was so gratifying that we were all pulling five dollar bills from our wallets to supplement the original twenty-five envelopes (and a couple of these Post 456 members have not reached for their wallets in a long time!)

We owe hospital police officer Chris Hall a big debt of gratitude for steering us to the veterans who most needed cheering up. The first two vets that I met at Fort Miley, Virginia Wright and Rozz Nelson, turned out to be female Marine Corps, World War II veterans. They were both very intriguing ladies. All of the vets we met were so grateful and so delighted to see us, that we vowed to expand the program for next year.

On 9 December I saw the all too familiar headline. Another military aircraft had crashed killing seven servicemen. Instinctively we feel grief and sympathy for the victims and their families. Upon reading further, this helicopter crash fourteen miles off San Diego struck a lot closer to home for me. Of the six Marines and one Navy corpsman killed in the training exercise accident, five of them were assigned to my old unit, First Force Reconnaissance Company. The dead men left behind six wives, one fiancée, and ten children.

Although First Force Recon Company was stationed in Vietnam when I served with them, they have since been relocated to Camp Pendleton, CA, where members receive training in weapons systems, tactics, parachuting, and diving. Their war-fighting responsibilities include direct-action missions such as the visit-board-search-seizure training operation the men were practicing at the time of the crash.

"What makes these men special is the individual perseverance," Major Jim Western, the company's executive officer said. "They're not special because they're in Force Recon. They are special because they're good men and good individuals and really great husbands and fathers."

A memorial fund has been set up to provide financial assistance to the families of the deceased. Send donations to the 15th MEU Memorial Fund, c/o Force Recon Association, PMB 1775, 3784-B Mission Avenue, Oceanside, CA 92054-1460.

Hundreds of military officers from across the services have recently been victims of credit card scams and identity thefts, including about forty Marine Corps generals and Navy admirals, thanks in part to a private Internet site listing their social security numbers. In an internal memo, Marine officials announced that criminals used the published numbers to obtain credit cards in the officers' names. The credit cards then were used to make fraudulent purchases and to receive cash advances. The Social Security numbers posted on the Internet appeared in the 1997 Congressional Record, which ran them as part of Senate action on promotions, according to the memo.

"Despite a request from the U. S. Secret Service, the individual responsible for posting the names and SSNs refuses to remove the information from the Web page, Brig. Gen. Joseph Composto, staff judge advocate to the commandant, said in the memo. "In addition, the cognizant U.S. Attorney has declined to initiate legal action against the individual, citing First Amendment grounds."

On 13 December the Secret Service announced that three identity thieves who used senior military officers' SSNs to obtain credit cards had been arrested. The trio has been charged with conspiracy to commit bank fraud. If convicted they each face a penalty of 30 years' imprisonment and a fine of up to \$1 million.

Please make an effort to attend a Post 456 meeting. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are held at the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of business. Try to attend!

For years two brothers, one a lawyer and the other a deaf-mute accountant, worked for a mobster. Whenever the mobster needed to communicate, the lawyer brother would use sign language and serve as an interpreter. One day the mobster realized his books were short three million dollars. He called in the two brothers. Looking at the lawyer and pointing to the accountant. He screamed, "You tell this s-o-b I want to know where my money is!"

The brothers conversed briefly, and the lawyer reported that his brother had no idea what the mobster was talking about. Furious, the mobster put a gun to the accountant's head and screamed at the lawyer brother, "Tell this s-o-b that he lets me know, right now, where the damn money is or I'll blow his brains out!" The lawyer told this to his brother, who immediately explained, in frantic sign language, that the money was hidden in a suitcase under his basement steps.

"Well? What'd he say?" yelled the mobster.

The lawyer shrugged, "He says you don't have the guts."

Semper Fi, Jack. Semper Fi, Dale.

WIDOWS AND ORPHANS Aid Association

The regular meeting of the Widow's and Orphan's Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order on December 15, 1999, by President William Hardeman at 2pm sharp in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Hardeman.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS. President Hardeman, Vice President Garrity, Trustees Fontana, Jeffery Crosat, Kemmitt, and Kurpinsky. Treasurer Sturken and Secretary Hurley

MINUTES OF THE NOVEMBER MEETING: Motion by Jeffery, seconded by Kurpinsky. Motion carried.

APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS: None at this time,

SUSPENSIONS AND RE-INSTATEMENTS: An Adjustment to the Minutes of August 18th that Christopher DaRosa be re-instated to the membership rolls.

BILLS: Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion Garrity, seconded by Fontana, that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The normal amount of telephone calls to our office via our voice mail by the membership. Also the payment of dues by the retired members has been coming in at a steady flow. Don't forget, if you are retired, your dues for the year 2000 are due. If you have any questions give us a call @ 681-3660.

NO DEATHS WERE REPORTED THIS PAST MONTH.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Tom Abbott of the Bank of America gave his report as well as an investment review

of our account. Our Income/Growth Objective of our account has an Asset Allocation of 35% Stocks, and 5% Cash. Interest rates could come down next year, which would help our Stocks. Next year should be a good year for corporate earnings. Motion to buy 900 shares of Honeywell and 500 shares of Merck Approved by Trustees. Trustee Fontana signed the authorization.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES: Trustee Kemmitt passed out copies of the proposed changes to the By-Laws. The Trustees will study and meet in January to come up with the final draft. Trustee Kemmitt did a very professional job and was thanked by the Officers and Trustees. Also a special Thanks to Barbara Brewster of TAC who assisted Trustee Fontana in getting our members with no beneficiary forms updated. There are still a lot of you out there who do not have a beneficiary on file. Without a Beneficiary your payment would go to your Estate.

NEW BUSINESS: Nominations for officers were closed. Nominated for President Joe Garrity, Vice President Dave "Lou's Kid" Fontana. Trustees Kurpinsky and Crosat and Treasurer Sturken.

ADJOURNMENT: President Hardeman set the next meeting for January 12, 2000 at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station. (It should be noted that this is one week earlier than our regular date). The meeting was adjourned at 3:10 PM in memory of our departed members.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley, Secretary

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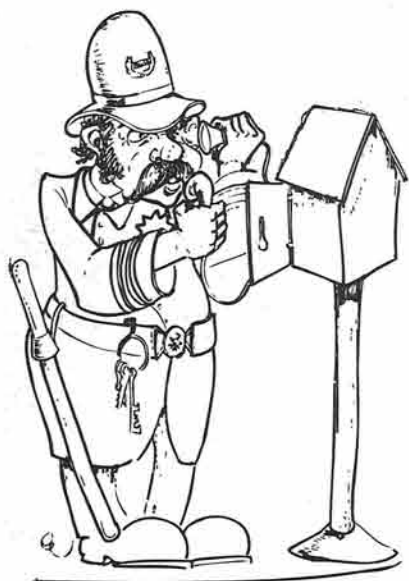


or write to us at
P.O. Box 22046, SF 94122.

The Veteran POA has 982 members. Stay in touch!

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



...Y2K - It's here:

Y2K day came and went without a hitch. Everyone should be very proud of all the effort that went into making sure nothing happened. We were prepared and thank goodness we didn't have to test that preparedness. All and all the public and the department deserve a great big thank you for how every thing turned out New Years Eve. After the fire works show at least a 1000 people who walked by us at Main and Mission said thank you or words to that affect. We thanked them in return and many took pictures of us and with us to remember a great (calm) night. — If you are interested in a computer remembrance of Y2K visit www.cnn.com/specials.1999/2000. If you have troubles bringing it up drop me a line and we'll e-mail you the file, which contains 19 pictures of celebrations throughout the world...

...Birth:

Inspector Mike Pedrini (Burglary) has a new granddaughter and his son Chris Pedrini (Southern) a new niece. Hannah Lorraine Reilly was born January 2nd, 2000 at 2034 hours, 8 lbs., 9 oz. Nicole (Mike's daughter and Chris' sister) and husband Steve Reilly.

...Health Services:

One of the great challenges for 2000 is the state of affairs of our health care system. Through out the country persons are dissatisfied, and here in San Francisco there is great dissatisfaction with the City System. Even though we have one of the most solvent Retirement Systems in the world, the greatest adverse impact on our retirees is the health system. As an example in July retiree Mike Mullane received a \$121.07 Cost of Living Adjustment, HSS increased \$79.63, Fed tax. Tax 33.90 and State tax 7.26 left him with a monthly net gain of 28 cents. Needless to say Mike is thankful that he's not living check to check but wonders out loud about those who are not so well off especially those who have medical problems...

...Helping:

Three groups in the City which have a variety of officers serving on their boards and are doing lots of good work are the Ronald McDonald House, Wish Upon A Star and Beyond Dreams Foundation (www.beyonddreamsfoundation.org). If you have some extra time and would like to get involved drop a note to Steve Johnson at the POA office and he'll make sure someone contacts you. All members of the police family are encouraged to participate...

...Prayers:

All are asked to pray for Lt. Jeff Ng (Airport Bureau) who suffered an apparent heart attack/stroke during the Christmas Holidays. Jeff remains in a coma at the Kaiser Hospital in Redwood City. Jeff's family along with several officers are maintaining a vigil...

...Jobs:

The Carpenters Union is looking for people as is The Sign and Display Union. Apprenticeship applications for the carpenters are available at all locals. Sign and Display information is available by calling 415-468-4005...

...New Horizons:

Maggie Barry (Communications) has retired after 31 years in radio. She had worked at Mission Station and the Warrant Bureau before moving to radio. We tease Maggie that she was born in the hall. Maggie worked her last day in the hall on December 10 and after a very nice send off she has joined the Union City Police as a dispatcher. Maggie's daughters Officer Melinda Petite Daly City PD (School Car) and Deputy Joanne Gomez San Francisco Sheriffs Department had hoped that Maggie would accept the roll of grandmother and take care of the kids. Not Maggie, she has trips to take and that salary in Union City combined with the San Francisco retirement will make many a travel agent smile and the grandchildren will definitely benefit from her new adventure(s)...

...Traffic Response Form:

Sgt. Bob Crosat (Legal) advises that the California Judicial Council has developed a new response form. The new form is called "The Officer's Written Declaration" and will be phased in during the month of January. Don't be surprised to see both the new and old forms being issued by room 101. The phase in period also involves training clerks and data entry personnel...

...Guess Who?

OK detectives. Can you figure out which police officer got lost and had to get directions from TV Cop Nash Bridges AKA Don Johnson? Clues: 1. They were not at the shoot. 2. Location: Potrero Hill....

...Not a good sign:

The 800 MHz radio system is now being implemented here. Yet word comes from Oakland PD that they are not pleased with the system and they've

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had it for awhile...

...No Protest:

Solo John Fullwood observed a motorist give a middle finger salute to another motorist and then immediately turn right. John stopped the motorist and cited him for v22100a — improper turn at an intersection (signaling). John fully expected a protest and looked forward to testifying. He waited and waited. No protest and upon checking he found that the citation had been paid. Would have been interesting to have a road rage case go to trial in traffic court...

...Audits:

Every so often when we go through an audit the press corps acts or portrays the audit process as being a search for wrongdoing. Lt. Jack Ballentine (Fiscal) told one reporter. "Audits are like physicals — they determine your health and what you should be doing

about it." Naturally the reporter didn't use the quote...

...Mayor Brown:

The election of Mayor Willie Brown brings stability to the up-coming contract negotiations. A lot of senior members will stick around to watch what happens in the next contract. In fact many are saying that they'll stick around until the Mayor's last year knowing that the mire of an open seat election will slow down progress in the next administration...

...Bill Fazio:

Bill groans out loud, "If only 900 more Police Officers or Fire Fighters lived and voted in the City."

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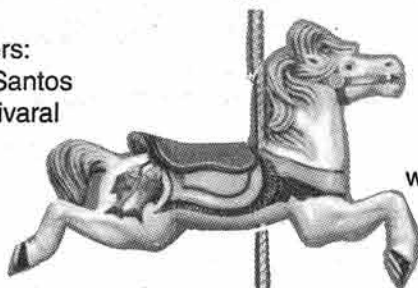
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1999 Christmas Hospital Visit

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA Secretary

It was Wednesday evening at the POA offices and you couldn't see Inspector Jennifer Forrester who was busy counting off the stuffed animals for the SFPOA's 15th Annual Christmas Hospital Visit because she was buried in a sea of boxes containing the rest of the items that would be distributed the next day. Jennifer would be accompanied by a group of off-duty officers who would make sure that every child in every hospital in San Francisco was provided with a small gift and a Polaroid photo with Santa. The gift is never as important as the picture with Santa, and our Santas are the best.

We recently lost our most senior Santa, Charlie Coates, to retirement. Charlie participated in this program for the past 12 years and would volunteer each time to tour U.C. Hospital, which usually had a population of

children who were undergoing the most rigorous and difficult treatments to combat the cancer that had invaded their small bodies. Charlie had a special way with the children that would brighten that one day and leave them with their most important memory that somehow, Santa came all the way from the North Pole a week early just to visit them.

This year we'll have four Santas, because of the increased demand to cover the numerous sites, and they will be accompanied by police officers who will serve as photographers and Santa's lackeys. The officers who volunteer for this duty come back every year. They phone us. And, it's no wonder. The officers who participate know that it's a privilege to have the opportunity of visiting some of the most courageous and loving young children and to be a part of their life, if only for a few minutes.

We do this at Easter also. So if you're interested...861-5060.

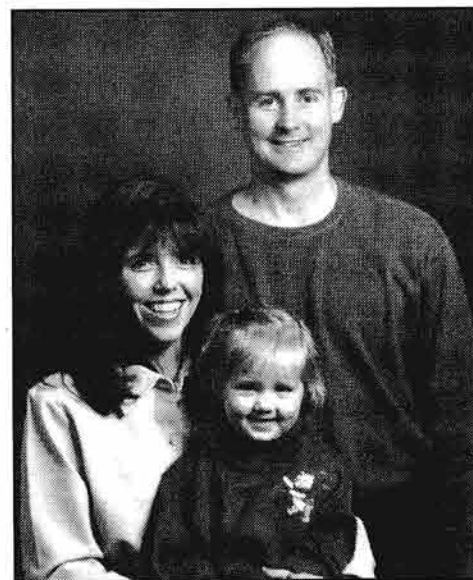
Bob and Corinne From Issaquah

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA Secretary

In August of 1996, Bob and Corinne Porter were hundreds of miles away from home and friends and were facing a major medical emergency without adequate resources to get by. Bob was a member of the Issaquah Police Department (an agency located 21 miles east of Seattle) and his wife, Corinne, was 8 months pregnant. Their expectant child faced an emergency medical procedure necessary to survive. The Porters had no place to stay and little cash resources. Our Department poured their hearts out to this young couple providing shelter, meals, and, more importantly, friendship.

On September 1, 1996, their child, Max, was born. Unfortunately, Max had severe medical problems and, after 13 days, the decision was made to remove him from life support. Max Robert Porter passed away while he was held in his father's arms.

Bob and Corinne still maintain contact with Inspector Jennifer Forrester who was instrumental in caring for



Bob, Corinne & Madeline Porter

them during their stay in our City and they recently informed Jennifer they have not only been blessed with a daughter, Madeline, who is presently two years old, but they just recently found out that they are expecting another child in April.

Nice to know that our police families have no bounds.

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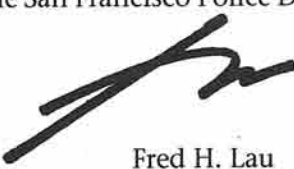
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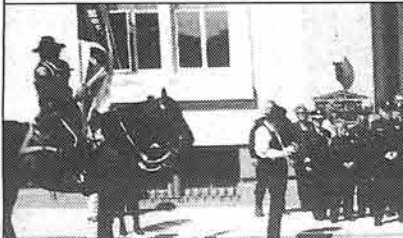
The preparation was immense. For a full year, members of the bureaus, divisions and units of the Department had constant briefings, tabletop exercises, and full-fledged practices held for an event that would draw upon the resources, knowledge, and stamina of every sworn officer and many civilian employees in a virtually unprecedented way.

Not the least of the pressure involved was how the media and the general public would judge police performance that night in light of the huge crowds expected to converge upon the city. It is with the greatest pleasure to report that every officer performed efficiently and professionally, controlling crowds and arresting expeditiously the limited number of troublemakers, while also being helpful in many ways, from giving directions to obligingly taking photographs of celebrants. Our members accomplished the remarkable feat of joining the revelry when their duties permitted; they were not simply authority figures on the sidelines ready for enforcement action, oblivious of the significance of the evening.

My heartfelt congratulations to each and every one of you for a superb job that has drawn compliments from all over the city. Surely one of the stars of this unique celebration was the San Francisco Police Department.



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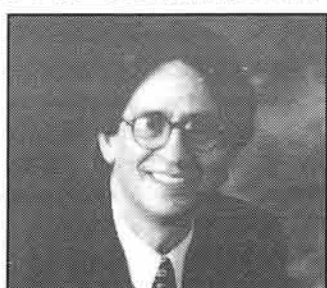
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Police Department Takes Lead in Combined Charities Campaign

By James I. Dudley,
Juvenile Division
Department Combined Charities
Captain

The 1999 San Francisco Employees' Charitable Campaign ended on November 30, 1999 and was once again successful in achieving anticipated goals. As of December 23rd, the San Francisco Police Department was the number one contributing city agency with a total amount of \$100,295! We are very near last year's totals despite having lost the valued participation of the Communications employees, who now contribute through another department.

The success of the campaign comes of course from the generous big hearted contributions by our valued department members, sworn and civilian alike, but especially due in large part to the outstanding effort by the individual unit coordinators. Unit coordinators like Larry Barsetti at Northern Station, Corrado Petruzzella of the Solos, Bill Gitmed of the Airport Bureau, Larry Minasian of Southern Station, Marlene Ottone of Investigations, and Greg Breslin of Narcotics were truly inspirational in motivating their troops. They contributed to very worthy causes such as Wish Upon A Star, The SFPD Wilderness Program, The SFPD Youth Fishing Program, Operation Dream, The Child Abuse Prevention Center, and Make a Wish Organizations. Children's organizations were by far the most popular beneficiary in the Heart of The City Campaign.

The number one unit from the department was Northern Station with over \$15,000 contributed, the Airport was close behind by about \$150. Sev-

eral units were at 100% participation, including the Solos/Traffic, Narcotics, and SID.

It came as no surprise that we had good representation among the City Grand Raffle Prize Winners. They are: Mark Lundin, a case of Merlot wine; Dan Bonnel, a \$100 gift certificate for dinner at Postrio Restaurant; Brian Crisp, a one night stay at the Sir Francis Drake Hotel; Robert Lynch, a Champagne Brunch for two aboard Pacific Marine Yachts; Frank Clemens, \$200 Savings Fun Pack at Pier 39; and John Thelen, Tea for Two at The Neiman Marcus Rotunda Restaurant. Prize winners may claim their winnings by calling 554-6678.

I would like to especially thank Chief Fred Lau, John Ehrlich, and Arimena Brown for their time and support in this campaign effort. Thanks again to unit coordinators: Bob Sheehan, Airport Bureau, Ken Cottura, Co. A, Jeri Williams, Co. C, Henry Parra, Co. D, Steve Shannahan, Co. F, Ken Lee, Co. G, Mike Pera of Co. H, Dave Oberhoffer, Co. I, Gary Jiminez, Co. J, Lynette Hogue, FOB, Tim Armour, Administration, Jim Hall, CPC; Louise Statzer, ID Bureau, Marty Blake, Crime Lab, Dan McDonagh of Muni Company, Dave Shinn, RMO, Tom Shawyer, Personnel, Joe Clemons, Juvenile and Family Services, Karol Heppe at OCC, Joron Coleman of the Exam Unit, Lt. Brown of Property, Rich McNaughton of Vice Crimes, and Bill Bray at the Police Academy for all their hard work.

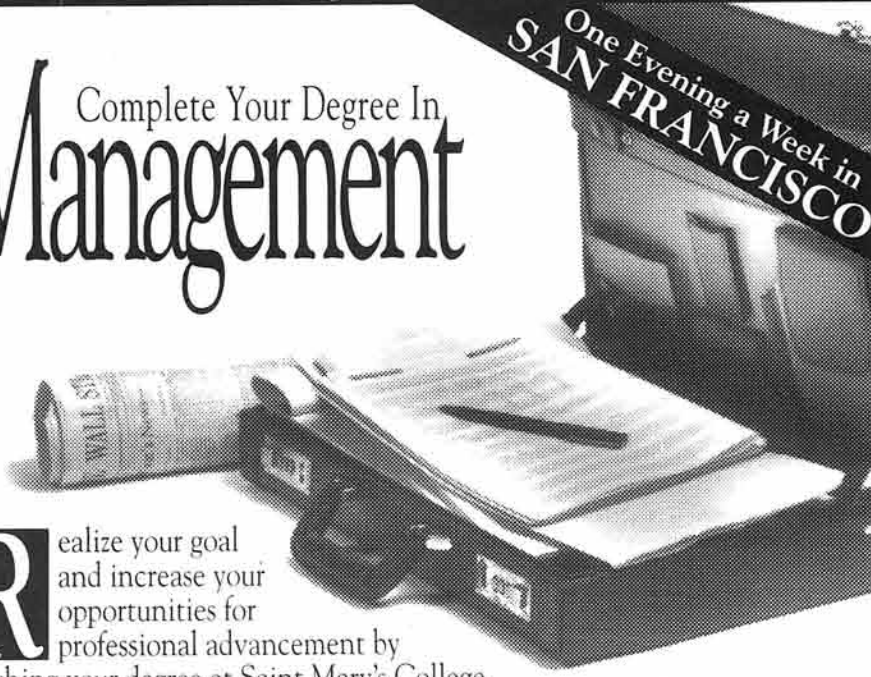
A Thank You Reception will be hosted for all unit coordinators on January 20, 2000 beginning at 0830 at the World Trade Center in the Ferry Building. The final campaign report will be generated on January 14, 2000.

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By Daniel Hampton

The Year 2000

What if I told you that modern chronologists put the birth of Our Lord Jesus Christ at 4 B.C. That our current Gregorian Calendar is 4 years off on this significant event. That would have made the year 1996 actually the year 2000, and our coming new year will actually be the year 2004. If you look up the date of Jesus Christ's birth you'll see that his birthday is designated the year 4 B.C. In other words, the astrolo-

ger who helped make the Gregorian Calendar miscalculated. What I'm getting at is this, the world did not end in 1996 as the doomsday sayers predicted, and they will be wrong with regard to the upcoming miscalculated year designated as the year 2000. So, all the hype about the end of the world for the upcoming new millennium is absolutely incorrect. Don't get me wrong, the Bible does teach an end of the world and the beginning of a new one, but the time and date no one knows, except God the Father in heaven

In the New Testament, the book of Revelations gives signs leading up to the end of the world. The faith in God and Jesus Christ will grow cold in our world, a one world government will be sought after by the nations of the world to solve its problems, and this will set the world up for a one world leader

called the antichrist in Revelations.

We currently live in a post Christian era where not many of the populace of the nations of the world know of Jesus Christ and His good news. Christianity once dominated western civilization which included Europe and America. But Christianity has grown cold on these continents, and other religions and cults have sprung up and taken root. In the Public School systems in the United States it is forbidden to teach about Christianity, the Ten Commandments, or the scriptures found in the Bible. The youth of today have only a secular background to find out what is moral in their world.

Unfortunately, our current capitalistic society is driven by selfish ambition, materialistic wealth, and self indulgence. These secular or world values are emphasized in public institutions, the media, the arts and television. There is no room in our current society for spiritual realities which can't be seen, smelled, or touched. This spiritual vacuum in our society has cause and effect which can be observed in the violence found in our public schools, work place, and families. In the book of Revelations, things will get worse before the end comes.

The problems of the nations of the world, whether it be terrorism, trade, the environment, genocide, and generations of hatred towards an ethnic race boils down to the nitty gritty of those that have and those that have not. Because there is no economic balance between nations, poverty, greed, and jealousy have spawned resentment, anger and hatred among nations. Coupled with the breakdown of the family and public institutions the remedy for the above problems have traditionally resulted in wars among countries and nations. Rarely has the bargaining table resulted in true and lasting peace among countries and nations. The United Nations is trying its best to bring peace to the world, but hatred among some nations runs deep and long, and wars are inevitable.

Now if things are to get worse, as Revelations suggests, then in the future the nations will forge ahead with an old concept of forming a world government under one leader. The old League of Nations and the United Nations, consider this idea as perfect for

solving the problems of the world. Better yet, if the one-world leader was given powers to void the constitutions of governments that would not cooperate with the one world government. This would give the one-world leader power to strip away nationalistic rights, individual freedoms and the right to confiscate material assets from countries or individuals to distribute as he dictates. This future one-world leader will be 10 times worse than Hitler and he will also be known as the antichrist. To keep his power it is stated in Revelations Chapter 13, that this world leader will set himself up as an icon and will demand the populations of the world to worship him and forsake all other religions. Those who refuse to worship him will be killed and martyred for their faith. This will be a severe time of suffering for those who refuse to worship the antichrist. They will suffer economically and in poverty before they are killed. It will be a horrendous time of suffering for Christians. But those who lose their lives for their faith in God and His Son Jesus Christ are promised a crown of glory and the gift of eternal life in the Kingdom of God. When all people of faith have been killed and or taken away from this earth, those left will be in allegiance to the antichrist. One of the Christian beliefs, based on the Biblical scriptures found in the books of Prophets, Psalms and Revelations, is that at this point in time, Jesus Christ will come back to earth to defeat the antichrist and those allied with him. The antichrist and those allied with him are destined to go into the Lake of Fire. When they are defeated then the Kingdom of God will be established in a regenerated world and universe. Those whose names are written in the Book of Life will reign in the Kingdom of God which is called the City of God, that came down from Heaven to be on earth among men and women. God and His Son Jesus Christ will dwell in this City. Its citizens whose names were found in the Book of Life will be immortal because their mortal bodies were either transformed or raised from the dead. They are citizens of the City of God because of their undying faith and allegiance to Jesus Christ.

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Inspector Bargioni has worked the Vice Division, Child Exploitation, Domestic Terrorism Prison Gangs, Intelligence and Ritualistic Crimes. She was assigned to assist in the formation of the Hate Crime Unit in 1990, and has remained the Team Leader of that unit since 1991. She is our resident expert on hate crime for the Department.

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By Robin Matthews
FTO Office

On October 10-14, 1999, the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) held its 37th annual training conference in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Myself, as well as several other women from the Department, went to the conference and had a wonderful time attending classes and networking with women officers from all over the world.

The opening ceremonies were held at the Masonic Temple in Philadelphia, an ornate building loaded with fabulous statues and paintings. The IAWP conference was the only outside group that has EVER been invited to hold ceremonies at the Temple; that right has always been held exclusively for Masons, and the honor was not lost on those present.

Our march to the Temple from our hotel, all in our Class A uniforms from around the world, was a sight to see, and was covered heavily by the Philadelphia press. Later in the evening, we were treated to an opening ceremony dinner, which included, among other things, traditional Philly cheese steak sandwiches.

The next day, and for the rest of the conference, the classes began in earnest. Topics available were Interviewing, Detection of Deception; Interrogation/Keys to Success; Women in Law Enforcement: Modeling Leadership, Growing by Design; Random Actor and the New Gangs; Community Policing and Quality of Life; Hostage Negotiation Concepts; Team Building; Verbal Judo: Redirecting Behaviors with Words; Cultural Diversity and Law Enforcement: the Truth, the Whole Truth, and Nothing but the Truth; Domestic Violence, Family Violence, Sexual Abuse; Essentials of Management; Resume Writing and Planning for Your Future; Assisting Law Enforcement Investigate High Technology Crimes; Post Traumatic Stress Disorder and Critical Incident Stress Disorder;

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If THAT wasn't enough, tours of the Philadelphia Police Academy, the Philadelphia Police Headquarters, and ride-alongs, as well as FLY-alongs were available for those who were interested. Throw in an Awards Luncheon which honored the IAWP Officer of the Year, and the winners of the Leadership Award, the Community Service Award, the Mentoring Award, the Excellence in Performance Award, three Medal of Valor Awards, the Heritage Award, and an International Scholarship Award, and end it with a FABULOUS farewell banquet, and that gives you a little idea on how the week went.

And that's not even touching on the Liberty Bell, Independence Hall, shopping . . . well, you get the picture!

This year's conference will be held in Toronto, Canada September 23-27, 2000. For more information, contact Sergeant Lisa Hodgins from the Toronto Police Service, who is the coordinator of the conference, at 416-808-6614, 905-257-4588, or e-mail her at lhodgins@direct.com.

For further information on the IAWP, contact me at the FTO office at 333-5797, or by e-mail at RLM2214A@aol.com.

Editor's Note: This article was first submitted to the POA Notebook in October. Unfortunately, the piece was mis-filed. I present it here with full apology to Robin Matthews.

Blood drive

The Gift of Giving Continues

By Mark Hawthorne,
Chair Blood Committee

It is with a sense of pride that I write this short note. Members and friends of the San Francisco Police department continue to show they care and believe in giving the gift of life: blood.

December 14th demonstrated the generous sentiments of the members and friends. The Tri-annual blood drive was held on that day. A total of eighty-four pints of blood were donated. To some, that number doesn't seem that great. To others that number appears outstanding. Let me just say, the number of pints doesn't really matter as long as we have members who are willing to give of themselves so that others might benefit, a true act of compassion.

To break down the donations even

further, the number eighty-four can be divided by four as there are four parts to whole blood that can and is often used for medical purposes. The four parts are red corpuscles, white corpuscles, plasma, and platelets. Some of the donors even managed to be caught on tape as Andrew Cohen was videoing for a future segment of Hearts of the City.

On behalf of the beneficiaries of the donated blood, and the Police department, and the POA, I want to thank all of those who were generous enough to take time from their busy schedule to donate that all too precious commodity. I look forward to seeing many of you again in April, the next date of our blood drive. In the mean time, stay frosty and healthy, someone can benefit from your donations.

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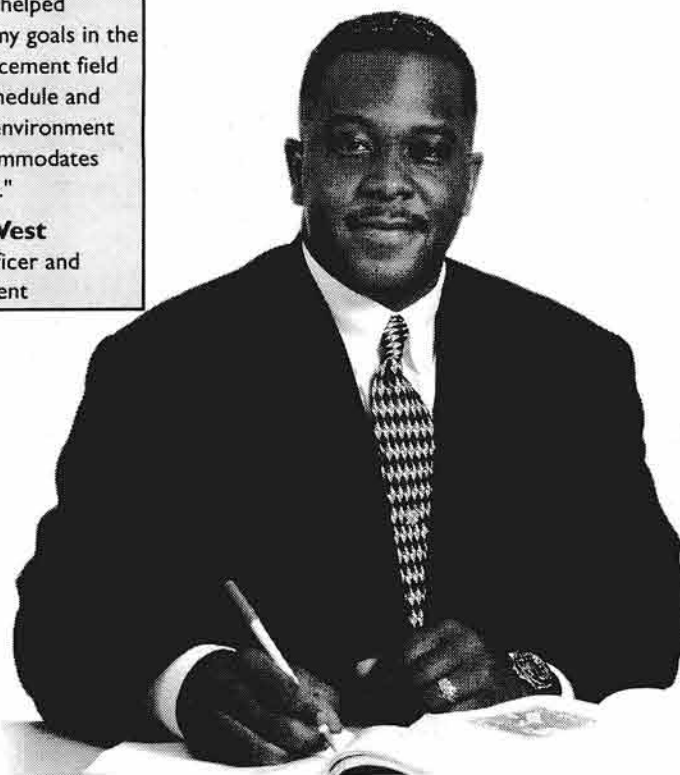
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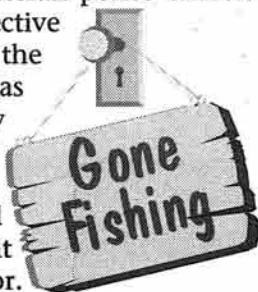
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The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends congratulations to the following veteran police officers upon their respective retirements from the department. As has been said so many times before, the loss of experienced and skilled people is difficult to compensate for.

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Richmond Station
Officer Robert Payne, Muni
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Inspector Clint Wilmerding, CVU



Dangers of the Street

Policemen Needed on the Crossings to Protect Pedestrians

In view of the reckless manner in which light vehicles of all kinds and descriptions are permitted to be driven, it is an absolute wonder that more street-crossing accidents are not chronicled. To cross Kearny Street anywhere above California at any time in the day is attended with danger.

At the intersection of Kearny, Market, and Third streets the case is still worse, and pedestrians are here obliged to have their eyes in a dozen different directions in order to get through the labyrinth at all.

For ladies, the trip is particularly

dangerous. The men who drive the express and butcher wagons at a speed which, in any other city, would subject them to a heavy fine, and perhaps imprisonment, are no respecters of the sex, and actually go out of their way frequently to see how near they can come to running somebody down, and whoop and yell at persons on the crossing for their own amusement.

It is the duty and within the province of the Chief of Police to put a stop to this. If pedestrians have any rights which horse cars, laundry wagons, and flying bakeries are bound to respect, it

is high time they were asserted. Men can generally take care of themselves, but it is for helpless women the plea is made.

A short time ago a gentleman drew his revolver on the reckless driver of an express wagon in order to prevent being run over: another took a horse by the bridle and with desperate strength forced him over the dashboard of a bob-tailed car, and threatened to mop the sidewalk with the driver if he attempted to go a step further, till a crowd of ladies had passed. On a Saturday afternoon, after the matinees, there is every week the interesting spectacle of a half-dozen ladies being chased a half block or more in Kearny, on either side of Bush Street, before they reach the opposite pavement.

A little attention to this matter and a few arrests and fines for fast and reckless driving would bring about the needed result. The way in which hacks go tearing from Bush Street to Wade's Opera House on the conclusion of a performance in order to get a load might also be a subject of admiration for some keen policeman's eye.

It is high time that San Francisco, like every other well-regulated city, should have a few policemen detailed to protect and assert the right of way of foot passengers.

A PAGE FROM THE PAST
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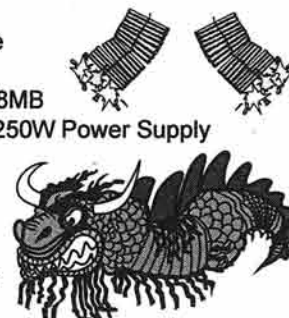
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Investment Clubs

By Mike Hebel,
Financial Commentator

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

At the 1999 NAIC Annual Congress and Expo held in Nashville, Mike and Gity Hebel had a direct opportunity to speak with the leaders of the investment club movement. There are now over 36,000 investment clubs affiliated with the NAIC. "Own your share of America," is a motto of the NAIC whose mission is to provide educational materials to individuals and club investors. The average investment club is a little more than six years old with a portfolio valued at more than \$100,000 and an average compound annual earnings rate of 26.1% over its lifetime. The NAIC believes in long term, patient investing in America's great growth companies. 72 of its affiliate clubs have been in existence for over 40 years. A host of individuals and clubs have obtained financial independence through their association with the NAIC. All of this is sweet music to the ears of the numerous active/retired San Francisco police officers now participating in investment clubs.

Star Performers Investment Club

Formed in August of 1995, this Club of 30 partners just recently saw their portfolio cross the \$400,000 mark. Their celebration dinner, to be held at the House of Prime Rib, is a tribute to the patience and persistence of this highly motivated group.

This club's prominent investments include America on Line, Amerindo Technology Fund, Cisco Systems, Coca Cola, Costco, EMC Corp., General Electric, Harley Davidson, Intel, Home Depot, Lucent, MCI Worldcom, Merck, Microsoft, Peoplesoft, and Walt Disney. In order to obtain international diversification, the club also has invested in the Janus Overseas Fund, which advanced 86% in 1999.

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

The KMA Investment Club

The "Kiss My Assets" investment club was formed in November 1996 with 42 partners. It now has 33 partners. Its \$245,000 portfolio is a source of much pride for the partners. The \$200,000 celebration dinner was held at the Ft. Mason Officer's Club as a tribute to the determination and dedication of this highly energetic group.

This club's prominent investments include: Carnival Corp., Cisco Systems, Gap, Gillette, Hewlett Packard, Home Depot, Intel, Johnson and Johnson, MBNA, PepsiCo, Videophone, and Walt Disney. Its most recent purchases include Symantec and Schlumberger.



Mike and Gity Hebel with Ken Janke (president and CEO of the National Association of Investors) at a recent NAIC Congress held in Nashville.

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

The Alvord Lake Investment Club

20 partners of whom 25% are active/retired SFPD officers formed the Alvord Lake investment club in July 1997. Most of the partners are CCSF employees with several departments including the City Attorney's office and the Department of Parking and Traffic. The club has celebrated its \$100,000 anniversary and now has a portfolio exceeding \$170,000- a tribute to the long term perspective and educational efforts of this highly talented group. The club is now planning its \$200,000 celebration.

This club's prominent investments include: AT&T, Charles Schwab, Dell, EMC Corp., Home Depot, Johnson and Johnson, Lucent Technology, Nokia, Safeway, and Walgreen. Its most recent purchase was Flextronics.

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

Academy Investment Club

The newest police investment club was formed in April 1999. It has 20 partners and meets, on a monthly basis, at the Academy's community service room. This club has grown its portfolio to \$20,000 with investments in solid companies such as Borders, Cisco, Intel and Lucent Technology.

This club, like the others, desires to compound its investment return by an annual average of 15%. It is well on its way to exceed its goal.

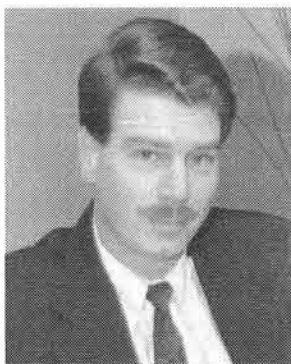
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CYBERNEWS

By Glenn Sylvester

Welcome to the year 2000!!!

It's been quite some time since I've written an article. Blame me. So much to do and so little time to do it. I miss everyone! I heard that San Francisco spent about 9 Million dollars in preparation for Y2K. Fortunately, the problems did not arise to the magnitude that others thought. This is fine. It's better to HAVE and not need, than to NEED and not have.

This was a fine example of planning and preparation. The question that I have is, Was this out of necessity and/or reaction to a possible problem that may arise, or was this proactive?

All too often, we take a reactive role to problem when we should be more proactive. The writing is on the wall and it's gonna happen. Some of you already know what I am referring to by reading between the lines.

The latest news is that Attorney General Janet Reno was in the Bay Area addressing Law Enforcement of the need to develop task forces to handle high-tech crime. Along with this would call for the cooperation between agencies to share information to catch these cyber criminals on the wild, wild, west of the modem, on the Internet. President Clinton is proposing a bond of 50 million dollars plus to develop and train cyber students the skills necessary to protect our critical infrastructure that we all have come to rely on.

This program is to work sort of like the R.O.T.C. program. Such great news and better late than never. But, will you wait to see those funds? By the time they trickle down to law enforcement, High Tech Crime will continue and the further behind we will get. Who and how with those individuals be selected to participate?

Granted folks, even though I am qualified as an expert, working with computers day in and day out for over 10 years, and am presently delivering training in high-tech crime, I DO NOT



know it all!. There are advances every day and when you THINK that you are better than someone else, be ready to accept the consequences of your mistakes. Neophytes WILL NOT and CAN NOT ramp up in knowledge in weeks or months. It's not a job, it's a challenge, and love for what you do.

Let's see where the real motives are? OK, I'll step down now.

On New Year's Eve, I met a person by the name of "LIZ" at Mission Station. She mentioned that she reads my article all the time and wished that I would include more information on Macintosh Computers. (I just had to use spell check to get the spelling right, Sorry).

Yes, Liz you are right, and unfortunately, I am not that well versed on these systems. This is one reason why I try to be generic in writing about the Internet and the like. What is done on the Internet on a PC can and will be done on a Mac. In regards to forensic issues, I can offer a few tips and tricks, but bad guys and GALS read this publication as well. I will have to defer to my colleague Sgt. Tom Feledy in Fraud in this area. Tom isn't the only one, there are others in the department as well. Sorry folks. Hope this answers your question and please tell me your last name.

If anyone has any ideas or topics that they would like to read more about, please drop me a line at: Hightechcop@pacbell.net

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PET CORNER

By Deborah Braden
Background Investigations



An animal rescue story with a happy ending to start the New Year...I have one!

On 10/16/99 Officers Daylene Tong and Jacquelynne Richie (Co. E) responded to a call from an alert citizen who was jogging, heard crying and found a litter of puppies and their mother locked in a car with no ventilation and no water parked in the sun on an extremely hot day.

The officers found the puppies trying to crawl to a small patch of shade in the car and appeared to be convulsing. As any good mother would do and knowing her puppies needed help the mother dog did not bark or become aggressive when the officers approached the car but rather licked the window. Off. Richie felt this was a strong plea for help!

Fearing the dogs would soon expire from heat exhaustion the officers forced entry into the car by breaking a window. Even though Officer Tong lacerated her hand while breaking the window, that didn't stop her rescue efforts.

The officers doused the puppies in water to reduce their body tempera-

ture and removed them from the car with assistance from Off. Mark Williams. The mother was given water with the help of another caring citizen who provided water from her home.

Animal Care and Control Officer Flores responded and transported mom and puppies who all survived.

Animals are rendered helpless in these abusive situations and need and deserve our help.

Kudos to Officer Tong, Richie and Williams for their rescue! We can all help.



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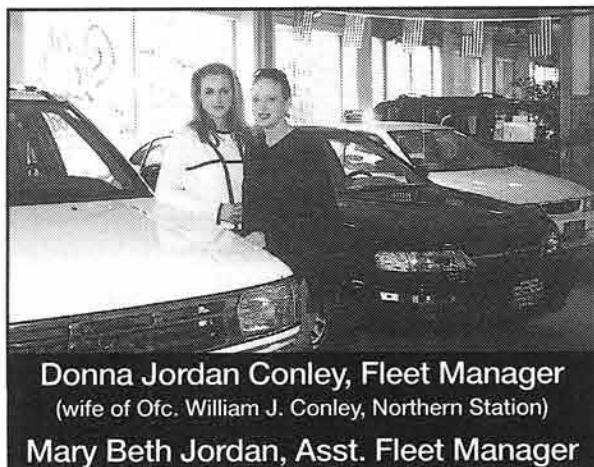
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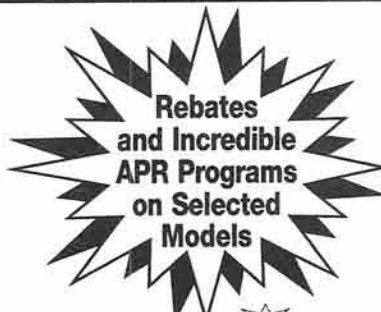
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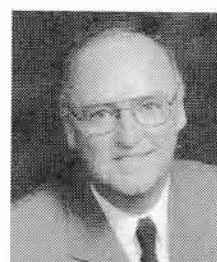
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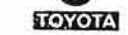


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Editor —

Thank you very much for the flowers sent for our mother and, more importantly, thank you for keeping our family in your thoughts and prayers. The support we received from the SFPD has been wonderful, and the kind words and thoughts we have received from so many in the department have made this difficult time easier.

Sincerely,
The Coggan Family

December 20, 1999

SF Police Officers' Association
510-7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear POA—

Please accept our deepest thanks for your efforts in orchestrating an enormous amount of gifts from the San Francisco Police department to families at the Ronald McDonald House. It was a great treat to be able to celebrate the holidays with officers from your department. In nearly ten years, community donations have made it possible for more than 1,500 families to receive over 34,000 nights of housing in our "home away from home".

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Sincerely,
Liana Filia Wenger
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December 21, 1999

Captain Goldberg
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Parents were very appreciative of your kind consideration in thinking about them. One of the families is headed by a single mother with one infant and two young children. She does not have car. Therefore, I went to Albertson Store and purchased diapers for the baby. Another family has a father who is dying of cancer and mother is the bread earner with three children all under 18 years of age.

At this holiday season, thank you for thinking about our parents and children. I understand that the gift coupons were donated by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. Please send our best regards to them. We hope that you can put this center's name of your list for future donations.

Thanks again for everything!
Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,
Marie Lee, Ed.D.
Site Manager
Commodore Stockton Child Development Center

P.S. Officer Fitzgerald Wong was the one that brought the five coupons to us. Please thank him for bringing the coupons to us!

December 16, 1999

Chris Cunnie, President
San Francisco Police Officers' Association
510-7th Street
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Dear Chris:

Thank you so much for the POA's generous donation to our annual R.O.S.E.S. (Residents of the Southeast Sector) holiday dinner. This all-inclusive citizens group encompasses the entire Bayview District and is very much involved in police-community issues.

Our successful December 2nd event was attended by over 200 community members who were treated to a delicious turkey dinner, with entertainment and dancing.

The Association's continued support to the citizens as well as the officers in the Bayview District is truly appreciated.

Sincerely,
Captain Ron Roth
Commanding Officer
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Dear Mr. Cunnie —

Thank You and your Community Service Committee for the San Francisco Police Officers' Association support this year as a Hole Sponsor of the CPO Foundation 13th Annual "Survivors' Golf Tournament" on May 12, 2000. The receipt for your donation of \$250 for this Sponsorship is enclosed.

We truly appreciate the SFPOA's ongoing support of this important annual fundraising event for our charity. Thanks again to everyone in the Association and on the Community Service Committee.

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We deeply appreciate your efforts to brighten our children's lives with the light of your kindness. Again, thank you for helping us make a little holiday magic at Edgewood.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey A. Davis
Chief Executive Officer
Edgewood Center for Children and Families



Editor —

The officers of Alice Griffith housing development would like to take this opportunity to let your association know that we greatly appreciate your kindness in providing us with a way to spread the holiday spirit this Thanksgiving.

All the families that received a thanksgiving meal were deeply touched with joy and relief. They were able to enjoy the holiday rather than worry about how they were going to feed their family. The families at the Alice Griffith housing development and personal protective services say, "thank you."

The officers of personal protective services that patrol Alice Griffith housing development again say, "thank you."

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Dear Chris Cunnie —

On behalf of the women, children, board and staff of La Casa de las Madres, I would like to thank SF Police Officers' Association's generous contribution of \$300.00 dated December 29, 1999.

With your support, La Casa has been able to provide safe shelter, food, clothing, counseling, legal and

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Please accept our thanks for your support of these important programs. With your help, we will continue to offer alternatives to women and children seeking to end the cycle of violence in their lives.

Sincerely,
Linda Wohlrabe
Executive Director



Dear Chris —

It was a pleasure to meet you and other members of the Association.

Life was made a lot simpler for us because of all the wonderful and loving care you gave us.

There is something I'd like you to do. Quite a few people sent cards without a return address. Would it be possible to post a thank you note in the POA paper?

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We would like to wish you a blessed Christmas, a beautiful Chanukah, a gentle winter solstice, and, of course, an auspicious start to the new century! We thank God for our health, for you, our family and friends, and for our interesting lives. We are thankful beyond words.

The phrase "the turn of the century", especially to one of my vintage, can evoke an image of a great deal of time passing. I learned this year that a giant sequoia's pine cone doesn't fall off the tree until it is fifty years old. I am young by giant sequoia standards! I'm ready for another century!

The days of 1999 have been, as Calvin and Hobbs would say, "just packed!"

Gabriel has experienced a banner year. He survived high school and the college application process. He graduated from Redwood High School and was accepted into the University of California at Santa Cruz, his first choice of schools. Into the wild blue yonder he went as he "soloed" at his flight school, Ace Aviation! During the summer, Gabriel attended Outward Bound in Colorado, and participated in UCSC's 10 day "freshperson" hiking trip in the high Sierra. Now he has matriculated at UCSC with his friend, Evan, as his roommate. Tony and I miss him severely.

Tony has also enjoyed many successes during his 10th year. School in the 5th grade is fairly mellow. He is an upper classman at his school, and middle school looms next year. He enjoys reading and

sports. Tony was active this year in baseball (3rd base), soccer (every position), and basketball (as we speak, playing forward). He plays the piano and sings in the 5th grade chorus (35 girls and 4 boys). He plans to run track in the spring. Tony runs the 50 yard dash in 6 seconds and the mile in 6 minutes 24 seconds.

As a family, we spent a month on beautiful Maui, and are struggling (Gabe isn't struggling) with the issue of "here today, gone to Maui". Tony and I plan to go and explore the issue further in January.

I sometimes get fatigued with being on duty 24/7/365, but all in all, we're making good progress here. I enjoyed a week at the Ahwahnee Hotel in Yosemite this fall with my sister, Racy. We had a grand time hiking, yet returning to comfort in the evenings. I walk every day in the Golden Gate National Recreation Area, and in another life might have been a naturalist. Right now I remain the CEO and CFO of that small domestic corporation, The Nelson Brothers. I am considering attending graduate school in Nursing. I am interested in risk management and infection control.

Our "buzz was harshed" (you see what grammar you achieve when you cohabit with two boys) when Wava, my mother, moved to Texas to live with my brother, Tony. We miss her so much!

We haven't spent a holiday without her in almost 20 years!

We hope this finds you in health and happiness. God bless you in the 21st century!

Love to all,
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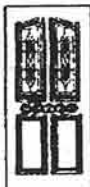
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156 officers were killed in 1998. The annual average in the 1990s was 153, compared with 187 during the 1980s, and 222 during the 1970s.

Craig W. Floyd, chairman of the National Law Enforcement Office Memorial Fund, credited enhanced and comprehensive training, the declining crime rate, and to better equipment, such as safer patrol cars, communications, and bulletproof vests for the downward trend.

In 1999, California reported 8 officer fatalities. Tennessee and Texas each reported 10. Nationwide, the line-of-duty deaths were caused by: 47 officers killed in auto accidents. 45 officers killed by gunfire. 15 died from job-related illness.

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Sports



Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh
Sports Editor

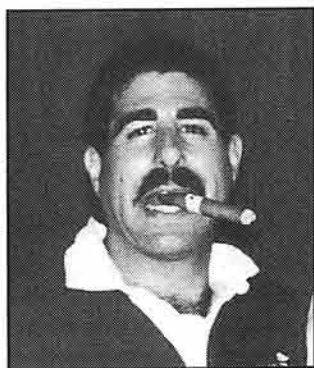
CHECK IT OUT: Well, it's the year 2000 already and now it's time to start looking toward the first SFPD Softball League season of the new millennium. Being the league "commish" I have plans to start play on Tues. mornings (as usual) beginning maybe the second week of March (the 14th sounds about right). I would like to have ten-game seasons for both the A and B Divisions and have play-offs and championships finished up around the second week of June. In the meantime, I'm scheduling a managers meeting for Tues. Feb. 1st at 10:00 am at Park Station's community room (notices have already been sent out). This is a very important meeting to attend if you plan on having a team from your unit.

For instance, the rumor has it that TAC is making a run at throwing a team together and coming back to the league after folding like a deck of cards last year and dropping out. Well, if this is true I will need the manager or at least a representative from that team to attend the softball meeting and substantiate what just appears to be an amusing rumor at this time.

I've also heard that the long running Northern Mids team probably won't materialize this year as well as an even worse rumor that the very popular and everlasting Mission Chihuahuas weren't going to field a team as well. This is a sad development but an understandable one. I'd rather know now that these teams won't be available rather than after I've already made-up the schedule; this happened to me last year and it really screwed things up. So if no representatives from a unit show up to this meeting and I haven't received a call from anyone, I will naturally assume that they are not able or interested in playing this year. Remember: **SOFTBALL MANAGERS MEETING, TUESDAY FEB. 1st AT 10:00 AM, PARK STATION'S COMMUNITY ROOM.**

Last month I wrote about Co. F's Ngan Dang representing the department well in the 1999 New York City Marathon. This month I want to congratulate another female marathoner from the department and that is Georgia Pappas (Academy but soon to be Southern Station). Pappas ran and successfully completed the Honolulu Marathon in Hawaii last month while raising \$7500.00 for the Leukemia Society of America (see her article and pic).

It was her first marathon ever and she had to run most of it during a miserable rain storm, but Pappas was able to run the event in 4 hrs., 16 min. She reiterated to me her appreciation to the very thoughtful people who donated to, as well as supported her, in her quest. In the meantime, Pappas has a thought about running in the London Marathon that takes place in April which would also be quite an



accomplishment. Once again, congratulations to Georgia Pappas and good luck in the future.

I next want to talk about the Airport Range's Ed Reinfeld who is an assistant coach on the A.P. Giannini Middle School baseball team in The City. I wrote about him and his team last season as they were on an impressive run of wins in-a-row in addition to consecutive championships. Well, the Jaguars success continues as they won the Middle School championship for the sixth time in the last seven years recently with a victory over the Hoover Hawks by a score of 14-2 in October. They've continued their powerful play despite only having four starters who returned from the previous season.

Reinfeld's son Tim was with the team when the program went on their run of championships seven years ago, and that was when Ed started helping out as well.

And what a run it has been: Giannini has won 47 games in-a-row and have posted a 129-win, 9-loss record over the last ten years. They are definitely considered the "De La Salle" of SF Middle School Baseball. This can be attributed to Reinfeld's steady instruction and guidance that helps the team win gracefully on the field, and in addition keeps them centered while off of it. I want to say congrats to Ed and his team on their recent championship and wish them continued success next season.

As far as department hoops is concerned, nothing spectacular is going on. Especially when discussing Airport's team who at the time of this printing has a record of 0-wins, 5-losses in the B Division. This is despite the somewhat encouraging play of Kevin Murray and Matt "Cup Cake" Mason. I would hope to hear about bigger and better things about these guys and the rest of the squad in the near future. Also struggling in the B Division is TTF who is sporting a 2-win, 3-loss record. Commissioner Gerry Darcy mans this teams which also includes Alvin Yee, Lavante Mitchell, Dein Ha, and of course Darren "Section 39, Row 4, Seat 2" Noccetti. They're unfortunately missing superstars Eddy Hagin and Harold "The Beave" Vance who would definitely make them a better team.

In the A Division the teams to beat at this time are Mission Station and Fire Dept. #2. They're both tied for first with undefeated records (5-0) at the writing of this column and will continue the dog fight down the stretch. As far as Darcy's other team that he's playing for, the Narcotics squad, they're not doing that great either at 2-wins, 4-

losses. It's pretty much a geriatric group of guys which includes: John "I look Like Mickey Mantle" Halicy, Gary "Vice Prez" Delagnes, Charlie Mahoney, and of course Matt Hanley. They also have that b-ball spring board Eddie "D" Del Carlo but it doesn't seem to be enough.

Either this Narcotics team is really missing Ed Anzore or they're being brought down by the play of Darcy like TTF apparently is. Oh well, the season continues.

That's all for this month...So See Ya next month....

Honolulu Marathon

By Georgia Pappas
Academy

Aloha!!! Well, I made it back from Hawaii and can say that I actually survived the Marathon. For those who might have missed my first article, on December 12, 1999, I ran the Honolulu Marathon as a fundraiser for the Leukemia Society of America. My goal was to raise \$3500 to aid in the fight against Leukemia and related cancers. I also wanted to see if I could finish the 26.2 miles.

I am thrilled and honored to say that with the outstanding moral and monetary support from all of you I surpassed my goal and raised \$7500. I never could have succeeded without your help. I really could have used a little help running the race, but I guess that was a personal goal I had to tackle myself.

And now for a little about the race. For those of you who thought I was basking in the warm sun, wrong. It rained. I know it always rains in Hawaii, but not like this. The first three days Honolulu was hit with torrential rainstorms with flash flood warnings.

Race day wasn't any better. It poured for the first two hours and then turned to a light drizzle. The run was definitely challenging to say the least, and the weather added to the challenge. Overall my race experience was awesome. I finished the race in 4 hours and 16 minutes. I managed to come through unscathed. No lost toenails, major pulls or strains. Thank God! The sun managed to come out the last four



Georgia Pappas with her training partner Phil Wong.

days of my trip so needless to say I rested my sore muscled while working on my tan.

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THE LOON'S NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,
T.T.F.

Wyman Is Holiday Classic Champion

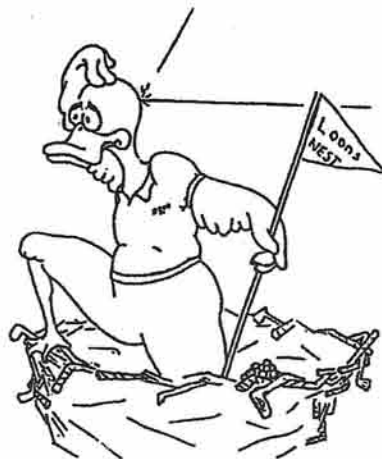
On December 21st, a flock of forty-two festively dressed Loons lifted and flew in holiday formation in a northern flight through funny blue skies and summer-like weather. The Loons descended for their first club nesting at the recently opened Rooster Run Golf Club in Sonoma County. After two seasons of heavy winter rains, it was our good fortune to find a perfect day for golf with the mercury reaching 73 degrees, no wind, and not a cloud in the sky.

This was the 12th playing of the L.N.G.C. Holiday Classic and defending champion Tom O'Connor was ready to defend his title. Tom went out and started with a birdie on the first hole. That hole had a pin placement that befuddled many Loons, but O'Connor got a good start in route to a front side score of 37. This gave Tom a two-stroke edge over the Steve Landi, who fired a fine 39 on the front. John Wyman and Ed Garcia posted 40's with several players at 42.

As play moved through the back nine scores tightened up as O'Connor finished the 16th with a one-stroke lead over John Wyman of Co. K. Landi and Garcia were two back. Wyman, a player known for a sharp touch around

the greens had his putter working well on this day, and he made par on 17 and canned a very tough 16 foot put on 18 for a bogey. O'Connor went three over for the last two holes, finishing with an 81, which was matched by Steve Landi. Wyman's clutch putting brought him around in 80 strokes giving the 1999 Holiday Classic Low Gross title to this veteran motorcycle officer. The second place tie-breaker went to Steve Landi, and third place to Tom O'Connor as these two outstanding players added more iron to their trophy collections.

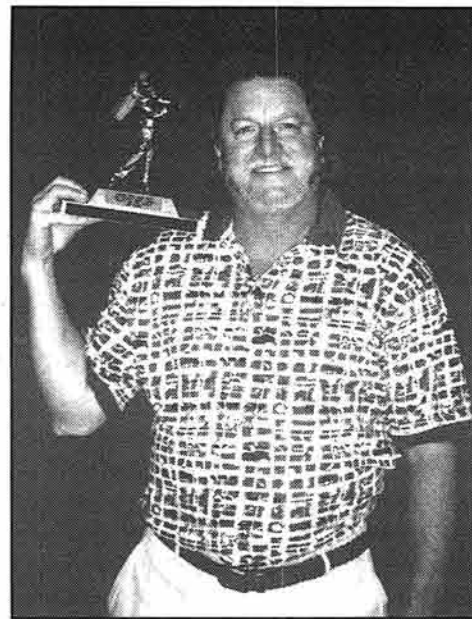
First flight low net went to Ed Garcia of T.T.F., who finished with a net 72 which gave him a two stroke edge over Charlie Anzore of Richmond Station. Steve Delsuc of Honolulu, Hawaii took third low net in the flight with a net 76. Delsuc and Anzore had a close match as Delsuc had a one-stroke lead over Anzore through 13 holes. Anzore picked up pars on 14 and 18 to finish ahead of Delsuc. It should be noted that Delsuc's back nine gross score of 39 strokes made Delsuc the backside medalist of the day.



In second flight play, John Greenwood continued his march of victories, as this second flight Tiger Woods seems unstoppable. On the front side, Greenwood fired a 42, leaving him one stroke behind Rich Huddleston from the Honda Squad. Completing 14 holes Greenwood and Huddleston were in a dead heat. Huddleston ran into a pair of double bogies on the final holes allowing Greenwood's 89 to hold up for a two stroke victory. Huddleston finished with a 91 that was matched by Southern Station's Larry Minasian. Minasian fired a 45 on the backside, making him the 2nd flight backside medalist for the day. The tie-breaker went to Minasian, along with second place and Huddleston finished in third.

The 2nd flight low net was a close battle, as three players finished within one stroke and all three players had indexes within 2 strokes. T.T.F.'s Eric Tapang had a net score of 68, leaving him ahead of Co. E's Joe Zamagni and Bob Byrne. The tie-breaker for second went to Zamagni and Byrne finished in 3rd place.

In "Close to the Hole" competition the two winners were Steve Landi and recently crowned Club Champion Glenn Mar. On the 6th hole Glenn left his shot 3' 11" from the pin. On the 118 yard 15th hole, Landi put one



John Wyman, 1999 Holiday Classic Champion (Loons)

within 5'6" of the hole. Second place winners were Phil Fee of Ingleside Station on the 6th hole and on the 1st there was a tie between Charlie Anzore and Harry Pearson of Narcotics. They both had shots at 9'2" and split the prize. "Hammer Harry" Pearson went on to take the long drive contest with a blow of 292 yards down the center of the 11th fairway.

Our next tournament will be the Two Man, Best Ball Championship in mid-February, watch your mail for announcements.

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By Rene LaPrevotte

New Millennium Summer Ride 2000

The "San Francisco Police and Fire Fun-Guys Motorcycle Club" is planning our upcoming trip to the Calgary Stampede. You may have read of our prior adventures in our "Search For The Perfect Margarita" and other two-wheeled festivities. This year we are going to spread our good cheer through the Northern States and into the Canadian Rockies.

I organized this same trip four years ago, then tore-up my knee and was unable to attend. John Wyman, Kent Dalrymple, Dave Herman, Al Hom, Mike Evanson and God knows who-else made the trip and had a blast, so we're going to do it again. The dates are tentatively scheduled for the middle of July. We plan to do a little sight-seeing around Sand Point, Idaho, as several of the guys want to check into a timeshare with Mark Fuhrman. We also hope to see Glacier Park, Banff/Lake Louise and a few other "Kodak

moment" destinations. The policy of the Fun-Guys M/C is that as soon as someone gets tired of riding (or thirsty) the days ride is over and we flop at the nearest motel hot tub. Given our leisurely pace, plan on five days each-way, with maybe three nights in Calgary to enjoy the Stampede.

Our standards for membership are very strict; you must own a motorcycle that isn't going to strand you on the highway. It must be able to sustain eighty miles per hour. You must be comfortable with over-indulgence in food and drink, and you must have thick skin. If you think you qualify for membership, call me at the Traffic Company (553-4986) or at home (415-883-9092) so I can get some idea of numbers of rooms needed, etc. For those unable to commit to thirteen days away, we can plan your trip to delete the trip into Canada, and send you home from somewhere in Idaho or Montana... flexibility is the keynote of the S.F.P. & F.F.G. M/C.

Miscellaneous Musings... I realize the need for the "Americans' With Disabilities Act", but can someone tell me why the motorcycle gas computer at the Police Service Station was built for wheelchair access? Have you ever seen a wheelchair confined solo that needed to gas his motorcycle? The gas computer being built 24 inches above the ground does little more than aggravate the chronic back problems suffered by most motorcycle officers who must bend-over (or get on his knees) to use the damn thing... just wondering. See ya next month!

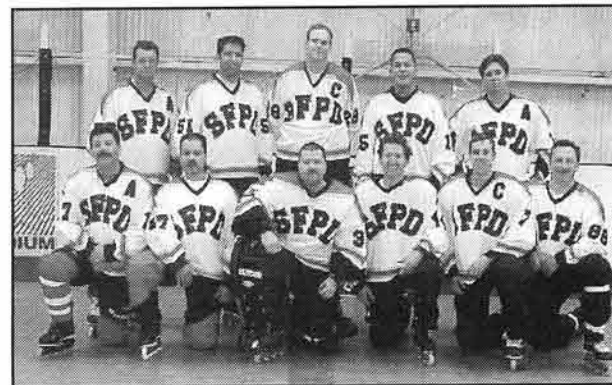
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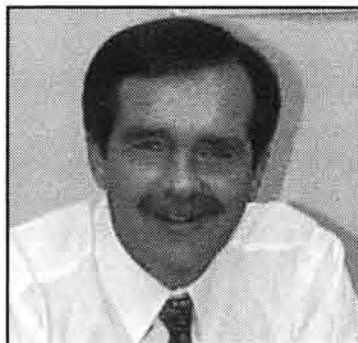
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12/30/99: Officer Roshawn McKeever, and Officer Sam Christ were on bike patrol when they responded to a call of a suspicious person at 17th/Shotwell Streets. The man was definitely suspicious as he was carrying a fully-loaded, .380 semi-automatic weapon which the officers confiscated. 9 down, 2 to go.

Paul Lozada, Narcotics Division, is one of the most highly decorated officers in our department. I had just finished a story about him in last month's column, documenting how he and a number of his compatriots were conducting a parolee search when the individual they were looking for came out of a room with a fully-loaded 9mm pointed directly at Paul. There was a tremendous struggle, with Officer Lozada's finger jammed in-between the trigger and the firing pin in order to prevent the suspect from shooting him in the face, but the officers finally overcame the parolee's resistance and placed him in custody. Paul was lucky.

The very same day our paper went to print we received a call of an officer-involved shooting. The officer involved was Paul Lozada. Paul was a cover officer for a narcotics operation being conducted in the Oceanview neighborhood. He was working with Officer Mike Alexander and Inspector Will Scott. Inspector Scott had observed an individual in the area walking down the street with a semi-automatic weapon. Inspector Scott followed the armed suspect, staying in constant communication with Paul and Mike, and doing an excellent job of setting up a containment area where the officers would eventually decide to confront the man with the gun.

Now Inspector Will Scott, Paul Lozada, and Mike Alexander are 3 very sharp and highly-motivated individuals who could probably be making a very good salary doing something else besides putting their lives on the line, but they also love the work they do and are dedicated to making this city a better place to live.

Inspector Scott has finally worked his way to the corner of Plymouth and Farallones where he is in a perfect position to intercept the armed man. Will can see Paul and Mike moving into a back-up position, diagonal to the suspect. Will called out, "Police, freeze." The suspect turned and ran directly towards Will's cover officers. The suspect sees Paul and Mike with their stars prominently displayed and he points his gun in their direction. Will was now unable to shoot because of the danger to his back-ups, but when the armed man turns suddenly and points his gun directly at Inspector Scott, Officer Lozada has no choice. Paul fires one shot and the suspect is wounded, handcuffed, and rushed to the hospital where, thanks to the outstanding medical staff of SFGH, he will soon be in court.

The officers are interviewed, submit their reports, and, after many hours, return to their families.

This case is now in the hands of the District Attorney of San Francisco.

It's the very first day of the new year and Officer Reynaldo Serrano is working a one-officer unit in the Ingleside District. Officer Serrano is dispatched to a malicious mischief call on the 4600 block of Mission Street. He is supposed to check out a man who is beating up on an ATM machine with a weapon of some kind.

Reynaldo arrives at the scene and immediately confronts the individual who is working on the ATM with a very

large and very sharp meat cleaver. Officer Serrano calls out to the individual who turns, sees the uniform, and takes off running. The suspect viciously strikes out at 6 elderly woman in the area with his weapon as he is running from the officer. All of the women sustained serious injuries that would later require hospitalization.

Officer Serrano, in an all-out sprint, is unable to shoot the deranged and dangerously armed suspect because of all the people in the area. Instead, Reynaldo decides to bring him down with an open-field tackle. Officer Serrano and the suspect are now on the street struggling over the meat-cleaver. Outraged citizens come running forward to assist him as other police units arrive.

The suspect is finally handcuffed and is now charged with 6 counts of attempted murder.

Two years ago, when I was working at Mission Station and writing this column, I was frequently accused of "favoring" the members of the Mission District, highlighting their exploits over those of the rest of our outstanding police districts. I negotiated a settlement (i.e. pled guilty) and, while I am currently on probation, under house arrest, there's no way I could ignore the following:

Some people will miss a lot about 1999, but there's not too many of them working as police officers at Mission Station. Just as the last days clicked off the calendar, the officers at Co D seized 11 guns from 9 different suspects.

12/21/99: Sergeant Jim Miller, Officer Peter Richardson, and Officer Robert Diggs were conducting a plainclothes, narcotics surveillance on the 2900 block of Folsom when they had the opportunity to talk to a parolee who just happened to be carrying over 2 ounces of crack cocaine and who had direct access to 4 handguns, 2 of which were reported stolen.

4 down, 7 to go.

12/25/99: O.K., it's Christmas, so can we get along here? Apparently not, since shots are fired on the 2400 block of Bryant Street and everybody calls 9-1-1. Officer Dean Bacciocco and Officer Chris Hayes arrive to find an entirely enraged family who flag the black and white down only to inform them that the individual, their close family member, pacing back and forth across the street, is the one with the gun. Now that the suspect has been pointed out and the officers sufficiently exposed to being killed, the suspect decides to duck behind a parked car.

This is when police work becomes difficult.

Officer Bacciocco and Officer Hayes slowly approach the armed man who reluctantly gives up.

5 down, 6 to go.

12/26/99: You'd think that the Christmas spirit was still in the air until you arrived at 16th and Hoff Streets where Officer Andy Castro and Officer Mario Molina pull over a car with numerous occupants as well as an expired registration. Officer Molina walks up to the driver as Officer Castro approaches the car from the passenger

side. Mario sees the passenger slide a gun under the front seat and both officers back off until additional police units arrive. The suspects are removed from their car and a fully-loaded, 9mm, Tech 9 assault weapon, which was not gift-wrapped, was confiscated.

6 down, and 5 to go.

12/28/99: Officer John Zachos, Officer Pete Richardson, and Officer John Bragagnolo approached 3 individuals at 16th and Mission Streets who were suspected of dealing narcotics when the tallest one reached towards his waistband. Hands were not shown quickly enough and there was a reason since the tallest was reaching for a fully-loaded, .38 caliber revolver. The suspect is now in custody.

7 down, 4 to go.

12/29/99: Officer Galeano and Officer Bragagnolo watched as a narcotics transaction went down. The officers moved in to make the arrest and they met serious resistance. The suspect the officers were trying to take into custody had possession of a fully-loaded gun which offered a reasonable explanation as to why he didn't want to cooperate. The officers managed to control the armed man and he now has a court date.

8 down, 3 to go.

Jolene Blessing, "The Miracle Girl"

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA Secretary

Jolene Blessing, the 18-year old daughter of the late Officer John Blessing, is in critical condition in ICU as a result of a traffic accident caused by a drunk driver that occurred on New Year's Eve. The accident occurred near Las Vegas, Nevada.

Jolene's father, San Francisco Police Officer John Blessing, was killed in the line of duty in November 1989 during a narcotics investigation. John left behind his wife, Denise, and their children, Jolene and Matt (fraternal twins) who were 8-years old at the time of John's death.

Jolene and Matt recently turned 18 and are now attending college in Southern California.

On New Year's Eve, Jolene was returning home when her car was struck by a 24-year old drunk driver who lost control of his vehicle. The 24-year old was killed instantly. Jolene is now in critical condition and has undergone two lengthy surgeries over the past several days. She has severe leg, spinal, and facial injuries. Denise and Matt remain at her bedside.

Six days passed after the accident, each day worse than the one before because Jolene was not responding as the doctors would have hoped. Jolene's mom, Denise, refused to leave her bedside, watching and waiting for any sign of improvement. Denise called our office expressing her gratitude for the hundreds of get-well photos and cards they had received from the members of our Department (the trauma unit was nicknamed "SFPD South") but, as thankful as Denise was, you

could sense her disappointment in the lack of improvement of her only daughter.

The next day we received another call from Denise because Jolene had squeezed her hand. Mom was ecstatic. The doctors couldn't explain it. A police officer who was at the scene at the horrific accident had confided in us that there was no reason that Jolene should have survived, considering the injuries she sustained. The medical staff at the hospital are now referring to Jolene as the "Miracle Girl".

Jolene has a long way to go: more surgeries; extensive recuperation. However, she also has a very strong will to live — and a dad who, no doubt, called in a favor.

Denise phoned and asked for our prayers. I think we can do better than that. We can make sure that Jolene's room is covered with get well cards from the members of the San Francisco Police Department, the Department her father was so proud to serve.

We've done this before, and it works wonders. We're asking you to take a few seconds of your watch to take a Polaroid photo of your partner(s) and attach it to a plain piece of paper with a get well wish. Please keep the photos coming, they mean a lot to Denise, to Jolene's twin brother, Matt, and they will be a tremendous help during Jolene's recovery — because she will get better.

Please send the photos to the SFPOA Office as soon as possible so that we can ship them south.

John Blessing never asked much of the Department for which he sacrificed his life, but I know he'd appreciate whatever we could do for his daughter now.