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California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Report from the State Capitol

By Mark Hawthorne, CSIU

This year's Peace Officers' Memorial ceremony was held in Sacramento in Friday, May 4th. I was fortunate enough to be one of the over two-hundred San Francisco Police Officers who attended the ceremony representing an agency that lost two officers in the line of duty in the year 2000.

The day for many began early. We mustered at Bldg. 606 dawn's early light. We boarded busses and proceeded to Sacramento, complete with a black and white escort. Although the ride was somewhat long, the time went quickly as brothers and sisters reacquainted themselves. As we arrived to the site of the memorial and disembarked at the buses, I, as many others, was quite taken by the sea of Peace Officers and auxiliary personnel that were present. The setting could be considered almost perfect, a warm, spring day with a slight breeze. The skies clear and blue.

As we began to mill around and get our bearings, awaiting instructions

where to post ourselves, we met with other arriving SFPD personnel. As we began to visit and view the monument, the impact struck many of us. Although the monument itself is inanimate, the figures depicted, and the names of the fallen officers in bronze is psychologically powerful. I, as well as others, felt a sense of honor in the presence of just such a monument. I hoped to capture the spirit of the moment in some of the photos I took to memorialize this event.

Then the order came to move to the steps of the Capitol building. We were staging to be the first agency to stand in honor as the families exited the building and proceeded through the walk of honor to the monument.

The sight of hundreds of SFPD uniformed personnel lining both sides of the walkway was both inspiring and awesome. As the moment arrived, the



SFPD contingent posing on Capitol steps

order was given to present arms, and the salutes were presented with pride as the families of the slain officers began exiting the capitol, descending the stairs, and walking to the monument across the street. As the last family exited the building and passed the officers standing on both sides, we began to slowly march to the monument to observe the ceremonies.

The ceremony began with a welcome by Mike Minton, President of the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation, followed by Attorney General Bill Lockyer, who was Master of Ceremonies. As the program proceeded, the National Anthem was sung by SFPD Officer Larry Higgins, the col-

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SFPD Presence: To Honor Valor Wrought By Duty

By Chris Cunnie

As I stepped out through the front doors of the State Capitol last Friday, Suzanne Brookbush, the widow of Inspector Kirk Brookbush, tightened her grip on my arm. We couldn't believe what we saw. There were over 200 uniformed San Francisco Police Officers lining the Memorial Walk in tribute to the officers we lost last year.

I had been with both Inspector Brookbush and Officer James Dougherty's families for the past 3 days in Sacramento, attending to their every need as they participated in the Peace Officer Memorial services. There were grief seminars, a candlelight vigil, and the final service held on Friday where I had the privilege of escorting Suzanne Brookbush from the State Capitol to the Memorial Circle. It was

the most rewarding 3 days of my career.

You did an outstanding job. Your personal sacrifice, giving up a day to honor those who have left us, will never be forgotten.

I was approached by so many other agencies and many very appreciative family members who couldn't believe the number of San Francisco Police Officers who were there.

You belong to a very unique family. A family whose members will never forget and who will always be there for you as you were for them on Friday, May 4, 2001.



Chris Cunnie at Sacramento ceremony



POLICE AND FIRE POST 456 NEWS

By Greg Corrales

We few, we happy few, we band of brothers, for he today that sheds his blood with me shall be my brother.

— William Shakespeare, Henry V

Recently I received copies of several articles that had been published in the *San Francisco Police and Peace Officers' Journal* during the 1940s. Sergeant Bob Fitzer was kind enough to supply me with the articles, and with Memorial Day approaching, I would like to share some of the information in those articles.

The first article is actually an obituary, and was written by an anonymous correspondent. It appeared in the March, 1943 issue of the *Police and Peace Officers' Journal*. I'm starting with this in honor of my ace investigators in the Auto Detail, with whom I spent four great years:

"In the death of Inspector Frank Brown since the last issue of THE JOURNAL, the San Francisco Police Department lost one of its heroes of World War I and a mighty fine officer. Brown was born in Woodland, Janu-

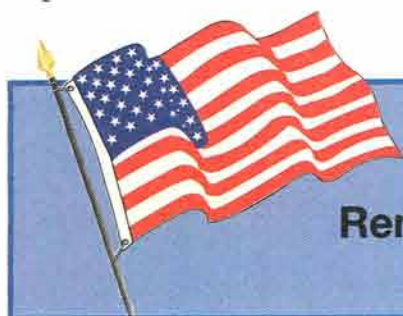
ary 28, 1888, joined the Police Department October 9, 1916, eight years later he was made a corporal and on July 1, 1925 was appointed a detective sergeant and a line sergeant December 9, 1929.

After serving in the Central Station until 1923 he was transferred to the Bureau of Inspectors, then to the Detective Bureau. Most of his time in the Bureau was on the Auto Detail, and here he distinguished himself on many occasions by his courage and efficient work. He narrowly escaped being killed when he captured, on January 12, 1929, S. Boone, auto thief, who chose to shoot it out with Inspector Brown. Brown got the best of the argument.

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Greg Corrales



May is Memorial Month

Remember All Who Gave Their Lives In Service To This Nation
And All Peace Officers Killed In The Line Of Duty



WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

APRIL 18, 2001

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Dave Fontana at 2:05 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Fontana.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Fontana, Vice President Crosat. Trustees: Jeffery, Aguilar, Kemmitt, and Reilly. Excused, Kurpinsky. Also present: Junior Past President Joe Garrity, and Past President William Hardeman.

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

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

NEW MEMBERS: Officers and Trustees will meet at the Police Academy on May 9, 2001 to address the 199th and 201st recruit classes. The time was set for 12.45 hrs. Ernie McNett paid his back dues, and was accepted as a returning member.

COMMUNICATIONS: We have received several complaints about our looking into Wells Fargo Bank for our Financial Advise. The main concern was their position on the Boy Scouts of America, and their position of not allowing homosexuals as scoutmasters. The Widows' and Orphans' will continue their association with Bank of America. This is due to the current stock market and the future of our Association. However, the trustees will be watching the market and the work of our current financial advisor.

NEW BUSINESS: President Fontana spoke to the Police Credit Union and worked out a plan to allow our retired members to have their annual dues automatically taken from their account. This would be a great advantage since some of our retirees live in very remote locations and, due to their travel and CRS syndrome, they would always be covered. More to come on this in the immediate future.

WE HAD TWO DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH:

ARTHUR FRANKE: Arthur was born in St. Louis Missouri, he joined the

Navy and, on his discharge, stayed in California. He got his first job with Municipal Railroad. In 1958, at the age of 34, he entered the Police Academy. His first assignment was Southern. He stayed in the Police Department for one year. He went back to Muni, and worked for 38 years. He went through various assignments, from the motor coaches, rails, and cable cars. He rose to the rank of superintendent. He often worked with members of our accident bureau where Muni was either 1 or 2. He was 76 at the time of his death.

ROBERT WELCH: Bob was born in San Francisco. He was raised in the Mission, and attended Sacred Heart High School. He joined the Army, and saw action in the South Pacific. Upon his discharge, he came back to San Francisco and entered the Police Academy in 1945. His first assignment was Richmond Station. After three years he was assigned to Headquarters Company. In 1953 he was assigned to the Inspectors Bureau. He worked Robbery and Sex Crimes. He was awarded several Captain Comps for his arrest of robbery suspects. He was one of the first to hold the rank of Sgt. and Inspector. Bob was 78 at the time of his death.

REPORT OF TRUSTEE: Mr. Bruce Bain, from the Bank of America, introduced Mr. Shane Hiller, who will be working on our account. Mr. Mike Harrington will still be with our account, but due to his travel, thought it would be best that we had another person to assist him with our account. We seem to be waiting for the 3rd and 4th quarter to regain some of our losses. Our asset summary for our total account Cash 5.04%; Stocks 32.43%; Bonds 62.53%. Times are tough, and we have to hold the course. Technology is the future, and although we have only 18% of techs in our account, we are well balanced in the other sectors of our economy. That will keep us going in these tough times.

ADJOURNMENT: President Fontana called for a moment of silence for our departed members, and set the next meeting for Wednesday, May 16, 2001 at 2PM in the conference room of Ingleside station. The meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley, Secretary.

The SFPD Wants You to Help With Strategic Planning

By Captain John Ehrlich

The San Francisco Police Department has started the strategic planning process and wants your help. We need to get your input on the future of this Department. What do we want this Department to be doing in five years and how will we get there? What kind of report writing system and report management system should there be? The members of this Department will be a tremendous resource in this process.

The Strategic Planning Committee has been meeting over the past few months. It already has asked through Department Bulletin 01-83 for your submissions for a new motto and Mission Statement. We are looking forward to your participation in next series of meetings that will be held with representatives from each unit in the department.

Strategic Planning is a process whereby an organization decides on its goals and objectives for the future.

This was once a process limited to a few people writing up a plan with approval from the head of the organization. This type plan often failed to take many factors into account. What goes on outside an organization has a tremendous influence on what happens with the organization and makes complex plans useless. It was also recognized that it is vital to bring all segments of an organization into the planning process. This results in a better plan and also helps with the plan's implementation.

The Department will be holding meetings with members of the community in order to broaden our base. City Agencies and the Police Department in particular must include people from outside our organization in our planning. What the community wants and needs will change what we do. If you are interested in participating or have ideas please contact me, Captain John Ehrlich, at 553-1484 or at jehrich@prodigy.net

May 3, 2001 Update, S. 166, "The James Guelff Body Armor Act, 2001"

Dear Chris

Body armor legislation, born from the corner of Franklin and Pine, continues to make progress at the federal level and in states around the country. S. 166, "the James Guelff Body Armor Act 2001", was reintroduced in the 107th congress by Senator Dianne Feinstein on 1/24/01. Its counterpart in the House, H.R. 1007, was introduced on 3/13/01 by former state trooper, Rep. Bart Stupak. The language has been worked out and we are in the best position to date for eventual passage.

Sgt. John Payne wrote a very compelling letter of testimony to Senator Feinstein regarding the incident in 1994. I forwarded additional copies to the other legislators who are also working on the bill. Please thank him for his effort. I have heard comments regarding his letter from legislators in Washington, DC and from state legislators around the country.

Enclosed is an update from South Carolina, Texas, Georgia, Oregon, New Jersey and Maryland. Each of the responding states receives our 'information packet' including letters of support and testimony, video footage, state and federal support and the first petition ever signed from the SFPD. You would be amazed at the number of officers I talk to who express admiration for your department for all the support you have given over the years. On behalf of Jim's family, let me thank you again.

Sincerely, Lee Guelff

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On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit with other retired police officers at the Veteran POA meetings. We meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good in the lower yard. Arrive by 11:30 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

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



or write to us at
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The Veteran POA has 982 members. Stay in touch!

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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



...PAL Fundraiser:

On Sunday, June 24, 2001, Dudley Perkins Company will present its first annual Treasure Island Run to benefit the San Francisco Police Athletic League-PAL. The ride will form at the Harley Showroom on the 100 block of South Van Ness Ave. near Mission St. and ride to Treasure Island for a Barbecue and Music. Cost is \$20 per person with \$10 dollars going directly to the PAL. Non Riders are welcome. Contact Captain Rich Cairns, TI Station, at 415-984-0746 for additional details and directions...

...Police Memorial:

A huge "thank you" to all the officers who attended the California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony on May 4, 2001 in Sacramento. The memorial ceremony inducted 10 California officers who lost their lives in the line of duty during calendar year 2000. San Francisco Police Department inducted two members, Inspector Kirk B. Brookbush and Officer James F. Dougherty. Their families appreciate the support...

...Congrats:

Airport Bureau Police Service Aide, Marc Richardson, has become a member of the 200th Academy Class. Marc is the son-in-law of recent retiree, Fleet Manager Loyce Tucker. Loyce and the entire family are very proud of Marc, and we wish him well...

...Summer Games:

The California Police Summer Games will take place August 11-18, 2001 in San Jose. The SFPD Rifle Team is in need of shooters for the .22 cal. long rifle event and the large bore (.223 or 308 cal) rifle event. Anyone interested in shooting, please call Alex Takaoka at 415-752-0320. Information about the Summer Games, (formerly the Police Olympics), is available on the net at: www.2001summergames.org...

...Police Museum:

Bob Fitzer, of the EEO Unit, will be retiring soon and has handed the reins of the Police Museum to Liane Corrales, of the Juvenile Bureau. We thank Bob for his many years of service and wish Liane the best in her new curator role. Liane announces that negotiations are currently in progress about housing the City, Fire, and Police Collections all under one roof at the Old Mint at 5th and Jessie Streets...

...Traffic Theory:

Fill in the blank. The vehicle with the most lug nuts ____ ...

...Investment Clubs:

We haven't heard much about the various department investment clubs since the Market took a downward turn. The clubs are all alive and very active, though admittedly with fewer assets. The clubs provide an excellent way to learn about the markets. Today is a good time for those not in a club to start one. It is easy to start a club in an up market, but starting one in a down market may actually be smarter and more profitable in the long run. Trivia: The Alvord Lake Investment Club of the Park Station takes its name from Alvord Lake in Golden Gate Park which was named after an 1800s Police Commissioner...

...Overlays:

Jack Ballentine, of the PLES Unit announces that an order will be forthcoming, mandating the wearing of the traffic (fluorescent green) overlays while working 10b. A sufficient number of vests have been delivered to allow individual issue...

...Perceptions vs. Reality:

At a recent forum of senior citizens many opinions were voiced. Among the comments made were "We really appreciate the police officers. They are our only line of defense." — Talk then turned to the energy crisis, and one senior commented on how lucky the police were to have the gas for their private vehicles paid for by the department. Now that is a perception. What astonished me was that over half the seniors present thought that to be true...

...L'il People:

Directly across the street from the Taraval Station is McCoppin children's playground that is crawling with little people daily. Probably one of the safest parks in the City with amenities. The officers of the Taraval Station watch the park closely while allowing park users access to the station's restrooms, soda machine, and also provide "free advice" on any subject. The adults who accompany their lil' ones thank Captain Michael Yalon and the men and women of the Taraval Station for their hospitality and caring...

...Coded Message:

From New York, New York — Mary McDonald bring back the uniform the parade is over...

...Red Light Camera:

Officer, Jackie Jehl, who coordinates the Red Light Camera program, reports that the program is a huge success. Injury accidents at camera intersections have been greatly reduced. Red light runner citations have dropped, as drivers have become less

aggressive and more attentive. Several dozen more cameras will be installed soon. Officers and DPT personnel on patrol can assist the camera program by issuing citations for 5200 CVC — no front plate — the current camera configuration requires a front plate to cite the violator...

...Birth:

Mike Baglin, of Narcotics Rebooking, and his wife Ann, are celebrating the birth of their first child, daughter Margaret Rose, who arrived at 7 lbs., 15 oz on May 8, 2001.

...Goodbye:

Officer Mike Williams, 10-year veteran of the Airport, has resigned from the department. His wife, Erika, has received a great promotion and must relocate to Seattle, Washington. Mike, now a househusband will pursue a teaching career. POA rep, Mike Chandra, organized a nice send-off for Mike at Artichoke Joe's in San Bruno. We wish Erika and Mike the best. We will miss them greatly...

...Sick Call:

S.F. Police Golf Club President, retiree Jerry Cassidy, writes that he suffered a heart attack March 29 after missing a short putt. Jerry is on the mend and his humor is intact. He expects to be back on the course this month and living with the "diet police" a.k.a. wife Judi. — Jerry can be reached via e-mail at judiandjerry@jps.net ...

...On the mend:

Dennis Weatherman, the 14-year-old, son of retiree Joe and Colleen Weatherman and grandson of the late retired Inspector Alban Weatherman

is a very lucky young man. While riding his bicycle in a San Diego bike lane he was struck by a vehicle. The impact broke his leg on contact and propelled him into the air approximately 20 feet. He landed on his head. Fortunately he was wearing his helmet. The doctors at the emergency credit the helmet with saving his life. Dennis has received a new helmet from the ER staff, which has put on display his life saving helmet...

...HSS Election:

Don't forget to vote for Karen Breslin for the Health Services Board...

...First Place:

Congratulations to Erica Faliano, daughter of Matthew and Elizabeth Faliano, Northern Station, on winning First Place in the Annual Children's Poster Contest sponsored by the San Francisco Dental Society. Erica is in the 5th grade and attends St. Stephen's School in the city. Good job Erica. Proud of you...

...Proud Dad:

Paul Makaveckas, Taxi Detail, proudly announces that his 14-year-old daughter, Nicole Makaveckas has signed with "March Hare Management" of Los Angeles for commercial and movie work. She also signed with "emodell" modeling agency of Mt. View for print work. Dad says that at this rate Nicole will not only be able to pay her college tuition, but also treat him to a few well earned vacations...

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TRAFFIC TIPS

By Rene LaPrevotte,
Co. K

I was gratified to see such an overwhelmingly positive response to this new column, (I received a letter from an officer from Bayview) so *Traffic Tips* will continue, at least in the short-term. If you have any questions/observations that are traffic related, feel free to drop me a line at the STOP Unit. (Please, no complaints of 4-Boy response time).

The letter I received is a familiar refrain regarding the reduction of misdemeanor 12500a and 14601 cases to 1295 1 a CVC infractions. "How the hell can anyone justify reducing the misdemeanor (usually repeat) charge of knowingly driving with no license issued, or a license that's suspended, to the infraction of driving without having your otherwise valid license in your possession"? Who is doing it and why are good cases being dumped?

The San Francisco Police Department cites approximately five hundred misdemeanor 12500a/14601 offenders every month. This statistic speaks volumes about the dedication of our station patrol officers, and I in no way hope to discourage those efforts. Reality however is that when charged as a misdemeanor, the defendant has the right to a jury trial and you know what THAT prospect does to our judges and DAs. The result is that 14601s that have questionable *proof-of-service* notice to the driver that he was in fact suspended, or any 12500a violations are immediately reduced to a 12951(a) by the misde-

meanor intake deputy.

For this reason, there is a Department Bulletin coming out next month calling upon you to issue a DMV 310 form (Peace Officers' Notice of Suspension) on EVERY 14601, regardless of the service code on the suspension information. The effect of this is that our arraignment clerk in STOP will then be able to show proof-of-service without having to order the "service" documents from DMV (Which often don't arrive in time for the arraignment). Include a *photocopy* of the completed 310 with the report, CDL print-out and registration information that you fax to STOP (553-1043).

When Mr. Hallinan was advised of the dismal prosecution rate of our 12500/14601 cases, he hit-the-roof and called a meeting with his staff and the STOP Unit supervisors. The result of that meeting was that ANY violator who has five prior cites for 12500a or 14601 will positively be charged as a misdemeanor, jury trial or not. I know that the need for five priors sounds excessive, but you'd be surprised how many offenders this encompasses. If you want to see that scofflaw who you repeatedly stop and cite actually charged as a misdemeanor, make a notation on your 14601 or 12500 report indicating the defendant has "X" number of priors, and he will be properly charged.

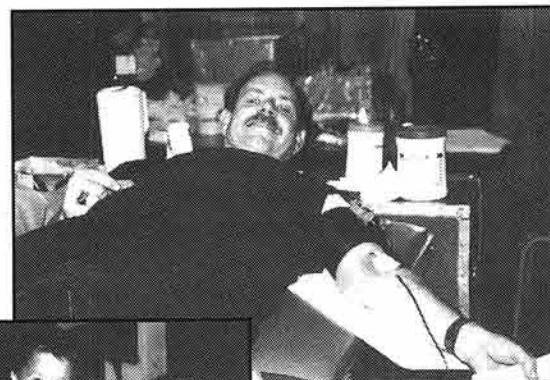
Keep-up the good work!



April Blood Drive Successful and Plentiful

By Mark Hawthorne,
Chair of the Blood Committee

If you missed the Tri-annual blood drive held on Wednesday, April 26, 2001, you missed a great time. But just around the corner, in July, there will be another. There was plenty of cheer to go around, plenty of food and refreshments, and one could not have asked for better weather, bright and sunny. Myself, along with other members



Above: Blood Committee Chair leading by example.



Left: Lt. Mart Stasko, Co. E with son Stevie helping.



The tables filled up as members came to the POA to donate blood.

so the final actual was 91 pints of blood donated. What a success!

Some of you expressed concern over the lack of raffle prizes at this drive. However, wait until the July drive. You are going to be tickled at the raffle prizes awarded. To be eligible to win, all you have to do is participate by donating a pint of blood.

I know many of you had other commitments, or any number of reasons why you could not make the April blood drive. That is why the drives are three times a year, to give everyone a chance to participate.

Other members of the committee and I believe in leading by example. That is why we donate three times a year. It's kind of like saying why should we expect you to donate if we don't?

Lastly, I would like to say thank you to all of you that gave of yourself and donated blood to a noble cause, the wellness of others, demonstrating the true spirit of community.

Until July, stay healthy, keep your iron up, and your blood pressure down.

of the committee, were in rare form as the welcoming committee. We were the commensurate good will ambassadors, welcoming all who graced us with their presence.

Chief F. Lau made a visit and was welcomed as he walked among the many donors, expressing his appreciation to such a selfless cause. It did appear that he was concerned as to the limited number of participants, as we all were. Remember the department strength is 2300 strong.

At the end of the day, though a bit frayed from the long hours, we were happy in knowing the Police Department sponsored another successful blood drive. The final count of donors was 101. Of those, ten were deferred,

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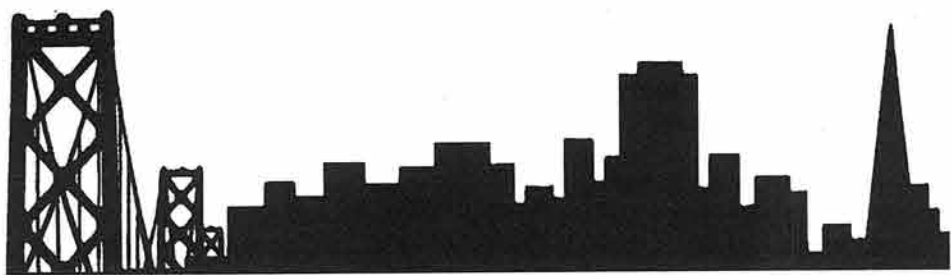
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Code 33



By Michelle Jean
Contributions by Tom Sawyer

New Years Eve, 2000, Inspectors Lou Bronfeld and Joe Engler were detailed to a New Years Eve squad located at the Ferry Building. They made a pit stop at Sinbad's restaurant, and were soon summoned by the owner to assist a customer who was having a heart attack.

Inspectors Bronfeld and Engler cleared the area and loosened the victim's clothing. Inspector Engler then ran out of the restaurant to get help from Fire Department personnel who were stationed nearby.

While running to get help, Inspector Engler informed Officer Ed Hunt of the medical emergency inside of the restaurant. Officer Hunt ran and began to assist Bronfeld. They were trying to keep the victim calm until medical help could arrive, but the customer soon lost consciousness and stopped breathing.

Our heroes sprang into action and immediately began CPR. They continued to give CPR until the victim regained consciousness and began breathing on his own. Insp. Engler then arrived with the Firefighters. As the fire crew began to give oxygen, the victim once again stopped breathing and lost consciousness. Paramedics arrived and started CPR. They worked on him for approximately twenty minutes before he was stable enough to transport. The paramedics reported to our heroes that the customer's condition was extremely critical and praised the Inspectors for the steps taken to help save his life.



January 2, 2001, Park Station: Officers Robert Duffield and Michael Madrieres were patrolling when they witnessed a car accelerate to a dangerously high speed. They followed the car and saw it run through a stop sign at great speed.

As they tried to catch up with the reckless driver, the officers watched helplessly as the speeding car rammed into a parked vehicle. The driver, no worse for wear or tear, fled on foot into a nearby apartment complex.

Officer Madrieres called for a "Code 33", and he and his partner were off to the races, trying their utmost to catch the fleeing suspect. As they ran

past the suspect's car they observed a shotgun on the front passenger seat. Back-up Officers Timothy Nichols and George Ferraez responded and secured the shotgun and car. As the foot chase continued, the suspect ignored the officers' commands to stop but, of course, he was finally grabbed and placed into custody.

Officers Sean Archini and Jon Rochlin transported the suspect to Park Station. While there, Officer Archini kept a watchful eye on our handcuffed suspect and saw – via the closed circuit camera – the suspect talk another prisoner into removing from his pocket a paper bundle containing suspected rock cocaine.

Bingo! Add another charge.

A computer check revealed that our suspect had never been issued a driver license. Do we wonder why he crashed? He was also on active parole.



January 11, 2001, Mission Station: As a man was entering his vehicle on Harrison Street, a suspect approached and struck a sharp object against the left side of the victim's neck. The suspect forced the victim to the passenger side, then he also got into the car. Once inside, the suspect demanded the victim's money. While holding the weapon against the victim's neck, the suspect removed twenty- dollars from the victim.

Then, the suspect started the car and began to drive away, ordering the victim to shift the gears. The suspect kept the victim in the car against his will for around ten minutes, all the while keeping the sharp weapon against the victim's neck. The suspect finally stopped the car at Shotwell and Cesar Chavez streets and removed a ring that the victim was wearing. Still not satisfied, the crook also demanded the victim's watch, then shoved the latter out of the car and drove away. Approximately twenty minutes later, Officers Matthew O'Leary and Marc Higa spotted the victim's vehicle with the keys still in the ignition. Shortly thereafter, Sergeant Richard Pate spotted a possible suspect walking on Mission Street and detained the individual for investigation.

Officers Jose Lopez and Ajay Saxena transported the victim to the scene and conducted a cold show. The victim positively identified the suspect. This crudball IS the weakest link,

and won't be committing any crimes on the citizens of San Francisco any time soon.

Goodbye!



January 12, 2001, Southern Station: At approximately 0200 hours on 6th Street, a suspect approached from behind and applied a chokehold on a hapless victim, rendering him unconscious. Dropping the victim to the ground, the mugger began to rifle through the victim's pockets.

While the suspect was going through the victims pockets, and still applying the chokehold, Officers Greg Watts and Kevin Moylan happened by and on-viewed the incident. Seeing the officers, the suspect abruptly dropped the victim's money.

Yeah, right. That'll really fool 'em!

The suspect was taken into custody, and the officers recovered all of the victim's cash. Perfection!



February 12, 2001, Mission Station: A call went out describing a man wearing a black leather jacket, glasses, a cap, and armed with an automatic weapon.

Officers Donald Kallsen and Mario Machi responded to area — 26th and South Van Ness — and immediately spotted a man matching the suspect description walking out of a store carrying a black bag. They detained the suspect and discovered a fully loaded .9mm semi-automatic handgun with an extended magazine in the bag.

The suspect was placed under arrest and transported to Mission Station. During the follow-up investigation, the officers found that the serial number on the weapon had been filed off, and that the suspect was a felon with a murder conviction. The quick action of these officers prevented this convict from committing more felonies on the citizens of San Francisco.



From SFPD's I-swear-this-is-true! File:

Caper #1 — January 3, 2001. Mission District, 0320 hours. Officers Glen Ortega and Jose Lopez were on patrol. They spot three males wearing bulging backpacks. The officers looked at each other and, simultaneously, said, "Graffiti!"

They made a U-turn and moved in on the suspects. However, now only two of the males were wearing a backpack. The third had shed his, and was also attempting to hastily discard a latex glove.

The Officers detained the suspects. They discovered that one was wearing a latex glove, while the another had

two aerosol spray cans in the waistband of his pants. All three, by the way, had large amounts of speckled paint on their hands, clothing and shoes.

While en route to the station with one of the suspects in the rear seat of their car, the robbery-tracking unit began to sound. The suspect asked what the alarm noise was. Officer Ortega explained that it was a graffiti aerosol paint meter and it measured the air content in the vicinity of the car to a millionth particle. Officer Ortega immediately stopped the patrol car and turned to the suspect. He asked him if there was anything nearby that he might have "tagged" that could have set off the "graffiti meter". By chance, they just happened to stop next to a large wall with blue graffiti painted on it, when the suspect spontaneously stated, "Damn. That thing is good. That's mine over there."

See? Spray paint fumes do indeed kill brain cells!

Officer Angel Lozano responded to assist Officers Ortega and Lopez, and they soon located numerous buildings, moving trucks, vans, windows, a mailbox, a fire hydrant, and a large garbage dumpster tagged by our weakest link. Due to the severity of the offense, Officer Chuck Limbert, from the Graffiti Abatement Detail, was contacted to handle the remainder of the investigation.

Caper #2 — February 28, 2001. Mission District, 1400 hours: Officer Carlos Gutierrez was patrolling the area of 16th and Mission streets when he spotted a drug transaction taking place between two young males. Officer Gutierrez approached the scene, and the two suspects broke for a run. Gutierrez instinctively went for the dealer, placing the man into physical detention, while the suspected customer disappeared into the crowd.

However, the suspected dealer would have none of it, and wrenched free of the officer's grasp. The suspect reached into the pocket of his coat and produced an unknown brown object. The furtive movement alerted the experienced officer. Fearing that the bad guy was going for a weapon, Gutierrez withdrew a few steps, pulled his weapon, and commanded the suspect to "Show me your hands!"

The suspect bolted. Out went the call for a Code-33 from a pursuing Gutierrez. Into the fray came Sergeant Larry Gray in the capacity of a much appreciated back-up. Gray and Gutierrez took the suspect into custody at 17th and South Van Ness — but not before noticing that the aforementioned "unknown brown object" was in fact a Brown Python snake coiled around the suspect's arm.

In all, the suspect went down on charges for narcotics, stolen auto, and illegal possession of a protected species. Fine work by a sharp-eyed beat cop — and a station house story that's one for the books.

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San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers

By Daniel Hampton

Passing Through

My dear brothers and sisters, we are mortal beings, just passing through a period of time on earth. The time we have here is short, and we must be true to ourselves in finding out why in the world we even exist. For what purpose were we placed here on this planet? The intelligence that we have and share, to what end is it to be used?

Our mortality makes us wonder about these things as we experience our loved ones, relatives, and peers become ill and die. Death is an ugly thing because it's the termination of an existence, as we know it, into a portal of the unknown.

This is why I challenge you to know and become familiar with the Lord Jesus Christ. His resurrection proves that there is life after death. For those who trust in Him, He guarantees to bring their bodies back to life from the grave during the resurrection of the dead. No other leader who has started a religion can claim to have been crucified and then rise alive from the grave after three days. This event was well documented by secular historians, such as Josephus and others.

Why not look into the claims of Jesus Christ and find the answers and reasons for your existence? Is it so hard to believe that God the Son had to take onto Himself a human body (the Incarnation) so He could show us how to worship God the Father and love and serve each other? And not only

this but that Jesus' body had to be crucified on the cross to pay the penalty for our sins.

Yes, we who *sin every day* are responsible for Jesus Christ's crucifixion. There is blood on our hands. Yet, Jesus Christ's teaching tells us if we believe in Him and in Him (God the Father) who sent Him into this world, that Jesus would give to us eternal life. "For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life."

I know if you believe in Jesus Christ and study His teachings in the New Testament that your fears about your mortality will be diminished and your assurance of eternal life will be strengthened as your faith in Christ grows. May Jesus Christ choose you to believe in Him. Amen.

I'd like you to do me a favor. If this article tugs at your heart please write to me at the following address: Daniel A. Hampton C/O Church of the Highlands, 1900 Monterey Drive, San Bruno, CA 94066-2571. I'll send you information that will help your growth and development with our Lord Jesus Christ.

What a great luncheon we had in April for Sergeant Joe Garrity. Over 50 persons attended. You missed the bag pipes played by Jean and Jim Higgins' grandson named Shamus. Truly, Joe Garrity is a chip off the old block, in the likeness of Jim Higgins and Jim Crowley. Thanks, for sharing your faith in Jesus Christ with us, Joe.

Our next luncheon will be held Thursday, June 14th, at the P.O.A. Our guest speaker will be Officer Brett Higdon. He'll be sharing with us his experience with long term care for relatives with an incapacitating illness. Watch for his flyer!

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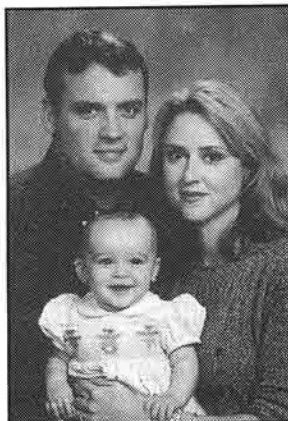


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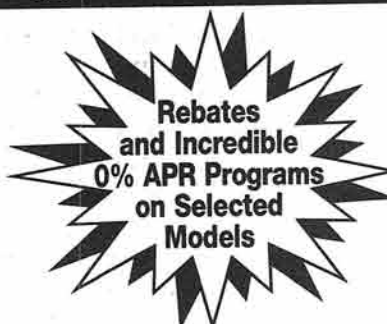
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By Liane Corrales

On April 18th 2001, at 5:13 a.m., the streets at Market and Kearny shook once again. This time it was not from a major earthquake, but from the eerie sound of the sirens of antique fire engines and our antique Lincoln Chief's car. Approximately five hundred people, including members of the San Francisco Police and Fire Departments, had responded to Lotta's Fountain at the intersection of Market and Kearny to commemorate the ninety-fifth anniversary of the Great San Francisco Earthquake and Fire of 1906.

Among the attendees were approximately twenty earthquake survivors who sat in the place of honor on a stage below Lotta's Fountain. The Commemoration was coordinated by Ms. Taren Sapienza, as she has done for the past twenty-five years. Mayor Willie Brown placed a wreath of flowers on the fountain, "Lily Hitchcock Coit" sang "San Francisco Open Your Golden Gate," and the assemblage cheered in the cold downtown morning. A moment of silence in memory of all the San Franciscans who perished in the earthquake and fire followed. At precisely 5:13 a.m., the time the earthquake hit, several antique fire trucks and our own antique Lincoln Chief's car sounded their sirens. The melancholy wailing of sirens reverberating through the San Francisco morn-

ing sent chills down five hundred spines. Many eyes, including your author's filled with tears, imagining the terror experienced, as San Francisco shook ninety-five years ago.

Resuming the festivities, the earthquake survivors were treated to breakfast by the Saint Francis Hotel. The hotel graciously served the same breakfast that had been on the menu on April 1811, 1906. It was a sumptuous meal of scrambled eggs with black truffles in vol-au-vent, hominy grits, stewed prunes, rice griddles cakes with maple syrup, and chilled rhubarb stew.



Insp. Liane Corrales, Insp. Alexis Goldner and Arimena Brown pose in front of the antique Chief's car wearing vintage police uniforms

After breakfast, the survivors were treated to a ferry boat ride around the bay, followed by a wonderful lunch at San Francisco's historic John's Grill. As we entered the fabulous John's Grill (myself and Juvenile's Arimena Brown and Insp. Alexis Goldner wearing pe-

riod SFPD uniforms), we were greeted by owner Gus Konstin and retired Chief of Police Thomas Cahill, who graciously welcomed the survivors.

Sitting at "The Home of the Maltese Falcon," while listening to the experiences of the earthquake survivors, I was overcome by the spirit of Old San Francisco and its romantic mystique. I was honored to be one of the representatives of the SFPD

in its first

participation in this annual celebration. We feel that it is of paramount importance that the San Francisco Police Department continue to participate in this important memorial service.

I would like to take this opportunity to invite all SFPD members to participate in next year's festivities. I would also like to acknowledge and thank Arimena

Brown and Alexis Goldner for dressing in vintage police uniforms with

me, Sergeant Robert Fitzner of the currently homeless police museum for the loan of the uniforms, and Sergeant Dave Herrera and Officer Rich Lee of the Fleet Office for driving the earthquake survivors in the antique Chief's car. Thank you to Lt. Al Casciato, Officer Frank Achim and Officer Bernie Sullivan for providing our fantastic motorcycle escort.

In closing, I ask all of you to remember and honor Patrolman Max Fenner. You will find Officer Max Fenner's name on the Wall of Honor in the lobby of the Hall of Justice. Max Fenner was the seventh San Francisco Police Officer to sacrifice his life in the line of duty. As the earth shook ninety-five years ago, Officer Max Fenner pushed a mother out of the path of a collapsing brick building, saving her life, but sacrificing his own, in the highest tradition of the San Francisco Police Department.



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Last Chance for 2001 IAWP Award Nominations

By Robin Matthews
FTO Office

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It would be wonderful if women officers in the San Francisco Police Department were nominated for these awards. Anyone can nominate someone for an award, but I particularly encourage the commanding officers of all of the individual units in the Department to take a look at the outstanding work that the women in their units have done, and nominate them

for one of the awards. Not only would it be a wonderful tribute to the officers themselves, but it would highlight some of the outstanding work being done by women in our Department to an international audience.

Applications MUST be received by May 24, 2001 to be considered for this year's awards ceremony in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada September 22-27, 2001.

Please send applications or inquiries to:

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Mission Officers Honored in Irish/Mex Cinco de Mayo Tribute

By Ron Roth
Mission Station

Mission Station officers Martha Juarez and Matthew O'Leary were honored on May 2 at the first annual Irish/Mex Cinco de Mayo Celebration held at the Centro Latino building in San Francisco. Both officers, native San Franciscans and members of the Co.D night watch, are known for their hard work and dedication to the job. They

are both FTOs and are well respected by their bosses as well as their peers.

The celebration was held to honor members of the S.F. Sheriff's Department as well as our SFPD officers. This multi-cultural banquet featured a choice of green enchiladas or McFadden's Mulligan stew for attendees, and seemed to typify the ethnic diversity that is seen not only in the Mission District, but all over San Francisco. A great time was had by all!

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PET CORNER

By Deborah Braden
Background Investigations

Tibetan Terrier Sheila knew that something was wrong before she and her guardian, Roslyn Baltimore, Planning Commission, were out the door of their Sunset District home on March 21, 2001. Sheila's intense bark was unlike her barking at the cats in the neighborhood. Sheila continued her barking and lead Roslyn next door where they found their elderly neighbor, Helen, had fallen in her driveway. She was injured and could not get up. While Roslyn was calling 911 Sheila kept barking. A nurse who lived across the street was alerted by Sheila's barking and came out of her home to in-



Sheila, the Tibetan Terrier

vestigate. The nurse assisted the injured woman until SFFD Engine #40 and SFFD Medic 15 responded and transported the victim to the hospital. Helen is a dog lover and credits Sheila with saving her life. What makes this story even more special is that Sheila is a rescue dog. Roslyn adopted three-year-old Sheila from the Oakland SPCA two years ago, and all she knew of her history was that she had been twice abandoned before Roslyn came into her life. Sheila is a hero and also a good example of what wonderful pets rescue animals can be. So remember to visit the animal shelters when looking for a pet...you could adopt a treasure like Sheila.

Grattan School Partners In Traffic Safety

By Captain James I. Dudley
Park Police Station

"Always wear your helmet when riding skates or on your scooter"
"Wear your seatbelt in the car and do not distract the driver"

These great words of advice are traffic safety tips from students of kindergarten through third grade at our neighborhood Grattan Elementary School. The children know of potential traffic safety hazards after hearing from Park Police Station's School Officers Gerilyn Kavanaugh and John Anton. Once the officers finished their lectures on traffic safety with handouts and materials provided by AAA, the kids were instructed to put forth their best efforts into creating colorful and safety minded posters. Over 100 very thoughtful entries were submitted. The hardest part of the project fell on the shoulders of Park Station's Captain Jim Dudley, Officers Anton, Kavanaugh and Ms. Collings who were tasked with choosing the winning posters. In the end, as predicted, all of those who submitted entries were declared winners! Finnigans Wake provided funding for the colorful ribbons awarded to each entry. The ribbons bear the SFPD Patch and declare the holder a "Partner in Traffic Safety." Each student also received a colorful

cup with a movie character and pencil topper/finger puppet courtesy of Ms. Peggy Dohrmann from the Sony Metreon Complex. The Grand Prize winner was awarded a \$25 dinner certificate at Sam's "Crepes on Cole" while other winners in the top categories were awarded \$10-gift certificates to "The Burgermeister." Other great works of art garnered meals from McDonald's and Ice Cream treats from Ben and Jerry's. The Traffic Safety Poster Contest is part of Park Station's effort to educate the community on traffic safety including our youngest neighbors. Outstanding contributions were made by Darcy Collings, the children's safety specialist from Safety Awareness for Everyone (SAFE), the AAA automobile association, and merchants from the neighborhood including Finnigans Wake, Crepes on Cole, The Burgermeister, Ben and Jerry's Ice Cream, McDonald's on Stanyan and Haight and the Sony Metreon Complex. The program was a lot of fun and a special thanks goes to Park Station's Sergeant Mark Porto for all his help in organizing the event. You can see the fine works of art for yourself at many of the merchants mentioned and at other locations along Cole Valley and on Haight Street. I plan to hang several in the Park Station Community Room.

Exchange Students Need Homes

Host families are being sought for 25 high school students from France, Germany, Belgium, Spain, Denmark and other foreign countries for the upcoming school year, in a program sponsored by the American International Youth Student Exchange Program (AIYSEP). The students, age 15 through 18, will arrive late August, attend local high schools and return to their home country in June, next year. The students, all fluent in English, have been screened by school representatives in their home countries and will have spending money and medical insurance. Host families may deduct \$50 per month for income tax purposes. If you are interested in hosting, please contact the AIYSEP International Headquarters: Office of the Director, 200 Round Hill Road, Tiburon, CA 94920; 1-800-347-7575. You may also visit our website: www.aiysep.com or email aiysep@aol.com.



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Every 15 Minutes ...

Simulation of Drunk Driving Crash — A Vivid Lesson for Teens

By Teri Barrett,
Juvenile

With Prom and Graduation season now upon us it is time for all of us to take the time to talk to our teenagers regarding the dangers associated with drinking and driving. Every 15 minutes someone in the United States dies in an alcohol related traffic collision. Teen drivers are responsible for a highly disproportionate number of collisions, injuries and deaths. In order to reduce the number of teens involved fatal crashes we need to work

out the day, members of the living dead place their tombstones in a temporary cemetery on the school campus so friends and classmates can mourn their loss.

A simulated drunk driving collision involving pre-selected high school students begins with a pre-recorded 911 call that triggers an emergency response by the police department, firefighters, paramedics, and the coroner. Each agency role-plays at the accident scene to simulate a real life response.

Paramedics treat the injured students for their injuries and a second



Coordination tests and arrest...

together to educate our children regarding traffic safety. In the last decade over 68,000 teens have died in car crashes. Nearly half of the fatal crashes involving 16 year old drivers were single vehicle crashes.

The San Francisco Police Department Juvenile-Youth Programs Section

critically injured student is trapped inside the vehicle and must be rescued from the vehicle. A third student is declared dead and removed by the coroner, the fourth student, designated as the drunk driver, is given a field sobriety test and is arrested for driving under the influence.



...Death.

sponsors the Every 15 Minutes Program. The program focuses on high school students, and challenges them to think about drinking and driving, personal safety, and the responsibility of making mature decision and the impact their decisions have on family, friends, and many others.

The program starts with one student being removed from class every fifteen minutes and becoming one of the "living dead." A uniformed officer enters the classroom and reads each student's obituary to those remaining in class. The obituary is posted in the classroom for the remainder of the school year. Simultaneously, the parents of each student are given their child's death notification by a chaplain. Through-

After the collision the drama continues for the students involved in the crash. Officers book the drunk driver into jail and the parents are notified.

Emergency medical responders transport the critically injured patient to San Francisco General Hospital Trauma Center, where actual ER doctors simulate attempts to save the teenagers life. Unable to do so, the doctor on duty has the grave task of notifying the student's parents of their child's death.

An amazing transformation occurs for the students role playing the parts of the teens involved in the fatal crash. The student playing the drunk driver witnesses the reaction of the parents of the deceased student at the hospi-



Debilitating injuries...

tal and actually starts to feel guilty. The parents who role play the part of the parents of the deceased student fall apart as they are told by the doctors that their child did not make it and the hospital grief counselors respond to help calm them down. All of us participating in this process know that this is a reenactment and none of it is real, but the emotional response by all of us involved becomes very real.

As police officers we have all been to horrific scenes of car crashes involving young people. We have all walked in the shoes of the first responders and gone home after our shifts and not been able to sleep. Every time we drive by the scene of a fatal accident we say

a silent prayer. So now with prom and graduation season upon us we need to talk to our children. Tell them if they ever need a ride home to call you, any time day or night. Tell them not to get in the car with their friends who have been drinking and partying and give them the tools they need to say no. Teach them to watch out for other drivers and let them know that driving after midnight on the weekends is the most dangerous time for teens to be driving.

The following is a poem written by a student who participated in the Every 15 Minutes Program to her Mom, called the Death of Innocence (Author Unknown)

Death of Innocence

*I went to a party mom, I remembered
what you said.*

*You told me not to drink, mom,
So I drank soda instead.*

*I really felt proud inside, mom,
the way you said I would.
I didn't drink and drive, mom,
even though the others said I should.*

*I know I did the right thing, mom,
I know you're always right.
Now the party is finally ending, mom,
As everyone drives out of sight.
As I got into my car, mom,
I knew I'd get home in one piece.
Because of the way you raised me,
mom,
So responsible and sweet.*

*I started to drive away, mom,
But as I pulled onto the road,
the other car didn't see me, mom,
And hit me like a load.
As I lie here on the pavement, mom,
I hear the policeman say,
The other guy is drunk, mom, and
Now I'm the one who'll pay.*

*I'm lying here dying, mom, I wish you'd
get here soon,
How come this happened to me, mom?
My life burst like a balloon.
There is blood all around me, mom,
Most of it is mine.
I hear the paramedic say, mom,
I'll be dead in a short time.*

*I just wanted to tell you mom, I swear I
didn't drink.
It was the others, mom, the others
didn't think.*

*He didn't know where he was going,
mom, he was at the same party as I,
The only difference is, mom, he drank,
and I will die.*

*Why do people drink, mom? It can ruin
your whole life.
I'm feeling sharp pains now, mom,
Pains just like a knife.
The guy who hit me is walking, mom,
And I don't think it's fair.
I'm lying here dying, mom, and all he
can do is stare.*

*Tell my brother not to cry, mom,
Tell daddy to be brave.
And when I get to heaven, mom,
write "Daddy's Girl" on my grave.
Someone should've told him, mom,
Not to drink and drive.
If only they'd have taken the time,
mom,
I would still be alive.*

*My breath is getting shorter, mom,
I'm becoming very scared.
Please don't cry for me, mom,
because when I needed you, you were
always there.*

*I have one last question, mom, before I
say good-bye.
I didn't ever drink, mom, so why am I
the one to die?
This is the end, mom, I wish I could
look you in the eye,
To say these final words, mom,
I love you... and good-bye.*

— Author Unknown

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When World War I came along he joined in November 1917. In France he served with several units but finally landed in the battle line and was wounded in action, being one of the few members of the San Francisco Police Department who possessed the Purple Heart Decoration. He served in France until August, when he was returned to the United States and was mustered out.

An unassuming man, Inspector Brown rarely confided of his experiences in the war, but the history of the Third Division tells of the important part he took, not only on the battlefield but as a member of the military police, where his training here came in good stead."

I truly believe that as long as we remember our fallen comrades they are still with us. Every time I tell a story about Pat Wolfe, Jack O'Shea, or "Ambush", their spirits are with me and their loss is just a little more bearable. Even Inspector Frank Brown, gone for fifty-eight years, is still with us when we can read about his exploits and heroics.

During World War II over four hundred members of the San Francisco Police and Fire Departments put their careers on hold and enlisted in the military to fight in defense of their country. Unless they lived through that period, most people just can't fathom the patriotism demonstrated by that generation. An example of that incredible sense of duty is the story of Officer Edward T. (Red) Moriarty (I feel

compelled to give the Irish equal time). Another anonymous reporter wrote in the June 1944 issue of *Police and Peace Officers' Journal*:

"Officer Edward T. (Red) Moriarty, who has 24 years of service with the San Francisco Police Department, most of which has been with the Southern District, is a first sergeant in the invasion forces now stationed in England. Well past the draft age, Officer Moriarty heeded the call of his country and joined up with the Army. His going left a sad vacancy among the law-abiding citizens and the down-and-outers south of Market. He was a policeman, first, last, and all the time, and he brought into his work a keen understanding of what his duties were, and with an humanitarian inclination he helped many an old-timer who had seen better days over the rough spots. He was bad news to those who sought the easier way without honorable toil, and he brought in, during his nearly quarter of a century wearing a police star, many a tough crook. Among the business men and residents along his beat he was referred to as the 'Chief of Police of Third Street,' a well-turned phrase.

He is a brother of Msgr. Moriarty of St. Anne's Church and his many friends will join with his Reverend brother in wishing him luck when he barges in on the Krauts with the invasion force. We will be apt to hear more of 'Red' Moriarty before he finishes his hitch in this war."

This Memorial Day take a few minutes and remember your fallen comrades. If you are able, share an anecdote about one or two of them. Keep

them alive, at least in spirit. Thank you!

Vietnam veterans can now call a toll-free help line (800-749-8387) with questions about Agent Orange exposure, health care and benefits, VA officials announced recently. VA representatives are available directly Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. or through a 24-hour automated system.

The VA says it anticipates interest in the help line because of its recently established policy allowing Vietnam veterans with adult-onset (Type II) diabetes to receive disability compensation for ongoing medical problems linked to Agent Orange or other herbicides used during the Vietnam War. The VA now recognizes ten medical conditions as being associated with Agent Orange.

A follow-up regulation authorizing monthly compensation for Vietnam veterans with adult-onset diabetes is expected later this year. The VA estimates that approximately 200,000 Vietnam veterans will receive service-connection for diabetes in the first five years under the new policy.

"As scientific studies expand our understanding of the possible long-term health effects of Agent Orange spraying in Vietnam, VA is increasing its programs for affected veterans," VA Secretary Anthony J. Principi, a Vietnam veteran, said. "VA is committed to reaching out to these veterans and their families whenever and wherever possible to ensure they receive the health care and other benefits they deserve.


Agent Orange, a defoliant used to

unmask enemy hiding places during the war, has been linked to a variety of health problems from rare conditions and birth defects in veterans' offspring to prostate cancer and adult-onset diabetes.

A Medal of Honor once presented to a Marine for his heroic performance during the Boxer Rebellion in China at the turn of the 20th century turned up at a pawnshop in downtown Alexandria, VA. Trouble is, no one knows how it got there. The medal originally belonged to Sergeant Thomas Wilber Kates. Kates' name, as well as a citation praising his "Distinguished conduct in the presence of the enemy in the advance on Tientsin, June 21, 1900," is etched into the back of the medal. Kates was in a Marine battalion working as part of an international relief force that had fought its way to the Chinese city of Tientsin in June 1900. He was awarded the medal for his actions while under heavy fire from Boxer rebels. Kates, who received the medal more than a year later, deserted from the Marine Corps May 19, 1903. No one knows how the medal ended up in an Alexandria pawnshop, or why Kates deserted.

We would like very much for you to join us at a Post meeting. The Post meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are held in the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of business. Try to attend!

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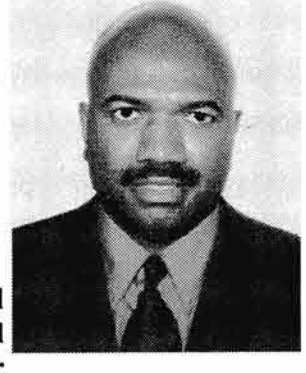
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A Memorial Day Story

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 Vietnam:

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 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.

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.

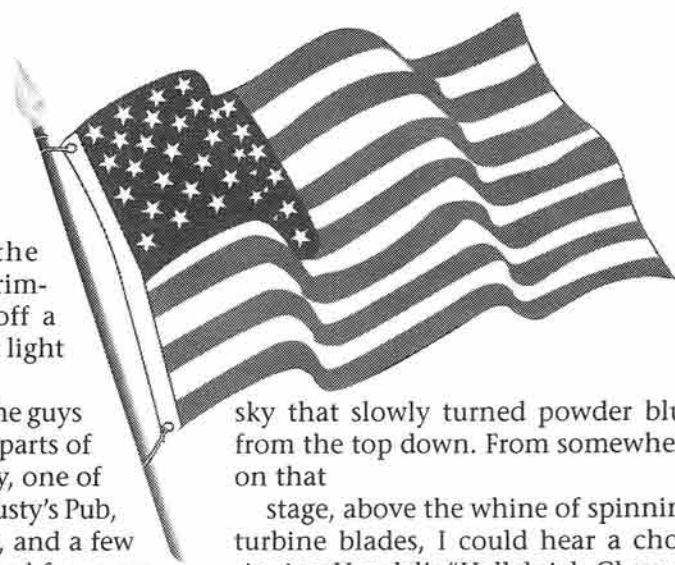
My heart felt like wax in the blazing sun and I was on the verge of becoming a spectacle in the park. I arose and walked back up to the wall to say goodbye and ran my fingers over the engraved names—Lance and Lynn and Vince—as if I could communicate with them in some kind of spiritual Braille.

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



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Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony, May 4, 2001,

Text of remarks by Commander Rich Bruce

I didn't have the privilege of knowing eight of the men we honor here today, but I will speak briefly about the two I did know. As a young officer in 1977, I worked many swing watch tours with Officer Kirk Brookbush in San Francisco's Taraval Police District. To put it simply, Kirk was one of those urban legends, both within the department, and within the community that he chose to serve.

If I was to pick one story about Kirk that speaks volumes about his work ethic, his courage, and his style, it would be about a shoot-out that occurred many years ago, while Kirk was still assigned to the Taraval. Kirk was driving, and he and his partner became involved in a high-speed pursuit and shoot-out with an armed gunman. This was back when every San Francisco officer still carried only a revolver. Kirk emptied his .357 at the bad guy, and instead of reloading, he simply grabbed his partner's gun out of her hands, stuck it out the window (while still driving, mind you!) and began firing again. He might have been a bit short on patience, but he was long on guts.

Whenever I was with Kirk in the late afternoons and we weren't out on an assignment, Kirk would head for Sunset Boulevard, which is a major commuter thoroughfare for city workers heading south to the Peninsula. Kirk had been married for a couple of years, and his wife Suzy worked downtown. Between 5:30 and 6:00 o'clock, Kirk

knew she would be driving home on Sunset Boulevard, and he parked facing the boulevard, hoping to catch a glimpse of his young wife driving by. Suzy, that's how much Kirk loved you. Whenever I think of Kirk, I think of those days, and it always brings a smile to my face.

After leaving Taraval Station, I worked for many years at Park Station, and it was there that I met and worked with Jim Dougherty, or J.D. as he came to be known. Jim, like Kirk, was what we call a *character*, although of a very different nature than Kirk. Jim was the kind of guy who was always joking around. He was right out of a Joseph Wambaugh novel, and amazingly, for those of us who knew him, Jim was even more colorful than some of Wambaugh's creations.

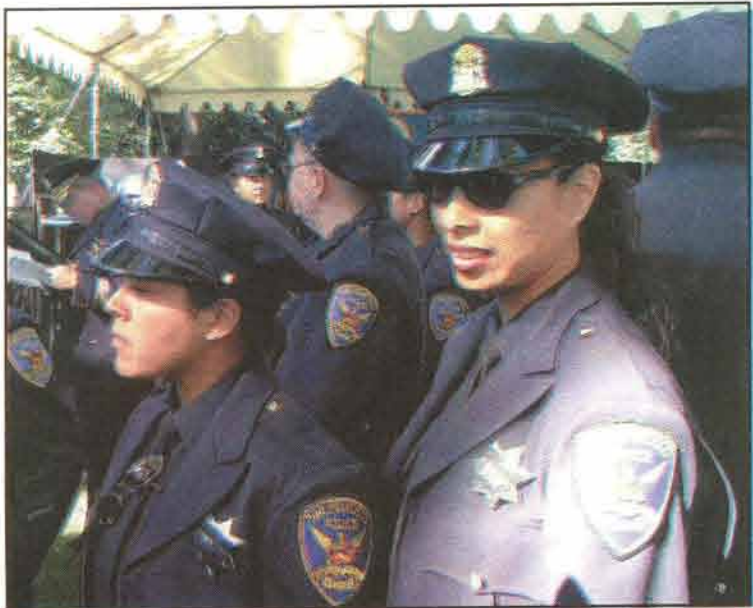
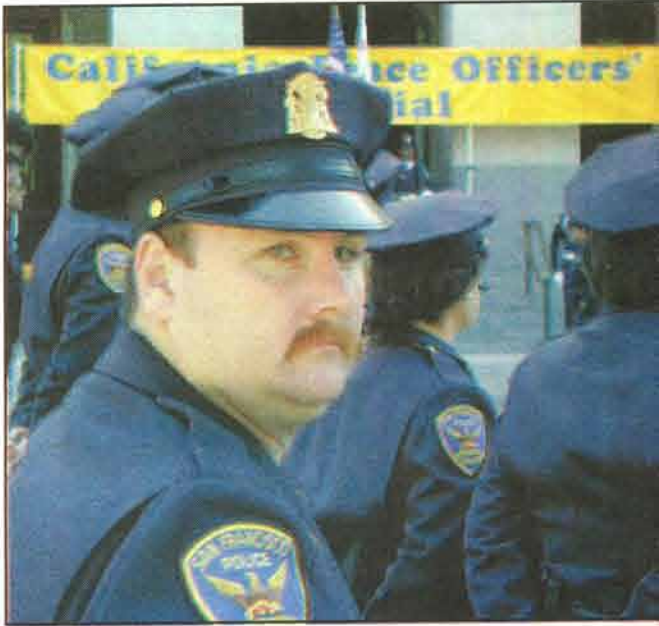
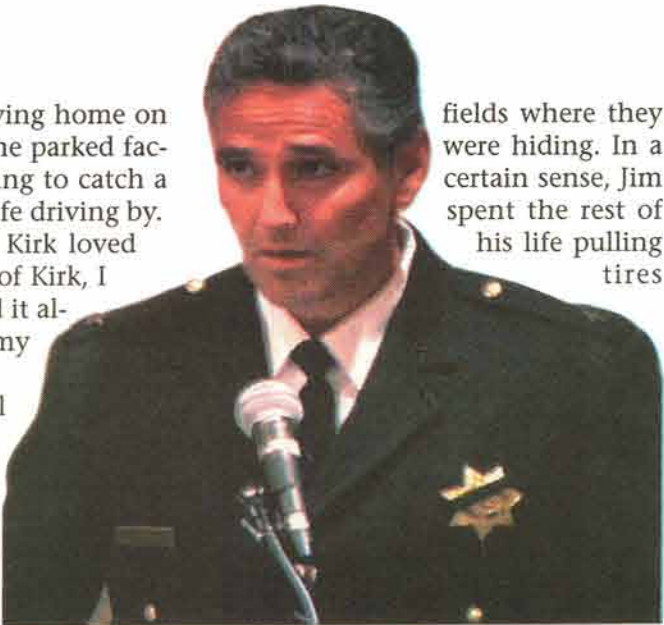
Jim was a real farm boy, having grown up on a farm in central Iowa. Jim spent a lot of time in those days doing what came naturally to him, which is what can politely be referred to as mischief. He and his buddies went into town one day and secured a brand new truck tire. They then tied a rope onto it and stood it up alongside the highway, waiting for 18-wheelers to drive by. As these big rigs would pass by what appeared to be a misplaced new truck tire, the drivers would invariably slam on their brakes, jump out of their trucks, and run back to the tire. Of course the tire was no longer there, for Jim and his farm buddies had tied a rope to it beforehand, and as the trucks were slowing to a stop they would pull the tire back into the corn

fields where they were hiding. In a certain sense, Jim spent the rest of his life pulling tires

back into the corn field, and for the rest of us, it was the height of entertainment.

Jim was near the end of his career when he was asked to work with Kirk in our newly formed Air Unit. To say that Jim was ecstatic and rejuvenated by this development is a tremendous understatement. Like many grizzled old veterans, Jim was more or less ready to ride off into the sunset prior to being asked to work in the Air Unit. After his reassignment, he was reborn, and like a new police recruit, he actually looked forward to going to work every day. Jim and Kirk shared a passion for the air, and although they each loved their department, I feel confident saying that they loved flying even more. As tragic as their end was, these two men went out doing what they

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Sacramento, California



Report from the State Capitol

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ors were posted, and the Governor spoke of honoring those slain officers, their families, and the officers present. He pledged to provide support in every manner he could to Peace Officers.

The program continued with Keynote Speaker, Sheriff Michael Corona of Orange County. He personalized the loss of good officers for everyone, drawing on his personal experience. One of his Deputies died in 2000, and the Sheriff had to explain the loss to the dead officer's son. Emotion overcame Sheriff Corona. His voice fractured as he spoke.

Then came the time for enrollment of the ten slain officers from the year 2000, and thirteen from years past. During the enrollment, the families were duly honored and one theme seemed to be repeated over and over: The Ultimate Sacrifice. When we entered the field of law enforcement, we all knew it could happen, but we didn't

think it could be us. Personally knowing some of the officers who made "The Ultimate Sacrifice," I could not help being moved.

As the program came to a close, the formal salute to the fallen officers was made with a twenty-one gun salute and a rendition of taps. During the ceremonies, when Amazing Grace was played, I could see a very few without a tear. The ceremony concluded with a fly-over of helicopters, which slowly drifted from sight, representative of our fallen colleagues.

The ceremony was poignant and at the same time, jubilant. We, as Peace Officers, must celebrate our successes, for at any moment we know the joys of fellowship and companionship can be irrevocably taken.

I encourage all of you to visit the monument and experience both the joy and sorrow. The monument is striking, and depicts old and new Peace Officers, and lists the names of the officers who have made, "The Ultimate Sacrifice."



California Peace Officers who died in 2000

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er Sr.	01/01/00	Chino PD
s Jr.	03/18/00	Los Angeles PD
	04/12/00	Vallejo PD
	04/30/00	Long Beach PD
ns	06/24/00	Orange County SO
	09/19/00	Los Angeles PD
	10/14/00	San Bernardino PD
	10/28/00	CHP Oceanside

Text of remarks by Commander Rich Bruce

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were born to do.

A few years ago at a police memorial service in San Francisco's Union Square, the Vice-President of our Police Officer's Association was speaking to the crowd about what it means to be a police officer. He said that what distinguishes police from most other members of society is that "We stand for something." His comments were not meant to be either derogatory or condescending to non-police personnel, but rather as a simple and straightforward comment on the nature of the people who eventually become cops. I have thought of that comment often in the ensuing years, and I have come to realize that truer words were never spoken about the main motivation for those who choose to spend their lives in service to their communities.

The other night I watched the movie "A Few Good Men" for the fifth or sixth time, and I was reminded of why I am drawn to this movie. Although the story deals with military personnel, the parallels with police officers are difficult to ignore. At a certain point in the trial, the character played by Demi Moore is leaving the courtroom with her two fellow-attorneys. One of them asks her why she

likes the accused soldiers so much. She responds, "Because they stand on a wall and say nothing is going to hurt you tonight, not on my watch." This is why we become peace officers, and that one statement is our daily mission. "Nothing's going to hurt you tonight, not on my watch."

Although we as police officers tend to remember our fallen comrades in the context of their roles in the department, we need to remember that long before they were officers, they were sons and daughters, brothers and sisters. And that away from this job they were husbands and wives, fathers and mothers, aunts and uncles.

I first visited this memorial in the 1980s, after one of my Academy classmates had been killed chasing down a drug dealer in San Francisco's Mission District. Although I had been very close to this officer while still in the Academy, as is often the case, we had been assigned to different stations and had drifted apart over the years. The first time I met this officer's two children was at his funeral. They are fraternal twins, a boy and a girl, and were eight years old at the time that their Dad died. Matthew and Jolene now attend college in Santa Barbara.

I tell you about them because as I look around this room I see the children of the police officers that we

honor today. Please remember them as you go about your busy lives from this day forward. Remember that they no longer have a Dad to read to them a scary story as he tucks them into bed at night. Remember that they'll still need help with their homework from time to time, and that they would still appreciate having someone to play catch with. Remember that in the years to come they'll be graduating from high school and college, they'll have successes and failures, and they'll do it all without a Dad nearby to cheer them on and to comfort them. Please remember this, and please remember them, not only in your thoughts and prayers, but in your phone calls and birthday cards. Their fathers are up there looking down on them now, and we owe it to them to take care of the families that they left behind.

I leave you with the words of our most beloved President, Abraham Lincoln, from perhaps the greatest letter ever written. Although the letter is quite familiar to lovers of American history, it has gained much wider recognition since the release of the movie "Saving Private Ryan." The letter is written to a Mrs. Bixby of Boston, Massachusetts, a woman who had just lost five of her sons during the Civil War, and I quote from it now, because its words are relevant to this gather-

ing today. "I feel how weak and fruitless must be any word of mine which should attempt to beguile you from the grief of a loss so overwhelming. But I cannot refrain from tendering you the consolation that may be found in the thanks of the Republic they died to save. I pray that our Heavenly Father may assuage the anguish of your bereavement, and leave you only the cherished memory of the loved and lost, and the solemn pride that must be yours to have laid so costly a sacrifice upon the altar of freedom."

God Bless our fallen officers and their families.

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

JOHN COOTS	1878	THOMAS WALSH	1922	GORDON J. OLIVERA	1955
JOHN NICHOLSON	1884	TIMOTHY BAILY	1922	JOSEPH E. LACEY	1956
EDGAR OSGOOD	1886	THOMAS KELLY	1923	ROBERT J. MOREY	1958
ALEXANDER GRANT	1891	JOSEPH CONROY	1923	BARRY R. ROSEKIND	1958
WILLIAM BURKE	1898	MICHAEL J. BRADY	1924	WILLIAM C. LONG	1958
EUGENE ROBINSON	1903	GEORGE CAMPBELL	1925	JAMES MANCUSI, JR.	1965
MAX FENNER	1906	BENJAMIN G. ROOT	1926	HERMAN L. GEORGE	1967
WILLIAM H. HEINS	1906	JOHN J. DRISCOLL	1927	PETER MCELLIGOTT	1968
JAMES S. COOK	1906	FREDERICK NUTTMAN	1927	RENE G. LACAU	1969
GEORGE O'CONNELL	1906	FREDERICK N. SPOONCER	1928	JOSEPH BRODNICK	1969
HARRY L. SAUER	1907	JOHN MALCOLM	1930	ERIC A. ZELMS	1970
EDWARD T. MCCARTNEY	1907	CHARLES ROGERSON	1930	BRIAN MCDONNELL	1970
WILLIAM O'SHAUGHNESSY	1908	CHARLES W. KING	1931	RICHARD P. RADETICH	1970
ANTONE NELTING	1909	ELMER C. THONEY	1931	HAROLD L. HAMILTON	1970
CHARLES P. CASTOR	1911	WILLIAM E. MANNING	1932	CHARLES D. LOGASA	1971
THOMAS FINNELLY	1911	MERVYN A. REARDON	1932	ARTHUR D. O'GUINN	1971
JOHN J. NOLAN	1912	MICHAEL J. MCDONALD	1933	JOHN V. YOUNG	1971
CHARLES H. BATES	1912	JAMES H. MANN	1934	CODE W. BEVERLY	1972
BYRON C. WOOD	1913	EDWARD F. FLAGLER	1937	MICHAEL HERRING	1974
EDWARD MALONEY	1915	ALBERT W. ARGENS	1937	JOSEPH W. BOSWELL	1977
PETER HAMMOND	1915	CORNELIUS BROSNAN	1937	DOUGLAS E. GIBBS	1977
FREDERICK COOK	1915	WALDEMAR L. JENTZSCH	1937	ROBERT E. HOOPER	1978
THOMAS DEASY	1916	WALTER SALISBURY	1939	VERNON MCDOWELL	1981
MARTIN JUDGE	1916	VINCENT F. LYNCH	1941	JOHN S. MACAULAY	1982
WILLIAM F. SHEEHAN	1917	TIMOTHY RYAN	1943	JAMES W. BLOESCH	1988
JOHN B. HURD	1918	PHILLIP T. FARSHMAN	1946	JOHN J. BLESSING	1989
JOHN J. MORIARITY	1919	WILLIAM J. BOWMAN	1948	ISIAH NELSON III	1990
ANTONE SCHOEMBS	1919	RICHARD J. SCHOLZ	1948	JAMES L. GUELFF	1994
JAMES W. HORTON	1920	ROBERT L. WALTERS	1952	JAMES DOUGHERTY	2000
MILES JACKSON	1920	DENIS BRADLEY	1953	KIRK BROOKBUSH	2000
LESTER DORMAN	1920	THOMAS J. GUZZETTI	1955		
THOMAS HANNA	1921	HENRY J. EIDLER	1955		

Only from a cop . . .

Submitted by John Grizzel, Retired,
Co. K, Solo

This was taken from a "Community Policing" question and answer e-mail forum in California.

The question was: "I would like to know how it is possible for police officers to harass people and get away with it? And where can you go for help, other than a civil attorney?"

The reply, from a really cool cop, was: "It isn't easy."

"In California, we average one cop for every 2000 people. About 60% of those cops are on patrol, where we do most of the harassing.

"One-fifth of that 60% are on duty at any moment, and available for harassing people. So, one cop is responsible for harassing about 10,000 residents."

"When you toss in the commercial, business and tourist locations that attract people from other areas, sometimes you have a situation where a single cop is responsible for harassing 20,000 or more people a day.

"A ten-hour shift runs 36,000 seconds. This gives a cop one-second to harass a person, and three-fourths of a second to eat a donut AND find a new person to harass."

"This is not an easy task. Most cops are not up to it day in and day out. It is just too tiring. What we do is use some tools to help us narrow down those who we harass. They are as follows.

"PHONE: People will call us and point out things that cause us to focus on a person for special harassment. 'My neighbor is beating his wife' is a code phrase we use. Then we come out and give special harassment.

"Another popular one on a week-night is, 'The kids next door are hav-

ing a party.'

"CARS: We have special cops assigned to harass people who drive. They like to harass the drivers of fast cars, cars blasting music, cars with expired registration tabs, and the like. It's lots of fun when you pick them out of traffic for nothing more obvious than running a red light. Sometimes you get to really heap the harassment on when you find they have drugs in the car, are drunk, or have a warrant for their arrest.

"RUNNERS: Some people take off running just at the sight of a police officer. Nothing is quite as satisfying as running after them like a beagle on the scent of a bunny. When you catch them, you can harass for hours.

"CODES: When you can think of nothing else to do, there are books that give ideas for reasons to harass folks. They are called codes — Penal, Vehicle, Health and Safety, Business and Professions. They spell out all sorts of things for which you can really mess with people. After you read the code, you can just drive around for a while until you find someone violating one of these listed offenses and harass them. Just last week I saw a guy smash a car window. Well, the code says that is not allowed. That meant I got to harass this guy.

"It is a pretty cool system we have set up, and it works well. I seem to have a never-ending supply of folks to harass, and we get away with it because the good citizens who pay the tab like that we keep the streets safe for them.

"Next time you are in my town, give me a single finger wave. That is a signal that you wish for me to take a little closer look at you, and maybe find a reason to harass you.

"Looking forward to meeting you."

A Police Officer's Lament

Well, Mr. Citizen, it seems you've figured me out. I seem to fit neatly into the category where you've placed me. I'm stereotyped, standardized, characterized, classified, grouped, and always typical.

Unfortunately, the reverse is true. I can never figure you out.

From birth, you teach your children that I'm the bogeyman, then you're shocked when they identify with my traditional enemy...the criminal. You accuse me of coddling criminals...until I catch your kids doing wrong.

You may take an hour for lunch and several coffee breaks each day, but point me out as a loafer for having one cup.

You pride yourself on your manners, but think nothing of disrupting my meals with your troubles.

You raise hell with the guy who cuts you off in traffic, but let me catch you doing the same thing and I'm picking on you.

You know all the traffic laws...but you've never gotten a single ticket you deserve.

You shout "foul" if you observe me driving fast to a call, but raise the roof if I take more than ten seconds to respond to your complaint.

You call it part of my job if someone strikes me, but call it "police brutality" if I strike back.

You wouldn't think of telling your

dentist how to pull a tooth, or your doctor how to take out an appendix, yet you are always willing to give me pointers on the law.

You talk to me in a manner that would get you a bloody nose from anyone else, but expect me to take it without batting an eye.

You yell "something's got to be done to fight crime," but you can't be bothered to get involved.

You have no use for me at all, but of course it's OK if I change a flat for your wife, deliver your child in the back of the patrol car, or perhaps save your son's life with mouth-to-mouth breathing, or work many hours overtime looking for your lost daughter.

So, Mr. Citizen, you can stand there on your soapbox, and rant and rave about the way I do my work, calling me every name in the book, but never stop to think that your property, family, or maybe even your life depends on me or one of my buddies.

Yes, Mr. (or Mrs.) Citizen, it's me...the cop.

The author of this article was Trooper Mitchell Brown of the Virginia State Police. He was killed in the line of duty two months after writing the article. As a salute to the millions police officers who put their lives on the line for us everyday, please pass this on.

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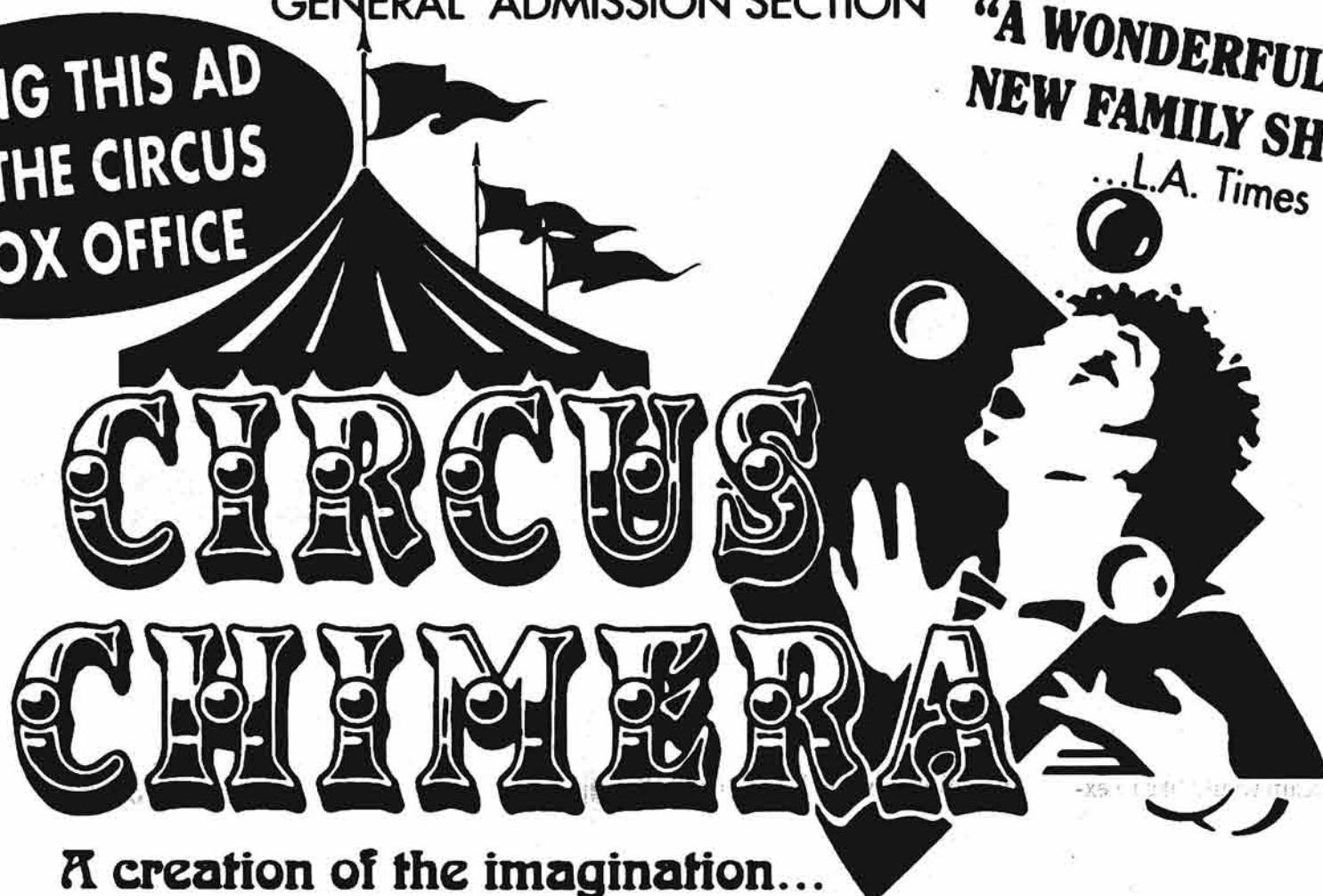
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Center of SF, and numerous of-
ficers to conduct their seventh
annual Easter Egg Hunt. Ap-
proximately seven hundred chil-
dren from the Bayview District
to Chinatown attended an event
that featured a carnival midway
of assorted games of skill, a bar-
becue lunch, cotton candy, ice
cream, and an Easter egg hunt.
Special prize eggs were placed in
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A big thank you goes to our two
police unions SFPOA and OFJ for your
generous support. We would also like
to thank the following command staff
for their attendance and partici-
pation:
Deputy Chief Heather Fong of
FOB
Captain Mike Kemmitt of
Juvenile Division
Captain Keith Sanford of
SOD/Muni Company
Captain Patricia Jackson of
Bayview Station
Thanks also to Supervisor



Sophie Maxwell who attended our
event and got to see community po-
licing in action.
In closing, I would like to thank all
police officers who helped at this year's
event. It's a rewarding feeling to play
and interact with the children of the
communities we serve.

Fourth Annual Mission Easter Egg Hunt

By Ethel Newlin
POA Friend and Supporter

On Saturday, April 14, kids in the
Mission enjoyed the Fourth Annual
Easter Egg Hunt co-sponsored by St.
John's Educational Thresholds Center
and Mission Police Station.
Over 500 children, parents, and
friends had a chance to meet the Eas-
ter Bunny (a.k.a.) Officer Marquita
Booth, Mission Station, and pick up
all the candy and colored eggs they
could handle. The Bunny was joined
by CHP Spokescritter
Chipper (a.k.a.) CHP
Officer Randy Wong
- who was accompa-
nied by CHP Officers
Javier Rocha and Pe-
ter Hernan-dez. Of-
ficer George Leong,
Mission Station, per-
formed his astound-
ing feats of magic,
and Officer Sandra
Ganster painted hun-
dreds of butterflies,
rainbows and flowers
on all those smiling faces.
Thanks to Captain Ron Roth and
the officers at Mission Station, the staff
of St. John's E.T.C., and dozens of vol-



Photographers Stephanie Thoma and
Elli Newlin step out from behind the
cameras to pose with the Easter Bunny
(Marquita Booth, Mission Station)



Steve Thoma, Mission Station; Chipper (CHP officer Randy
Wong) and CHP officer Javier Rocha.

PHOTO BY ELLI NEWLIN

unteers from the community, Mission
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Letters



Editor—

I wish to express my thanks for the flowers sent to me by the SFPOA during my recent hospital stay.

Additionally, my heartfelt thanks are extended to the members of the Department who gave rides for doctor visits, made home and hospital visits, sent cards, and made phone calls. Special thanks to my brother, Matt Gardner, who's unselfish acts during the last few months made things very easy for me.

Thank you,
Dan Gardner



Thank You—

I want to thank all those who were able to attend my retirement dinner. It was wonderful to see you all. I'll cherish the memory or your presence and your generosity.

Always, Phil Dito



April 2, 2001

Dear Chris—

I can't thank you enough for your donation to support Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth's 25th Anniversary Event. The \$1000 gift truly helped us to make the celebration a wonderful success.

Over 600 people came to City Hall to honor some of San Francisco's best child advocates and everyone was inspired by Marian Wright Edelman's speech "Leave No Child Behind." It was also a chance for new people to learn about the growing children's movement in San Francisco and throughout the country.

On behalf of the Board and staff at Coleman Advocates for Children and Youth, I would like to extend our deepest appreciation for your support. We are so grateful that you were a part of this important event for Coleman and the entire youth advocacy community.

Sincerely,
Margaret Brodtkin
Executive Director
Coleman Advocates
For Children & Youth

April 10, 2001

Dear Mr. Cunnie:

On behalf of the Board of Directors, staff, children and families who call Family House home, I would like to thank the SFPOA for its donation of \$250 to Family House.

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Sincerely,
Jessica W. Presson
Family House



Solo Motorcycle Unit/
Traffic Division
San Francisco Police Department

Dear Friends:

It is with heartfelt gratitude that I write, on behalf of my family, to thank you for the friendship, support and compassion that you offered us in the recent passing of my father, Don.

When giving Dad's eulogy, my eyes could not escape looking at you as you sat before me. For looking at you, I saw my dad, young and strong, tender and compassionate, providing me the strength to carry on.

For many of you, Mike and I were children when Dad was with the Department. For others, we grew up together. Whatever our relation may be, it is a bond of friendship and respect that lasts forever.

My family and I are forever grateful for your support. I know Dad was grinning to have so many of his friends present for his final ride.

Each moment in time is a gift that comes and goes in a blink of an eye. Cherish each moment and be thankful.

Very truly yours,
Sheryl Sweeney Stuckey

April 10, 2001

Deputy Chief Heather Fong
Field Operations Bureau

Dear Deputy Chief Fong

On Thur. Mar 8, 2001, my father Thomas F. Kennedy Jr. was buried from Holy Name Church and interned at Holy Cross cemetery. Lt. Al Casciato, Sgt. Bob Guinan and seven other officers of the solos provided a police escort.

I know that these additional assignments strain resources. However, the presence of these officers was extremely meaningful to my mother, my family and our many friends.

The escort service provided by these officers was just a small example of the San Francisco Police Department taking care of one of our family. Please accept my appreciation and thanks.

Sincerely Yours
Joseph F. Kennedy
Insp/Sgt, Burglary Detail



27 April 2001

Police Captain Roth
Mission Station

Dear Captain Roth:

I write to you to applaud and praise the efforts of two young officers who worked tirelessly to find my missing husband on Monday afternoon and evening, April 23. This remarkably able, resourceful, and reassuring pair are: Officer Martin Covarrubias, #1192 Officer Martha Juarez, #1800 for whom you are supervisor.

These young officers were at my door within a quarter hour after my call to the police station to report that my aged husband had not returned from his customary walk. They were very, very professional and thorough in their eliciting of information from me. The questions they asked were very clear, and they took careful written notes of everything I said. I provided them with digital pictures of my husband, gave telephone numbers of his dentist and primary care physician, and

described his hearing problem, his shyness, and his habits when walking. They asked also about any friends he had and any haunts he might visit in the neighborhood. They made sure that he did not need any medication. They memorized what he was wearing, and they described the actions they would take immediately to ascertain whether he was in any hospital, morgue, or jail. They told me how they would fax the description and pictures of my husband to other officers. They assured me that they would work on my husband's case until they found him, and they promised to call me at regular intervals to let me know what they were doing. They were very positive and supportive. (I have provided these details to show you how truly sensitive they both were in a distressful situation.)

The officers worked from about 4 p.m. till almost 2 a.m., when they arrived, beaming like proud parents, with my very fatigued and confused husband. He had been sighted by a fellow officer somewhere close to the northern edge of Daly City, still walking. They sped there to collect him and bring him home to me. He could remember nothing about the day nor what had happened, but he was coherent enough to thank the officers for bringing him home and to congratulate them upon their efficiency.

I feel that these young officers gave service far beyond the parameters of their jobs, and I hope that you can recognize them in some special way and let their colleagues know how skilled they are. (A dispatcher told me that there is a POA newspaper, which might record my gratitude and admiration.)

Cordially yours,
Jeanne Adams Wray



Dear Chris,

We are extremely grateful to you and your fellow SFPOA Board members for your recent generous contribution to the San Francisco Police Department's Wilderness Program. For the past twenty-one years, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association has been an essential part of the funding to make this program possible. We thank you very much for your continued support.

Since 1981, the San Francisco Police Department's Wilderness Program has provided challenging and cooperative outdoor adventures such as ropes courses, backpacking, river rafting, sea kayaking, and day-hiking which San Francisco police officers have shared with over 28,000 San Francisco boys and girls. It is a year-round program that works in partnership with the San Francisco Unified School District, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, The Guardsmen, Environmental Traveling Companions (FTC), McAtter High School's Urban Pioneer Program, and various community agencies. Thanks again!

Sincerely yours,
Officer Walter Scott,
Officer Roger Keenan,
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Editor –

I would like to thank Marty Halloran and the POA for your generous and very thoughtful gift. Thank you very much.

There is a reason for my delay. Since the entire department has been through this with my family and I since the beginning, I feel I should share this with all of you.

About the time of your gift, I had a doctor appointment to see if the hardware in my spine had been in there long enough. My back had been hurting, and I wanted it removed. X-rays revealed that the hardware had broken.

You should have seen all of our faces. This is not dainty stuff.

The worst news is that my spine did not heal correctly. It's my lower back, and it should be curved. It healed straight. On April 9th, I will have surgery to re-break, and re-curve my spine. I'll have to quit school again, as it is major surgery, and I'll be down from 6 to 8 weeks.

It's OK. My spirits are high, and I know that I'm going to come through this fine. So, say a little prayer for me, but, most of all, thank you again.

I'll talk to you soon.

Love,

Jolene Blessing

(Daughter of deceased Officer John Blessing – Ed.)



April 2, 2001

Dear Mr. Cunnie

I read your article in American Police Beat Magazine regarding your video "Hearts of the City. The program sounds very interesting and we have just recently started talking about forming a similar video. I would appreciate the opportunity to view the program and obtain information about implementing it. This would greatly benefit our efforts to increase our public image. I can be reached at the address and phone # listed below. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Officer Pete Scorsone
Webster Police Department
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April 4, 2001

Steven Johnson, SFPOA

February of this year, my husband, Charlie Anzore, was diagnosed with cancer of the kidney. On one evening, while we were discussing the changes in our lives that this

disease entering our family would bring, Charlie sadly mentioned he would never own a picture by his favorite artist, Eyvind Earle. I made obtaining this picture a major priority. I checked all the galleries in the area in an effort to locate paintings by this artist. I then remembered Charlie said he always saw the pictures in the aquatic park area where he worked a second job. I contacted a friend of Charlie's, also a POA member, and told him of my search. The next thing I know I receive a phone call telling me that the Eyvind Earle Publishing Corp. offered to loan Charlie a serigraph indefinitely. I am simply amazed one phone call could lead to such an outpouring of effort and final accomplishment.

The day Charlie received the picture, his overwhelming response brought tears to my eyes. I can't thank the Police Officers' Association enough for the hard work and effort they put in to this unusual task to make my husband happy.

I believe a special thanks is due to Ofc. John Wyman, Ofc. Ed Anzore, Sgt. Joe Allegro, Steve Johnson, and Capt. Ed Springer. I'm sure that there were more wonderful people involved but I was only able to obtain these names. To all those involved you have my deepest thanks and gratitude.

Donna Anzore



April 13, 2001

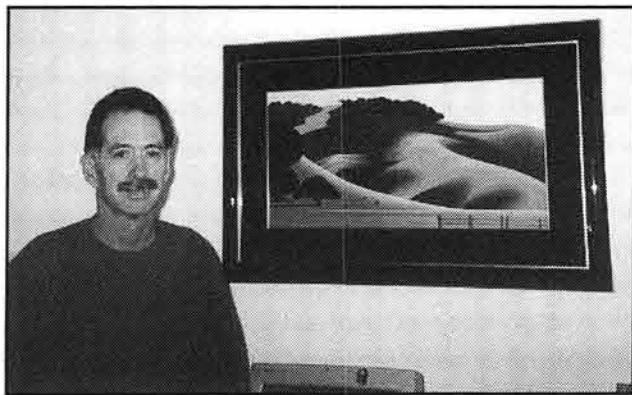
Dear Chris:

On behalf of our Foundation's Board of Directors and our most important constituency, the survivors of the courageous California peace officers who laid down their lives in the line of duty, your recent most generous contribution is gratefully acknowledged.

Please be assured that will continue to do everything in our power, through our conduct and performance, to justify your most meaningful support.

Cordially,

Mike Minton, President
California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation



Charlie Anzore with the Eyvind Earle serigraph

April 13, 2001

Many thanks to the Community Services Committee for your generous donation of \$200 to the Haight Ashbury street Cleaners.

A special thanks to Sergeant Mark Porto for his help in securing this donation.

Jim Rhoads

Supreme Court "Seatbelt Brouhaha"

I suppose I shouldn't expect more of the National Press and the sole-remaining San Francisco daily with a modicum of credibility (The Chronicle). But when American opinion relative to the way law enforcement works in this country is skewed by "select" Rodney King Video clips, and Mark Fuhrman's use of the infamous "N" word, I shouldn't expect any semblance of truth in the reporting of the activities of law enforcement.

An American populace weaned on "hot pursuit" videos, and "Too hot for TV" strip searches was bound to believe the United States Supreme Court has suddenly given approval for back-woods sheriffs to "lock them Yankees up", regardless of how frivolous the offense.

As I read the "Texas Seatbelt" decision, the High Court did nothing more than affirm the "misdemeanor citation process" practiced by nearly every law enforcement agency in the U.S. for the past 35 years.

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The officer has the option under department policy to either take the person who committed the less serious (misdemeanor) offense into custody (a custodial arrest) or issue a citation which is a written promise to appear signed by the offender. Here in lies the catch.

If the identity of the offender is in question at the arrest scene, (regardless of the pettiness of the offense) the subject must be positively identified prior to issuance of the citation. This frequently means the officer takes the petty offender to the police station for the purpose of determining their identity through fingerprint checks, calls to family, searching local arrest records, etc. Once true identity is established, the offender is cited and released after their written promise to appear.

The Texas case involving Gail Atwater and her "arrest" for not wearing her seatbelts is just such a case. Early reports of the incident made brief notation that Atwater was driving her car without benefit of a driver's license and no form of proper identification. Even in California, the officer would have been prevented from simply citing the driver for the seatbelt violation because the arresting officer couldn't positively identify whom it was they were citing! This is meant to dissuade scofflaws from giving their next-door neighbors name and date of birth to the arresting officers and escaping the process of law for their violation. The detention of the Texas seatbelt violator wasn't because of the type of offence, but because she couldn't be identified and trusted to sign a "Promise to Appear".

Even the most dedicated Constitutional proponent can't really suggest this is a Fourth Amendment issue. It's a common sense issue... carry your driver's license if you're driving!

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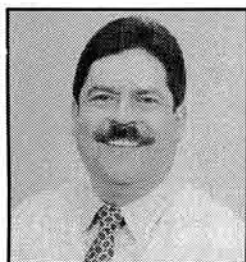
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Submitted by Georg Et'Rockville
POA Friend and Supporter

On July 20, 1969, as commander of the Apollo 11 Lunar Module, Neil Armstrong was the first person to set foot on the moon. His first words after stepping on the moon, "That's one small step for man, one giant leap for mankind," were televised to Earth and heard by millions. But, just before he reentered the lander, he made the enigmatic remark: "Good luck, Mr. Gorsky."

Many people at NASA thought it was a casual remark concerning some rival Soviet Cosmonaut. However, upon checking, there was no Gorsky in either the Russian or American space programs. Over the years, many people questioned Armstrong as to what the "Good luck Mr. Gorsky" statement meant but Armstrong al-

ways just smiled.

On July 5, 1995, in Tampa Bay, Florida, while answering questions following a speech, a reporter brought up the 26-year-old question to Armstrong. This time he finally responded. Mr. Gorsky had died and so Neil Armstrong felt he could answer the question.

In 1938, when Armstrong was a kid in a small Midwest town, he was playing baseball with a friend in the backyard. His friend hit a fly ball, which landed in his neighbor's yard by the bedroom windows. His neighbors were Mr. and Mrs. Gorsky. As he leaned down to pick up the ball, young Armstrong heard Mrs. Gorsky shouting at Mr. Gorsky. "Sex! You want sex! You'll get sex when the kid next door walks on the moon!"

A true story.

Bizarre Death Presents A Legal Enigma

Submitted by Ethel Newlin
POA Friend and supporter

At the 1994 annual awards dinner given for Forensic Science, AAFS, President Dr. Don Harper Mills astounded his audience with the legal complications of a bizarre death. Here is the story:

On March 23, 1994, the medical examiner viewed the body of Ronald Opus and concluded that he died from a shotgun wound to the head. Mr. Opus had jumped from the top of a ten-story building intending to commit suicide. He left a note to that effect, indicating his despondency. As he fell past the ninth floor, his life was interrupted by a shotgun blast passing through a window, which killed him instantly.

Neither the shooter nor the descender was aware that a safety net had been installed just below at the eighth floor level to protect some building workers, and that Ronald Opus would not have been able to complete his suicide the way he had planned. "Ordinarily," Dr. Mills continued, "a person who sets out to commit suicide and ultimately succeeds, even though the mechanism might not be what he intended, is still defined as committing suicide."

That Mr. Opus was shot on the way to certain death, but probably would not have been successful because of the safety net, caused the medical examiner to feel that he had a homicide on his hands.

An elderly man and his wife occupied the room on the ninth floor, whence the shotgun blast emanated. They were arguing vigorously, and he was threatening her with a shotgun.

The man was so upset that when he pulled the trigger he completely missed his wife, and the pellets went through the window, striking Mr. Opus. When one intends to kill subject A but kills subject B in the attempt, one is guilty of the murder of subject B.

When confronted with the murder charge, the old man and his wife were both adamant. They both said they thought the shotgun was unloaded. The old man said it was his long-standing habit to threaten his wife with the unloaded shotgun. He had no intention to murder her. Therefore the killing of Mr. Opus appeared to be an accident; that is, the gun had been accidentally loaded.

The continuing investigation turned up a witness who saw the old couple's son loading the shotgun about six weeks prior to the fatal accident. It transpired that the old lady had cut off her son's financial support and the son, knowing the propensity of his father to use the shotgun threateningly, loaded the gun with the expectation that his father would shoot his mother. The case now becomes one of murder on the part of the son for the death of Ronald Opus.

Now comes the exquisite twist.

Further investigation revealed that the son was, in fact, Ronald Opus. He had become increasingly despondent over the failure of his attempt to engineer his mother's murder. This led him to jump off the ten-story building on March 23rd, only to be killed by a shotgun blast passing through the ninth story window. The son had actually murdered himself so the medical examiner closed the case as a suicide.

Bizarre, indeed.

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Redwood City Police Issued Gun Safes, Ordered To Use Them

From The San Francisco Gate

Seeking an added layer of gun safety, a Bay Area police department has begun issuing its officers gun safes, and orders to use them. The Redwood City Police Department, becoming perhaps the first in the state to do so, began equipping its 110 uniformed officers with the safes two months ago. So far, they seem to be a hit with the rank and file. "It's definitely something positive for officers that take their weapons home," said Detective Rhonda Leipelt, head of the Police Officers' Association. "They have someplace to put it, and they know it's safe."

That's the point, said Redwood City police Sergeant Joe Rodrigues, who runs the program. And anyone who fails to use the department-issued eight-pound, Kevlar-coated gun safe could pay a stiff price if a gun accident were to occur at home: departmental discipline or criminal charges. "We have a responsibility as a law enforcement agency to provide our officers with some type of home security system for their weapons," Rodrigues said.

While many police agencies, including San Jose, San Francisco, Alameda and the San Mateo County sheriff's office, issue gun locks to officers, only a few in the nation provide gun safes. Redwood City purchased the safes from Frazen Security Products Inc. for a discounted \$60 apiece. Each safe can hold two guns. The department will provide additional safes to officers who have more than two weapons.

Interest in gun safety in the homes of police officers grew out of a 1991 state law making gun owners responsible for keeping loaded guns out of the reach of children. The head of the association that represents the state's professional police weapons trainers said he saw no problem with requiring off-duty officers to keep their weapons locked in a safe at home. "Police officers' families deserve protection from the tools of the trade," said Larry Nichols, president of California

Rangemasters Association, adding that "many of today's young officers lacked the military experience of past generations of cops, and needed to have the safety lesson reinforced."

Bob Blankenship, president of the California Police Chiefs Association, said he hoped Redwood City's emphasis on safety would help change the lax attitude about gun security in the United States. About 17,000 people a year are treated in emergency rooms for nonfatal gun accidents, a 1996 study estimated. And a study last year found guns and children living side by side in 11 million American homes, with unsecured guns in 43 percent of those homes.

Gun control organizations such as Handgun Control Inc. have long argued that lax storage and firearms accidents go together. Spokeswoman Nancy Hua said the organization liked the sound of Redwood City's plan, particularly in light of a February study by the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission that found that many gun locks could be opened with a paper clip, or simply by dropping them.

"We think it's a good idea for every gun owner, whether in law enforcement or not, to have a good safe," she said. "Far too many people think that hiding (a gun) in a top drawer is sufficient."

Rodrigues said, he, too, used to keep his service gun on a top shelf, figuring that it was too high for his infant children to get to. But he is reminded about the son of a fellow officer at another department who killed himself with a weapon his father brought home from work. "You think about what you see on TV, and everyone thinks that will never happen to us, but it easily can," he said. "I didn't want to be what I see on TV."

Leipelt, too, sees the value in having a gun safe or two around the house. "I'm getting ready to have a child, so I think it's great," she said. "Now my husband (a Santa Clara officer) is jealous, he doesn't have one. We'll buy one for him, too."

Big People Helping Little People

By Rene LaPrevotte

Five-year-old Jenny Sounthavong was but a year old when doctors found something terribly wrong with the little girl's eyes. Batteries of intrusive testing revealed Jenny was suffering from bilateral retinal blastoma. No one know how, or more importantly why this little angel was cursed with cancer in both eyes.

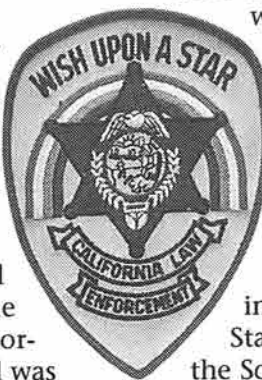
Jenny's parents did what any parent would do ... pray that this is all a mistake, and ask God to spare their little girl. The finest medical experts in this country did their best to cure Jenny, but recently, just before Jenny's fifth birthday, the doctors gave Jenny's mom and dad the news they prayed they'd never hear: "There's nothing more that can be done, just make Jenny's last days as loving and comfortable as possible."

Jenny's parents have always dreamed of taking Jenny and her brother "Peter" to Ft. Smith, Arkansas to visit the extended family. Jenny's sickness and the family's dire financial straits made that visit all but impossible. When Jenny's prognosis became hopeless, UC Hospital contacted California Law Enforcement's Wish Upon a Star Foundation and re-

lated the family wish for Jenny to be with her aunts and uncles her last days. There was serious concern that Jenny wouldn't survive to make the trip, her condition had turned so grave, but when the situation is grave, who do you call but the SFPD!

At five o'clock in the morning the day after Wish Upon a Star's call, Officer Steve Hutzler of the Solo Motorcycle Detail escorted a limo donated by Executive Livery to Jenny's Twelfth Street home, where she received a motorcycle escort to San Francisco International Airport and was given airline tickets for the entire family and \$1000 spending money for the family trip to Arkansas. As of this writing the family is still in Ft. Smith, and odds are Jenny won't be coming home to San Francisco.

I'd like to extend my thanks to Officer Steve Hutzler, who responded on about two minutes' notice. Those of you who know Steve know he's the kind of guy who would have left his own deathbed to help. I also thank Bob Mazzola of the Airport Bureau, who arranged the use of Executive Livery's limo and their owner/driver, Angel Acarac. And I thank YOU, who have donated to Wish Upon a Star and made the family wish come true.



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White Night Remembered

By Kevin Mullen
Deputy Chief (ret.)

Kevin Mullen was the 43-year-old deputy chief of police for field operations in charge of crowd control in May 1979 when the verdict was announced in the trial of former Supervisor Dan White. It was White, a police officer, who shot to death Mayor George Moscone and San Francisco's first openly gay supervisor, Harvey Milk, in City Hall the previous November. That evening, May 21, an outraged mob streamed from the Castro District to Civic Center, where violence erupted. It came to be known as the White Night Riot. Now retired, Mullen lives with his wife, Jeannie, in Novato. He has published a book, "Let Justice Be Done: Crime and Politics in Early San Francisco," and is working on another tentatively titled "San Francisco Homicide," which will look at violent deaths in The City from 1849 to the present. This is his account of what occurred.—Ed.

In the early-morning hours of May 22, 1979, police formations went into reverse and withdrew up Castro Street toward Market Street — on my orders — followed by a crowd of jeering demonstrators. As the oddly paired groups made their way past the Castro Theater where I was standing, one of the crowd broke away and approached within 20 feet, where he loudly denounced me as a "pig-faced

and summarily executed Mayor George Moscone and Supervisor Harvey Milk, it was almost more than the civic psyche could absorb.

The City came together the night of the assassination. More than 25,000 candle-bearing mourners lined up in the Castro, then made their way peaceably down Market Street to City Hall. There they were greeted by the familiar voice of Joan Baez and the strains of "Amazing Grace." Acting Mayor Dianne Feinstein and Assembly Speaker Willie Brown addressed the group over pre-positioned loudspeakers, as did other civic leaders, including Harry Britt, Milk's political protégé.

Harvey's recorded voice, taped three weeks earlier after the defeat of the Briggs amendment, which would have prohibited gays from teaching in public schools, was broadcast to the assembled throng. The proceedings closed at 11:30 p.m. with a Felix Mendelssohn hymn sung by the Gay Men's Chorus.

White was arrested hours after the killings and was placed on trial in Superior Court on a charge of double murder. To everyone involved, it looked like a slam-dunk. Testimony was completed on May 16, and the

off duty. A crowd formed at Castro and Market, as it had so many times before, and proceeded to march to City Hall. There were reports along the line

Immediately, the shouting and rock throwing stopped and a reverent hush fell over the crowd.

Lighted candles, first a few and then



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that the marchers were peaceful, but with some violent elements. There were later reports of signs bearing the legend "Avenge Harvey."

When the group arrived at the Polk Street side of City Hall and found nothing to distract it from its outrage, it began to attack the face of the building. We called up reserve forces and made impromptu efforts to engage the mob with speakers sympathetic to its cause. It didn't work.

Some questioned whether events could have played out differently. "There's nothing that could have been said that would have placated that crowd," said Tom Ammiano, who was chairman of the Gay Teachers Coalition at the time. "Emotions were running too high."

According to another view, however, that of an injured demonstrator who had participated in events, "Harvey Milk was a street-fighter. . . . He could get that bullhorn and slow that crowd down. That's what we lacked tonight."

Unable to locate our high-volume loudspeaker equipment immediately, we asked Supervisor Carol Ruth Silver to engage the mob with a police bullhorn from the balcony in front of

more and more, began to appear among the crowd. Who is it, I wondered, that brings candles to a riot? Supervisor Silver, a sympathetic figure to those below, began to speak. The crowd applauded respectfully. For a time — for just a moment — peace held the upper hand. In the end, the bullhorn was too feeble to be heard below, and the lighter became too warm to hold alight. The rock throwing resumed. Conditions deteriorated to their eventual destructive denouement.

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The violence built until almost 11 p.m., when several police cars parked along McAllister Street were set afire by rioters. It was only then that we swept Civic Center Plaza and chased rioters as they trashed shop windows on Market Street and the surrounding area.

In keeping with standard post-riot control procedure, I authorized motorized patrols into the Castro area. Upon later reflection, I realized that was a mistake. What to some might appear to be a continuation of the disorders was actually a return of participants to their own neighborhood. In any event, early May 22 a squad of police officers entered the Elephant Walk bar at 18th and Castro and routed the patrons. Accounts of the incident differ. The officers reported people hurling things at them, then retiring into the bar. Others considered the police entry into the bar a retaliatory "police riot."

The events of the night were capped by a police withdrawal from the Castro, dubbed in my honor "Mullen's Retreat," by officers who would have preferred a different outcome. Police officers don't like to back off — individually or collectively. They see that as a humiliation. But if we moved forward we'd only be beating people up and we couldn't control behind our lines. I still think it was the right thing to do.

Much of the after-action criticism



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Irish m -----," before scurrying back to the safety of the mob.

The irony wasn't lost on me that my withdrawal order, which even then I knew would cost me dearly in the opinion of working cops, had also saved my detractor from getting his butt kicked by some very angry police officers.

The White Night Riot, by which the events of May 21-22, 1979, have come to be known, is one of the founding myths of modern Gay San Francisco — sort of a West Coast version of New York's Stonewall riot. If Harvey Milk's assassination was the Boston Massacre in that formulation, then White Night was Concord Bridge.

The events of the night were set in motion six months earlier. In November 1978, The City was shaken to its psychic roots when San Francisco's Jim Jones led his Peoples Temple followers in a mass suicide in Guyana. And when, only a few days later, ex-Supervisor Dan White sneaked into City Hall

jury began its deliberations. To the extent that I thought about it at all in my capacity as deputy chief of field operations with responsibility for crowd management, I expected, when the verdict came in, a replay of the march six months earlier on the night of the assassination.

When the manslaughter verdict was announced May 21, 1979 — for what many thought was a clear case of double premeditated murder — San Francisco's gay community, and many straights, were shocked beyond description. There would be no Mendelssohn hymns that night.

The verdict was announced shortly after 5 p.m., inconveniently just after the Police Department day watch went



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the mayor's office. I joined her there, and, so as not to incite the mob with the appearance of my uniform, I hunched down behind the balustrade and extended my hand holding a lighted butane cigarette lighter above the rail.

To the crowd below, the sudden appearance of a small, disembodied flame from the embattled ramparts of the enemy citadel must have seemed like a sign from beyond the grave.

centered on tactics and timing as the reasons for what went wrong. Some said we moved against the crowd too late, unnecessarily endangering officers who were forced to stand in formation in front of the rock-throwing mob. Others complained that when we did move, officers used excessive force.

The riot was a fitting conclusion to what had been a truly troubled and troubling decade

In a way, the riot was a fitting conclusion to what had been a truly troubled and troubling decade, both for The City and its Police Department. The history of the '60s and '70s is being written nostalgically by those who lived through it. It is a story of youth and revolt, the civil rights struggle and the Summer of Love. Dope and coming together to oppose an unjust war.

Not much has been heard from the police officers who were actors in the same events. The era of peace and love, during which a dozen officers died at the hands of criminals, was also the deadliest period in the department's history.

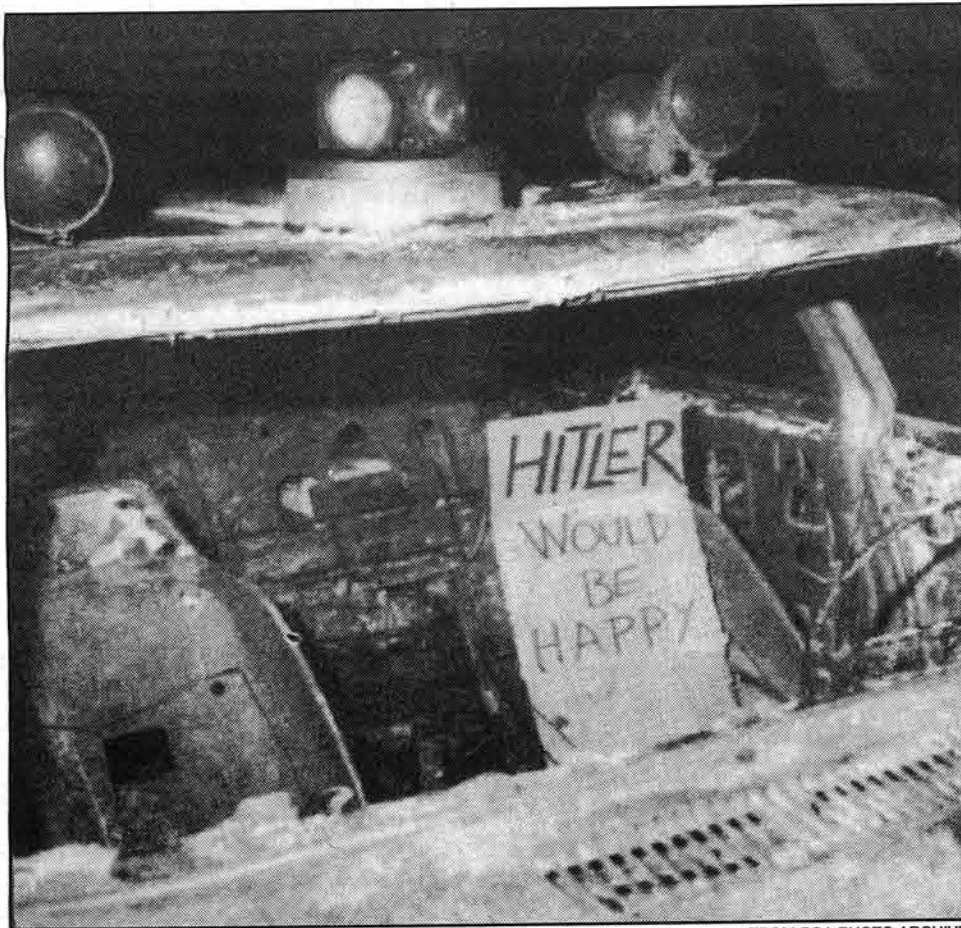
We were introduced to 1970 with

killed in the Clement Street bank shootout, a pipe bomb set against the church's outer wall exploded. They wouldn't even let us bury our dead in peace. Is it any wonder that multigenerational police families advised their sons against coming into the department?

Every officer who lived through that time has his own set of remembered experiences. Some of us were luckier than others. I was on my way to work as captain at Taraval Station one morning in 1974 when the Symbionese Liberation Army with newly inducted Patty Hearst robbed the Hibernia Bank on Noriega Street. If I had come along five minutes later I would have driven into a trap set to take out police officers responding to the bank alarm.

The next year, at Mission Station, we found an undetonated bomb on the roof; another was found under a car in the parking lot. We also learned of a plan to attack the station with a rocket launcher from the balcony of a school across the street. Fortunately, the launcher failed to fire.

George Moscone's 1975 election as mayor, supported by a coalition of minorities, gays and members of the Rev. Jim Jones' Peoples Temple, was viewed by many as a victory of the very forces against which the po-



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the New Year's morning murder of an officer in a seedy Tenderloin doorway. A few months later, another officer was assassinated sitting in his marked police vehicle writing a parking citation; yet another was killed in a gun duel with a bank robber at Sixth and Clement.

In February 1970, Sergeant Brian McDonnell was killed by a bomb set against the window of the business office at Park Station by leftist political radicals. The following year, members of the Black Guerrilla Family invaded Ingleside Station and shot down Sgt. Jack Young at his desk.

As we stood in respectful formation in front of St. Brendan's Church at the funeral for Inspector Harold Hamilton,

lice had been arrayed for the preceding murderous decade.

Nowhere was the pain felt more acutely than in the Police Department. Moscone's outsider chief of police, Charles Gain — from benighted Oakland, for God's sake — was thought at the very least to harbor dangerously liberal ideas about how police affairs should be managed.

Over the next few years, the organizational climate in the department was that of a low-intensity insurrection. Sworn to enforce the law and obey their superiors, the officers did their job, albeit sometimes grudgingly. It was those same officers who manned the line on White Night, taking rocks from the more violent representatives

From The Archives...

San Francisco Policeman, June 1979

Press Release

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association, representing 1,500 police officers, expresses its "outrage" regarding the conduct of high police administration officials during Monday night's riot at City Hall.

City officials, as well as Chief of Police Charles R. Gain had full knowledge of anticipated problems and should have exercised much better judgment in the deployment of police personnel.

As a result of the administration's "inaction" in controlling and isolating the initial group of disturbers the crowd took complete control of the streets, and in fact, had City Hall under siege.

The POA is highly critical of the "judgment" calls that kept the tactical units in abeyance, while an explosive situation that could have been contained with a minimum number of highly trained personnel escalated to a full scale riot. As a result, a half million dollars damage was sustained, sixty-three (63) police officers were injured, as well as an untold number of civilians (demonstrators and innocent by-standers) having received substantial injuries.

To command scores of officers to remain stationary while being pelted with rocks, bottles and chunks of concrete is a situation that is completely intolerable. The present level of frustration in the San Francisco Police Department is at an all time "high" and steps must be taken to relieve that pressure.

I have formally requested the Civil Grand Jury to conduct a complete and independent investigation of the circumstances surrounding the riot and the "inaction" that resulted in so much damage in injuries.

Monday night's action was not a mere display of civil disobedience on the part of those participating, but a conspiratorial display of felonious conduct that could have been prevented.

*Robert F. Barry, President,
San Francisco Police Officers' Association*

of the city that San Francisco has become. Embattled and besieged by more than a decade of assaults on their values and their lives, the officers' blood was up. In that Castro District confrontation, it wasn't a question of protecting the officers from the crowd, but rather the reverse.

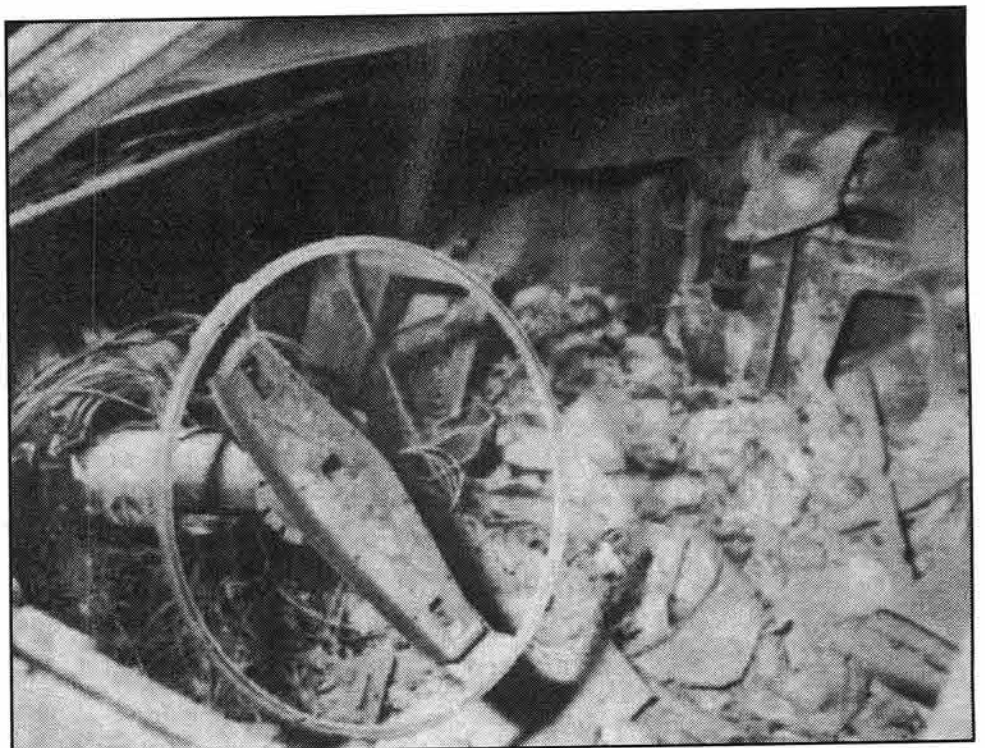
The idea of backing away from a fight runs against the grain of everything police officers stand for. That night, officers said they were "humiliated" by the withdrawal. My position, then and now — emotional considerations aside — is that the withdrawal was justified and even necessary if extensive unwarranted bloodshed was to be avoided.

For one, I agree that the missing ingredient that night was Harvey Milk. Harvey would have done what no uniform could accomplish when the group began to vandalize City Hall. He would — as he had many times before when conditions threatened to turn violent — refocus the crowd's energy.

Since then, The City has come full circle. The extreme craziness of the late 1970s seems to have subsided — for now at least. There have been no large-scale violent demonstrations in recent years. Two officers have lost their lives at the hands of criminals in the past two decades compared with the dozen in the single decade before.

Charles Gain's brand of policing, so controversial in the 1970s, has pretty much been adopted as standard in The City. He now lives in comfortable retirement in the San Joaquin Valley, and it's safe to say that most of the officers involved with the riot also have retired.

Others involved in the events of the time have moved on as well. Willie Brown is now mayor. Supervisor Tom Ammann, then a schoolteacher with reason to fear for his continued employment, has recently run a credible campaign against Brown. Dianne Feinstein is now the senior senator for California.



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CalPERS Long-Term Care Program Application Period Ends June 30

Submitted by Al Casciato

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Federal Government Opens Investigation of D.C. Police E-mail

Wed, 11 Apr 2001. The U.S. Department of Justice has begun its own investigation of the e-mail sent by D.C. police officers that allegedly contained racist, sexist and homophobic comments. D.C. Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey told a House Appropriations subcommittee yesterday that he has given Justice attorneys two disks' worth of police e-mail, and that they are looking into possible civil rights violations.

Justice spokeswoman, Christine Romano, later confirmed that the agency's review is underway.

D.C. police officials revealed last week that an internal investigation had turned up offensive e-mail sent between patrol car laptops in 1999 and 2000. In the messages, police made derogatory comments about each other, as well as about residents, according to Ramsey and other top police officials. Ramsey promised the House subcommittee that he would not be merciful in punishing officers who are found to have committed civil rights violations. "My goal is not to rehabilitate them. My goal is to fire them," Ramsey said.

The chief said the police internal investigation also will focus on instances of "biased policing." He said investigators would determine whether the names of the officers who typed the offensive messages show up in resident complaints filed previously.

Meanwhile, D.C. fire department officials talked about their own problems with offensive language in the workplace. D.C. Fire Chief Ronnie Few said he ordered the shutdown in January of an anonymous newsletter called "Lowlights" that had been circulating in the department for about a year and

a half. He said the four-page newsletter, which appeared about once a month, and was placed in mail slots throughout the department, and contained offensive comments in its last edition, although he declined to categorize them as racist, sexist or homophobic.

Few was asked about the newsletter at the House subcommittee hearing after a WRC-TV (Channel 4) report on the incident. Five female EMS supervisors who were named in that edition of the newsletter filed complaints yesterday with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission, according to a fire department source. The source said their complaints allege that the comments made about them were of a sexual and racial nature.

Lt. Ray Sneed, head of the D.C. firefighters union, said the newsletter began as a chatty internal gossip column. "It talked about who got married, who was promoted, who should not have been promoted," and it caused little if any furor, he said. "But this last copy crossed the line. There were a couple of names in there. There was profanity and a comic strip. I could see where it was offensive to some people," Sneed said, declining to elaborate.

Few said he has asked the District's office of the inspector general to investigate the matter and help him find out who published the newsletter. A search of all the department's computers did not turn up evidence, and Few said he thinks the newsletter was done from someone's home. "After I saw it, we did some diversity training, and I have not seen or heard anything about it since," Few said. He said he plans to discipline the writer if that person is found.

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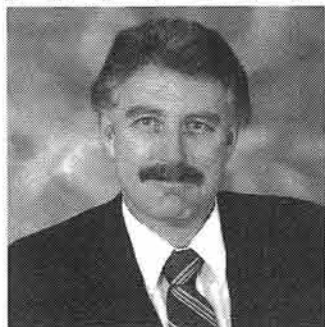
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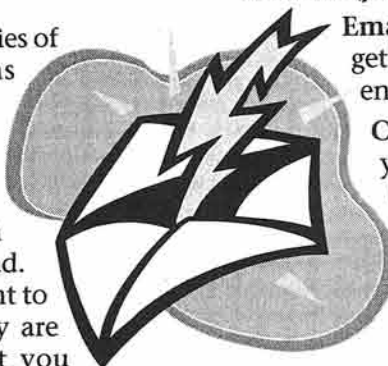
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New York Close to Banning Cell Phones While Driving

New York may become the first state in the country to ban use of cell phones while driving. Many states are considering a ban but so far none of the measures have been passed into law.

The New York bill, which is considered very close to passing (Gov. Pataki has vowed to sign the bill the day it arrives on his desk), excludes phones

which are not hand-held like speaker phones and phones with separate earphones.

A rise in the number of accidents, many of them with fatalities, has prompted legislators to favor restricting cell phone use for motorists. Several countries have adopted bans, including Britain, Japan and Israel.

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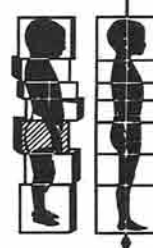
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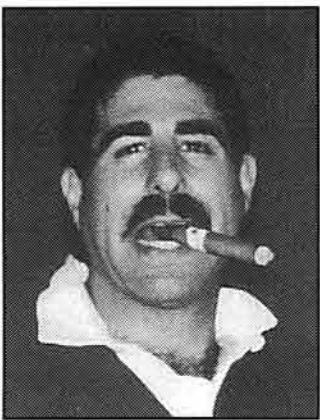
By Nick Shihadeh,
POA Journal Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT: I want to congratulate Jerry Darcy on a fine job as basketball commissioner for the second year in a row. I imagine he is still trying to collect the rest of the league fees from some of the teams, so please help him out and get the funds to him at Tenderloin Station (you know who you are). As far as next year, it would be great if he can get the season started sooner. I remember the days when the b-ball season started in October and ended in January—that would be something to see again.

Department softball is going strong at mid season under new commissioner Brian Olcomendy. It didn't look like the season would even get going because of screw-ups by the Park and Rec when it came to field reservations as well as how much they're charging us for fields (it's pretty sad when we get treated better by the Daly City Park and Rec than our own city when it comes to use of fields for softball). It also didn't help when the fire department softball league pulled a fast one by grabbing both fields at Jackson Park from under us on Tuesdays. Despite the confusion and miscommunication and dirty pool, things are back on track.

This year in league play, be aware that there is only one division rather than two with sixteen teams battling for ten playoff spots. There will be two sets of playoffs with the first four teams in the division fighting for the tier one playoff championship while teams five through ten competing for the tier two championship.

There's a real dog fight atop of the



league for the tier one playoffs with Southern Station leading the way with an undefeated 4-0 record (at the printing of this column). They haven't played any tough teams just yet so anything can happen; but, their team is still very strong sporting the likes of Al Honnibal, Tommy Walsh, Carl Bryant, Matt "Cheek Bone" Gooden, and the always powerful Dave Maron.

Northern #1 is in second place at 3-0 with manager Dave Herman running a tight ship. Star player Rob Fung is leading this team that also has Dom "The Hawk" Panina, Scott "Buddy Buddy" Warnke, Joe "7-11" Zamagni, and Jeff "JR" Roth doing a fine job. It will be interesting to see if they can pull the season off without the help of long time Northern veteran Benny "Hanzi" Vigil, who isn't on the club this year.

TAC is tied for third place with the Inspectors team with both at 4-1. TAC has a very competitive club that is run by catcher Ed Callejas. The rest of the infield has Al Miranda pitching, Bob Puts at first, Mike "Gonzo": Gonzales at second base, Sean Wallace at short, Rollie "The Goalie" Canales at third—and the outfielders are Rick Bruce, Greg Suhr, Bob "Hammerhead" Miller, and

Ed "Muscle Shirt" Yu. The Inspectors has the likes of Joe Engler Jr., Mike Beil, and Leroy Lindo (just to name a few) contributing.

Mission #1 is not far behind at 3-1 with Mike Flynn—"Stone" doing a fine job leading the way on the mound as usual. Others include Chuck Collins, Brian Philpott, Gary Hazelhoffer, Pablo "The Joker" Ossio, Jake Fegan, and Joe Barretta.

Ingleside Station is sporting a 3-2 record but I don't have much to say about them as they take softball as well as themselves way too seriously. Richmond/Taraval is doing a fine job with a .500 record (2-2). Lindsey Sulsow is once again combining forces with Geno Traversaro to put together a decent team that also includes Tom "Lumpy" Lovrin, Tom Taylor, Bill DeCarski, Lori Brophy, Jim Strange, and Bassey Obot.

Five teams are tied with 2-win, 3-loss records; these middle of the pack teams include Airport, Northern #2, Park, Narcotics, and Bayview Station. This is a real dog fight when it comes to the tier two playoff positioning.

Airport lost some key players this year but still have a decent club with the sorts of Steve "Say Hey" Maes, Mike Etcheverry, Jim "Warning Track Power" McCoy, Marty Scanlon, and of course long time pitcher Nick Allen. They are definitely missing long time vet and all around good guy Jim O'Meara , but because of family commitments, he wasn't able to compete this year (all of our prayers are with you and your family Jim!).

Northern #2 is doing surprisingly well under the tutelage of Joe "Stretch" Boyle and "Steve "Canig" Caniglia. Other players include Matt Inocencio, William "Back Stop" Murray, Scott Hedorn, and returning veteran Tony "Italian Stallion" Manfreda (who is still turning triples into singles with his deafening speed).


The Park Station Islanders have a

competitive team but has had some hard luck losing two of their games by 1-run margins. Some of the players making up the most fun team in the league include: Bud Clinton, Larry McDevitt, Mike "Bert" Siebert, Pierre Martinez, Quok "Don't Call Me Dave" Do, Nick "Someguy" Shihadeh, Kevin Murray, and of course Greg Kane.

Narcotics is being run by Brian Olcomendy and has long time vet Matt Hanley leading the way. They would've had long time veteran Gary Delagnes on the club but he quit after coming out to just one game, playing the pitcher's position, and getting shelled by the Inspectors team. Don't count these guys out though as they have younger players Ricky Guerrero, Vinny "Don't Call Me Vince" Etchebere, Jon Kasper, Kevin "Scrappy" Healy, and of course Kevin "Lab" Labanowski. As far as Bayview Station, I'm not quite sure who plays on that team but I'm sure they're a good bunch of guys.

Four teams scraping the bottom of the division are Tenderloin Station (1-3), SF Sheriffs (1-3), Daly City PD (0-3), and the ever popular Mission Chihuahuas (0-4). It's unfortunate about the Chihuahuas as they made the playoffs for the first time in their existence last year, but have fallen back down to earth with a thump as they can't seem to win a game for their collective lives. They still have a fun-loving group of players though featuring Ed Carew, Pete "Liverpool" Richardson, Tessa "Collision at Home Plate" Escobar, Ed Robles, Mark Yesitas, and of course Russ Gordin. The Chihuahuas are of course missing George Leong who decided not to play this year. Another player they sure miss is Jeff Smith who also isn't with the club anymore (you're still in our hearts Jeff; we hope you're doing well). The standings as of Mon. May 7th appear with this column. That's all for this month....So See Ya next month.....

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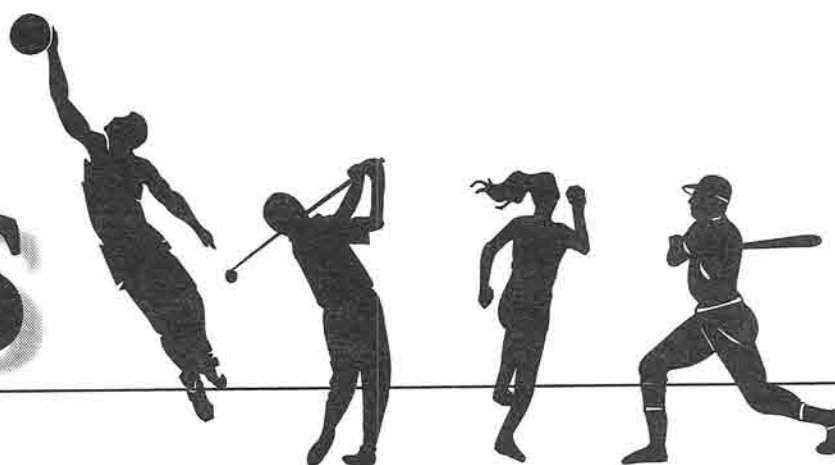
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Sports



Chris daRoza brings home two Bronze medals for SFPD

2001 North American Police Ski Championships

By Chris daRoza
Airport

There is no better way to raise money for The Winter Special Olympics than skiing in Aspen, Colorado. This year's North American Police Ski Championships (NAPSC) was held at Snowmass Village in Aspen. It was held from March 17th through the 24th. Law Enforcement officers from around the globe showed up to compete, including teams from Italy, England and Canada.

This year, a 5-day lift ticket was good at 4 different resorts, Snowmass, Ajax, Buttermilk and Highlands. There were complimentary shuttle busses available to the other ski areas, and to the City of Aspen.

I hope that next year we can put together a SFPD team

NAPSC is special in its own way because this group even sets up races for the guests of the Law Enforcement Officers. There was also a Special Olympics auction, which tantalized the buying temptations, and everyone's emotions ran high.

NAPSC has three separate events, plus a seed race. The events include the Downhill GS, Slalom and Super G (where helmets are required). There was an awards presentation every night of the week, an auction, and a wonderful banquet on the last day. Everyone, including guests, was eligible for door prizes given out each night.

The first day, the group put on a Race Clinic. If you have never raced before, don't miss the opportunity to

attend such a clinic. I know it helped me. Each day after the clinic was one of the races, beginning with the Seed race that determines an individual's ability (beginner, intermediate, advance and expert). The group also divides the individuals into 5-year age increments, which in turn decreases the number of people in your group for a better chance of winning the Gold. The guest races also went smoothly, and this year they included a snowboard race.

For all that care to know, I was the only SFPD Officer able to attend. I was unable to bring home the Gold due to LAPD and Metro London PD. In addition, there may have been a sandbagger here and there. I did bring home two Bronze medals for SFPD in the Downhill GS and Slalom races in the advance division, 30-34 age group.

This was a week not to be forgotten by all, and all for a good cause. In the final day, it was brought to our attention that we were able to raise over \$37,000 dollars for the Winter Special Olympics this year. In total, NAPSC has donated over \$280,000 dollars to the Special Olympics over the past 8 years.

I met wonderful people from around the globe with whom I hope to keep in contact. I hope that next year we can put together a SFPD team so we can take home some team medals.

For all the skiers out there, just to let you know there are 2 other different competitions held each year. They are the International Police Winter games (IPWG, Next year 2002 will be at Innsbruck, Austria) and The California Fire/Police Winter games (held in Mammoth). If anyone is interested in assembling a SFPD team, let's try and get something together.

Until next year, happy skiing.



By Rene LaPrevotte

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Patrol Officers of the Month

By Ray Shine
Editor

Seeking to publicly acknowledge the hard work and dedication of uniformed police officers, Commander Rick Bruce has implemented the *San Francisco Police Department's Patrol Officer of the Month*, a program that recognizes individuals who personify the admirable qualities common in all San Francisco street cops.

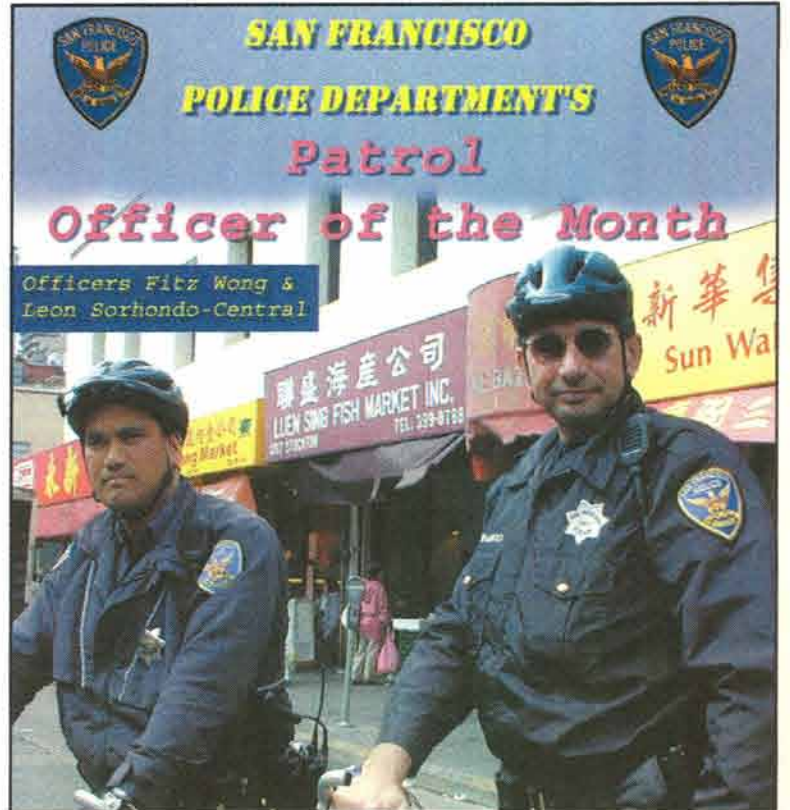
Each month, Commander Bruce will ask a district captain to nominate one of their uniformed officers for this special recognition. The selection of a single officer, or team of officers, for this honor will prove to be an unenviable task. It will, after all, be very difficult to single out one or two officers from among so many, all

of whom are as focused on their duty; every one as unassuming as the next; all as worthy and deserving.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association applauds Commander Bruce and the Administration for so pointedly recognizing the uniformed patrol officers who comprise "the backbone of the Department".

The Association also congratulates Fitz Wong and Leon Sorhondo, for being chosen as the May, 2001 Patrol Officers of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Fitz and Leon serves to exemplify the strength of character, compassion, and commitment to community that is embodied in all of the men and women of the SFPD.

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