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*"Today we can see the names of the honored...
The gold leaf may have faded,
but not the light reflected by their lives."*

— From the address of
Commander Heather Fong

*"And don't think for one minute that you
don't make a difference. Everybody here today
has made somebody's life better or safer.
We do it every day..."*

— From the address of POA Vice President
Gary Delagnes



Address of Captain Rick Bruce Commemorating the Names Kirk Brookbush and Jim Dougherty to the Wall of Honor

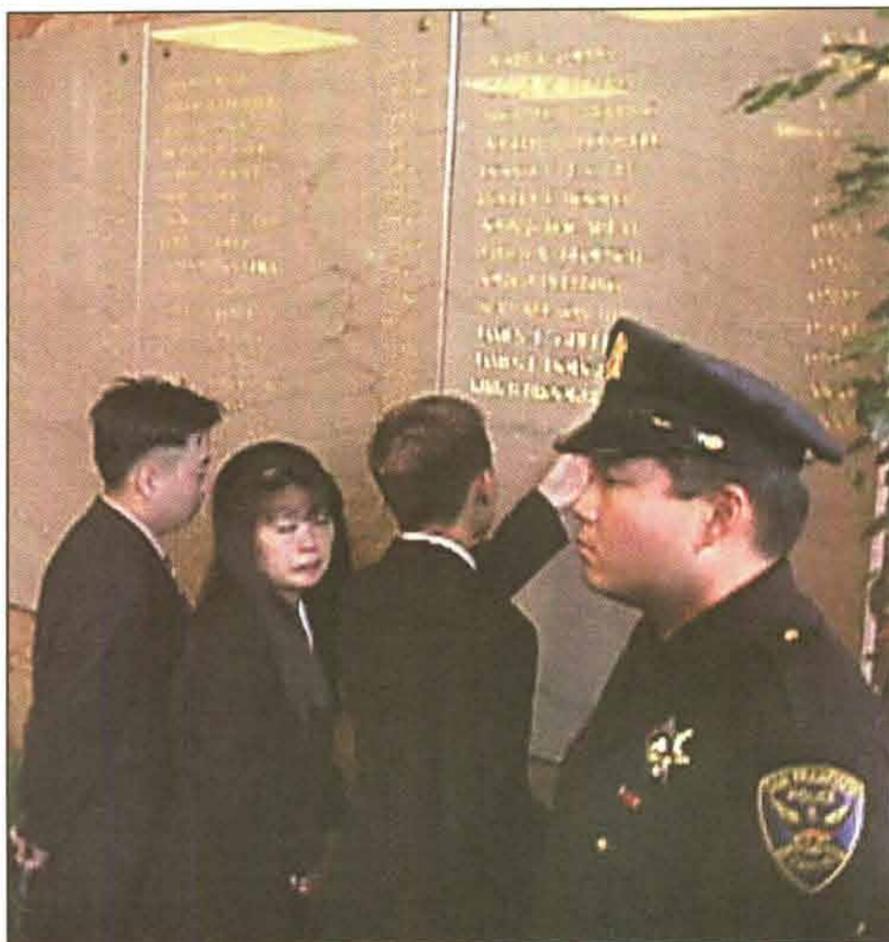
Good morning. I would like to welcome everyone to this very important and special ceremony. A special welcome goes out to the families of Inspector Kirk Brookbush and Officer Jim Dougherty. Please remember that you will always be in the prayers of all San Francisco Police Officers.

Today, we come here to honor the lives and deeds of two of our fellow officers. We can of course say that Inspector Kirk Brookbush and Officer Jim Dougherty were two of San Francisco's finest, but they were much more than that. For those of us who knew them personally, as police officers, as friends, as husbands and fathers, they were larger than life, and we must always try to remember them in that way.

For almost forty years now, all those who enter the building we refer to as the Hall of Justice, come face to face with The Wall. Each of the names on

this wall is a separate chapter in the long, colorful, and sometimes tragic history of the San Francisco Police Department. On these marble slabs are chiseled the names of those officers who have gone before us. Officers who chose lives of public service. Officers who eventually gave their lives in service to the citizens of this great city.

And so it is entirely fitting and proper that we come here today to acknowledge and honor these men. And in the years to come, as you pass this wall for the hundredth or thousandth time, please remember to stop for a moment, and to gaze upon the names on the wall. For if we do this, we keep the memory of these officers alive. And it is the memory of the lives they led, and not their departure that is most important. For these memories will cause us to smile warmly as we think of many exploits of Kirk and J.D. And this is how they would each wish to be remembered.



JAMES I. DOUGHERTY
KIRK B. BROOKBUSH

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 Vice President Dave Fontana at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Garrity was excused, Vice President Fontana, Trustees Crosat, Kurpinsky, and Aquilar; excused, Jeffery and Kemmitt. Also in attendance Jr. Past President Hardeman and past President and Secretary McKee.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by Vice President Fontana.

MINUTES OF THE MARCH MEETING: Motion by Aquilar, seconded by Crosat that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES; Gary Joe of the Bank of America introduced Mr. Bruce Bain, who will be acting as our portfolio manger. Our target asset allocation for income and growth remains at 35% in Stocks, 60% in Bonds and 5% Cash. It is the consensus of the Bank that there will be at least two more interest rate increases by the Federal Reserve. We are well placed in the Market in all sectors with our Technology and Finance holding their own.

APPLICATIONS FOR NEW MEMBERS: Members of the 193rd Recruit Class: Christopher Anderson, Todd Brothers, Jayme Campbell, Michael Celis, Robert Chodrick, Laura Colin, Walter Contreras, Irene Cristi, Leonard Cueba, Craig Dong, Richard Ernst, Henry Espinoza, Joelle Felix-Zambrana, Stephen Fong, Angela Freeman, Shawn Fulgado, Juan Gala, Anthony Garrett, Kahn Gill-Kehoe, Victor Le, John Leong, Aron Lozada, Eric Mahoney, Monica McFadden, Alpha Ng, Douglas Novak, Gregory Pak, Lisa Rankin, James Reyes, Jonathan Tong, Reynaldo Vargas, Holly Willett-Marnin, and Eddie Wu. Motion by Hardeman seconded by Crosat that the members be accepted. Motion Carried.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Section 41 Article 111 of the Constitution, David Gonzales and Cynthia Olge. Under Section 3, Article III of the Constitution, Candice Silva. And under Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws Rigoberto Guitron. Vice President Dave Fontana ordered the above named individuals suspended and dropped from the rolls. Notification by registered letter.

BILLS: The usual bills were presented. Motion Kurpinsky, seconded by Crosat the bills be paid.

THE FOLLOWING DEATHS WERE REPORTED:

FLOYD GRESS, 85 years. Floyd was born in Arkansas. Moved to San Francisco and worked as an assembler before entering the Police Academy in 1941. His first assignment took him to Richmond. A couple of years later he was assigned to the "BIG E" (Northern). He was promoted to Sgt. and sent to the Potrero. He spent some time in

a newly formed Crime Prevention Detail before moving on to Southern. Spent some time at Ingleside and Richmond before being appointed a Lt. at Potrero He was awarded a 1st Grade Meritorious award for the apprehension of a man with a gun firing at fellow officers. Also awarded a 2nd Grade Meritorious award for arrest of an armed robbery suspect.

PATRICK YICK, 44 years. Pat was born in San Francisco. He grew up in Chinatown, and attended Galileo High School. He worked as a security guard at Stanford University and City College of San Francisco. He entered the Police Academy in 1979. His first assignment took him to Central, After a year of the "Big Lights" he was assigned to Park Station. He worked briefly on the Muni detail before going back to Central. He fought a long hard bout with cancer.

GREGORY CLONEY, 58 years. Greg was born in San Francisco. He grew up in the Richmond and attended Sacred Heart and Washington High. He served in the Air Force and worked as a life-guard before entering the Police Academy in 1964. His first assignment saw him at Mission Station. A year later he was sent to Central (rumor has it he was merely to play softball) He was then sent to Ingleside and communications before going back to Mission. Greg was a very fine softball player, and was named to the all time all-star team. He also was awarded several meritorious awards, one was for the arrest of a mentally deranged man with a rifle, another time he went into a burning building and awakened sleeping tenants and led them to safety. Greg also received several Captains and Police Commission Commendations.

CHARLES MAHER, 52 years. Charles was born in Walla Walla, Washington. He moved to the Bay Area and attended Napa High. His college education took him to the Hill Top at U.S.F. After the Jesuits gave him the fine education they are known to impart on their students, he worked as an accountant for ten years before he saw the light and entered the Police Academy in 1980. His first assignment saw him at the (BIG E) Northern. His next station was Taraval and, eight years later, Richmond, were he remained until he retired. Charles was known for his bridge playing and was rated a Life Master. He fought a long battle with cancer.

WILLIAM "BILL" LISTER: 74 years. Bill was born in San Francisco, and grew up in the Mission. He attended St. James High School, and saw service with the Fighting Coast Guard. After the war, he was employed as a molder before entering the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was a year at Richmond before going to his home at

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A Memorial Day Story

Still the Noblest Calling

Submitted by Chris Cunnie
POA President

The following comes from my friend, a Captain with American Airlines in Dallas, who was formerly an F-4 pilot with the United States Marine Corps in Viet Nam:

I visited with three old friends recently at a park near my town. It seemed like only yesterday that we were all together, but actually it had been 28 years. There was a crowd at the park that day, and it took us

a while to connect, but with the aid of a computer we made it.

I found Lance at panel 54W, line 037, Lynn over at panel 51W, line 032, and Vince down at panel 27W, line 103.

In 1968 we were gung-ho young fighter pilots in Vietnam, the cream of the crop of the U.S. Air Force pilot training system, and now their names are on that 250-foot-long, half-size model of Washington's Vietnam War Memorial that moves around the country.

I had intentionally avoided visiting the wall when it came to town in years past because I did not trust myself to keep my composure. But after nearly three decades it was time to try for some closure on this issue. I told my wife that I preferred to go alone, if that was all right. Truth be known, I nearly backed out at that.

Dancing the Wild Blue

Standing in front of that somber wall, I tried to keep it light, reminiscing about how things were back then. We used to joke about our passionate love affair with an inanimate flying object—we flew F-100s—and we marveled at the thought that we actually got paid to do it.

We were not draftees but college graduates in Vietnam by choice, opting for the cramped confines of a jet fighter

cockpit over the comfort of corporate America. In all my life, I've not been so passionate about any other work. If that sounds like an exaggeration, then you've never danced the wild blue with a supersonic angel.

I vividly remember the Sunday afternoon, in the summer of '68, when we flew out of Travis Air Force Base, California, on a troop transport headed for Vietnam. Lynn, Lance and I crowded around the same porthole and watched the Golden Gate Bridge disappear below broken clouds. We had gone through fighter pilot school together and had done some serious bonding. In an exceedingly rare moment of youthful fighter pilot humility, I wondered if I would live to see that bridge again. For reasons I still don't understand, I was the only one

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Call the Secretary to join at (415) 731-4765, 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



...Memorials:

During this past month we've had several memorial services that honored and remembered those who have passed on. Whether you attended the Police — Fire Mass at St. Monica's Church, the wall ceremony in the lobby of the Hall of Justice, the memorial in Sacramento or the memorial in Union Square, you could not help being moved and touched by the words and emotions that the families of our fallen brethren evoked. If you were unable to attend one of the services the POA will shortly have a video available which will allow everyone to experience the memorials. It is extremely important that we keep alive the memories and pass on the histories of those who have given the ultimate sacrifice...

...Births:

On March 13, 2000 at 1000 hours Ricci and Liz Rodriquez, Bayview Station welcomed their second daughter Michelle Elizabeth Rodriquez 7 lbs. 10 oz. 20 inches. Big sister Danielle, 2 1/2 years, is busily helping mom and dad and is just thrilled with her new sister. — On March 27, 2000 at 0843 hours Dave Brandt, Marine Unit, and Yesenia Gajeda Brandt, Ingelside Station, proudly welcomed their second child Katelyn Marie Brandt 7 lbs. 14oz. 20 1/2 inches. Katelyn has a very proud brother, John, 9 years, and Grandfather, John Brandt who recently retired from the Central Station. — On May 4, 2000 at 0742 hours Dan and Robin Laval, Ingelside Station, welcomed their first child Ryan Donley Laval 8 lbs. 3 oz. 20 1/2 inches at the San Ramon Medical Center. Dad has taken some time off to help around the house. Congratulations to all and our best wishes for the future...

...Graduations:

Don't forget to let us know whose graduating this June from college and high school and where they are off to. We would like to print the names in the June issue. Drop a note to us prior to June 1st...

...Pardon:

In the 1970's several police officers were convicted of alleged crimes for which some went to prison but returned to work afterwards and were in fact promoted. One of the officers was ret. Lt. Gene Del Carlo who for years along with others agonized about the incident always believing that they had been "scapegoats". In retirement Gene spent many long hours researching the National Archives, obtaining transcripts, interviewing FBI agents, and gleaming on to any relevant document about the case. Packaging it all

together Gene forwarded the material to the Pardon Attorney in Washington D.C. On December 23, 1999 he received a call from Roger Adams, Director of the Pardon Attorneys Office. Mr. Adams stated, "Mr. Del Carlo I think I have a lovely Christmas gift for you as you have received a full and unconditional pardon from the President of the United States." Gene celebrates this vindication. He wishes to thank all those who believed in him especially Federal Judge Charles Breyer who guided him through the pardon process...

...Wedding Bells:

On March 25, 2000 Kym Dougherty, Communications, exchanged vows with Chris Creed, Ingelside Station, on the lovely island of Waikiki, Hawaii. The island also served as their honeymoon location. Kym is the daughter of retired solo Tom Dougherty who wishes the happy couple all the best. — March 25, 2000 was the date that Mike Nevin Jr. Of the Southern Station married the lovely Lori Browning. The wedding was celebrated by a large gathering of friends and relatives at the Irish Cultural Center. Congratulations to all and our best wishes for the future...

...Wish Upon a Star:

This month is a big fund raising period for the Wish Upon a Star program with all the Buzz the Fuzz activities. You may not of heard that Wish Upon a Star also take vehicle donations. On May 10 retiree Willis Garriott and Solo Sgt. George "Moose" Koniaris received a call from Mary Phillips of San Rafael wanting to donate a 1986 Chevy Caprice Brougham. They responded to pick up the vehicle and met Mary a wonderful woman in her 80's. Mary told them that her mother was the one that actually had told her to donate the car. Mary then introduced them to her mom, Nan Mundell, who will be 107 in July. Both ladies charmed the "boys" and they all had a nice visit. A big thank you to the ladies. The car is also in fantastic condition...

...Retirement:

On Thursday June 1, 2000 a retirement luncheon will be held for Hit and Run Inspector Don Bickel at Don Ramon's Restaurant, 225 11th Street, SF. Don entered the department January 10, 1970 and has decided to move "south of the boarder" where the sun always shines and there is no need to answer the phone. Luncheon tickets (\$25) are available from Karen Lynch or Jim Bosch, Hit and Run Detail, 415-553-1641. Hasta la vista Don we hope you have a long and healthy retirement...

...Wrong Diagnosis:

It has come to our attention that several officers' doctors incorrectly diagnosed their conditions. As a result the officers now face extensive treatment and surgeries. It is important to realize that doctors are human and make a lot of mistakes. Remember to always get second and third opinions, and make sure that you have a thorough annual physical that includes all lab tests. Be aggressive in requesting tests especially MRI's. In the meantime, keep the officers who are going through treatment in your prayers...

...Trust or Will:

The Credit Union recently sent out a mailer introducing a service that provided living trusts. Sounded like a good idea. Well there seems to be a great debate on whether not a trust is appropriate, and whether or not all bases are covered. One big glitch is that a trust can not be your beneficiary for retirement survivor benefits. You must research what is best for your situation. As far as I could learn, from the Credit Union and Trust Company; the CU merely provided the information and will not keep any records on file for the trust company...www.ca-probate.com...

...Why:

— Why is it so hard to get reliable pic radios? — Why do the administrators of the 911 system mumble "...the system will be ready by September. What year? We don't know?" -We've spent millions updating Building 606, yet money for radar guns and trailers is not available. Why? — Why does the roof of the New Bayview Station leak? Why have the air vents at the Northern Station never worked properly? Why...

...Motto:

Whose motto is; "We do everything. Get credit for nuthing" ...?

...Siberia Label Courtesy of the Press:

Selling like hot cakes are the Siberia Tee Shirts depicting the Airport Bureau as the Siberia of the SFPD. Seems

that one Matier and Ross column generated the shirts after it was perceived that no one in administration raised their voice in defense of the bureau. (They had, but it wasn't printed.) Perception is a delicate balance and the media can really create it. My own comments about the media two months ago resulted in calls from reporters and editors concerned that my description of the relationship between the press and police depressed them for it would make an already strained relationship worse. They prefer to be viewed as "partners in the community, not a leech, sensationalizing an often difficult situation just to hawk newspapers." — To some extent I stand corrected. In general, the Community Newspapers do a much better job of objectively reporting the news. They usually don't paint everyone with the same brush like the Chronicle did when they painted the Airport Bureau as Siberia and then as I did when I painted the press as sensationalists. Though now that the Examiner trial has aired the media's dirty laundry maybe I wasn't so far off...

...Torkman:

Sabri Torkman has received a disability pension. Sabri started the Academy on April 18, 1995. The class was accelerated and sent to the street and then returned to the Academy (It was an election year). During that period, Sabri injured his wrist while in training. The department fired him for failure to complete FTO training. To make a long story short, a Judge ruled otherwise. Sabri had wanted to stay in the department but no light duty position was made available thus the disability retirement. Sabri thanks all his classmates (especially Delos Putz) who stood by him, the POA reps for their support, and his lawyers Laura Schlichtmann and Vincent Courtney JR...

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April Blood Drive A Splashing Success

By Mark Hawthorne,
Chair, Blood Committee

April 18th began as any other ordinary day with one big exception. The day was going to be devoted to helping others in a big way by the members of the SFPD, friends, and colleagues. The outcome of the day's devotion was not a bust but rather an outstanding showing of how much those of us truly feel the need for helping others.

The April blood drive, held at the SFPOA building, began at 1100 hrs and almost immediately there were hoards of donors wishing to donate that all important pint because they knew a kings feast awaited them shortly thereafter in the form of juices, sodas, sandwiches, and the ability to visit with others who had or were about to undergo the same experience as they. The weather was great, the donors were great, and the environment was pretty good, maybe a string quartet would have added a little more ambiance to the atmosphere, but oh well. In all, it appeared everyone enjoyed themselves if for only a moment they had to endure the stick of a needle.

This blood drive had the hours extended from the usual 2000 hrs (8:00 p.m.) to 2130 hrs (9:30 p.m.), which proved to be a good idea. In all, after the smoke cleared, and the food was devoured, the final count for donations exceeded expectations, The final count for donations was 106 pints, a number of which we can all be proud.

I would like to take this opportunity to say thank you to each and every one of the donors, and those who assisted in recruiting donors for the drive. Somewhere in society there are going to be

three hundred people who will benefit from our donations. What we have done is not something that will generate a great deal of publicity but we, as an organization of professionals, know that someone will benefit from our actions.

So think about donating to benefit someone. The needle stick only hurts for a second, but the long lasting effect of the blood donation can save someone's life,

In conclusion, I want to leave you with information about our next blood drive, It will be happening sometime in July or August and we may have an even better menu of vittles for your palate to enjoy to assist in building your strength after giving that precious pint.

We may also have bigger and better raffle prizes. Who knows, the sky is the limit, within reason.

So long for now, keep up the good work, and improve your diet for health and donation purposes. See you soon.

And the winners of the raffle are as follows:

- Marty Barbero - Co. K
- Mike Flynn - Co. D
- Chris Pedrini - Co. B
- Maureen Barron - TTF
- Dan Gray - Co. B
- Kathy Pubill - Co. H
- Deborah Braden - Backgrounds
- Labanowski, Kev. - Co. C
- Dennis Quigley - C/L
- Jill Brophy - Co. C
- Lowman, Maryanne - CSIU
- Pam Sawyer - Co. D
- Craig Canton - Co. C
- Dan Mahoney - Vice
- Mike Stasko - Co. C
- Julia Ford - Fraud
- Ben Manning - Co. D
- Paul Schlotfeldt - Co. K
- Steve Thoma - Co. D
- Rob Ziegler - Fraud

My Miracle Daughter

By Denise Blessing

My daughter, Jolene, and her boyfriend, Gabe, were on their way to pay me a surprise visit when, at 5:30 a.m. on New Year's Day a 24-year-old drunk driver crossed over into my daughter's lane and slammed head-on into the car she and Gabe were driving. The scene, I was later told, looked as though a bomb had exploded inside both vehicles. My daughter and her boyfriend were unconscious and severely injured. The drunk driver was killed on impact.

The road they were on is a remote area of the highway but we were extremely lucky that George Kuchuris and Andy Bolton were on their way to a hunting trip and came upon the accident. (George is an ex-Chicago police officer). George and Andy both just assumed that no one could have survived the accident as they surveyed the twisted metal and frame of what used to be a pick-up truck.

They saw a small fire starting under the truck and George attempted to put it out with his fire extinguisher but the fire had gained too much ground and continue to burn. As George backed away, he saw Jolene move her arm and he screamed to Andy, "They're still alive.", as he raced towards the cab. George and Andy managed to get both Jolene and Gabe out of the truck while the fire was moving in closer. George used his cell phone to call for help but he was out of range. A woman Army lieutenant arrived on the scene and assisted comforting my daughter and covered her and Gabe with sleeping bags to keep them warm. The truck burned to the ground along with Jolene's identification. Another driver stopped and he was successful in getting through with his phone and help was on the way.

When she arrived at the hospital, my daughter was listed as a "Jane Doe" in very critical condition on the very first day of the year 2000.

It was several hours until identification could be established at which

time I received a phone call from the hospital, "We think we, have your daughter here." There was no time to panic, there was only time to pack and get to Jolene.

When I arrived at the hospital, I was informed that Jolene may not make it. The doctors told me that she arrived with a "closed head injury", "multiple lumbar spine fractures", "probable duodenal perforation", "right hand/thumb shattered", "bilateral femoral closed fractures", "left tibia-femoral closed fractures" (broken left leg), "bilateral comminuted open mandible fractures" (jaw shattered and lost teeth), and was suffering severe hypothermia. But the doctors didn't know my daughter. They had no idea how strong she was nor how stubborn she could be. Jolene wouldn't give up.

The doctors told me that she could probably hear but not respond so I just sat at her bedside talking all day and all night and praying in between. Several days probably went by, I had no concept of time, and every minute seems like an eternity when you have so much to lose. But Jolene finally showed some improvement. She was moving her hand in a funny gesture that I couldn't understand but the nurse did. The nurse told me, "She's asking you if she's going to die."

Jolene didn't die. Instead, each day she became stronger. She made the most progress when we started to receive the hundreds of photos from the police department her Dad served with pride. John Blessing was watching over his daughter.

I want to thank all of you who helped me get through this nightmare, I just don't know where to start. George Kuchuris and Andy Bolton are first-class angels, the doctors at the hospital were miracle workers, the Ronald McDonald House staff members kept our spirits up while providing us shelter, and I just can't say enough about the San Francisco Police Department. You're the best family anyone could have.

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Code 33



Real Deeds of the Men and Women of the SFPD

By Michelle Jean

On 03-19-00, 0100 hrs a shooting occurred in the Southern District. The victim had been shot numerous times at close range. The suspects were seen fleeing in a black Toyota Celica and a possible plate was given by dispatch.

Several hours later, Officers Albert Encinas and Matt Mason saw a vehicle matching the description traveling northbound on Third Street. When they caught up to the vehicle they saw the license plate that had been given was one number off from the vehicle they were pursuing. They immediately called for back up, and Officers Shaughn Ryan and Joseph Marte, along with other Bayview Units, responded and helped place the two suspects into custody.

Officer Marte searched one of the suspects and found a loaded semi automatic handgun in his waistband. The suspects were taken to Bayview station and handed over to Inspectors Wong and Tom from Night Investigations. The officers involved, with their keen powers of observation, made an excellent arrest of a suspect involved in an attempted homicide and recovery of a weapon. Good job!



On 03-17-00, Officers Teresa Ewins and John Zachos of Mission Station were working plainclothes and had received information from an informant about a drug dealer who was selling drugs out of his hotel room. They responded to the hotel and asked the desk clerk for the registration card. Once obtained, they responded back to the station, ran a rap sheet on the suspect, and obtained a mug shot. They decided to make an SFPD house call on the unsuspecting suspect.

When they knocked on the hotel door, a female opened it. They asked to speak to the suspect in question, but were told he was not there. The door was immediately shut, and the officers heard items being moved and water being turned on.

As they continued to knock on the door, low and behold their suspect appeared in the hallway. The suspect was startled when he saw the officers' stars, and quickly threw a blue bag to the ground. Officer Ewins retrieved the bag and found it contained a substantial amount of methamphetamine. They placed the suspect under arrest and called for backup.

With Officer's Farmer, Jimenez, Teper, Juarez, Dorantes, Heidoren, Jones, Perez, Edwards, and Escobar now on the scene they could deal with the two people in the suspect's hotel room who refused to open the door. They asked the arrested suspect if he knew who was in his room, or if he had given permission for anyone to be there. He said "no".

Sgt. Spillane responded to the scene and obtained permission by the manager to kick in the door. Once forced

entry was made, they discovered more methamphetamine and a large sum of money. All of the suspects were booked on a variety of felony charges. Officer's Ewins and Zachos good work resulted in a seizure of methamphetamine with a street value of \$250,000, \$20,713 in cash, and one gun.



A large number of nighttime commercial window smash burglaries had plagued the downtown shopping district, and in an effort to abate the problem our two hero's from Central Station, Officers Patrick Kwan and Michael Andraychak (common spelling) were assigned to a plain-clothes detail.

On 03-21-2000, at 0300 hours, Officer Kwan was on foot patrol in the area of Grant Ave. and Post St. with Officer Andraychak following in an unmarked unit. Officer Kwan's attention was soon directed at two vehicles driving slowly around casing the area. The vehicles kept following each other and circled the block repeatedly. Officer Kwan relayed this information to his partner and took up a position of concealment. He watched as one of the vehicles, a van parked at the corner of Grant Ave. and Post St., and turn off its headlights. The other vehicle, a Mercedes with two occupants, then stopped and parked directly in front of the business. Officer Andraychak, then radioed for all units to respond to the area for the possible burglary in progress. Officer Kwan watched as one of the occupants of the Mercedes walked-up to the front door of a business and smashed out the doors with a sledgehammer. The suspect then signaled for the driver of the van to pull up and then entered the store. Officer Kwan radioed all units move in, and ran up to the doors of the business just as the suspect was running out carrying a large number of clothing items.

Seeing the cops, the suspect dropped the clothes, jumped into the Mercedes and quickly sped off. Officer Kwan ran up to the suspect in the van and placed the subject under arrest. Officer Andraychak and Norman gave chase to the Mercedes, but were not able to locate it.

Back at Central Station, Officer Michael Norman Mirandized the suspect and obtained information as to the identity of one of the suspects in the Mercedes. Inspectors Greg Ovanessian and Dan Yawczak, armed with the information provided by the officers, were able to locate and arrest the outstanding suspect in Oakland, impound the Mercedes used in the crime, and located other evidence that was relevant to the case.

The work by these officers brought immediate results in the effort to curb the commercial burglaries in the area, and the interaction between the officers and the inspectors shows that a little teamwork goes a long way.



On 03-26-00, Bayview Station, Officers Derrick Jackson, Ronald Liberta, Kevin Labanowski, James Arnsward, and Reserve Officer Werdermann responded to a call of drug sales at the corners of Mendell and Kirkwood Sts. On arrival, the officers quickly approached the suspected vehicle and removed the occupants. The vehicle belonged to one of the occupants and, upon a lawful search, Off. Jackson found a loaded .38 revolver.

They transported the two suspects to the station and a computer check revealed that the suspect in possession of the gun was in fact an ex-felon. The other suspect was released from custody.

These officers should be commended for their efforts. If it had not been for their quick and coordinated response, the situation may have deteriorated into a gun battle. As a result, an armed felon is now behind bars, and no longer a threat to the citizens of San Francisco.



04-08-00, Tenderloin Task Force, Officer Darren Nocetti received information from a reliable informant that two suspects were preparing to rob people at gunpoint in the area of Ellis and Jones streets.

Armed with a detailed description of the suspects, Sgt. Alvin Yee joined Officers Nocetti and Mark Shea to search the area. As luck had it, they soon located the two individuals walking near 420 Jones. One of the suspects made eye contact with the officers, turned and quickly walked around the corner and into a corner store.

The officers caught up to the bad guy and identified themselves as police officers. The suspect attempted to get away, but was detained. As the officers walked the suspect out of the store, a .45 caliber pistol slid out from underneath his pant leg and onto the sidewalk. The officers recovered the handgun and placed him under arrest.

Thanks to their quick actions, these officers removed a robber and a gun off of the streets.



04-09-00, a shooting occurred at the Armenian Cultural center. Off. Mike Wells of Gang Task Force had identified a suspect. Officer's Tracey Boes and Michael Toropovsky, Taraval Station, had information on the whereabouts of the suspect who was attempting to hide from the police.

They responded to the location and knocked on the door, identifying themselves as police officers. The suspect said, "I ain't going" and slammed the door. The officers could see through the mini-blinds that the suspect was concealing two large black objects, possibly weapons, in the oven.

Knowing that the fingerprints could be destroyed by the heat of the oven, the officers, with the approval of Sgt. Mike Koltzoff, forced entry into the residence along with backup Officers Lou Barberini, Eric Perez, and Tim Lee, Bayview Station. They located the suspect hiding in a back room and took him into custody. Off. Barberini seized from the oven a handgun and several rounds of live ammo.

At Taraval Station, Insp. Suyehiro of CSI, took custody of the handgun and ammo and booked them for evidence. The above officers apprehended a sus-

pect who has been involved in an ongoing battle between two rivals gangs that had resulted in numerous shootings over the past few months.



On 03-20-00, 2000, Sgt. Dave Politt, along with Officers Carlos Mustafich, Mathew Inocencio, Patrick Cesari, David Garcia, and Ray Lock, of Northern Station, were called to Fillmore and Geary streets on a report of a man with a gun.

On arrival, they saw a subject who matched the description. They conducted a pat search of the suspect and recovered a fully loaded 9mm automatic weapon. The officers, through their investigative skills, learned that the suspect had been involved in an argument with a cab driver over the price of the fare. During the argument the suspect brandished the gun and threatened the cab driver's life.

The suspect was taken to Northern Station, where a computer check showed that the gun was stolen out of Contra Costa County.



On 11-01-99, a car jacking incident occurred on Fell St. When the victim came to claim his recovered vehicle he found photographs inside of the car of the two suspects who had been involved in the crime.

On 12-07-99, Off. Paul Lozada, Narcotic Divisions, saw the SFPD "Crime Bulletin" depicting the photographs of the two suspects. He recognized the suspects from a prior arrest, but could not recall their names.

On 03-31-00, 1100 hrs, Off. Lozada saw the two suspects walking out of Superior Court and immediately recognized them from the crime bulletin. With the assistance of Sgt. David Matinovich, Insp. John Keane, and Off. Ricardo Valdez, the two bad guys were soon placed under arrest. In case you haven't done the math, it had been almost four months since the issuance of the crime bulletin, but thanks to ever-observant eyes of Off. Lozada justice was served on the pair!



On 04-12-00, Officers Andrew Kofman and Anthony Montoya of Southern Station were dispatched to Market St, on a report of a man threatening to rape a woman. They located the victim and saw the suspect still on the scene wielding a knife. The suspect refused to put the knife down, and Off. Koffman drew his handgun, and commanded him to drop it.

The area behind the suspect contained many innocent bystanders posing a public safety issue. Off. Kofman, knowing he could not safely fire his weapon, re-holstered, and charged at the knife wielding man, physically forcing the suspect to the ground. Off. Montoya moved in and assisted in placing the suspect in handcuffs. Sgt. Susan Roth responded to the scene to help coordinate the ensuing investigation.



Once again, please forward any reports, Captain's comp's, photos or any strange but true stories to the POA, attention Michelle Jean or Tom Sawyer. Thanks, and stay safe.

Fellowship Of Christian Peace Officers

Theme: On the Road to Recovery
 Special Luncheon: Thursday, June 8, 2000
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 Hayward Police Department

Jim has been a police officer for 25 years, 15 years as a supervisor. Jim has been involved in all aspects of police work from a supervisor of the street narcotics team, to currently, supervisor of the Traffic Bureau. During Jim's career, he toiled with the stresses of police work and the hardship placed on the community and officers. On December 6, 1992, Jim was overcome with these stresses and was diagnosed with Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Jim found recovery from these stresses while at the same time finding our Lord Jesus Christ.

Jim's career and personal life has blossomed beyond his greatest dreams and today he serves the public and fellow officers as a Peer Counselor and Trauma Team Leader. Jim recognizes and give total credit for the peace in his life to our lord's wise and loving guidance. Please join Sergeant Lambert as he shares this incredible journey which led him to find the road to salvation.

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San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers

By Daniel Hampton

Easter

I hope you had a great Easter. It's time to renew your faith and belief in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Commit yourself to the work of your church and tell others the good News that He is truly risen. We have a belief that needs to be shouted and spread around. Christ's resurrection is the cornerstone for the hope of our own bodily resurrection in the future. And not only our own, but for our loved ones who have died and are now with Our Lord in heaven.

Brothers and sisters if you lack faith and belief in the resurrection of Jesus Christ, then reread the Gospels and Epistles in the New Testament to rekindle your faith. Also read the writings of our church Fathers such as Saint Augustine (The City of God; Confessions) and The first Epistle of Clement to the Corinthians which are found on the Web (Internet). If you have a hard time believing that Jesus Christ was a historical person, read the writings of the secular historian named Josephus.

Your faith will be renewed as you research the writings of these persons who have an in depth analysis on the person and the work of Our Lord Jesus Christ. Knowledge can boost our faith. But our faith in Christ is not only for the future but it's for now.

Jesus offers us the gift of eternal life and the forgiveness of all of our sins, if we believe in the work He performed while on earth. We know the Scriptures state, "There is no forgiveness of sins without the shedding of blood." And Jesus who did no sin and never lied was the perfect sacrifice for our sins. As John the Baptist said, "There is the Lamb of God who takes away the sins of the world."

All human beings sin as the Scriptures say, "for all have sinned and fall

short of the glory of God." But Jesus Christ didn't sin as the Scriptures state, because Christ is fully man and fully God. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the blessed Virgin Mary.

Jesus Christ was tempted in every way that we have been tempted, yet He never sinned. He obediently went to the cross to take the condemnation and judgment for our sins as planned before the foundation of the world. His resurrection authenticates who He is, The Son of god, and proves that He has the power to forgive our sins, through the sacrifice of Himself, which occurred two thousand years ago.

He also promises a changed life through the indwelling of the Holy Spirit, the Gift of Eternal Life, and residence in heaven to those who believe in Him and follow His teachings. My brothers and sisters with so much evidence of His existence and resurrection please don't disregard Jesus Christ. He wants you to receive His gifts.

Chief Fred Lau was our guest speaker in April. Seventy people attended the luncheon and showed their support for the chief. We all enjoyed hearing from him how his job is made easy by the excellent work performed by the men and women of the Department. He emphasized that the Department is a family unit and our bond is more than the work we perform. It's our family values, community policing, and acts of kindness, compassion, and mercy that we share with each other and the community. He also related how his spiritual renewal was energized when his son was very ill. The Chief hopes this spiritual renewal permeates throughout the command Staff and it percolates down to the rank and file. I also pray for this.

Our next guest speaker will be Sergeant Jim Lambert, Hayward Police Department. Jim has been a police officer for 25 years. He's enthusiastic about being our guest speaker on June 8, 2000. Captain Dennis Houghtelling and Officer Cory Quinn from Hayward P.D., will accompany Jim to the luncheon. Let's show Jim our support and welcome all three. Watch for Jim's flyer!

The Fellowship of Christian Police Offices, USA, has a web site, <http://www.fcop.org/>. Grant Wolf is the President of our organization. His e-mail address is fcop1@juno.com. Remember you belong to this organization because you participate in the luncheons. You will find the organizations' statement of faith, chapters in various cities, and resources at the web site. Become a member of the FCPO, and let us grow in our faith, testimony, and witness for Jesus Christ.

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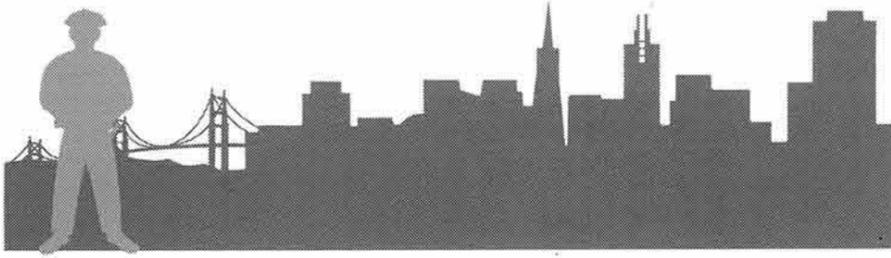
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Fides Publica – From actual SFPD case files

By Matt Krinsky

A common defense mechanism for people employed in Emergency Services is known within the trade as "Gallows Humor" or "Graveyard Humor."

Fire Dept. personnel call it "taking the edge off." Police simply refer to it as "reality."

It's been the subject of more than one complaint that I know of personally; a means by which we cope with horror of our jobs by what may appear to be a callous, insensitive, or unwarranted statement.

Indeed, sometimes it may push to the very edge of the envelope. Ninety-nine out of one hundred times, however, it is a pun, an abstract or a statement we make, out of the ear and eye of the public, which carries us through the incident we're dealing with.

Any devotee of M*A*S*H has seen the way the Surgeons face the incredible and overwhelming terror of war by using humor to deal with their situations. The same can be said of police, fire, and EMS personnel.

To give you an example of this type of humor, let me relate an anecdote that I heard during a recent class on Terrorism.

A member of the Los Angeles Police Department's Terrorism Unit was discussing a case involving a man named Dean Harvey Hicks. After serving 18 months in "Club Fed" for tax fraud, he decided, upon his return to society, to follow the path of the straight and narrow.

A year or so after Hicks had been back in circulation, he called the IRS with a legitimate tax question, not wanting, of course, to be accused of tax fraud. To his dismay, the IRS representative on the phone said, "You've got to be kidding!" and soundly laughed at Hicks.

This incident angered Hicks immensely, as he had called with what he considered a valid request.

To make a long story short, Hicks began a one-man war against the Internal Revenue Service, sending letter bombs, making threats, etc. In June of 1992, Hicks prepared a truck bomb of 55-gallon drums, filled with ANFO, and parked the pick-up truck across the street from the federal building in West Los Angeles.

(ANFO, for you who may not know, is a combination of Ammonium Nitrate, a fertilizer, and fuel oil. It is extremely powerful. The stuff was used by Timothy McVeigh on the Murrah Federal Building in Oklahoma City. It also nearly wiped Texas City, Texas from the map when a ship-full of it exploded in 1947.)

Hicks had prepared the drums so that they were aimed, cannon-like, at the floor on which the IRS had its offices. Fortunately, the fire that started in the truck, (initially designed to cause

an explosion) didn't work, and the truck bomb failed. The fact that a Los Angeles City firehouse was just down the block also helped to prevent it from getting hot enough to detonate.

Extensive investigation by the FBI and the LAPD ultimately lead to Hick's arrest in Orange County, California several weeks later. Large quantities of chemicals and materials to make all types of explosives were discovered, and HazMat teams from both Los Angeles and Orange Counties were called to Hicks' home to dispose of the dangerous materials.

The way the LAPD Detective related this incident was simple and to the point, and an excellent example of "Cop" humor.

"So," The Detective told us, "The County HazMat personnel looked around, and asked us 'Who is going to pay for the removal?' All the Officers present looked at each other, and then told the HazMat team: 'Well, you can send a bill to the Home Owner (the suspect, Hicks)...just don't laugh at him when you give it to him.....'"

So, this month's column deviates from the previously serious tones and we take pleasure in presenting "Oh, a wise guy, eh?"

Stay safe, and in touch.

I can be reached by sending e-mail to matt@sfpoa.org, or by direct mail to the Academy.

My thanks to Officer Doug Frediani, and Inspector Mike Mahoney of the Environmental Crimes Unit for apprising me of this case.

CASE FILE: Suspected disposal of hazardous/toxic waste; Also known as: Al Capone's Vault

In January of 1999, while everyone in the Bay Area was glued to the television watching the 49er vs. Packer's playoff game, two non-descript figures went to a vacant lot at 18th Street and Harrison and did something unusual. In a light rain, the two men, armed with picks, shovels, and other implements of landscaping toil, dug. Yes, they dug. For the better part of the afternoon. In the rain. In the mud.

Deeper, and deeper, until they had produced a hole shoulder-width in depth in the soft, muddy ground.

Their digging did NOT go unnoticed, as they had probably hoped. During a television commercial, a neighbor looked out of a kitchen window facing this lot, and saw the two would-be miners at work in their excavation. His interest piqued, and being the epitome of a San Franciscan, he inquired of the two men what they were doing.

Being the epitome of anti-San Franciscans, the two diggers invited the witness to do something anatomically impossible, and to essentially mind his own business.

The witness went back to his own business, but did, in fact "keep tabs" on the progress of the work being performed by the two gentlemen in the lot.

After approximately two hours, they covered up the hole, went to their respective vehicles, and drove away.

The following day, the witness notified the property owner of the lot, and was informed that the site was being prepared for a foundation for a multi-unit apartment building. Nonetheless, wanting to be safe, the property owner obtained the services of a soil expert. X-rays were taken, and some shocking news was reported to the property owner: "There's something down there — a cylinder of some type, or something that shape."

Uh oh. We've got a *problem* now.

Did I mention that the witness had, in his best George Haliday impression, taken videotape of the bad guys doing their "Big Dig"? He did.

The property owner dutifully marched himself to Mission Station and filed a counter "suspicious occurrence" report, which in turn went to General Work. General work reviewed the report and forwarded it to the Environmental Crimes Unit, a sub-unit of the Hit and Run Detail, charged with the investigation of these types of incidents.

The Senior E.C.U. Inspector reviewed the video tape, read the report and accompanying statements, and deduced that something sinister was afoot (or rather, underfoot.) With visions of nuclear, biological, and chemical agents (which had been firmly implanted by another more august and auspicious member of this department dancing in his head), and his own training and experience, coupled with the totality of circumstances in this incident, the senior ECU Inspector took action.

"Hark, to Arms," He cried, "Alarm, alarm, criminal action most foul!"

Calls to the Fire Department, Health Department, Department of Parking and Traffic, and the SFPD E.O.D. were made, and a conglomerate of professionals from a plethora of different disciplines descended upon the lot where the "big dig" had occurred. Not to be left out were members of the media, who had been notified by person/s unknown.

Only the Grandfather of the E.C.U. seemed to have been as firmly planted

as was the alleged suspicious object. Despite his extensive training and experience, Gramps had a *hunch* (and more than the one in his aching back) that something wasn't quite right about this whole thing.

"Look," he told the senior Inspector, "This whole thing stinks worse than a boathouse at high tide. Maybe it's a dead animal. MAYBE. I can't believe these two characters buried something dangerous when they knew some guy was watching them."

"Your points are very valid," replied the senior Inspector. "But, although you have many more years of experience and training than I, it is imperative that I uphold the oath I swore to uphold when I became an Environmental Crimes Investigator. No sludge drudge am I. I'll get to the bottom of this hole, or know the reason why!"

With that said, the crowd converged upon the area of the burial and commenced their excavation. For hours, nearly eight feet of earth were removed. As if he had accepted the role of Geraldo Rivera, the senior Inspector continued directing the operations on scene until only concrete blocks could be found; blocks which were many feet down, and apparently there for 50+ years.

No objects of a sinister nature (or for ANY nature for that matter) could be found. The reason for the dig by the two subjects in question? Who knows? Maybe to remove something that had been buried (the witness and the video tape were inconclusive as well.)

Today, a multi-story Apartment building sits upon the site. Nonetheless, the Environmental Crimes Inspector stands ready to take on another case of this magnitude, and accept whatever challenge may yet comes his way.

Just don't ever accuse him of digging himself into a hole.

Special note: While this sort of incident lends itself to being made light of, it still remains that Environmental Crimes/HazMat incidents are low frequency, high-risk occurrences which could, conceivably, injure or kill people.

In that particular vein, those of you who went through HazMat training by the SFPD between 1994-1998 might want to avail yourself of the Refresher class coming up on Thursday, 06/01/2000. Call me at 415-201-9240 if you'd like more information on that course.

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By Robin Matthews

With my ongoing articles on the International Association of Women Police (I.A.W.P.), I thought that it would be interesting to let people see how wide-spread this organization has become, and what the regional breakdown of the organization is.

The law enforcement connections made on a national and international

basis through this organization have been a phenomenal experience for me. It's amazing to see the similarities between us all, no matter what language we speak, or what issues we deal with, whether in our individual organizations or on the streets. We are all connected by the badge/star/shield that we wear, and what a wonderful connection that is!

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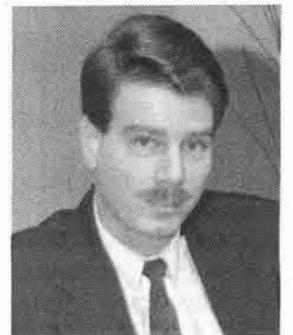
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A Historical Perspective

Celebrating Women Officers Of the SFPD, Honoring 25 Years on Patrol

By Captain Marsha P. Ashe
Ingliside Station

On February 9, 1915 The *San Francisco Call's* front-page headlines read "Amazon, First Special Copette, is 6 foot 4". The captioned picture explains "Miss Blanche Payson, giantess, being sworn in as the first special policewoman in America by Chief White. This skirted police is 21, unmarried, and weighs 235 lbs." The article continues about her prowess. "If amazons were around today she'd be a general

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in that army! She is of a vigorous type and carries herself, no, no, no!! Not like a policeman, though she is one. But...like a soldier!" How much the early 20th century writers loved the exclamation point and how little they knew of what was to come!

Sixty years later women in the San Francisco Police Department continued to make the front pages. This time not as "copettes" but as uniformed patrol officers when in the summer of 1975 the academy admitted the first women. This June marks the twenty-fifth anniversary of that milestone. In September a baseball game, a mayoral proclamation and a dinner are planned to celebrate a quarter century of women's contributions to the department. While a tribute to all men and women in the department, these events do not explain the significance of having women join the force. Nor does it recognize that women had considerable help as we continued to progress. Some men, even early on, trained women with a "let's wait and see what she can do" attitude. Some men, even early on, risked locker room

ridicule by partnering up with women. Some men, even early on, supervised to cultivate excellence regardless of gender. Over the next few months a series of articles in *The Journal* will discuss some aspects of women's history in the department and will recognize many of the men and women who insured a successful social experiment. The writers hope to contrast a retrospective with an overview of current experiences within the department as women continue to assimilate.

Blanche Payson's picture hangs on my office wall. Whether or not she was the first policewoman in America as the article claims is questionable. She does, however, appear to be the first woman sworn into the San Francisco Police Department. Eighty-five years after Miss Payson's fifteen minutes of fame the mere presence of women officers no longer merits press. To be faceless, to not feel so unique, to have the relative comfort of anonymity signifies a certain successful assimilation. I often think of all the women who, like Miss Payson, wore the uncomfortable shoes of having to be the first in a myriad of jobs. A lot has changed. Looking at her picture, though, I am struck by how little we as "cops" have changed.

During some periods superficial differences may have seemed loud and contentious. But that's not the whole story. Or even the most important part of the story about the challenges met and the contributions made by women in the department. All police officers who work hard to perfect their craft, who are courageous, and for whom this job is more of a calling than a choice belong to a larger history. Blanche Payson's picture tells this bigger but subtler story.

In the picture an obviously large woman stands even taller as she raises her right hand in an oath. Her left hand though tells the story, which is that similarities, not differences, span generations and genders. She, just like all nervous and new recruits, crossed the fingers of her left hand, as if for luck.

SFPD Member Running For I.A.W.P. Board Of Directors

Sgt. Lynette Hogue of F.O.B. is running for the Region 10 coordinator's position for the International Association of Women Police (I.A.W.P.). The I.A.W.P., as you may recall from my previous articles, is the oldest women's law enforcement agency in the country which affords both men and women from around the world the opportunity to network and to share information on issues that affect law enforcement. Sgt. Christine Murray from the Orange County Sheriff's Department had been our Region coordinator for several years, but has recently announced that she needs to step down from the position for personal reasons and will not run for another term. Lynette has decided that she wants to take a more active role participating in the organization and to spread her enthusiasm and excitement about the I.A.W.P. to others, and has decided to run for the Region 10 coordinator position on the Board of Directors. Her top priority as coordinator would be to increase membership in the Region, which includes the states of California, Arizona, Nevada, Utah, and Hawaii, and to maintain communication with the Region's members, encouraging the flow of information so that individual members are kept informed on what's happening in the organiza-

tion, and that the organization is more aware of the needs of their members. Quarterly articles will be written in the organization's magazine "Women Police", and she hopes to be able to host a regional meeting, perhaps in conjunction with a training session, to further bring women in the Region together.

To be able to vote for Lynette as our Region coordinator, you must be a member of the I.A.W.P. Voting information will appear in the June (summer) edition of "Women Police". Members can cast their vote by mail up to, and including, the Board Meeting at the annual conference in Toronto, or in person at the conference itself, which will be September 23-27, 2000, when the final votes will be counted. Membership in the I.A.W.P. costs \$40.00 per year (\$25.00 per year for retired officers), and is 100% tax deductible. Checks should be made out to the "International Association of Women Police" and sent to Jeanette Taylor, North Deer Isle Road, Box 149, Deer Isle, Maine 04627-9700. Please join and support Lynette in her bid for Region 10 coordinator!

For more information on the I.A.W.P. or the upcoming conference, contact Robin Matthews at the F.T.O. office at 333-5797, or by e-mail at RLM2214A@aol.com.

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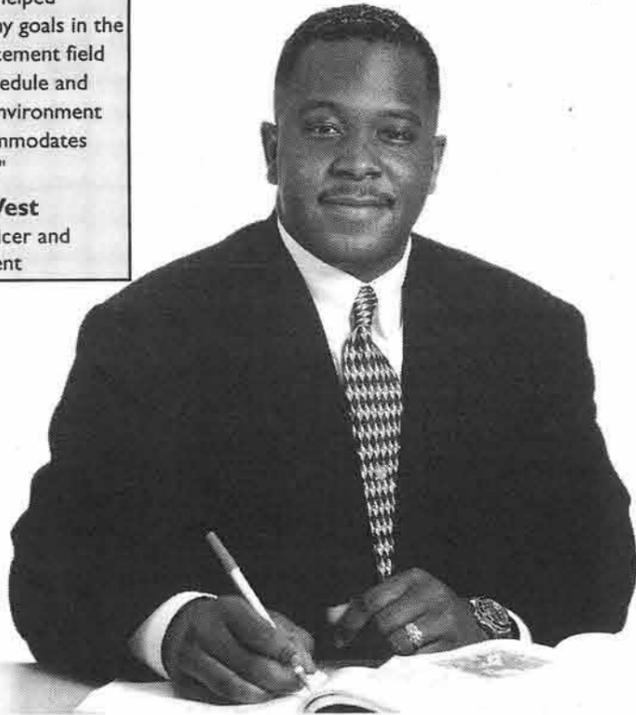
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Oldest Police Retiree?

Retired Sergeant Bert Seil— A Piece of Living SFPD History

By Jennifer Lee
FOB

Editor's note: This excellent piece by Jennifer arrived at my desk just as I was making official inquiry at the city retirement board about identifying and locating the oldest living police pensioner. I have yet to receive the official response, but it seems that retired Sergeant Bert Seil is a likely candidate for that honor. If any of you know who the oldest police retiree might be, please drop me a note at the POA office, or contact me with email at Journal@sfpoa.org.

Last year, I had many dinners with my dad, his wife Edith, and the usual cast of characters who frequent the Manor Restaurant in West Portal. During the course of a conversation with Sharolyn (one of the regulars) I learned that she had been in charge of a residential facility where one of our retired members lives.

That retired member is Bert Seil. My big interest in finding out more about Bert is the fact that he has just turned 99!

I checked with our Personnel Division, and with Bob Fitzer, our department historian. Here is what I learned about Bert:

Bert was born in Manchester, England on February 15, 1901. Bert joined the SFPD on January 14, 1929. When I read through these old records, it wasn't just where he was, but the dates that Bert was there. For example, in 1936 Bert was stationed at "Co. O."

Where is "Co.O?" Well, back then, it was known as the Golden Gate Park Station located at 37th and Fulton streets.

From April 16, 1942 through Janu-

ary 28, 1946, Bert took his military leave. Bert returned to the SFPD and, within a couple of years, was promoted to the rank of Sergeant.

Bert had a varied career. He served at Company K in the late 40's, Co. E in the mid-50's, Co. G and Co. C in the late 50's, and Companies F and E in 1960. Bert retired on July 6, 1961.

During his career, Bert received two 1st Grade Police Commendations. The first one was because of actions rendered on September 2, 1937. Bert arrested a man named Sydney Fetherly for murder.

On Jan.25, 1955, Sgt. Seil, Officers Fotinos, Totaro and Guzetti responded to a tavern on a call of a man with a gun. At the scene, the gunman shot and killed Officer Guzetti, and shot and wounded Officer Totatro. For his actions, Bert received a 1st Grade Meritorious, which would be considered a Gold Medal today.

I had dinner with Bert's sister, Mrs. Ruth Fairbairn on April 10th. Ruth told me that besides Bert, she had a brother Walter, who was also SFPD. Walter passed away a few years ago. It was obvious that Ruth is very proud of her brothers and their police accomplishments.

I saw a picture of Bert at his 99th birthday party. He looks great! And, if you think he has put the "job" behind him, think again. Every so often, when someone at his facility gets out of line, Bert takes care of business by flashing his star. For Bert, "once a cop, always a cop" is his motto.

If any of you still remember Bert and would like to drop him a line, you can contact him via Ms. Sharolyn Walcutt (415) 749-7111.

A photo of a few of the "Old Po" team posed after raising \$6,500 for Marty Trester's Family at Franklin's on April 8, 2000



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Legal Update: V.C. 21212(a)

In re Devon C.
Court #B133690
California Court of Appeal
Second Appellate District
Filed: April 7, 2000

Briefed by: Mike Paganini, SFPD

Question: Is it unlawful for a minor to ride a bicycle on the sidewalk without a helmet?

Answer: YES (21212(a) V.C., Infraction)

Facts: A Los Angeles Police Officer was on patrol in the 54th Street area when he noticed Devon C., a minor (under 18 years of age), riding a bicycle northbound on the sidewalk. The minor was not wearing a bicycle helmet. The officer activated the emergency lights to his vehicle for the purpose of making an enforcement stop. The officer and his partner approached the minor. Meanwhile, the minor got off his bicycle and put his hands on the top of his head, interlacing his fingers as he did so. The minor then spontaneously stated, "I've got something to tell you. I have a gun, I just found it." The minor was handcuffed, searched, and a loaded 25 caliber semiautomatic pistol was removed from his right jacket pocket.

Discussion: The minor maintained that riding a bicycle on the sidewalk without a helmet was not unlawful and, therefore, such action could not form the basis for a stop by the police. According to the minor, Vehicle Code Section 21212(a) applies to bicycles operated on the street, not on the sidewalk. On the other hand, The Attorney General maintained that the detention of the minor for a V.C. 21212(a) violation was lawful.

The Court reviewed the following relevant Vehicle Code Sections:

V.C. 21212(a) provides: A person under 18 years of age shall not operate a bicycle...upon a street, bikeway, as defined in the Streets and Highways Code, or any other public bicycle path or trail unless that person is wearing a properly fitted and fastened bicycle helmet...

"Street" is defined in Vehicle Code Section 590 as: A way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. Street includes highway.

"Highway" is defined in Vehicle Code Section 360 as: A way or place of whatever nature, publicly maintained and open to the use of the public for purposes of vehicular travel. Highway includes street.

"Sidewalk" is defined in Vehicle Code Section 555 as: That portion of a highway, other than the roadway, set apart by curbs, barriers, markings or other delineation for pedestrian travel.

The Court concluded that when Devon was riding his bicycle on a sidewalk, he was riding on a "portion of a highway." Since the terms "street" and "highway" have the same meaning, it follows that Devon was also riding his bicycle on a "street". The fact that Devon was not wearing a bicycle helmet constituted a violation of law, justifying his detention by the police. Since the detention was lawful, it follows Devon's admission he had a gun and the resulting search and seizure of the gun was lawful. Thus, the Court upheld the Juvenile Court order placing Devon C. on probation.

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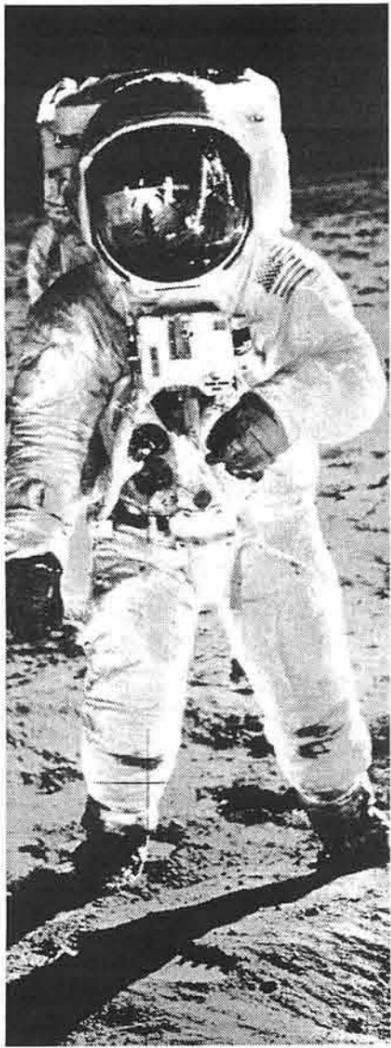
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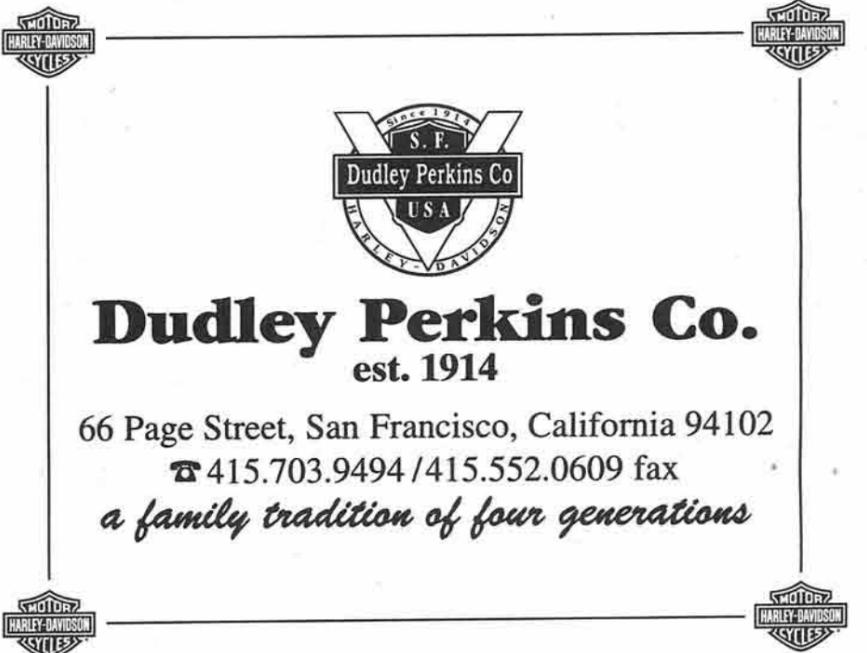
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"I came into the department in 1978. I was in the FTO program during the Jonestown massacre. A couple of weeks later the mayor and a supervisor were killed, and the city was in chaos. The following year I stood on the steps of City Hall while about 25 of my fellow officers were injured during the White Night riots. I watched as police cars burned to the ground. Then, in 1982, Sgt. John McCauley was murdered, and I attended my first police funeral. I cried that day, but I really didn't know why because I was still learning what it meant to be a cop.

"The tradition; the history; the pride of being a San Francisco Police Officer had not yet hit me. Then, as the years went by, I grew to love this job and the people who did it with me side by side.

"As we lost Jim Bloesch, Ike Nelson, and John Blessing, I began to realize that with each passing funeral we all lose a piece of ourselves. I didn't really know Jim Guelff that well, but when he was murdered, I felt like I had lost a family member because I knew 2000 others just like him.

"In the 90's, we continued to lose great people. Kenny Sugrue, Jake Stasko, Bob Barry, and many others

died as a result of this job, and the toll it takes. And now, this year, we mourn Jimmy Dougherty and Kirk Brookbush.

"As the years go by, I have never regretted being a cop for one second. I used to hide what I did when I would attend a function that did not include other cops. Now I take pride in telling people what I do. We stand for something in a society where many stand for nothing. We are on the right side because we care and because we try to make a difference. And don't think for one minute that you don't make a difference. Everybody here today has made somebody's life better or safer. We do it every day, and we ask for little in return.

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Looking upon this monument, today we can see the names of the honored, which have spanned the century. The first names may no longer engender images of the men themselves. But we remember instead, the bravery and honor with which they served. The gold leaf may have faded, but not the light reflected by their lives. They joined to serve the citizens of our City, and their service made all the difference. Over the years, through the earthquakes, wars, riots, and demonstrations, names were added to the wall, but the thin blue line always held. And our City survived. But as this wall symbolizes, its survival was not without a price. A very high price. The loss to their families, our Department and the City is immeasurable.

As I read down the list of names, and

transcend the generations, from John Coots through to John Macauley, Isaiah Nelson, John Blessing, James Bloesch, and James Guelff, to the recently added names of Kirk Brookbush and James Dougherty, sadly as if through the fog, I begin to see them, and hear their voices, hear also the lilt of their laughter and gaze once more upon their smiling faces.

For me, it is inescapable; this is how I will always remember them. For though we have lost their presence, we will always have their memories. They live on in our thoughts, still. They always will...and that is the purpose of this wall. To preserve in stone their names, and so too, to keep them safe in our hearts where they will live forever. They have not left us. This wall bears testimony to that. Today, I am certain; they are all with God. For He would not deny them the honor of such a sacrifice."



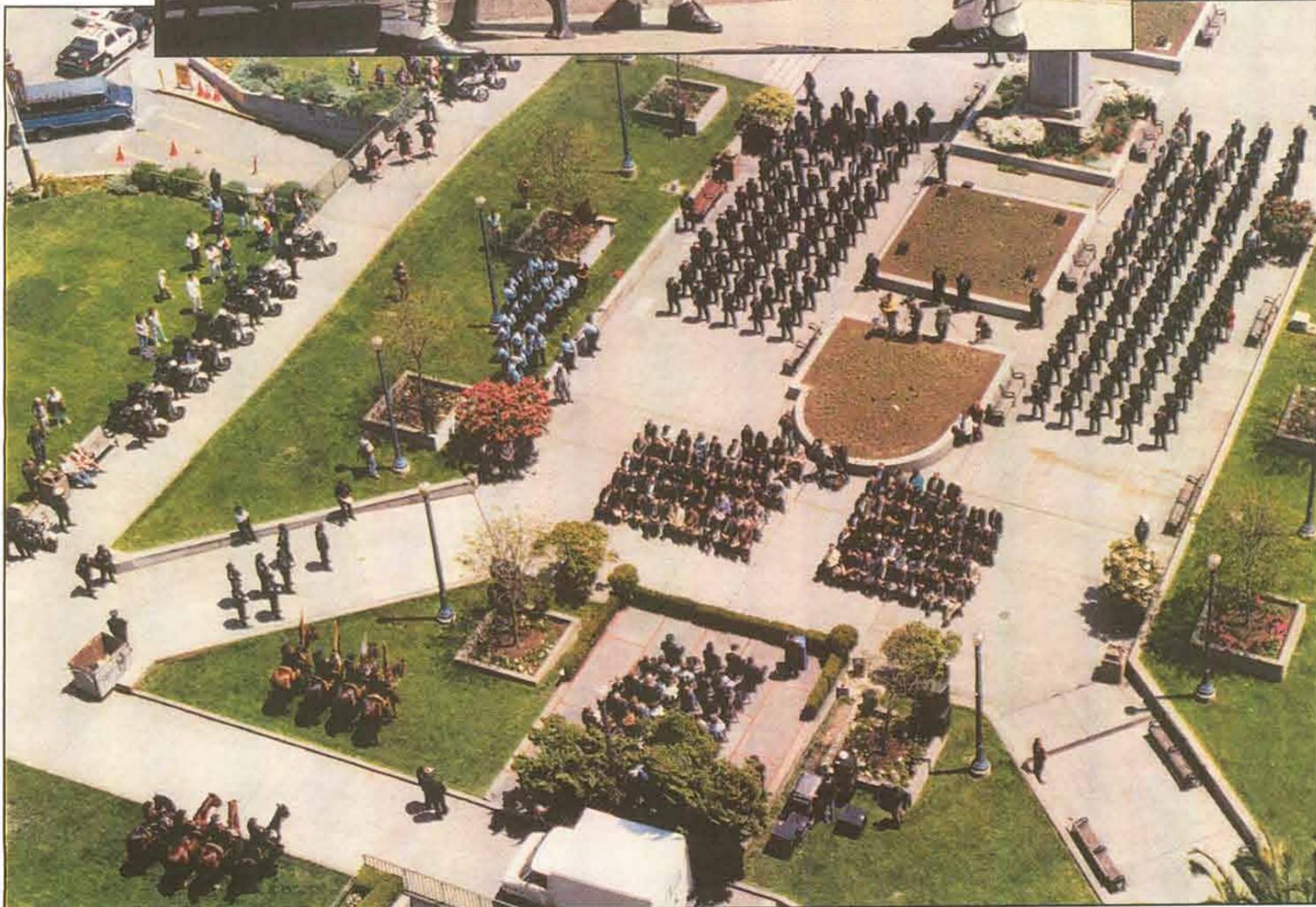
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POA Memorial Ceremony, Union Square



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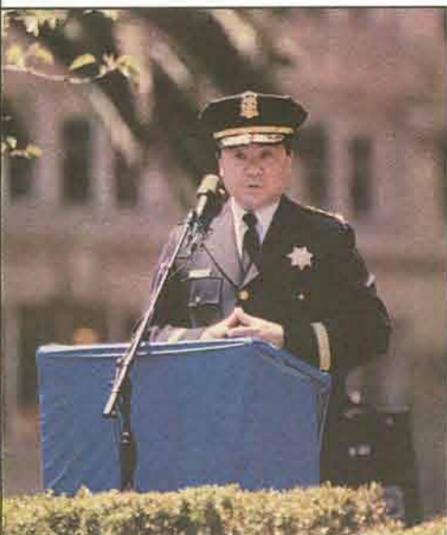
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On behalf of all the members of the POA, I'd like to express my gratitude to a special group of hardworking and dedicated individuals who helped with the Union Square Memorial.

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Thank you all. — Chris Cunnie

quare, San Francisco, May 17, 2000



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A ROSTER OF HONOR AND VALOR:

The Ninety-four San Francisco Police Officers Who Have Been Killed In The Line Of Duty

1878	WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN	1917	MICHAEL J. MCDONALD	1933	RENE G. LACAU	1969
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1886	JOHN J. MORIARITY	1919	EDWARD F. FLAGLER	1937	ERIC A. ZELMS	1970
1891	ANTONE SCHOEMBS	1919	ALBERT W. ARGENS	1937	BRIAN MCDONNELL	1970
1898	JAMES W. HORTON	1920	CORNELIUS BROSANAN	1937	RICHARD P. RADETICH	1970
1903	MILES JACKSON	1920	WALDEMAR L. JENTZSCH	1937	HAROLD L. HAMILTON	1970
1906	LESTER DORMAN	1920	WALTER SALISBURY	1939	CHARLES D. LOGASA	1971
1906	THOMAS HANNA	1921	VINCENT F. LYNCH	1941	ARTHUR D. O'GUINN	1971
1906	THOMAS WALSH	1922	TIMOTHY RYAN	1943	JOHN V. YOUNG	1971
1906	TIMOTHY BAILY	1922	PHILLIP T. FARSHMAN	1946	CODE W. BEVERLY	1972
1907	THOMAS KELLY	1923	WILLIAM J. BOWMAN	1948	MICHAEL HERRING	1974
1907	JOSEPH CONROY	1923	RICHARD J. SCHOLZ	1948	JOSEPH W. BOSWELL	1977
1908	MICHAEL J. BRADY	1924	ROBERT L. WALTERS	1952	DOUGLAS E. GIBBS	1977
1909	GEORGE CAMPBELL	1925	DENIS BRADLEY	1953	ROBERT E. HOOPER	1978
1911	BENJAMIN G. ROOT	1926	THOMAS J. GUZZETTI	1955	VERNON MCDOWELL	1981
1911	JOHN J. DRISCOLL	1927	HENRY J. EIDLER	1955	JOHN S. MACAULAY	1982
1912	FREDERICK NUTTMAN	1927	GORDON J. OLIVERA	1955	JAMES W. BLOESCH	1988
1912	FREDERICK N. SPOONCER	1928	JOSEPH E. LACEY	1956	JOHN J. BLESSING	1989
1913	JOHN MALCOLM	1930	ROBERT J. MOREY	1958	ISIAH NELSON III	1990
1915	CHARLES ROGERSON	1930	BARRY R. ROSEKIND	1958	JAMES L. GUELF	1994
1915	CHARLES W. KING	1931	WILLIAM C. LONG	1958	JAMES DOUGHERTY	2000
1915	ELMER C. THONEY	1931	JAMES MANCUSI, JR.	1965	KIRK BROOKBUSH	2000
1916	WILLIAM E. MANNING	1932	HERMAN L. GEORGE	1967		
1916	MERVYN A. REARDON	1932	PETER MCELLIGOTT	1968		

A Message from the President

Memorial Day Means Many Things To Police Officers

By Chris Cunnie

This month the nation honors all of law enforcement during National Police Week. Certainly just as meaningful is May 29, National Memorial Day, a date that honors all those who have died in military service to our nation. To patriotic police officers, these two special occasions have a compounded significance.

National Police Week is a proud but somber time, a chance for us to reflect on the supreme sacrifices made by our brothers and sisters in this risky profession.

Police officers make routine sacrifices every day. Each midnight watch reported to, each child's birthday celebrated late, each weekend family picnic missed, are examples of the countless sacrifices an officer makes over the course of his or her career.

Sacrifice is always made for a larger good. Over the years, many police officers have made the ultimate sacrifice: a life given to protect an innocent stranger, a desperate coworker, or an entire community. Losing a fellow law enforcement officer is always possible, but never easy. Remembering them, each and all, is as much a duty as it is a moral imperative.

Memorial Day is also a time for thoughts of the sacrifices made by the legions of brave and dedicated men and women who have served this country in the armed forces. Many of them gave their life on distant but hallowed grounds. On the eve of this year's national Memorial Day observance, we find men and women of the American military still serving in peacekeeping missions on foreign soil. The San Francisco Police Officers' Association praises them all for their service.

On Monday, April 24, 2000, a solemn ceremony was held in the lobby of the Hall of Justice. Friends and family of Officer Jim Dougherty and Inspector Kirk Brookbush gathered in front of the Wall of Honor to observe the addition of these two officer's names onto the marble roster. Ninety-four names of San Francisco police officers now comprise a noble list of



those who gave the ultimate in service to this city. The spirit of National Police Week bids us not to let those names fall into obscurity.

Many of those dead officers — indeed, of dead officers nationwide — also served honorably in the United States military. Even today, we count among our ranks police officers who carry the scars of military battle. That is why it is so difficult for us to diverge the concept of a national memorial observance — one for law enforcement, the other for the military. Both revere common as well as supreme sacrifice. Both ring with a clear and lasting message to cops everywhere.

In either arena, be it on the streets of our nation or on lands and seas afar, none died more tragically than another. None was any more heroic than the others. So in that sense, this week of national recognition is a celebration of our willingness to embrace the legacies of those dead heroes and to commit our personal and professional lives to their honor.

This issue of the *POA Journal* reprints the names of those 94 San Francisco Police Officers on the center pages. Those names are beside our proudest national symbol — our flag. Please take a few moments to read that list of names and give their significance some circumspect reflection.

Many thanks to our dear friend, Ms. Joyce Aldana, for organizing this year's POA Memorial for Fallen Officers. Welcome Back, Joyce! Ms. Aldana has worn many hats over the years. In 1998, she was the key organizer of the first-ever memorial to fallen officers. We utilized her unique talents once again this year to stage a truly historic dedication in downtown's Union Square. She really outdid herself this time and the event was a huge success.

A native San Franciscan, Ms. Aldana has served as a community liaison, marketing strategist, public relations specialist and event coordinator to both city government and the private sector. The San Francisco Police Department and POA have relied on her services as advisor, confidante, friend and mentor over the years, as have many of San Francisco's most influential community leaders, corporate decision-makers and elected officials. She's raised over \$30K for such programs as the Mission Station's Clean Streets Summer Program, the Chief's "Night At The Circus", the Chief's "Family Picnic" and the Youth Fishing Program.

Thanks again, Joyce, for a job well done!

— Chris Cunnie



MEMORIAL DAY

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of the three of us who did.

Once in Vietnam, we passed the long, lonely off-duty hours at Dusty's Pub, a lounge that we lieutenants built on the beach of the South China Sea at Tuy Hoa Airbase. The roof at Dusty's doubled as a sun deck, and the walls were nonexistent. The complaint heard most often around the bar, in the standard gallows humor of a combat squadron, was, "It's a lousy war, but it's the only one we have."

We sang mostly raunchy songs that never seemed to end—someone was always writing new verses—and, as an antidote to loneliness, fear in the night and the sadness over dead friends, we often drank too much.

Vince joined us at Dusty's Pub halfway through my tour of duty, and since he was a like-minded country kid from Montana, we hit it off. He had a wide grin, slightly stooped shoulders and his own way of walking—he just threw his feet out and stepped on them.

But what he lacked in military bearing he made up for with the heart of a tiger. He often flew as my wingman, and we volunteered for the night missions on the Ho Chi Minh Trail. One starless night, the longest, saddest night of my life, we got into a nasty gun duel with some antiaircraft artillery batteries. I watched Vince die in a mushroom-shaped fireball that for a moment turned night into day.

Lance—a New York boy who took unmerciful grief from us because he talked like a New Yorker—crashed into the side of a mountain in the central Vietnamese highlands while attacking a target.

Lynn, a happy-go-lucky jock from Pennsylvania's Slippery Rock College with a hound named John the Basset, returned to his base on a stormy night in July after weather aborted his mission. Two miles of wet runway weren't enough to stop an F-100 landing at 160 knots with all its bombs still onboard. He ran off the end, flipped over, and slid through the minefield at the perimeter fence, setting off a gruesome sound and light show.

At the wall, I told the guys only about the good parts of the last 28 years. Lacy, one of our associates from Dusty's Pub, became an astronaut, and a few summers ago I watched from my backyard, near Tampa, as he blasted off. His voice over the radio from space was at least an octave lower than it was the day I heard him radio for help while swinging from his parachute hung in a tree in Laos.

Another Dusty's patron, Rick, is now a two-star general, and I reminded them what we used to say about the military promotion system—it's like a septic tank, only the really big chunks float to the top.

I didn't tell them about how ostracized Vietnam vets still are, that during that same week, one of the nation's leading newspapers had run an article that implied we Vietnam vets were, to quote one syndicated columnist, "either suckers or psychos, victims or monsters."

I didn't tell them that Hanoi Jane, who shot at us and helped torture our POWs, had married one of the richest guys in the United States.

I didn't tell them that the secretary of defense they fought for back then

has now declared that he was not a believer in the cause for which he assigned them all to their destiny.

I didn't tell them that a dope doing, muck sucking, lecherous, draft-age kid from Arkansas who hid out in England and the Soviet Union to dodge his duty while they were fighting and dying is now the commander-in-chief.

And I didn't tell them we lost that lousy war.

I gave them the same story I've used since the Nixon administration: We were winning when I left.

I relived that final day as I stared at the black onyx wall. The dawn came up like thunder after 268 combat missions in 360 days in the valley of the shadow. The ground trembled as 33 F-100s roared off the runway, across the beach and out over the South China Sea, climbing into the rising sun. On the eastern horizon, a line of towering deep-purple clouds stood shoulder-to-shoulder before a brilliant orange sky that slowly turned powder blue from

the top down. From somewhere on that stage, above the whine of spinning turbine blades, I could hear a choir singing Handel's "Hallelujah Chorus" in fortissimo: "The Lord God omnipotent reigneth," and He was bringing me home, while Lance and Lynn and Vince will remain as part of the dust of Southeast Asia until the end of time.



OUR NATION REMEMBERS THE COURAGE, SACRIFICE, AND DEVOTION TO DUTY AND COUNTRY OF ITS VIETNAM VETERANS

I was not the only one talking to the wall through tears. A leather-vested, bare-chested biker two panels to my left was in even worse shape.

I backed about 25 yards away from the wall and sat down on the grass under a clear blue sky and midday sun that perfectly matched the tropical weather of the war zone. The wall, with all 58,200 names, consumed my field of vision. I tried to wrap my mind around the mega-tonnage of violence, carnage and ruined lives that it represented.

Then I thought of how Vietnam was only one small war in the history of the human race. I was overwhelmed with a sense of mankind's wickedness.

God, Duty, Honor, Country.

My heart felt like wax in the blazing sun and I was on the verge of becoming a spectacle in the park. I arose and walked back up to the wall to say goodbye and ran my fingers over the engraved names—Lance and Lynn and Vince—as if I could communicate with them in some kind of spiritual Braille.

I wanted them to know that God, duty, honor and country will always remain the noblest calling. Revisionist history from elite draft dodgers trying to justify and rationalize their own actions will never change that.

I have been a productive member of society since the day I left Vietnam. I am proud of what I did there, and I am especially proud of my friends—heroes who voluntarily, enthusiastically gave their all. They demonstrated no greater love to a nation whose high-brow opinion makers are still trying to disavow them.

May their names, indelibly engraved on that memorial wall, likewise be found in the Book of Life.

— By J.D. Wetterling

Annual Easter Bunny Visit at UCSF Hospital

By Jennifer Forrester,
POA Easter Bunny

For the past ten years, members of the POA have given of their time to visit some very special children in the hospital during the Easter holiday.

This year we were able to provide over 130 children with special treats from the Easter Bunny with the excellent assistance of Sergeants Jeffrey

Skover and William Murray, Officers Mike Lujan and Mike Siebert, and UCSF staffer Cam Sutter.

This special visit is made for some very special children. They are children in various stages of treatment at UCSF for cancer, transplants, and other serious medical conditions.

It is such a privilege to be able to spend time with these children and members of their families. Their



strength, courage, and optimism seem boundless, despite their constant pain and suffering.

During this year's visit, we had a couple of extra "Bunny Helpers". Each was a child patient who was ambulatory. They helped escort the officers and the POA bunny in the visit. It's rewarding to see how much joy is brought during these visits.

My special thanks to my very special helpers: Jeffrey, William, Mike, and Mike. You did such a wonderful job! You made this event so worthwhile and effortless! Thank you
From the bottom of my heart!



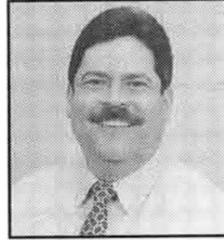
From left to right: Mike Lujan, Jeff Skover, Jennifer Forrester, Bill Murray and Mike Siebert

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Lateral Q-2 Police Officer Examination

On Monday, June 5, 2000, the San Francisco Police Department will accept applications from currently employed full-time sworn peace officers in California. Completed applications and a copy of the POST certificate must be postmarked no later than midnight on Friday, June 16, 2000. Applications may not be hand delivered.

Applications will be available in the Recruitment and Retention Office of the San Francisco Police Department in Room 577-17, Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant St., and at the Department of Human Resources, 44 Gough St., from Monday, June 5 through Friday, June 16, 2000. Officers may request applications by calling the Recruitment and Retention Office at (415) 553-1999 or by e-mailing their requests to SFPD recruitment@pacbell.net To qualify to take the Lateral Q-2 Police Officer Examination, the applicant must:

- Possess a basic POST certificate awarded by the State of California Commission on Peace Officer Standards and Training.
- Be currently employed full time as a sworn peace officer in California.
- Be at least 21 years old (there is no maximum age limit).
- Have a valid California driver license.
- Not have been convicted of a felony in California or of an act in any other state, federal jurisdiction, or foreign country that would have been a felony if committed in California; or any misdemeanor that carries a penalty prohibiting ownership, possession, or control of a firearm.

Lateral applicants will be administered a physical ability test and an oral interview during a two-day period in the latter part of July 2000. During the same time - period, applicants will complete their Personal History Questionnaire (PHQ). Lateral officers who are hired will attend an eight-week Academy and a 17-week FTO. A one-year probation will follow the completion of FTO. Officers must serve five years in grade to be eligible for the Q-50 Sergeant or Q-35 Assistant Inspector promotional examinations.

Lateral officers will start at Step 2 (\$51,469 annually) and receive POST-incentive pay once they complete the eight-week Academy. Officers who qualify for bilingual pay may receive additional compensation. The Department may have a retirement-reciprocity arrangement for lateral officers and a competitive benefits plan.

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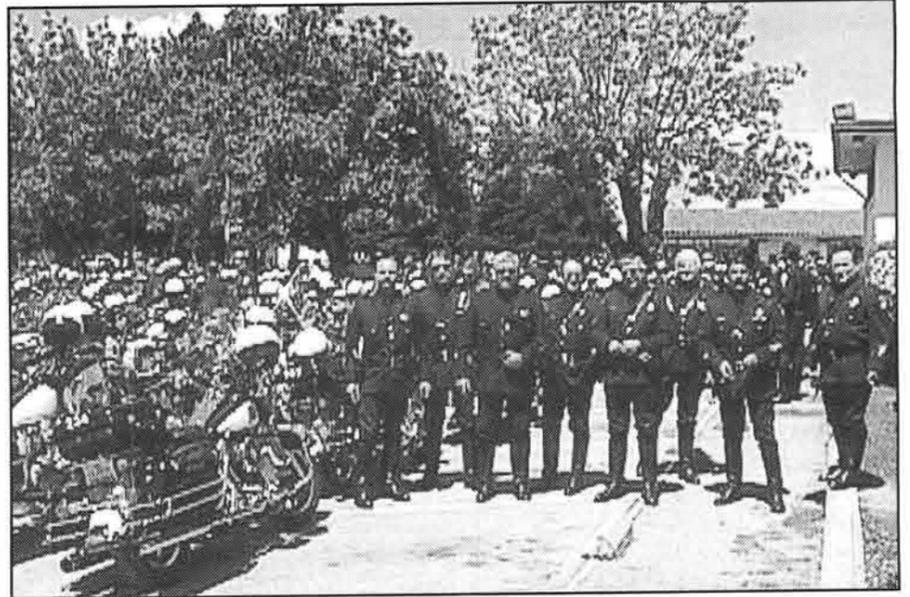
The Scholarship Fund will be used to pay tuition fees for courses in the Bachelor of Arts curriculum in Criminal Justice from San Francisco State University. Courses will be offered in the Academy of Justice schedule of the Criminal Justice Program, which is conducted away from the main campus at two sites. Currently afternoon and evening classes are being held at the San Francisco Police Department Acad-

emy, 350 Amber Dr. SFSU's College of Extended Learning (CEL) currently administers enrollment in the Criminal Justice Program.

Award of partial or full scholarship tuition is made on a course-by-course basis. All sworn personnel from the SFPD, the San Francisco Sheriff's Office, and other law enforcement agencies in the Bay Area enrolled in the Criminal Justice Program are eligible for scholarship consideration.

For more information, please contact:

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SFPD Solos in full dress uniform attend the funeral of the slain Vallejo Police Officer Jeff Azuar who was shot in the head while struggling to arrest a wanted felon. Officer Azuar was 50 years old.

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Letters



Dear Editor—

Over the past few months, the *POA Journal* has publicized a photo of a patrol car with the graphic of the Golden Gate Bridge painted across the side of the vehicle. My initial reaction to seeing this was, 'They can't be serious. This has to be a joke.' I became worried when I saw the same photo turn up in last month's issue. My fears became worse as more and more officers told me about sightings of the Golden Gate Bridge edition patrol car through out the city. Not one of these officers had a positive thing to say about the design.

Upon taking an unofficial poll of the officers at Northern Station, I found the majority to be against the new graphic. I started a petition which I sent out to every district station that went like this:

*To: Fleet Manager Loyce Tucker
I have seen your proposed idea for the Golden Gate Bridge graphic that would be placed on the sides of our patrol cars and I am totally against it. I personally think it looks terrible. I would be embarrassed to be seen driving a patrol car with a graphic like that. The Golden Gate Bridge graphic is tacky and makes the sides of the patrol car appear cluttered. Furthermore, it takes away from the overall strength the blue SFPD star conveys and represents.*

Within two weeks time, over 300 officers who were against the Golden Gate Bridge graphic had signed my petition. I have already hand delivered this petition to the fleet garage office. I don't know if this petition will make a difference at all, or if it will fall on deaf ears. My only hope is that whoever has the final say about this drastic change will take into account the feelings of the officers who will have to drive the patrol cars.

Officer Timothy Farrelly #1642,
Northern Station



Left to right are: Martin Kutches (Peter Rabbit); Tony Sacco, President, New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, Inc.; Officer Etcheveste; Officer Kirwan and Peter Tannous, Roxie Food Market.

March 21, 2000

To All Our Friends at the SFPOA Community Service Committee —

Many, many thanks for your continuing generosity to the low income elders we serve here in the Tenderloin and South of Market areas. You know, more than most, the need in The City for these services. We appreciate your belief in our ability to provide them.

The two hundred fifty dollars you sent, dated February 29, 2000, will go toward food and care for these vulnerable seniors.

Again, we thank you on their behalf.

Sincerely,
Gay Kaplan
Executive Director
North Of Market Senior Services



May 4, 2000

Chris Cunnie, President
SFPOA
510 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 9410

Dear Chris,

The New Mission Terrace Improvement Association in connection with our neighborhood store, "Roxie Food Market" completed their third annual Easter Egg Hunt. Approximately two hundred and fifty children participated in the hunt for Easter eggs.

We would like to give thanks and recognition to officers Kirwan #43 and Etcheveste #1847 for their help in making our event a success. Their warm interaction with the children and with the parents made the event truly a family fun day. They are an embodiment of community policing and a credit to the department.

Sincerely,
Anthony G. Sacco, President
New Mission Terrace Improvement Association, Inc.



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March 6, 2000

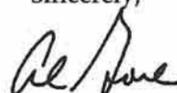
Mr. Lee Guelff
P.O. Box 814
Atascadero, CA 93423

Dear Lee:

Thanks for your recent letter concerning body armor legislation. It's good to hear from you, and I appreciate receiving the videotape of your recent press conference in Michigan.

I want to commend you on your great work in helping to pass the legislation in Michigan. As a result of your efforts, I am confident that your brother did not die in vain but rather contributed to saving the lives of many police officers. Please be assured that I will continue to do all I can to stem the gun violence in our society. As always, your thoughts are helpful to me.

Again, thanks for letting me hear from you. Keep up the good work.

Sincerely,

Al Gore

Officer Michelle Jean
SFPOA
510 7th Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Officer Jean,

Thank you for welcoming our Board on Saturday, March 4, 2000. For you to take the time out of your busy schedule represents a willful eagerness to be involved and demonstrates a strong commitment from the police union to women police.

The San Francisco Police Department's interest in hosting an International Association of Women Police annual conference is intriguing and we welcome the union's support to bring this to fruition. Once again, thank you for your support.

Sincerely,
Laura Goodman-Brown
President
International Association
of Women Police



Dear Jennifer,

All of us here on the Pediatric ward, and especially those of us in Child Life Services, would like to extend a warm thank you for the Easter Bunny visit you coordinated. We appreciate the time you and your fellow officers took to visit each child on Pediatrics. The children and families felt very supported by your visits.

Thanks also for the Police Officers' generosity with the gifts! We heard for days afterwards about the bunnies and the candy and the pinwheels and the yo-yos. The parents were particularly appreciative of the photos.

It continues to be a pleasure to work with you. Please thank each of the officers for giving so generously of their time. We thank you for your outstanding performance as the Bunny and for your coordination of this event.

Warmly,
Camilla Sutter, M.A., CCLS
Child Life Services Staff
UCSF Pediatrics

Dear Chris,

The members of Police Communication want to thank you and the POA for helping to sponsor a very successful National Telecommunicators week party. Thanks again for your continued support for the Police dispatchers.

Pat Guttman



April 15, 2000

To: My Fellow Officers
c/o Chris Cunnie, President
SF Police Officers' Association

Thank you. I could not have survived the last year without the goodwill, prayers, and donations of time given to me by my fellow officers and co-workers.

The diagnosis from my doctors last year led to fear and confusion. Friends led me to the Department's Catastrophic Illness Program. The Illness Program was facilitated by the SFPD Behavioral Science Unit. The BSU gave me the most direct, professional, and supportive guidance I could ever have imagined receiving.

Through the catastrophic illness program, my co-workers, so many of you, donated the most valuable gift of all — your time. Illness hours were donated to me that allowed me to have surgery on December 27, 1999 and have the medical follow-up necessary to get healthy again. My surgeons called me "The Challenge". As of April 2000, medical exams show that all is still well.

I am not allowed to know your names. I thank each and every one of you with all my heart.

Angela Martin
Sexual Assault Detail



Editor —

I can't say enough, and thank you enough for all that the POA has done to make this time easier. Thank you so very much.

Debra D. King and Family

April 9, 2000

Captain Ron Roth
 Bayview Station
 201 Williams
 San Francisco, CA 94124

Dear Captain Roth:

On February 20, 2000 Officers Marquita Booth (Badge 347) and Javier Munoz (Badge 1732) arrived at 196 Connecticut Street in response to the near drowning of my fifteen-month-old son, Maxwell Smith. I had found my son in my landlord's fishpond. It goes without saying that I was terribly shaken by the situation. I rode to the emergency room at San Francisco General Hospital with Officers Booth and Munoz. They stayed with me for several hours while the hospital staff worked to resuscitate my son. I am writing to let you know about the incredible job those officers did that day.

My son was my greatest joy and my best friend. Since I was raising him on my own, I worked at home at night while he was sleeping so that I could spend every waking minute with him. We spent those waking minutes having fun together, and were both extremely happy for it. The prospect of losing Max was overwhelming. The ride to the hospital and the first hour there is the closest I've ever come to losing my mind. I credit Officer Booth with helping me keep it. I was convinced that Max was already dead. Officer Booth helped me calm down and realize the doctors were working on him because there was some hope. She helped me get centered and focused. In the hospital, she made sure I was surrounded by the friends I needed there to support me. She also helped shield me from people who I did not want there. She served as my advocate with hospital personnel to ensure that the doctors allowed me to be with my son as soon as possible.

After several hours at San Francisco General, Maxwell was stable enough for transfer to UCSF where he spent five days in the pediatric intensive care unit. While those were difficult days and nights, I treasure them. Max was feisty and he put up a good fight. He woke up and kicked his legs and responded to everyone he loved. I talked to him, caressed him, and looked into his beautiful blue eyes again. Ultimately we said good-bye to each other. Max died peacefully in my arms.

I do not know if I would be able to go on without those final days. The shock would have been too much. I needed that time to be with my boy and love him a little longer and say good-bye. I credit Officer Booth with helping me gather the strength I needed to make the most of that time. She gave me an invaluable gift and she did it on the job as a San Francisco Police Officer.

You should be very proud of both Officers Booth and Munoz. They have a rare combination of professionalism and compassion that truly does justice to the term "Officer of the Peace". The day after the accident they both came to see Max at UCSF. The following Sunday, they came to his memorial service — a gesture that touched me deeply. I feel very fortunate that Officers Booth and Munoz responded to the call. I want to thank the San Francisco Police Department for doing an outstanding job of handling such a delicate and heartbreaking situation.

Sincerely,
 Colleen Marie Smith

Letters



Dear Ms. Smith,

I am the editor of the *POA Journal*, the official publication of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. A copy of your profoundly poignant letter to Captain Ron Roth, dated April 9, 2000, was forwarded to me for publication in our paper. The letter will appear in the next issue, and I will mail you a copy as soon as it goes to print in mid-May.

I formatted the layout of your letter in a special way, one that sets it apart from the other correspondence. That is because I want the striking content of your message to impact our readers in the same way that it effected me. I especially want our younger and newer officers to sense the depth of emotion that your words express.

I have been a San Francisco police officer for more than 29 years. I am proud to say that most San Francisco police officers are as compassionate and professional as Officers Marquita Booth and Javier Munoz. I know Officer Booth well. She is every bit the outstanding officer that you describe. I am not as familiar with her partner, Officer Munoz. However, I am very proud of the way in which both of these officers responded to the tragic loss of your little boy, Maxwell.

I am certain that your letter will serve as a vivid reminder to every officer who reads it that their foremost duty is to serve and assist the people of San Francisco in their times of need — regardless of the circumstance— with empathy, reason, and courage. I hope, too,

that they will sense that people like you appreciate them, and that the appreciation is pervasive and widespread, albeit not as eloquently expressed.

When your copy of the *Journal* arrives, please take a few moments to read through the pages. Inside you will find other letters of thanks and gratitude, as well as reports of brave deeds and close calls, acts of selflessness, humor, and service. Our members are among the most generous and giving in all of city government. I have no doubt that Officers Booth and Munoz will forever hold a special place in your heart, but they are just two of many hundreds of kindred men and women who will give as much of themselves — emotionally as well as physically — to protect and serve you, your neighbors, and all San Francisco.

Thank you for commending these two officers to Captain Roth and, through him, to us all. Your letter was gracious and very moving. Beyond that, I can not express my sense of appreciation for your thoughts and words, nor can this letter adequately convey to you my sorrow over your unfathomable loss.

On behalf of the entire Executive Board of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, please accept my condolences, and that of our entire membership, and know that you are in our thoughts and prayers.

Sincerely yours,
 Ray Shine, Editor
POA Journal

Editor —

On behalf of all those men and women who are assigned to teach EVOC, I sincerely wish to express our thanks for your recent article in the *POA Journal*. You gave us outstanding press coverage. I was extremely impressed by your reporting and writing skills.

Recently we felt the pain of losing two of our officers to a helo accident. It still hurts to think about it. At our last instructors meeting, I expressed our MISSION STATEMENT. I wish to share some of our thoughts and final strategies from that meeting.

"After a long week of training, cold weather, windburn, sunburn, rain, tired legs and feet, early mornings, the smell of burning rubber, gasoline, motor oil, the sound of constant sirens, the feel of a dirty traffic cone, motion sickness, all you have to do is look into the face of the officer that stands before you wearing the same police patch you wear. It is then that it will come to you. He/She is a professional peace-keeper, It is through our intense efforts that we must know we WILL NOT loose any of our officers by the misuse of a police vehicle. We are here to teach them what the car can and cannot do. We are also there to show them they are human. We are

in the business of teaching our people how to stay alive and not die at their own hands. WE ARE IN PURSUIT IF EXCELLENCE, We will not allow a political agenda, budget crunch, or any obstacles stand in the way. We know what HAS to be done."

Again many thanks
 Peace and Safe Vehicle Operations

Lt. Henry Parra
 OIC EVOC/Drivers Training



Editor —

Losing my cousins Mike and Kenny Sugrue was a shock to me. They would always tell me when this was due. Mike was so proud when he started this subscription for me. I look forward to each edition with interest.

I graduated from Mission High School, lived in Noe Valley, and like reading about the officers. Police blood is in me for years. I always had a policeman in the family. My mother's side went into the Police Department. My father's side went into the Fire Department. My brother, Bud, is a retired So, SF Fire Chief.

We were raised that when a man put on a police uniform or fire, they became part of us, and we do everything to help them. All are always in my prayers at mass. I light candles for all. God knows their names.

Mrs. Ernie Mayer,
 Petaluma, CA



Dear Members of the San Francisco Police Department:

Emily and I send our most sincere gratitude for the multitude of things done for this family over the course of Chuck's illness, disability and death. The kindness exhibited by each of you has made a real difference for our small family. Every time Chuck or I or Emily was in need, you stepped in to help. When we needed hours, hours came pouring in, when we needed support of any kind, the members were there. We could not have gotten this far without you.

Thank you for your kind calls, cards, visits, and all of the other caring things you have done. A special thanks to the POA for the assistance with the costs of the services, and to the members, both rank and file and management, for making the service a true family

affair. Your attendance at the memorial was a tribute to Chuck's service in the Department.

Throughout this sad situation the police family has been with us; I cannot tell you how important that was and is to Emily and myself, and to Chuck. Words cannot express the depth of my appreciation for all that you have done for us. Thank you, thank you, thank you.

Ellen and Emily Maher



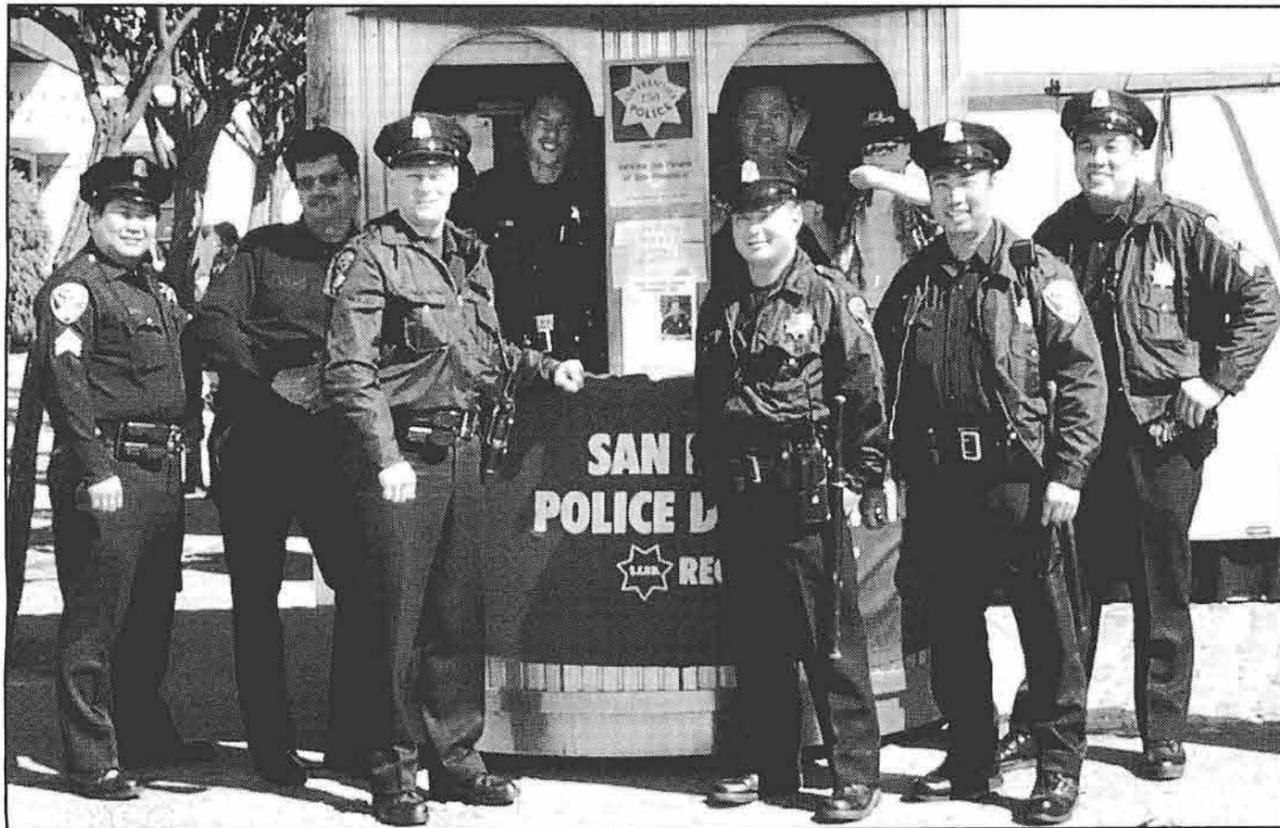
Dear Brother Shine:

Just received my copy of the April 2000 *SFPOA Journal* Many thanks for including my March 9 column ("No Spectators in a Gunfight") in the paper.

May I commend you on the current look of the *Journal*, and the change of title. As a newspaperman now myself, I appreciate professionalism and the *Journal* is a fine publication.

I trust you will occasionally entertain a few articles as I essay on police matters.

Sincerely,
 Roy Hicks
 SFPD Retired

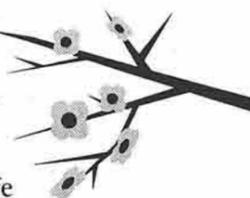


Cherry Blossom Festival

Over two consecutive weekends between April 8th, 2000, and April 16th, 2000, numerous members of the San Francisco Police Department displayed our pride and professionalism at the annual Cherry Blossom Festival held in Japantown. Not only did we accomplish much in the way of recruiting, but we also made many new friends in the community.

The pictured officers include Off. Henry Lam, Off. Dominic Yin, Off. Greg Yee, Off. Al Wong, Off. David Nakasu, Sgt. Randy Young, Sgt. David Kamita, Insp. Lloyd Lew, and Insp. David Elliot.

Captain Fagan and his troops from Northern Station again did a tremendous job in ensuring that everyone had an enjoyable and safe time.



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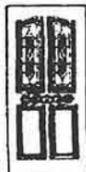
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Name: Hunnan
ID: A085862
Age: 5 years
Sex: Male/neutered
Description:
Hunnun is a 5 year neutered male



white Siberian Husky and Spitz mix. He just loves to cuddle and is also a good walking dog. Besides that, Hunnan is very talented. He can actually sing and dance and is looking for the opportunity to dance his way out of here. Please come by for a complimentary performance.

Name: Ella
ID: A117881
Age: 2 years
Sex: Female
Description: Ella is a 2 year female very rare White German Shepherd mix.



She loves to play and is super affectionate. She's a loving girl and a great companion. She loves to be hugged and keeps a smile on her face all day long.

Name: Danny
ID: A117870
Age: 7 months
Sex: Male

Description: Danny is a 7 month male Red Pit Bull and Mastiff mix. He's a great dog and is known around here as the Love Puppy! He loves to go walking and is gentle and warm.



Name: Sinatra
ID: A119157
Age: 3 years
Sex: Male/neutered
Description: Sinatra is a 3 year neutered male black and

white Australian Shepherd with the wildest polka dot socks! He's a beautiful dog and great on the leash. A great dog park dog, he loves to chase the ball. He's a way affectionate boy!



WIDOWS & ORPHANS

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Southern. He remained at Southern for the rest of his career working the same radio car (Southern 2) with the same partner, Norm Moore. This was for 25 years on the streets of the Southern. From his fellow officers, communications and many Chiefs of Police you could not find a better radio car crew than Southern 2. His Meritorious awards are too numerous to name, a few 2nd Grade, for the arrest of a suspect firing at officers, two more for the arrest of a robbery suspect in the commission of a 211. Another for the arrest of a burglary suspect in the commission of a 459. Another for the arrest of a mental patient at Mission Emergency attempting to shoot up the Emergency Unit. Bill was also the kind of cop that would give a wino a few bucks to get something to eat. Bill also served as a member of the famed "Sing-

ing Second Platoon" One of the best-loved cops I've ever known.

REPORT OF SPECIAL COMMITTEES. Our President Garrity, after hearing from Dan Gardner on the death of his father, thought that a card should accompany the payment check as a little more personal touch. Jeannie Hurley, designed a set of cards that the trustees reviewed and selected that will accompany all future benefit checks.

The Revision Committee has submitted the text for typing and preparing for the printer.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION. A moment of silence was held for our departed members.

ADJOURNMENT Vice President Fontana set the next meeting for Wednesday May 17, 2000 in the conference room of Ingleside Station at 1400.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley, Secretary.



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PAL Basketball

The San Francisco PAL Soccer kicked-off on April 1st with 134 teams. The teams are as follows:

U8 Girls Division

Cyclones
Super Tornadoes
Revolution
Green Giants
Big Green
Cheetahs
Alley Cats
Comets
SG Hurricanes

U8 Boys South Division

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Celtics
Black Panthers
Oceanview Cruz Azul
JC Chivas Jr
S.H. Lions
Mission Golden Boys

U8 Boys West Division

Little Eagles
PAL bears
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Renegades
Dragons
Allstars
Mission Angels Jr
Vikings Bears

U10 Girls North Division

SF City Panthers
Seastars
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Leaping Leopards
Meteors
Comets

U10 Girls South Division

Baby Nighthawks
Wildcats
Mission Eagles
SF City Tigers
Dragons
Brazilian Orchids

U10 Girls West Division

Stompers
Sunrises
Yellow Jackets
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U10 Boys South Division

All Stars
Mission Shocker Jrs
Mission Bobcats
Mission Latin Hearts
Pumas USA
Mission Shocher Thunder
Mighty Yodas
Tigers

U10 Boys West Division

Mission Knights Jr
JC Mexico Jrs
SF City Chargers
Geckos
Mission Jamestown
Lightning Cheetahs
Wildcats
Cougars

U12 Girls North Division

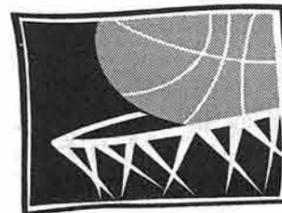
Black Beauties
SF City Tornadoes
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Raptors

U12 Girls South Division

Mission Earthquakes
Blue Stars
Wildcats
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California Poppies
Daisies
SF City Tigers

U12 Girls West Division

Pelicans
Mission JT Girls
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U12 Boys South Division

JC Chivas
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SF City Scorpions
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U12 Boys West Division

SF Vikings Nighthawks
DC United
Mission Dragons
Wildcats
SF City Chargers
Flying Dragons
Sunbirds

U14 Girls South Division

Argonauts
Mission Rebels
Texas Bluebonnets
Firebirds
SF City Tigers
Mission Wildcats

U14 Girls West Division

Eclipse
Hammers
SF City Comets
Jamestown Girls
Celtics

U14 Boys South Division

SF City Scorpions
SF Earthquakes
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Wildcats-U15
Wildcat Girls-U15
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Mission Angels-U18
Inter F.C.-U16

Games are played at Balboa Stadium, Beach Chalet, Burton High, Lowell High, Morton (Presidio), Polo Fields, Sutter Field and West Sunset. Call the PAL Office for schedule.

Special thanks to the following for all their help for the 2000 Soccer Season: Ernie Feibusch, Officer Dan Inocencio, Dana Ketcham, Siena Perez, Cindy Quan, Illia Song, Jeff Staben, San Francisco Viking Soccer Club and San Francisco Viking League.

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Baseball

Craig Carrozzini, recently donated 200 "City 'Scapes" books to the San Francisco PAL youth baseball participants. Craig is a former SF PAL participant who played ball for Charles Gutierrez and later for Thelma Williams.

He is president and founder of Southern Trails Publishing. He wrote "City 'Scapes" in an attempt to recapture the magic of a day in the 60's at the Stadium from a young boy's perspective and includes baseball history and memorabilia. Thank you Craig for giving our kids a chance to experience all of baseball, whether it be on the field or reliving the "greats."

"City 'Scapes" is sold at Giants Dug-out stores and at a newspaper kiosk on Third and Townsend streets (near the new ballpark).

Saturday May 6, 2000

2000 Special Olympics Kick-off

By Captain James I. Dudley
Park Station

As an avid runner, I was amused when a good friend of mine once remarked that she noticed that runners never smiled. In other words, it appeared to the casual observer that runners did not seem to be having much fun. On Saturday May 6th 2000, I found that observation to be the farthest from the truth.

At 9:00 am Kezar Stadium was packed with Special Olympic Athletes, families, volunteers, coaches, police officers, organizers and well-wishers for the kick off of a series of events that will lead to the Summer Games in Stockton, California on June 9, 10 and 11, 2000. Although the day started with gray clouds and ended with light drizzle, I saw nothing but smiles from all in attendance. Special Olympians Mike Bizon, Eddie Silva, Thomas Campbell, Titor Sandee and Joe Aseno helped me with the opening pledge and greetings. Athletes represented Yolo, Sacramento, San Mateo and San Francisco Counties.



Standing with 2000 Special Olympics athletes are (third from right) Officer Jerrold Bell, Officer Dalen Tong and Captain James Dudley. Kneeling: Reserve Officer Cynthia Wynne, Reserve Officer Jose Diaz, Officer Mark Ballard, PAL Cadet Diaz, Officer Chris Creed, and Reserve Officer Jeff Smethurst.

The athletes put their training to the test as they competed in running events including the 25, 50, 100, 400 and 800-meter races. Field events included the shot put, standing and running long jump, high jump and softball throw. After each event, the ath-

letes assembled on the dais for the ribbon ceremony. All athletes shared ribbons and smiles. Police Officers from all over the department enjoyed the honor of congratulating and awarding the athletes with ribbons. Regardless of whether the athlete was first or last, they all shared in the motto of the Special Olympics: "Let me win, but if I cannot win, let me be brave in the attempt." As Officers from the Solos, Muni, Park, Mission, Richmond and other stations awarded the ribbons, I wondered who enjoyed the moment the most, the officers or the athletes.

Upcoming events benefiting Special Olympics are "Bail-out-a-Cop" in which officers see how the other half lives, putting themselves in 'jail' in order to raise bail. The money goes directly to Special Olympics for travel, training, equipment and facilities. On May 11th and 18th, I will participate with other Officers in the annual "Tip-a-Cop" events in which officers' act as

waiters at Chevy's, Embarcadero #2, and Puccini and Pinetti's, 129 Ellis Street. Tips go directly to Special Olympics. In addition, each district station has a representative selling a beautifully designed black 2000 Special Olympics T-shirt suitable for wearing under the uniform.

Thanks to Randi Garfield and all the volunteers and coaches from Special Olympics Northern California, Corporate Sponsors from McKesson HBOC, BDO Seidman, LLP, Boston Consulting Group, Hoover Middle School, San Francisco Day School, Rec and Park, the University of San Francisco and Bill Hogan for sponsoring the training facilities and kick-off dinner. Thanks to PAL Ca-

dets Tanya and Cynthia Diaz, Reserve Officers Jose Diaz, Jeff Smethurst, Sajja Ravinahtaprichi, and Cynthia Wynne.

Thanks to Officers Chris Creed, Jerrold Bell, Mark Ballard, Dalene Tong, Dave Hamilton, Ray Mullane and Tim Shanahan from Traffic Company, Lt. Dan McDonagh from Muni Company, and all the others who stopped by the Kezar Special Olympics 2000 kick-off to award ribbons or otherwise show support for the very special athletes.

Please show your support for Special Olympics by buying a pin or T-shirt. Contact me at Park Station or Sergeants Rachel Kilshaw, 553-1029 of the DVRU to help with Tip -a-Cop, Neville Gittens, 553-9132 of the DVRU to participate in Bail-out-a-Cop, or Lieutenant John Fewer, 557-6701 at TTF to participate in the Summer Special Olympics Torch Run. Experience the joy of these athletes who smile as they run.

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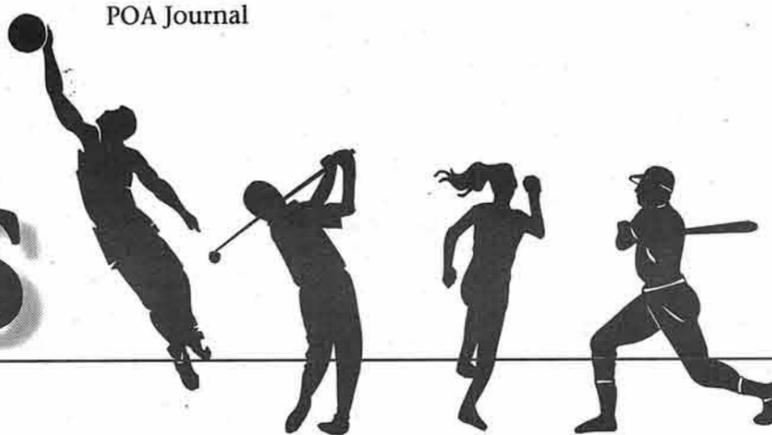
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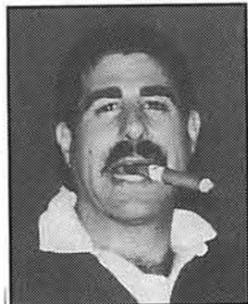
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Sports



NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor



CHECK IT OUT: I signed off last month's column just before heading out to the Giants home opener at Pac Bell Park. As you can see by the pic that accompanies this month's column, it was a blast being there. That was the first of five games that I've been to so far and I'm looking forward to many more.

Pro ball at Pac Bell Park is something to marvel at, but you really can't beat the excitement that comes from department softball. The A Division has three teams who are battling for first place; they are the Inspectors (6-2), Mission (5-1), and of course the Airport Bureau (5-1). In a recent match-up between The Inspectors and Airport at Westlake Field, The Inspectors were carrying an undefeated record and Airport was to try and do something about it having lost only one game themselves to Mission.

Airport manager Mike Etcheverry describes the game: "Both teams started off slow offensively until Jim 'Warning Track Power' McCoy blasted a long 2-run homer over the right field fence (it's about time). The Inspectors kept it close by displaying timely hitting and good defense. The game was tied at 4-4 in the bottom of the sixth when The Inspectors decided to intentionally walk McCoy to get to Steve 'Metro' Maes. That strategy quickly backfired as Maes took advantage of the opportunity and ignited a 4-run inning. The Inspectors made it close in their last at bat with 3-runs of their own but finally fell short by the score of 8-7. Both teams look forward to a possible rematch in the playoffs."

Apparently, The Inspectors thought that they needed help after losing that battle to Airport because they went out and purchased the contract of one Matt Hanley for the rest of the season and the playoff run as well. Even though Hanley still does have some game left in him, it wasn't enough in a recent match-up when TAC defeated them by a score of 16-14. As far as this important victory for Airport, they are back in the mix for another title run.

This leads Etcheverry to comment on Matt "Cupcake" Mason's remarks that were printed in my column last month. Etch says, "Truth be told, prior to last year's trading deadline I tried to off-load the disgruntled bench player around the league for a six pack (Mickey Big Mouths) and a can of chew, but all teams said that the price was too high. Noone wanted a run down back-up catcher with a bad shoulder and no GAME and neither did we; so, Mason was released and has been forced to sign on with the B Division Bayview Pitbulls. Let's just hope that Mason can someday work his way back to "the show" (A Division)."

As far as the only loss for the Mission Diablos, you can credit the Park Islanders for that one. The Islanders' bats finally came alive for a resounding 20-12 victory in their recent match-

up. Standouts for Park included: Matt "King" Cole, Pierre "Pete" Martinez, Layne "The Great Bambino" Amiot, Wally "Don't Call Me Walt" Cuddy, and the exceptional Quok "Don't Call Me Dave" Do. For the Diablos, the likes of Brian Philpott, Mike Flynn "Stone", Glenn Ortega, Chuck Collins, and Gary Hazelhoffer did the best they could in the game, but the Islander team was just too tough.

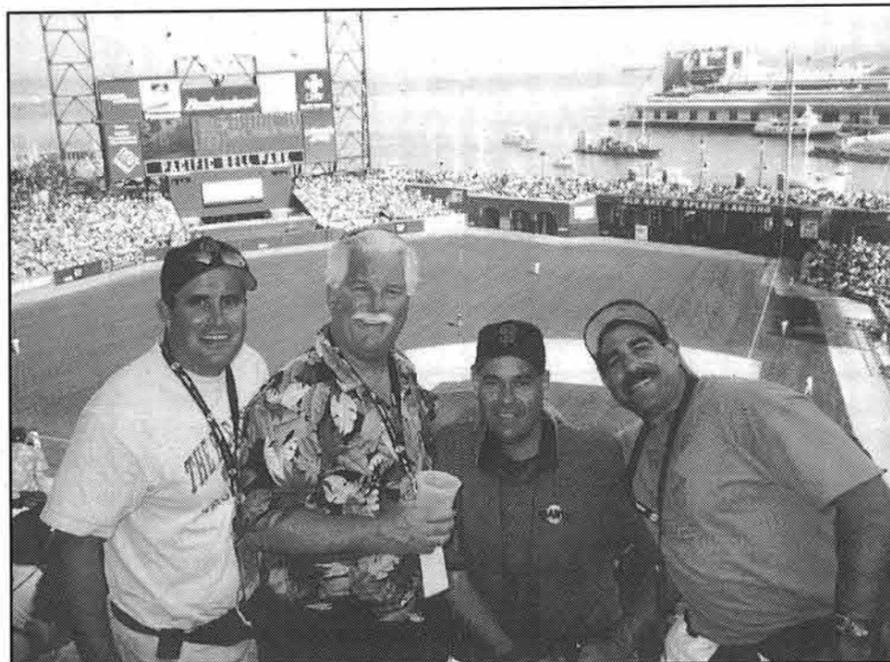
Speaking of Hazelhoffer, I want to change the subject for a minute to golf to remind everyone about his Hazelhofer Annual Invitational Golf Tournament that takes place on Friday June 23rd to raise money for Scleroderma Research. It's a wonderful cause, and if you're interested in participating please contact Gary at Mission Station (swing shift) and he will be glad to send you a flyer about the event.

Back to department softball where the B Division still features Ingleside Station at the top of the heap at 8-wins, 0-losses. Two recent games by Ingleside featured scores of 44-10 (over Central Station) and 35-8 (over the TTF Rats). Don't these guys believe in the "slaughter" rule?

One guy who can't say he's contributing to these one sided affairs by Ingleside is Phil Fee. Apparently he is on injured reserve right now and is out for the season. People wonder if this "flash in the pan" has ever played a full season in his life. I know it's OK to give Fee a little ribbing as he says that noone reads my column anyway; so, I will continue: a good source says that his season consists of showing up at the beginning to get his free jersey from the sponsor and then at the end (provided it's a championship year) to get his free sweatshirt. Never-the-less Phil, we all wish you a short stint on the injured reserve list so hurry back.

In the second place in the B Division are the Bayview Pitbulls sporting a 5-win, 1-loss record after a slow start. They're hoping to make another run at the championship this year in order to win a trophy and hopefully keep it this time. By the way, has anyone seen Bayview's second place trophy from last year? As the commish, I would really like to receive the trophy back so that I can get those guys off my back. Believe me, it will be with no questions asked (at least send me a ransom note or something).

The great story this season appears to be the job the Mission Chihuahuas are doing in the B Division. They have a 5-win, 3-loss record and are tied for third place with the Sheriffs. All looks well toward a playoff spot for them if they keep up the good work (four out of the eight teams make-it). I would



Four happy guys at the home opener at Pac Bell Park. Left to right: Bud Clinton, Layne Amiot, Ed Del Carlo and Nick Shihadeh.

give more details of their season (who's doing what etc.), but they're afraid that if I mention a standout player, that the captain will get word and will grab him from their squad to play on the Diablos. Never-the-less if the Chi-

huahuas are able, it will be the first time in their long history that they participated in post season play. I wish them good luck. That's all for this month...So See Ya next month....

A Division Standings

Team	W	L	%	GB
Airport Bureau	5	1	.833	
Mission Diablos	5	1	.833	
Inspectors	6	2	.750	
Park Islanders	3	3	.500	2
Southern	2	3	.400	2 1/2
Richmond/Taraval	2	6	.200	4
Tactical	1	7	.125	5

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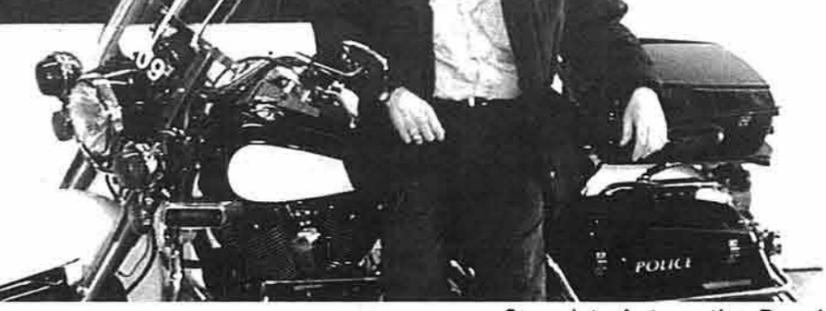
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Bayview Pitbulls	5	1	.833	2
Mission Chihuahuas	5	3	.625	3
SF Sheriffs	5	3	.625	3
Central	3	5	.375	5
TTF Rats	2	6	.250	6
Daly City PD	2	7	.222	6 1/2
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SFPD Fog Dogs Roller Hockey Team

By Michael Rodriguez
Airport Bureau

The S.F.P.D. Fog Dogs Roller Hockey team capped off a successful Winter League Season with a crushing Championship game victory over the S.F.F.D. Heat-ons 6-3. The Fog Dogs skated though the regular season, which began on January 19th at the Bladium Sports Club, with an impressive record of nine wins against just one defeat. That defeat coming late in the season against the Heat-Ons. The Fog Dogs were anxiously awaiting a chance for revenge.

That chance came on April 5th in the Championship game. The Fog Dogs came out with a "shoot first and take no checks" game plan. Team Captain, Scott "Woody" Kendall, who led the team in scoring, was once again ready to carry the load. Woody's hard wrist shots and top shelf accuracy was too much for the Heat-ons to handle. Woody scored a natural hat trick in the first period giving the Fog Dogs a commanding 3-0 lead. The Heat-Ons were lead by Mike Rustia who scored a goal at the end of the first period giving his team some hope going into the final period.

The 2nd period began with Team Manager Chris Knight scoring a goal with an assist from Goalie Joseph Noto.

Noto claims he had two assists during the game but no one remembered the second assist.

The Heat-Ons made one last rush by getting the next two goals from Rustia to make it a 4-3 game. However their faint hopes were soon extinguished when Mike Rodriguez put home a rebound shot off a Mike Gonzalez wrister giving the Fog dogs a comfortable 5-3 lead. Vinny "The Enforcer" Etcheber slammed the door on the Championship victory with an empty net goal making the final score 6-3.

Other team standouts included Danny Manning, (persistent fore-checking, one assist), Pete Petrucci (solid defense), and Troy Courtney (injured arid still played hard defense). Best equipped players, Ron Liberta and Luke Martin both looked sharp in their new gear. Special mention goes out to injured teammates Sean Connelly and Mike Sullivan. Both had huge seasons and were unable to play in the Championship game. Joe Salazar, (offense) was also unable to play.

The Fog Dogs take a short break before they roll into next months Police/Fire Roller Hockey Tourney on May 6th in beautiful downtown Cotati, California.

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What's Wrong With This Picture?

By Joe Reilly,
Taraval Station

At first glance, it may appear that the picture is nothing more than a beat up old uniform patch, but if you're like me, you looked twice. Something wasn't right. I raised my arm and glanced at the patch on my own uniform just to be sure. Was this an old gag or a mistake? What if it was the only remaining evidence of a shadowy, long forgotten department unit recognizable only by the subtle difference in the patch? Yeah, maybe they were like the renegade solos dispatched by Dirty Harry in *Magnum Force*. Nah, get real Reilly, it had to be a mistake!

The earliest rendering and the forerunner of today's uniform patch was created and used by the SFPD Pistol Team in the 1960s. Later in the 60s, as anti Vietnam War sentiment grew, SFPD found itself answering an increasing number of mutual aid requests. Our Tac units going into other jurisdictions needed a means of agency identification, so the Pistol Team patch design was adopted for that purpose. However, a few more years would pass before the patch would appear on all uniforms.

SFPD first adopted an all navy blue uniform and 'Ike' style Class A jacket in 1970.

Officers were still required to purchase all their own equipment, but they now had the option of having SFPD uniform patches sewn on at their own expense. An example of this earliest uniform shoulder patch seen in



the photo shows the Phoenix looking to its left, the opposite direction of the figure on the official City Seal. Exactly how the

Phoenix came to be looking the other way is not certain, but one theory is that a photo of the City Seal delivered to the maker of the emblems was printed from a reversed negative. In late 1971, officers were freed from the expenses of uniform and equipment purchase when SFPD began issuing these items and standardized the uniform patch. Thereafter, the Department issued shoulder patches would give the Phoenix its proper sense of direction once and for all. The "Backwards Phoenix" was short lived, although some would argue that its influence is still felt in certain department locales.

Prior to 1970, the last major uniform change for SFPD occurred in 1932. At that time, a short, single-breasted dark blue coat became standard as the result of a petition by the officers. This style of uniform coat survived until it was replaced by the 1970 "Ike" jacket. The uniform hat and the hat insignia we know today were also adopted at that time. The photo is interesting since it illustrates the post 1932 changes for the hat insignia.

From left to right, the first example is a pre-1932 commissioned officers' hat insignia in brass, worn by lieutenants and higher ranks. The center one is a pre-1932 non-commissioned officers' hat insignia, which is not brass plated. These were worn by sergeants



and patrol officers. The uniform hat at that time was more military in style, with a rounded top and shorter crest. Hence the pre-1932 hat insignia pieces were slightly smaller. Both of these insignia were made by Shreve and Company, a well known San Francisco jeweler

After 1932, when the rounded style hats were abandoned, the insignia was standardized to a slightly larger plated size for all ranks, an example of which is seen on the right. The earliest of the

larger, post 1932 insignia were gold plated and stamped with the year of their production. Note the "gold plated" mark and the "33" stamp (1933) on the reverse. They were first produced by Irvine and Jachens, who, of course, still makes SFPD stars to this day. All such examples of hat insignia from the 1930s and earlier have become true collector's items.

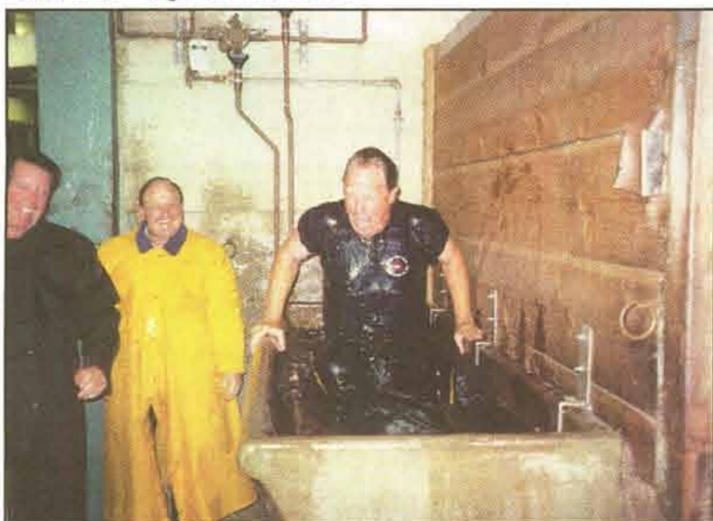
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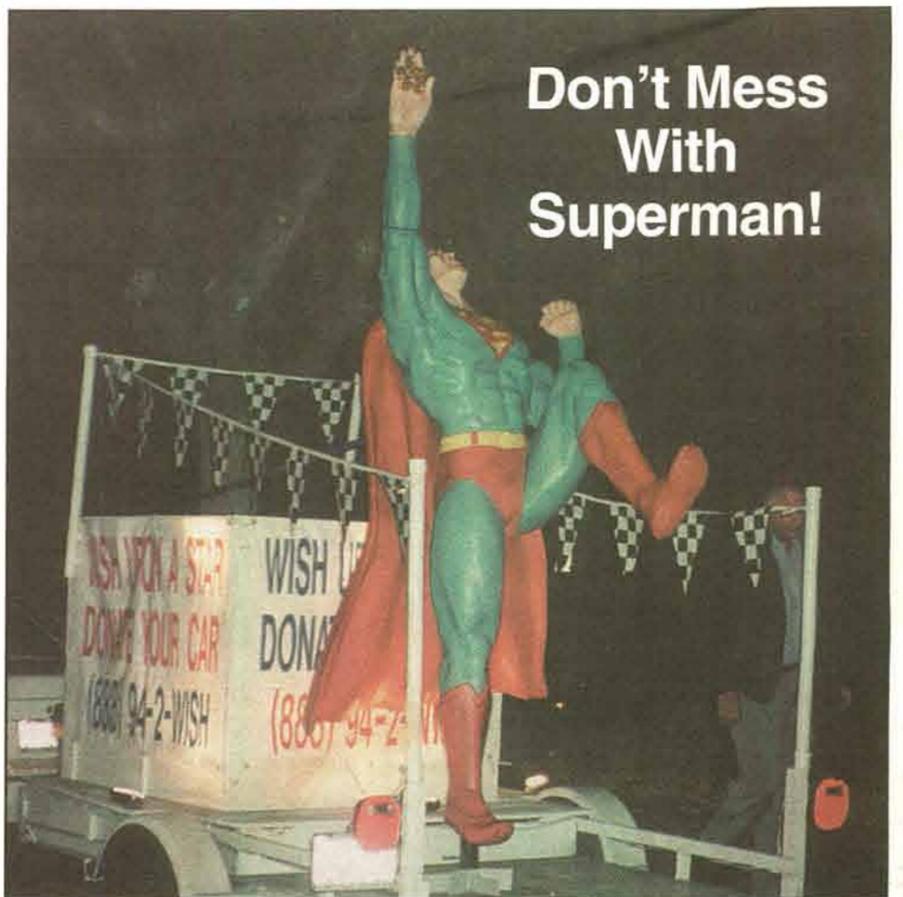
By Stan Buscovich

In my world (law enforcement from a horse) we have certain ways of welcoming new members (after they finish their basic training) to our mounted unit, and also the same ceremony for saying good by to old ones that promote up or retire out (they come and they go — Stan who?). Thought you might want to see how we do it in San Francisco.

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Trauthers Tony Rodriguez and Dan Inocencio watch as traughee, Stan Buscovich, extricates himself from traugh trough!



Above is a photograph of the Superman trailer used by Willis Garriott and Joe Weatherman to solicit charitable automobile donations to the Wish Upon A Star foundation. Willis and Joe had been parking the custom trailer at strategic points around the city as a way of getting the word out about the very worthwhile cause.

Thieves and vandals took the opportunity one night to steal the trailer and make off with Superman. Fortunately for the foundation — and for Willis and Joe — some keen-eyed and astute police officers quickly recovered the trailer before real harm had come to it.

The lesson for would-be vandals or pranksters is this: Don't mess with SFPD's favorite rendition of Superman. Besides, any bout with Superman would be the least of your problems — especially if Willis Garriott gets a hold of you!

If you'd like to donate a car, call Wish Upon a Star at (888) 94-2-WISH.