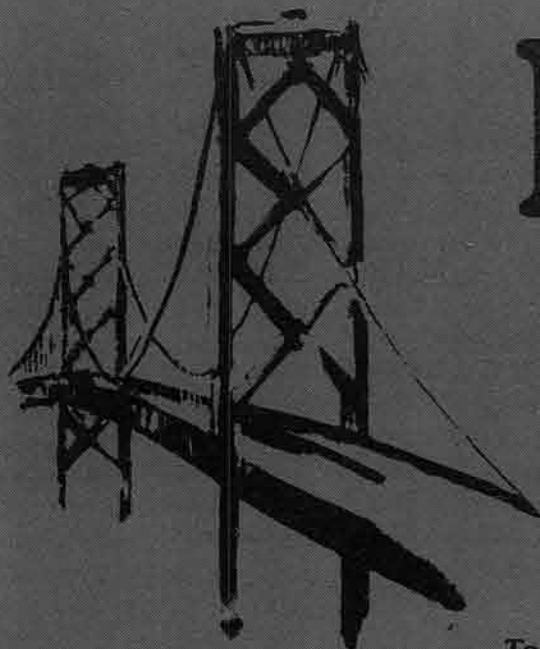


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Winds Of Change

by Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

On Tuesday, October 27, 1992, the San Francisco Police Officers' Association was presented with its own Charter by the President of the Service Employees International Union, John Sweeney. This marks the beginning of SEIU Local 911 and our official affiliation with organized labor.

As many of you already know, the process of affiliation began nearly three years ago when the Association, at that time, was being battered by a mean-spirited mayoral administration. President Mike Keys sought the support of labor for our collective bargaining measure Proposition D. In that process, the Association began to understand just how beneficial an affiliation with organized labor here in San Francisco could be.

A committee was organized that looked into the possibility of affiliation. Their ultimate recommendation was to affiliate with the Service Employees International Union, which would allow us to have our own Charter and, at the same time, provide the autonomy we are accustomed to. There have been many milestones, not the least of which was the ratification for our first-ever contract on July 1, 1992. The POA Board Directors, once the contract was finalized, felt that the time was right to send the question of affiliation to the membership. The rest is history.

On Tuesday, October 27, 1992, the Board of Directors and members of the Negotiating Committee, were invited to participate in the Charter presentation ceremony. Those in attendance were impressed by the sincerity, organization and professionalism of SEIU's representatives. Not only did President John Sweeney

travel from Washington, D.C. for this occasion, but he brought along with him Secretary/Treasurer Dick Cordtz and Dave Baker, head of the Public Employee Division of SEIU. It was impressive and complimentary that the President, Secretary/Treasurer and a fairly substantial number of other chief executives of the Service Employees International Union would travel great distances in order to make the Charter presentation to our Association.

We are now beginning an adjustment and evaluation period during which the Association will familiarize itself with the many benefits provided by SEIU. If our affiliation with SEIU and the San Francisco Labor Council provides us with the security to maintain the right to collectively bargain and continue to have binding interest arbitration, it will have all been worth



A sincere personal thank you must go to the membership for supporting the concept of affiliation and to trusting the judgment of your POA Administration. Also, the Association appreciates the time and council of Walter Johnson, Paul Dempster and Stan Smith.

CHIEF'S APPOINTMENT

On behalf of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, I would like to take this opportunity to congratulate our new Chief Anthony Ribera and to wish him and his new administration well.

I would also like to recognize Acting Chief Thomas Murphy for his efforts and steady hand during a difficult transition period. Acting Chief Murphy took control at a time when there was much controversy with the firing of Richard Hongisto, and provided an equitable and steady transition period. For this, we thank him

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Mayor Frank Jordan with all the stars he wore in his SFPD career.

A Police Museum...At Last?

by Carl Tennenbaum

The San Francisco Police Museum is the labor of love of Officer Robert Fitzer, who began collecting police memorabilia while working as a cadet in 1969. In 1985, after the collection had outgrown his house, and with a desire to share the collection with the public, Bob approached the administration of the Police Department for their support of the museum project. Police Chief Con Murphy gave his endorsement to the project, and Bob was able to secure a space on the fourth floor of the Civic Auditorium. The museum, which consists of over 2,000 artifacts, including a 1955 Ford Custom and a vintage Harley Davidson three wheeler, has languished in relative obscurity ever since.

In 1991, while working on Frank Jordan's Mayoral Campaign, Bob met Patricia Sullivan and Tony Passanisi, private business owners who were also working on the campaign. They joined forces with Officer Brenda Walker and State Parole Agent Lou Tercero to form the Police Museum Committee. The committee's purpose was to raise funds for the relocation and operation of the museum.

The kick-off event was held on Thurs-

day evening, October 15, at A. Sabella's Restaurant. Among those in attendance were Mayor Frank Jordan and Wendy Paskin, Acting Police Chief Thomas Murphy, Deputy Chief Frank Reed, Supervisors Annemarie Conroy and Kevin Shelley, Police Commissioners Dorian Nelson and Tony Rodriguez, and retired Police Chief Tom Cahill.

The Committee members assembled on the stage where they were introduced, and a brief history of the museum was given by Bob Fitzer. Fitzer then presented Mayor Jordan with a framed mounting consisting of all of the police stars worn by Jordan during his 30 year career with the San Francisco Police Department.

Mayor Jordan, addressing the group of museum supporters, stated that he always feels at home with the members of the police department and that he had a "personal interest in seeing the San Francisco Police Museum find a new location" during his tenure as mayor. Former Chiefs Cahill, Jordan and current Chief Murphy then assembled on stage for an historic photo session, pictures of which will probably end up in the museum!

Thanks to A. Sabella's Restaurant, the

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Widows and Orphans Aid Association

The regular monthly meeting of The Widows and Orphans Aid Association was called to order by Pres. K. O'Connor at 2:05 p.m. Wednesday, October 18, 1992 in Conference Room, Ingleside.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: V. Pres. Maloney, Tr. Huegle, Secty. McKee excused. All other Officers present, along with Rudy Milon, Jack Cipparrone, Jack Southern & George Cathrell.

MINUTES OF LAST MEETING: Approved as presented to membership in writing.

COMMUNICATIONS: Following donation received and acknowledged by Secretary: AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ASSOCIATION - services rendered during their convention; MR./MRS. T.A. BRAGG - in memory of their son, Allyn Bragg.

BILLS: Treas. Parenti presented usual bills, benefits, salaries, taxes. APPROVED.

Treas. Parenti reported the following deaths:

JAMES GRISDALE: Born in Los Angeles in 1914, Jim became a member of the Department in 1949, age 35, after serving in the Coast Guard. After the Academy, he was assigned to Park Station. He stayed there for a year, transferred to Solo Motorcycles. In 1951 was granted Military Leave (Korea). When Jim returned, he was sent to Potrero for several weeks, then returned to Solo Motorcycles, remaining there until his retirement on disability in 1970, age 56. Jim was 78 when he passed away.

JOHN KIRK JOHNSON: Born in Ogden, Utah in 1924, John came to the West Coast, working in the shipyards until joining the Department in 1945 at age 21. From the Academy, John went to Taraval Station for two years, then was transferred to Southern where he stayed for a year before being assigned to Traffic Bureau, Administration. John served in many capacities in Traffic Administration, finally being appointed Inspector, Junior Traffic Patrol, serving in this capacity until his retirement for service at 1976 at age 52. John received the following awards during his time in the Department: 1952 - 1st Grade for assisting in arrest of hold-up man, during a gun battle. 1965 - C/C for apprehension of a suspect who had killed a grocer during a holdup. John was 68 when he passed away during a by-pass operation. He had just started a semi-annual dinner for members of Traffic

living in the Santa Rosa area. This will be continued as a memorial to John.

WILLIAM HOWARD PORTER: Born in San Francisco in 1916. He was known to all who had any dealings with him as Moose. After serving in the U.S. Navy, he became a member of the Department in 1945, age 29. Moose was at Ingleside for 2 years, Central for 3 years. Granted M/L in 1950, he served for 5 years in the Korean conflict. He returned to Central for one year and was transferred to Bureau of Inspectors, remaining there until his retirement for service in 1971, age 62. He was appointed Asst. Inspector in 1956, full Inspector 1959. Moose earned the following awards: 1951 - C/C rescue of persons from a burning building; 1959 - 1st Grade for the fatal shooting of an armed holdup man; 1959 - C/C investigation and arrest of suspect who had robbed a cab driver at knife point; 1962 - C/C arrest of two burglars wanted for numerous burglaries; 3rd Grade - arrest of suspect who had committed a hotel holdup. Moose was 76 when he passed away.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. David Brinker, V.P. Investments, Bank of America, reported on portfolio - down less than 1% due to drop in some Blue Chip stocks. Expect these will return but not at least until after election. Does not feel that election will make much difference, as heavy investors have adjusted. Recommended sale of Treasury Notes & Stocks, with buying of 5-Year Treasury Bond and certain stocks which seem to be at a low. APPROVED by Trustees.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: Committee chair by Mr. Hurley - No report.

GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION: NOMINATION FOR FOLLOWING OFFICES - PRESIDENT, VICE PRESIDENT, TRUSTEES (Jeffery & Kurpinksy), SECRETARY (McKEE).

PRES. O'CONNOR set next meeting for Thursday, November 12, 1992 in Conference Room, Ingleside Station, 2 p.m. NOTE CHANGE IN DATE.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business to come before the membership, the meeting was adjourned at 2:45 p.m. in memory of above departed Brothers.

Fraternally,
Bob McKee, Secretary with assistance from George Jeffery



POLICE POST #456 NEWS

by Greg Corrales

"Thus terminated the war, and with it all remembrance of the veteran's services."

General Sir William Napier, 1850

Veterans Day ceremonies at Arlington National Cemetery, the nation's annual salute to America's military veterans, will have a different look and feel this year. The Veterans Day National Committee, composed of 23 national veterans' service organizations, organizes the annual event. This year, with help from the U.S. Army Military District of Washington, promises something old and something new, according to the VA.

For the first time in many years, the national committee took a fresh look at the Veterans Day program which follows the traditional Presidential wreath-laying at the Tomb of the Unknowns on the prescribed 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month.

"We don't want to disturb national tradition," then-VA Secretary Edward Derwinski said, "but we are interested in adding elements to the amphitheater program that will increase its impact and meaning. We want people to leave this year's program feeling upbeat, proud and inspired by the patriotism of our veterans."

Upon reaching the conclusion that I could not become any more disappointed or discouraged with the VA's criminal foot-dragging in fairly and honestly dealing with Agent Orange claims, I have come across some information which puts a whole new perspective on their scandalous delays. Are you ready for this?

The VA has announced publication in the *Federal Register* of its final rule on establishing service-connection for exposure to mustard gas testing during WWII military service. WWII veterans involved in mustard gas testing who suffer from laryngitis, bronchitis, emphysema, asthma, conjunctivitis, keratitis, and/or corneal opacities, and who have not yet filed compensation claims should contact the nearest VA regional office for information and assistance. Great! It only took the VA a half century to do the right thing!

I received some important information from Mario di Lorenzo, who while enjoying retirement, is also the Senior Vice Commandant of Hangtown Detachment #697 of the Marine Corps League. Acting to address concerns about health problems reported by veterans who served in the Persian Gulf, the Senate on 7 October approved legislation to require the VA to provide health examinations to Operation Desert Storm veterans, establish a VA registry of health information about these veterans, and expand a Department of Defense registry established last year. The DoD registry, which now must include only troops exposed to the fumes of burning oil, would be expanded to include all members of the armed forces who served in the Persian Gulf. The expanded registry would include information about

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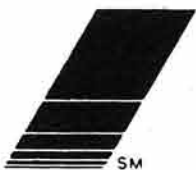
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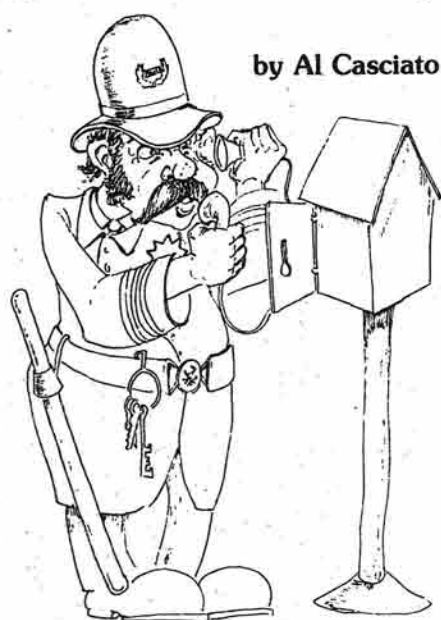
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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



by Al Casciato

GOOD LUCK CHIEF:

Good luck to Tony Riberia, who has his work cut out for him as the new Chief of the department.

THREAT BY HALLINAN

On election night, while at City Hall, I heard my name called out when I turned around I saw that it was Supervisor Terence Hallinan. He was flanked by his Campaign Treasurer Inspector Reno Rapaganini (Background Unit), and on-leave Officer Leanna Dawydiak. Terence then said, "I'm going to haunt you guys, I'm going to haunt you guys, just the way you haunted me this last month".

What Hallinan was doing was threatening the entire membership of the P.O.A. - Yes, this was the same man who the day before had told reporters he didn't understand why we couldn't disagree in a friendly manner.

PRO-ACTIVE POLICE WORK VS. REACTIVE RESPONSE

Can we ever get back to pro-active mode or has everyone been in a clerk mode so long that we have forgotten how to police?

RUMOR CONTROL...

Biggest disease of an organization is when rumors run rampant replacing reality....

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"The reason politicians remain professionals is that voters remain amateurs". Katherine Hepburn - 1948 movie, "The State of the Union".

MENTAL ERROR AWARD:

To the person who ordered the new squad cars with fabric backseats: good until the first puke.

TEN HOUR DAY:

When you listen to the anti-10 hour day forces discuss their rationale it's like listening to the practitioners of voodoo mathematics. Bottom line, if the 10 hour day isn't working it's a management problem - line troops shouldn't be blamed....

SAVE PLAN I:

Meetings are taking place seeking ways to save H.S.S. Plan I, and keep H.M.O. fees from doubling in '93-94. Also, the dental plans are being reviewed for problems - forward all complaints via this column....

VOLUNTARY TIME OFF:

Reduced work week??? In order to reduce the budget deficit, the Mayor's office is proposing a voluntary time off without pay program - expect to see a survey within the next month.

NIGHTMARE AT 7TH & BRYANT:

During commute time the intersection of 7th and Bryant has become a traffic nightmare as a result of the construction of the new jail. Question? How come no 10B on duty?...

OLD MISSION STATION:

The old building that originally housed Mission station is located at 3057 17th Street at Harrison - Having recently been restored, it's worth a drive by to see what it looked like in it's prime...

WEDDING BELLS:

Co D's **John Keane** tied the knot with Carol Rowland on Saturday, Oct. 17, 1992. The wedding, which was held at Star of the Sea Church, San Francisco, was specifically scheduled for Oct. 17, "Earthquake Day," since John and Carol met that day during the World Series at Candlestick Park. Congrats and best wishes...

BIRTHS:

Walt and Linda Cuddy, Co. F., welcomed their third child on October 13, 1992. **Daniel George**, 7lbs 13oz, 20" long, joined sister, **Jennifer**, 3 1/2 years old and brother, **John**, 2 1/2 years old at All are doing well and are extremely happy.

Welcoming their first arrival on October 18th at 12:55 hours were Co. H's **Randy and Beverly Young**. **Kirk Asai Young**, 7 lbs 10oz, 20 1/2 inches long, arrived just in time for the 49er game. Dad wasted no time introducing lil' Kirk to sports, much to mom's amusement.

Congrats to all and best wishes for the future.

THE SHOOT-OUT THAT DIDN'T HAPPEN:

The Northstars Motorcycle Club normally has **Sgts. Rene La Prevotte** and **Larry Barsetti** in attendance at their meetings. The meeting of October 14th held at the Connecticut Yankee on 17th Street **fortunately** was not attended by either Rene or Larry, due to previous commitments. Seems that half way through the meeting two armed robbers with shotguns burst into the restaurant and robbed all the patrons. Can you imagine what could have happened to those crooks if the boys had been there - on second thought, lucky for all that no shoot-out occurred....

RESPONSE ON TO THE BAY:

On October 17th Co. E's **Jack Kowal** and **Steve Gillis** fished a "raving 8 million" out of the bay, who was trying to rid himself of all the "creatures" crawling on his body. The public doesn't see this aspect of the job.

CAR JACKERS IN CUSTODY:

Three jackers trolling on 101 in Marin

County robbed a commuter and liberated his car. The Marin County Sheriff's office having the presence of mind to notify SFPD, were rewarded with a capture on Sutter Street to Sgt. Tom Del Torre Co. E. a short time later - lesson for you Marin commuters - travel armed.

R-9 FUND RAISER:

The P.O.A. Board of Directors has allocated \$500.00 seed money for a fundraiser to purchase new "young" dogs for the Dog Unit - Yes, this is as a result of the budget crisis, so if you can help or want to contribute, call the P.O.A. office,

861-5060, and leave a message for Jerry Donovan...

LAUGHING STOCK:

When we display our equipment, such as typewriters, computers, furniture, etc. to visitors, we are viewed as the laughing stock of the criminal justice system - Maybe it's time to fund raise like the K-9 Unit...

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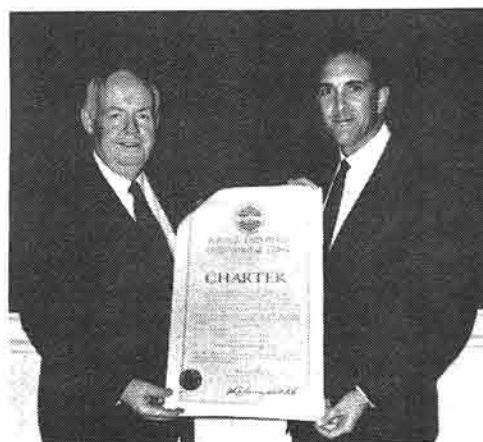
Gary Delagnes, John Sweeney, Al Trigueiro, and Phil Dito

P.O.A. Staff Report

On October 27, 1992 the San Francisco Police Officers' Association officially became a local of the City's largest and most powerful union - the Service Employees International Union (SEIU). But even before the charter cementing the affiliation was signed - SEIU had already been working behind the scenes for San Francisco police officers.

The union "went to bat" for the POA during the final stages of police contract negotiations with the City. The presence of the SEIU gave the POA a boost in bargaining, and insured that police officers would receive a fair and equitable contract.

It's the behind the scenes work, like that which took place during contract negotiations between the City, the POA and SEIU work which most officers will



John Sweeney, President of SEIU, and Al Trigueiro with our new Charter.

never see.

The combined power and influence of the POA and the SEIU will aide the POA in continuing to secure the best contracts and benefit packages available for officers.

While the actual signing of the contract

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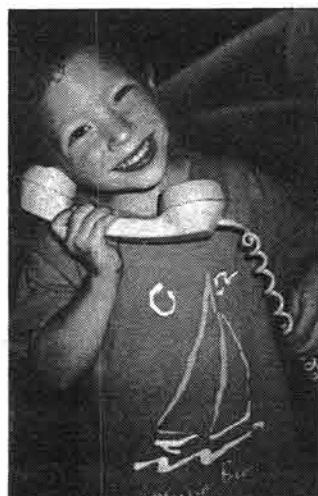
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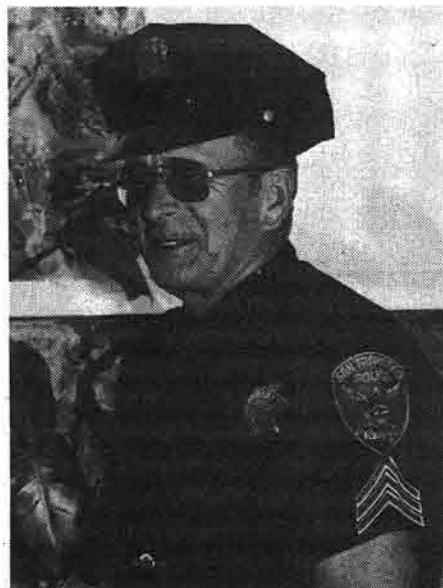
Bill Wilson Legend In His Own Time

In honoring Gwenn's request, this column is written in retrospect of Bill Wilson as seen through the eyes of his daughters — a profile of their dad as a father, police officer and humanitarian.

The concept of this column is not exclusively about Bill Wilson. It has been written for all the fallen warriors and unsung heroes now in nursing homes, convalescent hospitals, or as Bill is — restricted to the confines of his own home. For those of you who are able to walk golf courses, swim laps in a pool, or throw a bowling ball down an alley, we say, "enjoy." But let us not forget those that can no longer join us.

A few minutes of your time can mean so much to those officers who are ill or convalescing. Jim Curran, one of the most popular and respected members of the department, paid Bill a surprise visit at his home in Fairfield. His mere presence brought a twinkle to Bill's Irish blue eyes. The expression on Bill's face would reveal that it did him more good than any doctor's prescription. Gwen left the two "old cronies" alone. She was out doing her garden work when she heard laughter from the open bedroom window. She rolled her eyes heavenward and said aloud to herself, "Oh Lord, what tall sea stories they be spinning."

In our sorrow we realize that our's is not a unique situation. To the families who share the same unfortunate circumstances, we have no advise that will lighten your burden except to say, "Hang in there and God bless you."



When His Irish Eyes Are Smiling, You Know Bill Wilson's Up To Something Reflecting On The Life And Career Of Sergeant William R. Wilson

"Cut!" yelled the director. It was the filming of the television series "San Francisco Beat," and Bill was asked to drive the police car down a small street and then come to a complete stop. He drove down the street all right, but as he went to brake, he became a bit nervous and popped the hood! The director, trying to be patient with this San Francisco police officer, spoke gently and asked Bill to take the car back to the end of the street and retake the scene. Bill drove the car down the street and came to a complete stop, but before the director could yell, "Cut," up popped Beans Marionetti from the floor of the backseat, who had snuck into the car just so he could be part of the filming.

Though a lot of effort went into the filming of the opening scene of the series,

the task was one of the lighter ones Bill had over his 30 year career with the San Francisco Police Department, including his efforts just to make it on the force. Though always in good shape, Bill was underweight for the requirements the force wanted. All other tests had been passed except the weight qualification — and then only by six pounds. So on the advice of his friends and with the help of his fiancée, Gwenn, Bill downed several milkshakes and many bananas a few days before and the morning of his weigh-in. He had not only gained six pounds and passed the physical qualifications, but he had gained the chance to serve his city with dedication, compassion, sensitivity, laced with his quiet but devilish sense of humor that could always be seen in those sparkling, blue, Irish eyes.

With his responsibility of wearing his badge went along with his new responsibility of wearing a wedding ring. Two weeks before his appointment to the force, Bill and Gwenn were married. But if anyone had witnessed their first meeting, they might have thought that these two were not headed for wedded bliss. It was 1948, the El Patio Dance Hall, San Francisco. Against her better judgement — because she knew her sister was a blatant flirt — Gwen went along with her sister to the dance hall. This night was no different than the rest; Gwenn's sister began to flirt with a man standing behind Gwenn. But to the surprise of both girls, the man asked Gwenn to dance, not her sister. Red-faced, surprised, and knees like jello, the ex-ballerina kept stepping on Bill's toes.

"I'm a little rusty at this," she said in her defense. "I'll say," he retorted. She felt humiliated and wanted to go home, but for some reason went on to spend the rest of her evening with Bill and in turn the rest of her life.

Being part of a policeman's family is never easy. Bill and Gwenn had two daughters, Marsha and Billie Joy. While most of their friends dinner conversation centered around school, the Wilsons' conversations dealt with prostitution, drugs, busts and arrests.

Although Bill spent most of his career on the midnight shift and slept while the girls were in school, he managed a lot of discipline and one specific warning to both girls: "If I ever catch you speeding or in a motel room with a guy, I'll arrest you myself!" Yet in or out of uniform, he was a policeman 24 hours a day, especially when new boyfriends had to pass "inspection." The setting was always the same: Bill would be sitting in his recliner reading his paper. Young boys, eager to see Marsha or Billie Joy would walk into the living room where they would be introduced to Mr. Wilson. When the introductions were made, there was no "How do you do, son?" or handshake. Instead, Bill would slowly lower his paper just enough to inspect the young man from head to toe and then raise the paper and continue reading. If the boys felt their girlfriends were worth it, they would stick around, but most of them beat a fast path out the front door!

Although his family was aware of some of his activities on the force, Bill wasn't one to brag. Only through friends did his family find out about some of his quiet actions while on the force. Instead of arresting a young businessman for drunk and disorderly conduct, he often took money from his own pocket and sent the man home in a cab. Remembering his early beginnings, selling newspapers at the early age of give to help his single mother, he took a special interest in the young, dissuading them from negative behavior, giving them a positive role model. Those actions which deserved meritorious recognition included the following:

04/18/56, 2nd Grade

The rescue of numerous elderly persons from a burning building at great risk to himself.

03/16/63, 3rd Grade

The arrest of a person who was armed and dangerous after assaulting several women with a handgun.

05/02/64, 2nd Grade

The arrest of a felon who threatened to kill two men.

03/02/68, 2nd Grade

Hot pursuit and arrest of suspect whom he disarmed after suspect fired seven rounds and wounded two people.

It is no doubt that Bill served as a positive role model for those he came in contact with, especially his two daughters. Marsha now teaches high school and very often brings into her lesson plans her memories and teaching about life, peer pressure, and the choices which can make it or break it for a young person in today's society.

Billie went on to become a dispatcher and is now with the Vallejo Police Department. She began, however, with San Francisco where she was able to work with her dad. "How sweet it was," she recalls. "How often can a daughter tell her father where to go!"

Bill loved sports, especially golf, bowling, and swimming. And if you ever joined him in a round of golf or played on a league bowling team with him, you will remember what a perfectionist he was! While a team member of the muni bowling league, Bill traveled to several cities, where he never missed a chance to clown around or play practical jokes (an obvious release to the stresses of a police officer).

Once while in Los Angeles, Bill and a friend donned their wife's flowered bathing caps, stuck cigarettes up their nostrils and while their lower bodies remained in the pool — managed to place their rather large feet over the top of the pool side. There was no doubt which one was Bill: he was the one with the sparkling blue, Irish eyes! Whatever happened to the ol' days?

Though he took every sport seriously, his favorite sport was swimming, and it was in a swimming pool that he demonstrated a stroke resembling that of Johnny Weismuller's. Although he had been swimming since a young age, Bill — in his mid-50s — decided to swim in the Police Olympics. Because of his age, he had to swim with the Masters, but that seemed more of a challenge than a hindrance to him. He not only managed to win in his own division, but also managed to beat out the younger officers who were astonished to see the "old man" glide swiftly and beautifully through the water. Bill was awarded more than 30 medals. Due to his illness over the past several years, he was unable to teach his grandchildren how to swim; the older two grandchildren, however, share his style and grace in the water. When asked by observers who taught them how to swim, they proudly say, "Our Grandfather."

There are no more bowling leagues, swim meets, line-ups, or boyfriend inspections. Now there are only memories. In his failing health he remains as he always has been — a quiet hero. And despite his inability to enjoy life as he once did, once in a while if you look carefully enough, someone will crack a joke and he'll get that devilish look in his sparkling, blue, Irish eyes.

We gratefully wish to acknowledge publicly the part of this difficult project Beans Marionetti has played. He willingly gave up his column so that we could write about our dad as only police officers' daughters can do. His kindness, thoughtfulness, sensitivity and prayers have helped us through this every dark time in our lives.

Four decades ago, Dad came home and exclaimed, "Ya know, that Beans Marionetti is a real nice guy!" Forty years later in unison we echo this same sentiment: "Ya know, that Beans Marionetti is a real nice guy!"

The Bill Wilson Family

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October 14, 1992:

(The following was Dispatched to Mission/Ingleside Police units):

4:00 a.m.

"Shots fired, Army/Mission —
Caller still hearing numerous shots
in the area."

4:02 a.m.

3H11E "Shots fired from Army
Street Projects"

4:03:15 a.m.

3H11E "Just heard two shots.
Rapid burst of automatic fire
coming from Army Street
Projects."

4:03:39 a.m.

3D13C "Numerous rapid shots
from projects."

4:03:39 a.m.

3H16E and 3H16D arrive in area
as back-ups.

4:04:36 a.m.

3D13C "Good automatic weapon
shots being fired — use caution."

Unfortunately, the previous documented 4 minutes of terror imposed upon the officers and citizens of the Ingleside and Mission Districts were not unusual. Random shootings in San Francisco are now becoming all too frequent and way too dangerous. I don't have the answer to resolve this critical issue, but I do know that cancelling future police academy classes will only aggravate the situation! (Hello!! Mr. Mayor??)

Sergeant Bob Armanino was driving home in the early morning hours from Central Station when he saw seven young men beating a person at Sutter/Stockton Streets. Bob stopped and confronted all of the suspects. Two ran off while Bob pruned the other 5 out at gunpoint and requested a nearby cab driver to call for back-up. Once other police units arrived and the suspects were in custody, Bob learned that they (i.e. robbery suspects) were involved in two earlier incidents, one at Aquatic Park, one at Jefferson & Larkin Streets. (The suspects robbed then cut the throat of their first victim at Aquatic Park while only robbing their second victim at Jefferson/Larkin Streets). The suspect's latest robbery victim (a tourist to our city) was extremely fortunate that Sgt. Armanino intervened — instead of just suffering a broken jaw it could have been a lot worse.

Let's see — 1 police sergeant versus 7 street punks — Not the safest odds, especially when one of the suspects throws down a gun (later turned out to be a "look-alike"). If there's no medal awarded under these circumstances, we better scrap the system.

CHANGE

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and wish him well.

Despite the ratification of the contract, much work remains to be done and there are many problems that both the Department and your Association, the majority bargaining agent, need to address together. It has been the Association's experience with Captain Ribera during negotiation sessions, that he understands the importance of forthright communication as well as the delicateness of the negotiation process. There are times when it seemed that an agreement would never be reached, but Captain Ribera, along with Employee Relations Director Carl Bunch, remained open to compromise positions, ultimately leading to ratification of our

contract.

Since that time, the Association has dealt with Captain Ribera in the capacity of the person in charge of Fiscal where we have found him open to suggestions and willing to provide compromise solutions. We anticipate that these practices will continue as he assumes the position of Chief of Police. As Chief of our Department, he will be responsible to protect the interests of the City, and there will be occasions when disagreements with administrative decisions will arise.

However, the Association is optimistic that through open communication and mutual respect, equitable solutions can be attained and the Department will be on the road to solving many of its problems.

Again, our best to Chief Anthony Ribera and his new administration.

Officer Mike Burkley, Mission Station, interviewed a young couple who had the wife's car boosted on the evening of 10/23/92, then, because they were unable to repair the broken window that day, they put the victim-auto into their garage and parked their other vehicle on the street. Unfortunately, the next night (10/24/92) an auto-burglar cut through the convertible top of their other vehicle to get to the stereo. (We need the academy class, Mr. Mayor.)

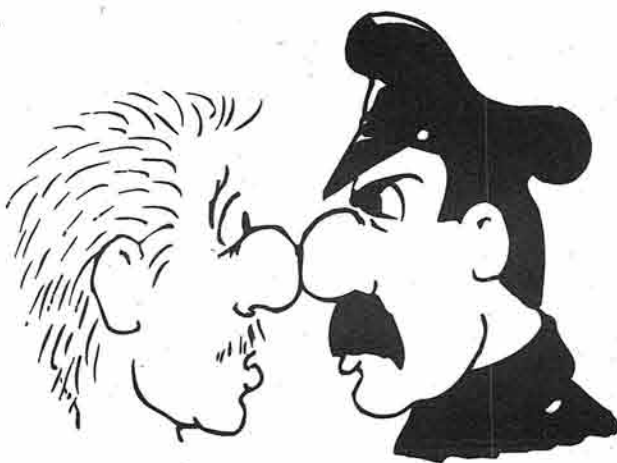
Should we have a needle exchange program in San Francisco?? Absolutely not!!

Especially when, as in **Officer John Miller and Art Johnson's** case on 10/10/92, the two officers from Mission Station arrested an individual at 16th/Mission Streets for being under the influence of narcotics. The officers asked the subject detained if he had any needles on him and he assured them he didn't. Fortunately, **Officer Miller** conducted his search incident to arrest in a very meticulous yet deliberate fashion and discovered 2 uncapped hypodermic syringes with blood, located in the subject's coat pocket.

The needle exchange program is a horrible response to a criminal problem — I encourage any politician who might be inclined to endorse such a plan to contact me as soon as possible.

Just when we thought Dolores Park was safe for our citizens, **Officer Eric Quema and Officer Jim Escobar** observed an individual standing at 20th/Dolores with a gun. The officers' timely response resulted in an arrest, recovered narcotics, and the fully-loaded, semi-automatic .380 the suspect had brandished.

10/07/92, and **Officer Steve Murphy and Officer Barbara Cassanego** responded to a report of a mentally deranged person armed with a knife. The officers arrive at the Ingleside address where a woman explains that her husband has had psychological problems, had threatened her with knives and has now barricaded himself on the 2nd floor of the residence. The officers note all the



Close Encounters

by Steve Johnson, Secretary SFPOA

broken furniture on the 1st floor and proceed up the staircase. They find the subject armed with 2 butcher knives on the top landing — **Officers Murphy and Cassanego** successfully, at great risk to their own lives, wrestled the knives from the armed subject.

Medal of Valor time??

On 10/25/92, you could have taken a ride out to the 2200 block of Bryant Street where you would have found **Officers George Leong, Sandy Phillips, Charles Orkes, Curtis Lum and Sgt. Henry Parra** trying to convince a crazed, butcher knife-wielding subject to relinquish his weapon.

Negotiations were hard-pressed since the armed suspect had turned on all the gas lines in the apartment and was not particularly interested in what the officers had to say, interrupting their offer to help by gouging out wallboard with the long blade of his weapon.

The suspect took many 'close encounter' slashes at **Sgt. Parra** but Henry pressed the armed subject to a corner where all of the officers took their chances (remember the gas??) in apprehending the suspect.

Medals all around!!

Police Officer Assassination Attempts:

We have never witnessed, since the early 1970's, as many attempted assassinations of police officers as we have recently:

Part I: 10/08/92: **Officer Nate Holmes and Officer Michael Robinson**, Potrero Station, tried to make

a traffic stop of a vehicle when it suddenly accelerated and led them on a pursuit through the district. The occupant of the suspect vehicle, at one point during the chase, pointed a shotgun out of his car window and fired at the two officers. The suspect eventually lost control of his car, resulting in an accident, and was chased down with the help of **Sgt. Dave Pollitt, Officer Wally Gin and Officer Michael Philpott.**

The suspect shot at a marked police vehicle' occupied by uniformed police officers - the suspect wanted to kill those police officers! The suspect is in custody and has been criminally charged. We should watch this particular case very closely.

Assassination Part II: **Officers Gary Constantine, Harold Vance and Daniel Cunningham** were in uniform, driving a marked police vehicle when they attempted to make a traffic stop on a vehicle for a miscellaneous violation. The driver of the car led the officers to the corner of Hudson and Whitney Young Circle. Before the officers could get out of their police vehicle, the suspect opened fire (the bullets breaking out the rear window of the suspect's car) in an attempt to kill the officers.

Why were there 3 officers in the police car?? Because one officer needs to be able to drive away from the area in case the other two are suddenly attacked — good thing we have crime under control in San Francisco.

(Our Department Awards Committee should be very busy this month!)

I need to impress upon our readers that I do not write this column to dissuade those interested in pursuing a criminal justice career from joining the San Francisco Police Department. I write "Close Encounters" because there is a lot of outstanding police work being accomplished that is often unacknowledged. I also write "Close Encounters" hoping that it will attract the attention of the news media so that the people we serve will learn the truth and our politicians will be held accountable. (P.S. Mr. Mayor: We need another Academy Class!!)

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SFPOA Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, September 15, 1992

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:

Present: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Murphy, Co. &; Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Sylvester, Hdqtrs.; Lemos, Invest.; Donovan, Tac; Java, Muni; Leydon, TTF; Wright, Retired; Dito, Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary; Delagnes, Vice-President; Trigueiro, President

Excused: Canedo, Co. E; Sullivan, Invest.; Fagan, Narcotics

President's Report: President Trigueiro deferred his report while Sheriff Michael Hennessey briefed the Board on Proposition B (Jail Expansion Bond Measure).

Following Sheriff Hennessey's presentation there were two (2) motions made regarding specific endorsements:

(1) M/Herman, 2nd/Sorgie to endorse Proposition B (Jail Expansion Bond Measure). Unanimous for approval.

(2) M/Pate, 2nd/Rosko to support Proposition L (Farmers' Market Zoning Restrictions). Motion passed (Yes/19, No/2, Abstained/2):

Yes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Murphy, Co. G; Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Sylvester, Hdqtrs.; Lemos, Invest.; Java, Muni; Leydon, TTF; Wright, Retired; Johnson, Secretary; Trigueiro, President

No: Sorgie, Co. C; Donovan, Tac

Abstained: Dito, Treasurer; Delagnes, Vice-President

A motion was then made, M/Deignan, 2nd/Machi, for the POA Board of Directors to formally endorse the recommendation made by the POA Legislative Committee (Chaired by Ray Benson) - pending final approval of these recommendations by a POA membership vote.

Motion passed (Yes/17, No/4, Abstained/2):

Yes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Murphy,

Co. G; Shine, Co. K; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Donovan, Tac; Java, Muni; Leydon, TTF; Dito, Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary; Delagnes, Vice-President; Trigueiro, President

No: Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Lemos, Invest.; Wright, Retired

Abstained: Pate, Co. D; Sylvester, Hdqtrs.

A motion, M/Rosko, 2nd/Wright, was made to endorse Manny Rosales for the Board of Supervisors.

Yes: Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Leydon, TTF; Wright, Retired

No: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Murphy, Co. G; Shine, Co. K; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Lemos, Invest.; Donovan, Tac; Java, Muni; Dito, Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary; Delagnes, Vice-President; Trigueiro, President

Slate Cards:

Two (2) motions were made to advertise the POA endorsements:

(1) M/Fulton, 2nd Johnson to follow-up on earlier argument with the S. F. Independent for a full page ad. Motion passed:

Yes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Murphy, Co. and Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Lemos, Invest.; Donovan, Tac; Java, Muni; Leydon, TTF; Wright, Retired; Dito, Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary; Delagnes, Vice-President; Trigueiro, President

No: Sylvester, Hdqtrs.

(2) M/Sorgie, 2nd/Fulton to sponsor a Special Edition of the POA Notebook to include our slate card endorsements (following ratification by membership). Motion passed:

Yes: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Ellis, Co. D; Pate, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Murphy, Co. G; Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Lemos, Invest;

Donovan, Tac; Java, Muni; Leydon, TTF; Wright, Retired; Dito, Treasurer; Johnson, Secretary; Delagnes, Vice-President; Trigueiro, President

No: Sylvester, Hdqtrs.

President Trigueiro then deferred any discussion regarding the Career Development Training Program, introduced by Commissioner David Detrick, to a future meeting.

President Trigueiro also noted that we are currently meeting and conferring with the Department Administration over the following issues:

- Physical Fitness Program
- Court Overtime
- Equivalent Holiday Use*
- FTO Selection Criteria
- Trades
- Career Development Program

President Trigueiro negotiated the right of members to extend their use of any remaining Equivalent Holidays until the end of June, 1993.

Bob Swall, Co. A, was commended by the Board for the outstanding work he did preparing background material on the various candidates.

Vice-President's Report: Pending grievance resolutions were discussed.

Secretary's Report: Secretary Johnson will be issuing bulletins on the status of the POA Continuing Education Committee and the POA Health Committee.

The Minutes for both August, 1992 (M/Deignan, 2nd/Machi) and September, 1992 (M/Sorgie, 2nd/Java) meetings were submitted and approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dito submitted the monthly financial statement for July, 1992 which was reviewed and approved (M/Deignan, 2nd/Delagnes).

The audit for the previous fiscal year was also reviewed (submitted to the Board at an earlier meeting) and approved (M/Lemos, 2nd/Donovan).

SFPOA Committee Reports

Police Services Committee: (Cunnie, Chair) Lt. Mike Kemmitt along with the POA representative from the Tactical Division, Jerry Donovan, presented Officer Dave O'Donnell with the SFPOA Officer of the Month Award for his dedication and personable manner in which he has promoted the image of our Department.

President Trigueiro also honored Mr. George Botha, Holiday Inn of San Francisco with our Citizen of the Month Award. Mr. Botha provided our members with rooms and nourishment during the long days of demonstrations following the Rodney King Verdict.

Publication Committee: (Flippin, Chair) None submitted.

Community Services Committee: (Huegle, Chair) The members of our Community Services Committee have done an outstanding job extending monetary benefits to those in our Community most in need. Participation will be addressed in future months.

Sports Committee: (Mollo, Chair) No report submitted.

Legislative Committee: (Benson, Chair) Addressed issues earlier.

Federal Litigation Committee: (Sullivan, Chair) No report submitted.

Health Committee: (Herman, Chair) Earlier report addressed. Bulletin will follow.

Continuing Education Committee: (Johnson/Harp, Chairs) Earlier report submitted. Bulletin will follow.

Grievance Committee: (Delagnes, Chair) Earlier report submitted.

By-Laws Committee: (Wright, Chair) Next meeting - November 4, 1992.

Women's Issues Committee: (Greely/Wittcop, Co-Chairs) The WIC is currently polling officers for the purpose of determining the scope and objectives during the coming year.

Blood Bank Committee: (Vigo, Chair) No report submitted.

Judicial Review Committee: (Balma, Chair) No report submitted.

Uniform & Safety Committee: (Herman, Chair) Dave Herman, Chair urged any member who experiences any problem(s) over obtaining needed uniform/safety equipment to contact him.

Our current uniform distributorship has been sold and is under new management.

Building Committee: (Lemos, Chair) The members of the Building Committee did an outstanding job negotiating a new lease on the building located at 502-7th Street.

Steve Johnson, Secretary

Special Board Meeting

October 20, 1992
1400 Hours

Call to Order
Pledge of Allegiance
Roll Call:

Present: Deignan, Co. A; Machi, Co. A; Macaulay, Co. B; Sorgie, Co. C; Pate, Co. D; Ellis, Co. D; Canedo, Co. E; Herman, Co. E; Cunnie, Co. F; Rosko, Co. H; Knighton, Co. I; Shine, Co. K; Sylvester, Hdqtrs.; Sullivan, Invest.; Lemos, Invest.; Donovan, Tac; Java, Muni; Leydon, TTF; Dito, Treasurer; Delagnes, Vice-President; Trigueiro, President

Excused: Murphy, Co. G; Fulton, Hdqtrs.; Fagan, Narcotics; Wright, Retired; Johnson, Secretary

President's Report: President Trigueiro convened the Special Board meeting for the purpose of discussing the Career Development Program currently proposed by the Police Commission. There were many questions regarding this initiative and a motion was entertained.

M/Sullivan, 2nd/Rosko to invite Commissioners Low and Detrick to our next Board meeting for further clarification of the proposed promotional plan. Motion passed unanimously.

The POA Special Board meeting was then adjourned and the quorum was carried over to the POA Regular Board meeting for October 1992.

Steve Johnson, Secretary

Steve Johnson, Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, October 20, 1992

President's Report:

Equivalent Holidays: Members with equivalent holidays have until June, 1993 to use them. (This extension was negotiated after initial overtures were made to limit time use.)

Court Compensation: President Trigueiro is currently negotiating with the Department Administration on pending Court Overtime issues.

Light Duty Policy: The Department is concerned over utilization of personnel on light duty and we are coming to terms, through negotiations with the needs of the Department as well as the concerns of affected members.

POA By-Laws: President Trigueiro will be meeting with his By-Laws Committee on 11/4/92 with a proposed final draft for submission to the Board on November 17, 1992.

Vice-President's Report: Grievance update

Secretary's Report: Deferred

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer Dito submitted the financial statement for Sep-

tember, 1992. M/Macaulay, 2nd/Knighton to accept.

Committee Reports

Women's Issues Committee: (Greely/Wittcop, Co-Chairs) Representatives of the Women's Issues Committee who attended a recent convention held in Florida reported how much our recent donation to the families of hurricane victims in Dade County meant. Monetary donations to those in need exceeded \$130,000 and were extremely appreciated.

Financial Requests

Proposition G: Buy Back City Employment Credit: A motion was entertained (M/Deignan, 2nd/Machi) to donate \$2,000.00 for the purpose of promoting Proposition G as, if passed, it would benefit many of our current members. The motion was unanimously approved.

A motion was also entertained (M/Machi, 2nd/Delagnes) providing \$3,000.00 for use by the Women's Issues Committee to pursue an event they have

planned for Thursday, 11/12/92. Motion passed unanimously.

M/Dito, 2nd/Sorgie: Expenditure of \$200.00 for a meeting scheduled on 11/12/92, honoring the Coalition of Labor Union Women. Motion passed unanimously.

M/Sullivan, 2nd/Sorgie: Expenditure of \$300.00 for the Prop 162 campaign, designed to protect state pension plans from intervention by government entities. Motion passed unanimously.

M/Deignan, 2nd/Cunnie: Expenditure of \$500.00 for the John Shelley Memorial — Motion passed unanimously.

M/Herman, 2nd/Lemos: Expenditure of \$1,000.00 for the police families who sustained losses from the recent hurricane on the island of Kauai. Motion passed unanimously.

M/Lemos, 2nd/Canedo: Expenditure of \$500.00 for Junior Police badges to be distributed to children in our city. Motion passed unanimously.

My First Solo Muni Ride

by Officer Edward Browne

The year was 1969. Our divided nation was embattled in the Vietnam war conflict. The news media saturated its nightly broadcast with graphic pictures of human suffering from abroad and public demonstrations at home. Ed Sullivan was leading the British invasion by hosting the Beatles and Stones. The San Francisco Giants even had a winning season. The Vietnam war was the topic of almost every adult conversation in my household.

As a thirteen year old boy growing up in the inner Mission District, my perception of the war was very distant. My only connection with the Vietnam war was watching the local and national news. On a hot and wilting summer afternoon that would all change.

It was the end of summer and I was in need of a new pair of blue jeans. So I asked my mother if I could take the Muni bus by myself to J.C. Penney at 5th/Market street. I relentlessly pestered her to no end to let me take my first solo excursion. She hesitated out of concern but finally gave in to preserve her sanity. It was a short distance traveled from 25th and Bryant Street to 5th and Mission Street.

As I boarded the bus I found a comfortable leather seat and a cheerful driver. I felt an exhilaration of independence as I took my first solo Muni ride. My whole world was opening up to a new age of awareness. The bus ride was pleasant as I daydreamed out the back window of the Mack bus. But upon arriving at my final destination at the old Mint building I became startled at what I observed. I exited the bus and witnessed people running wildly in all directions with the fear of God on their faces. Charging from behind them in a quick step was a large group of the San Francisco Police Department Tactical Division in a tight platoon formation.

My initial feeling at seeing this was heart stopping. I didn't know what to do or what to think. I froze in my tracks. These soldiers in blue were awesome and soul stirring. They marched like an invincible machine with finely tuned precision. Shoulder to shoulder the group of officers formed a line on Market Street keeping the hundreds of demonstrators at bay. I crept along the building line to get a closer look. The hoard of people demonstrating against the Vietnam war were throwing bottles, rocks and everything possible at the officers on line. The atmosphere was hostile, violent and unnerving. Hysteria filled the air. People were screaming obscenities at the peace keepers.

As the masses were mounting their anger and frustrations at the men in blue, a second group of counter demonstrators arrived on the street. This second group was a large contingent of hard hat construction workers who attempted to confront the original group of protesters. These two legions of armies were denied their goal of confrontation by another blue platoon of San Francisco's finest, who ran between the two warring factions. Batons were raised, and the officers moved in a half step concentrated effort, pushing the protesters back and apart. The gigantic crowd began dispersing in all directions.

These determined officers meant business. The Squads were solid and strong, operating in unison. I was in awe as I watched from my huddled position in a side doorway. I was scared and knew that it was time to flee the scene as the situation was becoming totally chaotic. I ran back to the bus stop and found my bus just preparing to depart. I jumped aboard, threw all my change into the coin box and slid into the nearest seat. My heart was racing, and my mind was stunned. The ride home seemed like an eternity. My life that afternoon was indeed opened up to a whole new world awareness. I was totally consumed with an array of mixed feelings in what I had just experienced.

My world that summer day was tainted with mass viciousness and ugliness. People would fight and protest to all limits for what they believed in. And in the middle of it all were the peace officers. Men who would protect the constitutional right of all to live in peace and freedom, no matter what their personal beliefs were. I thought of those men in uniform standing on line, steadfast and untarnished, demonstrating to all an endowed ability of self control engulfing the relentless taunting in an extremely stressful situation. I wondered how those officers felt that afternoon as they themselves projected the utmost professionalism in such a volatile and life threatening environment.

It wasn't until I became a San Francisco police officer and went on line during the Contra and Kuwait demonstrations that I realized how those officers of 1969 might have felt. I know that those men of blue at 5th and Market had to suppress their personal feelings and beliefs. Not to mention internalizing the situational stress of a critical event. I know now, that it took courage and integrity and most importantly, a belief in ones self to overcome all odds and adversities to maintain and hold that thin blue line. Needless to say, I didn't buy any blue jeans that hot summer day of 1969. And my mother was not happy.



After an absence of over 40 years, the Police Department again has a presence on the waters of San Francisco County in the form of S.F. Police Boat No. 1. On October 8, 1992, it officially was used to assist the United States Coast Guard in perimeter control for Fleet Week '92. Crew left to right: Off. Dick Walleit, Insp. Bob Bullard, and Lt. Jerry McCarthy, Commanding.



Officer Bob Fitzner MC's the Police Museum fundraiser.

MUSEUM

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members of the 171st academy class, Patricia Sullivan & Associates, Passanisi Investigations, and all others who helped make this a memorable event.

If you missed this event, not to worry! There is another one just around the corner. Also, if you know of any San Francisco Police memorabilia; or if you would like to get involved with the museum, please contact Officer Bob Fitzner at x1728.

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It Ain't Necessarily So

by Ron Morrison, Co. B

I read with interest the article by my friend Calvin Chow in October's Notebook, in which he asks us to accept Jesus as our Savior. Many times over the years as a POA member and faithful reader of our newspaper I have read the tracts submitted by adherents of the Christian religion. I remain skeptical.

I will agree with Calvin that, if indeed acceptance of Jesus is our only hope for salvation, this is THE most important question facing each one of us and it should be freely and openly considered. Our concerns about pay raises, retirement, and which dental plan to choose must seem trivial compared to the question of where we will spend eternity. Since this decision is such an important one, it seems to me that no restrictions should be put on the discussion, even if, as has happened in the past, certain members of our association found the conclusions of the Christians to be upsetting or insulting. The truth must be told, even if it hurts.

Therefore let us look at the assertions of the Christians, fully unafraid to enquire and debate. Perhaps I have overlooked some point which would make it all come clear, although I must say I have heard the arguments in favor of Christianity all my life and in my own personal search for truth, have read the New Testament many times and am well aware of its beauties and wonderful promise. Even God must welcome the questions of a seeker, and the opportunity to set the seeker on the right path. And His followers must rejoice in the chance to answer the doubts of a sinner and have their own faith tested by reason.

Christians make much of faith, for ultimately it must take a leap of faith, I believe, to embrace any of the world's great religions. The rightness or wrongness of any one of them cannot be proven (nor entirely disproven) by reason alone. And yet, it seems to me that we must use the reasoning power which, we might say, God has given us, to help us come to a decision. A Catholic priest once told me that anyone can prove the existence of God any time one chooses. I am also skeptical of this proposition (unless one changes the conception of God from the one people generally have of Him). It would seem, however, that a just and loving God who would set up for us such a great multiple-choice/true/false test with such an ultimate prize would at least give us the proper tools to work with. And it would appear that He has: we have the revealed truth from God and we have a brain (and a heart) to understand it with.

But how many times has God revealed his truth and in what forms? If this is the one and only hope, what of the millions of people who came before Jesus was even born, and the millions afterward in Africa and the Americas and the Far East, who never even had the chance to hear the message? Christians will answer this question with the letter of Paul to the Romans, first chapter, in which he tells us that all mankind is naturally privy to God's truth and have fallen away in sin through perversity. It does seem remarkable that of all the tens of thousands of tribes, kingdoms and civilizations throughout the world which the Christian European explorers came across, not once was found a people who had stayed holy and pure as God originally intended. And yet millions and

millions of these people had been born, toiled and hunted, made love and created sometimes great works of art and then perished all without the hope — indeed without even the opportunity — of knowing Jesus. There may be some sort of divine justice in this, but it seems to me to be a wholly unsatisfying sort of justice.

And as we look around us at the modern world, with its many religious choices, one thing is obvious right away: no religious proposition is so simple and beautiful and logical that the majority of people on this earth leap to it immediately. People generally accept the religion they are born into and grow up into the religious practices they have been taught, without much questioning or thought, nor for that matter, without much fervor. People generally go through the motions and do not explore the alternatives. There is not much fervor, that is, until a conflict arises with a rival religion. Then people will defend their faith to the death. This happens also to those who convert to one faith or another, sure that as children they were deceived, but as adults they are in possession of the truth and with a license from God to convert others to the same truth or to kill the infidel. We see this willingness to fight and kill for one's belief not only between members of different faiths, as with the Moslems and Jews in the Near East, or between Hindus and Buddhists in Sri Lanka, but within sects of the same religion, as between the Protestants and Catholics in Ireland, or the Roman Catholics and the Orthodox Christians in what was Yugoslavia. As we look at this sad spectacle and realize that every one of these true believers is sure that his truth is the truth, we must not only conclude that they cannot all be right, but also that it just might be impossible to be objectively right about any one of these religions.

And yet, of course just like all the others, Christians believe that their religion is the truth, and present various arguments and evidence for that belief. The Old and New Testaments are given to us as God's revealed truth, a combination of history and poetry and testimony and the last word on God's plan for His creation. And yet for the last 2000 years millions of Jews have lived and died, unconvinced that Jesus is their Messiah. Hundreds of millions of Mohammedans have rejected the same message, proclaiming that their holy book, coming from the same God as is worshiped by the Jews and Christians, is really God's last word and that the message of Jesus has been distorted and their prophet had been chosen by God to correct the record and set the world straight. In fact, it seems that Islam has outpaced Christianity in the battle for men's souls, since I believe at last count there were more Mohammedans than Christians in the world. And we also have cases of people converting from one of these religions to another, such as the thousands of African-Americans who have become Black Muslims, convinced that Christianity was only a tool to keep them in subservience

to whites. It is surprising to Christians that a person could even think of converting to Judaism or Islam or Buddhism, and yet it happens, even sometimes when the convert is steeped in Christian learning.

Then again, if we take our attention away from the competition between different religions and look at the different sects and movements within any one of these religions, it will, I believe, only increase the suspicion that people are engaging in a great deal of wishful thinking when they assert that they are in sole possession of the truth. And yet they insist that we should convert, come round to their point of view and, in so doing, reject all the others. Judaism has three main branches, Islam and Christianity, two. But let us look closer at Christianity and we will begin to see an almost innumerable variety of interpretations of God's revealed truth. For example, we can find millions of people who are convinced that the Book of Mormon is also God's revealed truth, the testament of Jesus to the original inhabitants of the New World. All claims made for the Bible are made with equal fervor for the Book of Mormon, that it is history and revelation and that it is corroborated by the testimony of credible witnesses. What are we to make of this? Should we not, as the Mormons do, begin baptizing our dead ancestors? (This at least takes care of the injustice mentioned earlier).

And there are other revelations: Christian Science and the Seventh Day Adventists, the Jehovah's Witnesses and the Moonies. Add to these the myriad other brand-names, the Methodists and Quakers, Baptists and Lutherans, Episcopalians and Roman Catholics, the Orthodox and the Coptics. Each of these groups, worshipping the same Savior and with the same Book, have at one time or another practiced or been subject to the most cruel name-calling and discrimination, and yes, even death at the hands of one or more of the others. But that is not the main argument against them: it is the fact that if THE TRUTH IS so simple and pure, so easily grasped and with such a light burden, why are there so many varieties of this truth, so many interpretations and practices and beliefs, all coming from this one belief? Is it just the perversity of mankind? Or perhaps that the truth, after all, is a dynamic and an unquantifiable thing, just as God Himself must be unquantifiable.

And so, when a man with all the best intentions as brother Chow comes to us and wishes to convert us to his particular religion, we must be open and receptive but also skeptical and questioning. There are other reasons for skepticism about Christianity, no matter how beautiful the message may seem, as indeed there are good arguments which should make us skeptical of every religion. And how wonderful it is that we live in a time, and in a country, where we may look at all of the choices freely and openly, where we may even reject all of them without fear of having a conversion forced upon us.

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THE MEMBERS SPEAK

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What Tangled Webs We Weave Wake Up Call OCC

by Brenda Rogers, Co. H

Have you ever had one of those days when you tell the truth, the whole truth and nothing but the truth so help you? I did...unfortunately certain individuals decided my word wasn't good enough, just the same.

In July of 1991, I received an OCC complaint that alleged neglect of duty and discourtesy to a citizen (sound familiar?). I received my OCC rebuttal form in April 1992, or was it May, 1992? I denied having told complainant #1 (alias Mama) to "shut up;" "no, you can't have my damned star number" and so forth — yes, there was more.

Time elapsed, and eventually the OCC investigator ordered me to appear before him for an oral interview. My story and proclamation of innocence stayed the same which is more than I can say for the two complainants who "recalled" even more profanities that I reportedly directed towards them and more acts of non-professional conduct when it came time for their tape recorded OCC interview.

Perhaps I was just one step ahead of my accusers when it came time for tape recording. I happen to wear one on my gunbelt. On my written rebuttal and during my oral interview with the investigator, I happened to mention the probable use of it to tape record the complainant's interview that could disprove their allegations. By this time, however, almost a year had elapsed, and I wasn't completely sure I had retained it. I have numerous job-oriented tapes at home. However, I occasionally re-use them. Just the same, I felt my word was good enough. It was to no avail, and I was indeed a sacrificial pig (pardon the pun) and received a sustained complaint.

I might mention that I had a partner (also called in for an OCC interview) that day. However, she stayed in our vehicle parked away from the location we responded to and only heard the interview forthcoming at our vehicle. She didn't see or hear Mama's reaction when I asked to use the family phone to speak with a supervisor. Mama was angry with my request and slammed the front door — leaving the 3 of us (Mama, complainant #2 and yours truly) on the front stairs. Mama went on to tell me how to do my job, and I realized that it was time to tune her out (on Army Street no less) and focus on complainant #2 (alias Daughter) who was the reportee. Believe me, Mama was not pleased — having been unceremoniously debased.

The following excerpts come from Daughter's interview with me for the alleged auto tampering of her 1970s import experienced over a two day period:

On day #1, the suspect opened the trunk of her car and rummaged through it. Mama was at home; came outside to investigate, confronted the suspect and told him in so many words to get out of the car. Fearing for his life, he ran back to the Bernal housing projects. According to Daughter, Mama didn't notify the police because she didn't think it was such a big deal (and neither did Daughter). Soon thereafter, Daughter finds a green Army jacket in the car's trunk, but again the police aren't notified.

Upon checking her car again; the jacket is gone but in its place is cocaine. I asked Daughter if she called the police for this incident and she tells me "no" as she

fears the police might suspect the cocaine is hers and take her to jail. Daughter tells me that the cocaine mysteriously disappears too..

Eventually Daughter does call the police and according to her, a supervisor tells her to let the car (which by now has been ransacked) stay there an extra day to see what happens. Remember now, this is a real police report, taken by a real cop, from real people. I have it on tape too, honest! Think it will make the top 10?

Between having received my sustained OCC complaint and documentation from Management Control, I informed by station representative, Sgt. George Rosko. I told him that I located my taped interview with the complainants and had written its contents verbatim. He checked some of my handiwork and the complainant's allegations and was concerned that it had gotten to this stage anyway.

After having received my date for the Chief's hearing, I was firmly convinced that I could handle my defense by myself and did not notify Sgt. Rosko.

On my fateful day, I was ushered into the Chief's office and sat with an attorney representing the OCC, a Lieutenant from Management Control, the Captain from Ingleside Station and of course, Acting Chief of Police, Thomas Murphy.

The OCC attorney proceeded first — orating the alleged profanities I had used, etc. Soon thereafter, it was my turn. I brought out my trusty tape recorder and prepared tape narrative. One by one I was able to obliterate the complainants, charges — allowing the Chief and others to listen to my tape.

As the tape played, it became apparent who was telling the truth and who was not. As the tape ended, you could hear me giving Mama my name and star number. Upon reception (and without provocation) Mama said, and I quote, "Your boobs are so big, I can't see your star number." The expressions on everyone's face in that room were indescribable.

The Chief gave me no less than I expected — proper conduct. The OCC attorney told me that when I have evidence such as a tape recording, I ought to submit it so that I can clear myself. She also added that perhaps I ought to notify people when I tape them. To whose benefit would that be, I wonder.

Although my ordeal ended happily, it angers me to no end realizing just how vulnerable police officers are unless they have a few tricks, shall we say, to combat accusations made by some citizens who are holding us at their mercy and obviously making a mockery out of the civilian complaint board. It's most apparent that the word of an officer has little value by itself.

Unscrupulous investigators who attempt to use one officer for bait in an attempt to reel the other one in, clearly need to be disciplined in their own right too.

The OCC claims to be an unbiased agency only in search of the truth. After this experience I find that hard to believe.



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In Search Of A Chief

by Gary Delagnes

The search for a new chief of police continues inside and outside of our Department. As usual, just about everyone is being asked for an opinion as to who the next chief should be. That is, of course, everyone except the Membership. We all know the generic qualities that every chief is supposed to have — integrity, honesty, principles, management skills, etc., etc. It sounds great in an interview, looks great on a resume, but what about the real world? Three words come to mind when trying to define the qualities that are mandatory in any good chief of police:

COMMUNICATION: An ability to communicate with City Hall is an art that almost all of our recent chiefs have mastered. It pretty much consists of a chief saying: "What do you want me to do, Mr. Mayor?" Communication with the membership is the factor that has been sorely lacking. A chief must take an interest in what cops do and surround himself with people who know what cops do, not just "yes men" who acquiesce on every issue.

The cops on the street know that it is basically a political job, but they also want to know that the chief realizes they exist. I believe that it is also incumbent upon any chief of police to attempt to develop a working relationship with the association that represents 90% of his work force. It seems that what has happened in our department is that the chief oftentimes looks upon the POA as the enemy and insulates himself to the point where he is only listening to 1 or 2 people. Unfortunately, the few people that he listens to have absolutely no clue as to what the hell is going on. When a member has a problem, he or she comes to us, not the chief, and I think it would behoove the chief to recognize that the POA will have its fingers on the pulse of the membership far more often than those he relies on for advice.

AUTONOMY: Webster defines autonomy as "Self directing freedom, and moral independence." A chief must real-

ize that he or she will never gain the respect of the membership without the ability to prove he (or she) is running the show. It is very difficult for the membership to respect anyone who they feel simply bows to political pressure, often at the expense of his own officers. Any new chief must assert himself to the extent that the membership at least believes that he is the one making the decisions. A new chief must be an independent free thinker, who can be both progressive and fair, open to new ideas, and "owned" by no one.

BACKBONE: defined as, "The foundation or most substantial, or sturdiest, part of something; of firm and resolute character" — the ability to speak the truth and do the right thing regardless of the political consequences; to take a firm stand and not pander to every left wing group in San Francisco because it's the safest way to do business in this politically correct city.

I don't know if Richard Hongisto would have ended up being the best or worst chief of police this city has ever known. I will tell you this; never again will I state that an "inside" chief is a must. I don't believe that any more. I feel that there are many qualified people in our department. I just happen to be of the opinion that many of them are not commanders, or deputy chiefs. What did Richard Hongisto do in six weeks that gained the loyalty and admiration of the rank and file? It really isn't that tough. He did two very basic things: he let us do our job, and he actually showed the rank and file that he gave a damn. These are small things, but so important to those in the streets who are truly the backbone of this department. He displayed those three very basic requirements that I previously mentioned: COMMUNICATION, AUTONOMY, AND BACKBONE. Prospective applicants without these essentials need not apply!

Editor's Note: This article was written before the recent selection of Anthony Ribera to be SFPD's new chief.



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New Board Faces Big Challenge

by Al Triqueiro, President

Alioto New Board President

Angela Alioto will become President of the Board of Supervisors by virtue of having obtained the highest number of votes in the November 3, 1992 election. Six seats were filled, with challengers Sue Bierman and Barbara Kaufman joining incumbents Alioto, Tom Hsieh, Willie Kennedy and Terrence Hallinan on the board.

We were one of many organizations that endorsed Angela Alioto and are pleased with her strong showing. Also assuring is the fact that a candidate who is in synch with this City's progressive electorate can do well without being controlled by our local political elitists.

Alioto's margin of victory is noteworthy. Her 147,000 votes was approximately 26,000 more than that received by the second highest votegetter. In addition, her victory overcame opposition both from former Mayor Agnos and Mayor Jordan.

The still bitter former Mayor and many of his disgruntled supporters don't get it yet. They sought revenge against Angela because they blame her for Art's demise. The results should be a lesson for them but probably won't.

Alioto was also denied Mayor Jordan's support, and as a result downtown money was not abundantly available to the Alioto campaign. The Jordan opposition was apparently intended to result in a weak showing by Alioto which would in turn eliminate her as a serious threat to the Mayor's expected bid for re-election in 1995.

Kennedy Finishes High

Another surprise was the strong showing by Supervisor Willie Kennedy. Most predictions were that if an incumbent were to lose, either Kennedy or Terrence Hallinan would be defeated. Yet Kennedy finished surprisingly strong, less than one hundred votes behind Tom Hsieh, who had a much better financed campaign,

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My Favorite Cop

by Sergeant Jerry Senkir

Police Commission President Harry Low announced that the "My Favorite Cop" award winner for October 1992 is Officer Ray Benson. This monthly award is given to the police officer who has taken that extra step or exhibited a special kindness that makes you feel he or she is your friend as well as your protector.

Officer Ray Benson is a 12-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department who has previously worked with the Community Relations Unit and is now a CPOP (Community Police on Patrol) Officer with the Mission Station.

His concerns for the Mission community and the role that drugs play within this community have often jeopardized his own safety and well being, as is attested by the fact that he suffered severe facial injuries during a recent altercation with a

drug dealer. Although seriously injured, Officer Benson apprehended and arrested the offender.

Honors were bestowed upon Officer Benson by Commission President Harry Low, Supervisor Angela Alioto and Anne Kronenberg of the Mayor's Office.

The monthly awards are co-sponsored by the Embarcadero Center and the San Francisco Independent newspaper in concert with the S.F. Council of District Merchants and the S.F. Chamber of Commerce.

"My Favorite Cop" is chosen by a combination of citizen ballots and recommendations by fellow officers. Ballots are carried weekly in the San Francisco Independent as well as distributed by merchants throughout the city. Final selections are made by a panel of judges who review the monthly submissions.

The Dis-Ease of Chemical Dependency

by Dr. Joan Steidinger, Member of SFPD Psych Professional Group

Alcohol and drug dependency problems are still a real and present danger to our society. Within the San Francisco police department, numerous police officers and other department personnel are both directly and indirectly affected daily by this insidious disease that we call chemical dependency. Having taught in the SFPD's peer counseling program since its inception, this instructor noticed that many participants often questioned the view of chemical dependency (CD) as a disease. This brief article will explore the effects of CD problems from this perspective.

Since our society is highly moralistic and judgmental, this "disease" viewpoint helps provide a much broader, more compassionate, and useful understanding of chemical dependency.

In fact, the American Medical Association has recognized alcoholism, in particular, as a disease since the 1960's. Through utilization of the disease concept we are not making excuses but rather building bridges of future understanding.

Chemical dependency has three main features which define it as a "disease." These characteristics include the following: primary (a disease itself not just a symptom), chronic (permanent but treatable), and progressive (life becomes more effected, tolerance builds, and frequently physical and further psychological problems develop). Without stopping drinking and/or taking drugs, a "diseased" chemically dependent officer's performance will continue to decline and eventually impact those surrounding him/her. Their relationships, job, and life can be saved through becoming abstinent. However, treatment is essential for the entire family and system in which that person operates.

Denial is the cornerstone of chemical dependency. It serves as the main method of psychological protection for the actively alcoholic officer and the significant people interacting on a regular basis with the officer. These significant others include some of the following: partners, family members, dispatchers, and other station personnel and co-workers, et al. Denial is a way the officer and others minimize problems directly related to and caused by drinking/drug use. He/she frequently places blame on other external circumstances for difficulties rather than

acknowledging the direct impact of the alcohol/drugs. The officer expresses this in a variety of ways, which include blaming the stresses of the job (i.e. critical incidents and extreme escalation of use), focusing on family problems at home, expressing frustration at the constant reorganizing and re-structuring of the organization, and highlighting health problems which often may be specifically alcohol-related.

Denial in thought and action of both the dependents (those chemically dependent) and co-dependents (significant others) combine to strongly contribute to the chronicity and further progression of the disease process. The additional "Dis-Ease"

of partners, co-workers, and family members to confront the denial continues to further perpetuate problems stemming from it. In the police culture where hanging out at the local bar after

work continues to be a primary activity, chemically dependent officers encounter a number of obstacles in recognizing and addressing their CD problems. A common scenario of denial at work would involve the following: the alcoholic (CD) officer who encounters reported problems uses station transfers to re-locate and avoid confrontation. The cycle perpetuates when the officer relays to his/her new lieutenant or captain that it's family or financial problems interfering with the job rather than hangovers or sleep difficulties that are alcohol-induced. The lieutenant then feels concern for the officer and gives him/her a few days off to work things out. Both the officer and the lieutenants both end up not addressing the real problem. The whole system suffers. Thus, when addressing treatment, the whole system needs to be taken into account.

Treatment for chemical dependency problems is critical for both dependents and co-dependents. Even if the dependent won't get help, the co-dependent still can. Some of the accessible resources are located right in the San Francisco Police Department, including the Stress Unit (which primarily deals with chemical dependency problems), the Employee Assistance Program, and the Peer Counseling Program. In addition, the surrounding San Francisco community has numerous resources, such as the following: National Council on Alcoholism and other Drug Addictions (which provides assessments at a low fee for dependents or co-dependents), the numerous 12 step programs including Alcoholics Anonymous (AA), Narcotic's Anonymous (NA), Cocaine Anonymous (CA), Secular Organizations for Sobriety (SOS), Rational Recovery (RR), Alanon (for significant others who are concerned with someone who has a drug problem), Co-dependents Anonymous, et al, and private therapists which can often be located in the yellow pages under the heading "Alcoholism" or through friends.

Denial is the cornerstone of chemical dependency.

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Attention SFPD Wives

The response to last month's article was very encouraging, so we have set a date for a Get Acquainted Night. It will be held Friday, November 20, 1992, at the Police Academy, 350 Amber Street, San Francisco, from 6:30 to 8:30 p.m. Come by to meet other wives, and to discuss the direction you would like the association to take in the future.

If you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call. Pat Barsetti, (415) 566-5985.



SFPD women and other officers from the Western states at conference opening ceremony.

IAWP Conference: Miami '92

by Carri Lucas, Co. D

During the week of September 21, 1992 over 700 female police officers from the U.S., Canada, and various foreign countries convened at the Hotel-Intercontinental in Miami, Florida for the 30th annual International Association of Women Police training conference and convention. The SFPD was represented by Colleen Carlson, Sally DeHaven, Pam Hofsass, Lee Nyder, Lois Perillo, Denise Schmitt, Linda Wittcop, and myself from Co. D, and Dolly Casazza (EEO), Pat Correa (TTF), Dorothy Shurtleff (Co. C), and Sandi Tong (Co.A).

The conference began on Monday with an opening ceremony complete with color guard, bagpipers, delegates carrying in the flag of their country (USA, Canada, Russia, The Phillippines, Belgium, Germany, Trinidad, England, Ireland), and welcoming speeches by Florida State Representative Elaine Bloom and Miami Police Department Chief Calvin Ross.

What followed was a week of classes and social events that provided something of interest for everyone. Delegates could attend hands-on sessions such as: "Introduction to Alternate Weaponry", "Compliance Holds for Smaller Officers", "Surviving/Winning Less Than Lethal Encounters",

"Introduction to the CAS-Expandable Baton". In a more traditional classroom settings, there were classes on topics pertaining to forensics, child sexual abuse, computer crime, search and seizure, victimization of the elderly, and international terrorism, to name a few. Among some of the most exciting classes were the ones that focused on career pathing. One in particular, "Meet the Chiefs", provided the opportunity to get advice and inspiration from three female police chiefs and a U.S. Customs Special Agent In Charge. The Bay Area was well represented in this illustrious line-up by Chief Lucy Carlton, Los Altos Police Department and Chief Pam Roskowski, Corvallis, Oregon Police Department, formerly of Palo Alto P.D.

The conference director, Captain Judith Bennett, Miami Police Department, and her staff also saw to it that there were plenty of social events in the evening to give delegates a chance to relax and make some new friends. Probably the most popular event next to the closing banquet was a cruise aboard the Tropic Star II. The evening combined a buffet supper, drinks, dancing to live music, gambling, and a Brazilian floor show called "Rio Fantasy" that wound

up having audience participation, whether planned or unplanned I'm not sure.

Many distinguished guests also took part in the conference including U.S. Attorney General William Barr, who gave the keynote address at the officer awards luncheon, and First Lady Barbara Bush who joined in via a videotaped message shown at the final banquet.

Even with all the excitement and fun it was not forgotten for a moment that the conference setting was the scene of one of our country's worst natural disasters in history. Capt. Judith Bennett and her conference staff from Miami P.D. and surrounding agencies kept going against overwhelming odds to put this event on as



Sally DeHaven (standing in box at right) passes food items to Dolly Casazza, Sandi Tong and others in Homestead, Florida.

in 1989 in Dade County Florida to assist any law enforcement officer with extraordinary financial problems brought on by catastrophic medical expenses, disasters, etc. He took time out of

his busy schedule to spend an hour with us telling us about POAT and how POAT funds and donations such as ours had already been used to help 940 law enforcement officers in Dade County whose lives had been devastated by Hurricane Andrew. Emergency housing was obtained, roof repairs were made on officers' homes, cash advances were given for food, water, and medicine.

Last but definitely not least, volunteer delegates from the IAWP conference were



Colleen Carlson, Lee Nyder, Dolly Casazza, Pat Correa, and Pam Hofsass at IAWP Officer Awards Luncheon.

scheduled despite the fact that she and many of her people had been directly affected by Hurricane Andrew. To show our concern for what our fellow law enforcement officers in southern Florida had endured, conference delegates raised over \$6,000.00 for hurricane relief via department donations, individual donations, and raffles. A woman from The Netherlands after having won a Glock in the semi-automatic category of the shooting competition, raffled it off at the closing banquet. (Winner: Pat Correa, TTF!) Officers from London, England raffled off a Bobby's hat.

Our POA sent a check for \$1,000.00 via Linda Wittcop, co-chair of the POA Women's Issues Committee. Linda and I presented the check, along with additional checks from SFPD officers, to Deputy Director Tom Arnold of the Metro-Dade Police Department. He is the current treasurer and one of the founders of the Police Officer Assistance Trust which was founded

based to an Army installation in Homestead, Florida on Thursday of conference week to pitch in and help sort out food and other items sent from around the country. We Californians worked side by side with women from The Netherlands, Oklahoma, Iowa, and Florida to name a few regions. I may be prejudiced but I think our SFPD women stood out as being particularly hard working in an already energetic group. And, despite the dust, dirt, biting ants, hot sun, and Florida humidity, we had fun. Even more fun was going back to the hotel and jumping in the pool.

As you might have guessed by now, in my opinion this conference was a roaring success and I encourage more SFPD members, both male and female, to consider attending the 1993 IAWP conference which will be held in beautiful Vancouver, B.C. on Oct. 31 Nov. 5, 1993. Maybe if we get enough people together we could charter a bus or a plane. This could be dangerous.....



Linda Wittcop and Carri Lucas present check for POAT Hurricane Relief Fund to Metro-Dade Deputy Director Tom Arnold.



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Update: Attempted Child Molestation - 288 P.C.

by M. Paganini

People v. Implor

Cite as 92 C.D.O.S. 8026 (Sept. 22, 1992)

Question: Can the crime of attempted child molestation be committed by talking to the child victim over the telephone?

Answer: Yes

Facts: One morning at 7:45 a.m., 12-year-old Jason J. answered the telephone. The caller was Implor. In response to Implor's questions, Jason J. replied that his mother was away and his father was not home. Implor replied that "That's because I have him hostage." Implor demanded \$5,000 by the next day, if Jason wanted to see his father again. Implor also asked Jason what he was wearing, then ordered him to disrobe and touch his penis. Jason did not do so, although Implor repeatedly told him to touch himself. Ultimately, Jason told Implor he had complied. Then Implor hung

up.

A district attorney's investigator testified that Jason J.'s voice sounded like that of a 12-year-old boy.

Ruling: This appellate court decision noted that a violation of 288 P.C. requires "the intent of arousing, appealing to, or gratifying the lust or passions or sexual desires" of the perpetrator or of the victim. The court suggested that the touching necessary to violate P.C. 288 may be done by the child victim on its own person as long as such touching was at the instigation of a person who had the required specific intent. The court held that the defendant's intent may be inferred from his conduct which was to order the victim to commit a lewd act upon himself.

In conclusion, the appellate court decision held that one can commit the crime of attempted child molestation by speaking to a child victim over the telephone.

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A Question Of Responsibility

by Richard Austrung

This year's annual FOP Junior High/Middle School Essay Contest was, unfortunately, very topical. The subject was "Police authority: What does it mean to me?" As the events unfolded in Los Angeles, all were able to see, in stark reality, the results of what can and will happen where there is a loss of civil authority. The citizens of Los Angeles, San Francisco and other cities throughout our nation suffered the consequences, in varying degrees, when police authority was overwhelmed. Through the medium of television, we watched the near-instantaneous disintegration from order into pure, unadulterated anarchy. Plainly seen was the unraveling of the surprisingly fragile line that separates civilization from chaos. Many of us were not surprised to see it happen, but I think all were surprised to see how fast it happened.

It was not a very comforting or pleasant thing to watch or experience. Most were not directly affected, but somehow, our living rooms don't seem quite as safe. We were left with the remnants of frustration and anger, and more questions than answers.

Questions seem to focus on who is responsible for what most perceived as police officers out of control. That may be too narrow a view. I suggest a deeper look at some of the following questions:

Was it the war zone atmosphere that pervades many large cities, turning human beings into fearful, paranoid reactionaries?

Is it a criminal justice system that has given repeat offenders more protection than law-abiding citizens?

Is it the erosion of the "reasonable man" doctrine within our system of justice where seemingly anyone but a reasonable man can understand?

Is it civic leaders who repeatedly sell the theory that good jobs, good income and good education should be given to everyone, instead of achieved through hard work and sacrifice?

Is it those groups who use any available excuse to live outside the boundaries of law and common decency?

Is it our news agencies who use repetitious, prejudicial news coverage to incite and gain ratings, with a disregard for truth, justice or the common good?

Is it those who continually criticize and verbally tear at the fabric of our system and society without becoming personally involved in righting perceived and actual wrongs through lawful means?

Responsibility of the "Rodney King incident" and its result lies in the answers to each of these questions and more. I fear the answers will elude us until each affected individual and group in our society chooses to be responsible. Until news, civic and political group leaders stop pointing their collective fingers in blame at others and begin to act responsibly themselves. Until we all learn to share the blame. Until then, we can anticipate more of the same problems. All of this and more, because it is a matter of "responsibility".

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where individuals served in the Gulf, environmental conditions in those locations and other circumstances of their service. Veterans of the gulf-war are urged to register with the VA so they can be screened.

A portrait bust of Eugene Jacques Bullard (1894-1961), the first black combat pilot, was unveiled in a private ceremony at the Smithsonian Institution's National Air and Space Museum, Washington, DC, on 14 October. Through an incredible combination of persistence, skill and luck, Bullard was able to fly with the French air service, nearly 25 years before General Benjamin Davis and his now-famous Tuskegee airmen broke the color barrier in World War II to become our nation's first official black combat pilots. Fleeing racial persecution in the United States in 1911, he enlisted in the French Foreign Legion shortly after the beginning of WWI. He later transferred to a regular unit in the French army, was wounded twice, and declared disabled. He then applied for pilot training with the French air service. Accepted on the combat heroism, he became a fighter pilot and flew more than 20 missions.

The National Hispanic-American Medal of Honor Recipients Memorial Committee had a dinner dance fund-raiser on 4

October. At that time committee member Rudy Garcia said, "We feel it is time for the community to be educated about the valiant acts committed selflessly at great personal risk by 38 Latinos who have been awarded the highest, most coveted award available to a fighter in the service of the U.S.A., the Congressional Medal of Honor. Many people don't know that the first two Latino Medal of Honor recipients fought in the Civil War, or that the Hispanic-American is the most decorated ethnic group in the U.S.A." The committee plans to design and erect a national memorial in perpetuity in Los Angeles to past and future Hispanic American Medal of Honor recipients.

Try to attend the Police Post #456 meetings. They are the second Tuesday of every month at 2000 hours. They are held at the POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of business.

In closing this month's column, I would like to pass on a legal definition. In 1906, Ambrose Bierce, in his *The Devil's Dictionary* defined an accomplice as, "One associated with another in a crime, having guilty knowledge and complicity, as an attorney who defends a criminal, knowing him guilty. This view of the attorney's position in the matter has not hitherto commanded the assent of attorneys, no one having offered them a fee for assenting."

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Right Here In River City

by Bill Hemby,
COPS Legislative
Advocate



In Defense Of Police

For a long time the ACLU has wanted to throw open your police personnel files. The fact that those files can only be opened through a discovery motion by the court has been a bone of contention to them. Revisions to the Peace Officers Bill of Rights Act drive them up the wall. But we had been successful in gaining privacy issues, such as the COPS' bill that closed your voter registration information. Then, along came the Rodney King incident. Rodney King, and the ensuing riots gave the ACLU the opening they were looking for.

When a hand full of legislators attempted to legislate police behavior, the ACLU, joined by the newspaper publishers association, joined in. Smelling blood, they saw this as their opportunity to push for curtailing police powers.

Their wish list included: establishing a state-wide police civilian review board; requiring the Attorney General to investigate felony complaints against peace officers; making all police personnel files a matter of public record; and making it a felony if an officer failed to file a report alleging excessive force by a fellow officer.

For nine months, at numerous emotional and lengthy committee hearings

they fought to pass these, and other damaging provisions contained in a series of bills. Meeting after meeting, negotiation after negotiation, hearing after hearing, bit by bit I, along with other police lobbyists fought to stop these devastating bills. Finally, after months of grueling, time consuming effort, our tenacity paid off. We were able to stand together and fight each of these potentially hurtful bills to a stand still.

At years end, only one bill had made it to the governor. That bill, through a series of negotiations, had been amended into something we could have lived with. It dealt with excessive force but did not call for a judgement or conclusion by the witnessing officer whether the reported officer was in fact using excessive force. What you would have ended up with was a bill that required a report to be filed if force was used to effect an arrest.

This was a far cry from the plethora of restrictive measures that began the year. To his credit, Governor Wilson vetoed the remaining bill.

What this exercise points out is there are detractors out there who don't like the power you hold. They view police privacy as a shield against public scrutiny. They believe there is a code of silence that forbids one officer from complaining about the conduct of another officer. They believe a police officer can be brutal, can maim—and even kill with impunity.

Incidents like Rodney King reinforces that belief and more disturbing—there is a growing number of politicians who are ready to go along with those beliefs.

TO: Appointing Officers/Department Heads
FROM: Frank M. Jordan, Mayor RE:

Employee Furloughs

The Employee Relations Division is currently involved in negotiations with recognized employee organizations regarding revisions to Civil Service Commission Rule 22 pertaining to unpaid administrative leaves. To date, the employee organizations are encouraging the implementation of a voluntary time off program rather than the adoption and implementation of a Civil Service Commission rule permitting appointing officers to allocate unpaid time off on an involuntary basis.

Pending agreement or impasse, I should like to request that all departments make an effort to determine the interest of employees in taking voluntary time off. Any effort by the departments should indicate that the employee organizations are also interested in the determination of the extent of employee interest.

Hopefully, the taking of voluntary time off will go a long way to alleviating the City's budget problems.

I appreciate your cooperation.

Volunteers Needed For Food Drive

The San Francisco Food Bank is requesting assistance from the Police Officers' Association. Needed are police officers to volunteer time (not in uniform) from November 30 through December 18, 1992 for the Annual Food Drive. A typical volunteer day would be from 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. providing a service to those who are truly in need.

Please join me in helping to accomplish the goals of the San Francisco Food Bank. If you are interested in volunteering your services, please contact the Police Officers' Association as soon as possible. (Your volunteer time can be adjusted to accommodate your work schedule.)

Crime Laboratory Bulletin

by Frank C. Reed,
Chief of Investigators and
Shoji Horikoshi, Criminologist

New Hours For The Crime Scene Investigations Unit

In order to provide better service to the public during the day and early evening, the Crime Scene Investigation Unit no longer will have personnel working the midnight shift. Effective immediately, CSI will have personnel on duty from 0700 to 0100 hours, Sunday through Saturday. The staff will be on-call during the remaining hours, and can be reached through the Operations Center.

Procedures For Making Photo Requests

When a victim or victims has been admitted to the hospital and an investigator determines that photographs of the victim's injuries are required the investigator MUST have the photographic release form, *Authorization and Consent to Photograph*, signed by the victim prior to requesting the services of a photographer from the Photo Lab.

When photographs of a crime scene are deemed to be necessary, the inspector assigned to the case MUST respond to the scene to either direct the photographic session, or, at least, confer with the photographer with respect to what needs to be photographed at the crime scene.

In the case where an injured victim is taken to the hospital, AND the investiga-

tor needs photographs of the victim's injuries taken, he or she MUST specifically request that a photographer respond to the hospital. To ensure proper handling of this type of assignment, do not assume that the photographer knows that the victim has been taken to the hospital and that photographs are needed!

Cartridge Casing Involved In Drive-By Shootings

Recently, a number of shootings, drive-by and otherwise, have involved the same type of pistol. This pistol, known, as the S.W.D. M-11/9mm, as defined as an "assault weapon" under 12276 (b) (3) of the Penal Code.

This pistol has a distinctive rectangular firing pin impression, that can provide investigative leads, if recognized at the crime scene.

Officers who encounter expended casing should be on the look out for such cartridge casings. The Criminalistics Laboratory can inter-compare any recovered casings. This type of comparison can assist in solving the large number of outstanding firearms cases involving this type of weapon.

The breechface, firing pin, extractor, ejector and chamber marking that are needed for identification are, of course, impressions made in soft metal. Please package this type of evidence carefully to insure that these markings are not accidentally altered.

by Stan Smith, Secretary-Treasurer
San Francisco Building and
Construction Trades Council

America needs strong unions if the nation is to pull out of the present recession.

America needs a well-trained, well-paid work force if it is to make a real, long-lasting economic recovery. This can only happen if unions are strong. No other organization in America speaks for workers, both union and nonunion.

When workers are well paid and feel secure because of their expert training, they put their money back into the economy. They are able to buy shoes, clothes, food, housing and other necessities.

If the prospect of a full paycheck over a long period time looks good, they spend their money on items that make life a little better. They buy televisions, radios, cars, boats, take their families on vacations and have a few bucks extra for a night on the town.

Workers normally do not make long-range investments in stocks, bonds or developments, but they spend weekly; therefore, their paychecks turn over several times within the community.

Without the right to freely organize and bargain collectively, workers have no say in their own destiny.

The right was given to us under the Wagner Act during President Franklin D. Roosevelt's first term. It has been slowly chipped away ever since.

The present laws, originally passed to give workers the right of self-determina-

tion to support and organize a union, no longer work.

The interpretations of labor laws by the National Labor Relations Board and courts have given managements a free hand to do whatever they see fit to stop any union organizing drive by intimidation, threats, lies and even firing, without fear of penalty or prosecution.

The laws must be reformed. Workers must have protection from retaliation, both before and after a union election, win or lose.

For the past 12 years, the NLRB, Department of Labor and the courts have been tools used by management against unions. That is part of what makes union organizing almost impossible.

The NLRB needs a total revamping to bring it back to its original purpose.

There is a need for a secretary of Labor who is supportive of labor. It would be unthinkable to have a secretary of Commerce who is anti-business.

Benefits enjoyed by many American workers, both union and nonunion, such as health insurance, pension plans, vacations, holidays, etc., were only made possible by trade unions negotiating collective bargaining agreements.

Social benefits such as unemployment benefits, workers' compensation, safety laws and disability; were made possible only by union lobbying in Washington, D.C., and every state capital in America.

Both political parties better wake up. If America is to recover from this recession, it will need well-paid workers to put their money back in the economy.



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Al Trigueiro, President
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Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

Thank you for your contribution of \$200.00 to the Tides Foundation. We received your check number 1052 at Tides Foundation on August 27, 1992. It is my understanding that this contribution is in support of the Billy Hutton Track Club Project which is a Project Fund at the Foundation. Please use this letter as your receipt and retain it for your records. Should you need to refer to this letter for any reason please mention receipt #GIFTS93-1121.

For your information, our Taxpayer Identification number is 51-0198509. All contributions to the Foundation are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

Once again, thank you for your support of the Billy Hutton Track Club Project.

Sincerely,
Drummond Pike
President

SFPOA Notebook
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Dear Members,

I would like to sincerely and openly thank my brothers and sisters within this SFPD family for your overwhelming support... including cards, flowers, generous donations and solo motorcycle escort...during this difficult time of loss of my dear gentle Rebecca.

Your concern and comfort have been a fitting tribute to her active life and friendship to all those she touched.

Thank you,
Lou Bronfeld

Thanks

San Francisco Police Officers' Assn.
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Dear Law Enforcement Colleagues:

Thank you for your contribution to the Police Officer Assistance Trust in this time of crisis. You made it possible for the Trust to respond to the immediate needs of law enforcement officers and their families devastated by Hurricane Andrew.

The Police Officer Assistance Trust (POAT) was formed by the Dade County Association of Chiefs of Police in 1989 to aid law enforcement officers in Dade County regardless of agency. The Trust ensures that each officer in critical need gets the full benefits available from all sources (insurance, State and Federal programs, United Way agencies, other charitable organizations, etc.), and when no other sources can help further, the Trust provides emergency funding assistance.

As a result of Hurricane Andrew over 200 homes of law enforcement officers were totally destroyed with all their worldly possessions (clothes, food, furniture, cars, etc.) literally blown away. An additional 300 homes were severely damaged requiring extensive repairs to make them habitable. Another 400 officers suffered other losses or significant damage. Yet, faced with such personal losses, these same officers continued to work around the clock after the storm to serve their communities.

There were many unsung "Heroes" that emerged from the aftermath of the storm, and we count among those heroes persons and organizations such as you who came to the aid of these officers. Your contribution made it possible for the Trust to respond in many ways, according to each officer's needs:

1. Temporary emergency housing was obtained for over 300 officers and their families.
2. Food, water, medicine and ice was delivered to officers' homes.

3. What was left of furniture and personal belongings was moved from 150 damaged homes to temporary safe storage.

4. Temporary/Emergency roof repairs were made to 170 homes, making them at least habitable.

5. Emergency cash advances were made to over 200 law enforcement families for food, medicine, and other survival needs.

6. Ongoing assistance is being provided to ensure that officers will be effective in their dealings with insurance companies, agencies providing hurricane relief, housing contractors, businesses providing re-construction, etc.

To date, assistance has been provided to over 900 law enforcement officers and their families including: 10 municipal police departments (City) The Metro-Dade Police Department (County) The Florida Highway Patrol (State) Fresh Water Game and Fish (State) Florida Dept. of Law Enforcement (State) U.S. Customs and A.T.F. (Federal) The State Atty's Office (State Prosecutor) Corrections Personnel (County, State and Federal)

While much has already been accomplished, the effort goes on to provide needed support for our law enforcement brothers and sisters. You have played a major part in this effort and your concern for other members of the "Law Enforcement Family" is greatly appreciated. You have made it possible for the Police Officers Assistance Trust to live up to its motto, "Serving Those Who Serve."

Sincerely,
Fred Taylor
President

LETTERS

As such, I would appreciate your consideration in arranging for such a meeting between representatives of your Administration and Sheriff Hennessey in order to come to some type of agreement to relieve the members of our Patrol Division from the tedious task of "baby-sitting" prisoners at a hospital where both the San Francisco Sheriff and San Francisco Institutional Police have jurisdiction.

Sincerely Yours,
Steve Johnson
Secretary, POA

Al Trigueiro, President
San Francisco Police Officers' Assn.
510 Seventh Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Trigueiro:

Thank you for your letter of October 9, 1992 dealing with inordinate delays experienced by our officers at San Francisco General Hospital in transferring custody of prisoners to Sheriff Department personnel. I agree with you and will meet with Sheriff Hennessey as soon as possible in order to come to some resolution in this matter.

Deputy Chief Lau will be charged with bringing this process to a successful conclusion.

Sincerely Yours,
Thomas F. Murphy,
Acting Chief of Police

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Editor,

I want to have my say about an Office of Civilian Complaints in a Police Department.

The Bar Association doesn't have one, so why should the Police Department.

I am a San Francisco native, not involved with the Police Department, but I have had run-ins with the Office of Civilian Complaint because officers were accused of saying things that weren't the truth.

That's why this City is so rotten, because these investigators would rather believe the complainant before the Police Officers. Let the Police Department take care of its own.

Sincerely,
Mary T. Kelly

Thanks

Mr. Al Trigueiro, President
San Francisco Police Officers' Assoc.
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San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

I am pleased to learn of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association endorsement of my 13th Assembly District race.

Your support is greatly valued by my constituents, as well as people statewide.

I appreciate your backing and assistance in this year's campaign As always, I will do my utmost to represent my district to the best of my ability.

Sincerely,
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Jail Time

Chief Thomas Murphy
S.F. Police Department
Hall of Justice
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Dear Chief Murphy:

Sheriff Michael Hennessey was present at our 9/15/92 POA Board meeting for the purpose of discussing the proposed bond measure for jail expansion.

A prime topic of concern to our Board members was the current manner in which injured/ill prisoners are processed.

Officers trying to obtain jail clearance for subjects arrested are routinely delayed in this process by, usually, a complaint involving minor medical ailment(s). And, once the prisoner is medically cleared at SFGH, and, if it is going to be necessary for the prisoner to then be admitted, we have to play the game of "let's find a bed" with the sheriffs, when in fact, it is then the sheriff's responsibility to assume immediate custody.

A medical clearance delay is not a unique experience — the members of our Patrol Division go through this ludicrous charade every day — female prisoners who claim that they are pregnant must be checked (usually 5-6 hours of patrol time spent at SFGH.) And any prisoner who can't pass the "4-star" medical examination given by DPH personnel at City Prison must then be transported and cleared at San Francisco General Hospital.

Because of the critical shortage in our Patrol Division, we can no longer afford to continue on in this manner.

When questioned about addressing this problem, Sheriff Hennessey said he would be glad to meet with members of our Police Administration for the purpose of resolving this dilemma.

LETTERS

Thanks

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Mr. Trigueiro,

I write formally to thank you for all of your assistance and kindness shown to Dave French and Roy Williams, the two members of the Constables' Central Committee of England and Wales on their recent visit to California.

Our evidence to the Government inquiry is now being typed for submission at the beginning of November.

We will endeavor to keep you informed as to the results of the inquiry. The information gained on the visit has so far proved extremely useful.

Once again, may thanks for the assistance and help given by you and your staff.

Yours sincerely,
F.H.J. Broughton
Chairman, CCC

Kudos

Deputy Chief Reed

On June of this year, I was held up and robbed by two young men with a gun. I reported it to your department, which then met me at the crime scene. To tell the truth, I did not expect there to be any follow-up.

I was very surprised in the following weeks and months to have repeated contact with one of your detectives, whose name eludes me. When he finally informed me that there had been a trial, and than one of the men had plead guilty, I was very relieved, as I have never felt as helpless as I did when that gun was against my stomach.

In any case, I would like to show my appreciation for the seriousness with which your department and that detective in particular treated the crime. Perhaps I have been over exposed to the negative images that the media portrays as our law enforcement agency, but I did not expect anything to be done.

I would like to say that my first experience with the San Francisco Police has been a good one, and that if I can return the favor I am willing. The detective that handled the case was timely, and obviously effective. Please inform him that I appreciate his efforts.

Sincerely,
Geoffrey Hayden
San Francisco

Editors Note: Subsequent investigation established that Inspector Jeff Levin was the conscientious cop who so impressed Mr. Hayden.

SFPOA
510 7th St.
S.F., CA 94103

Dear Members,

Many thanks for your kind words of sympathy. We appreciater your thoughtfulness.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Louise Tobin and Patrick

Mr. and Mrs. C. Auzenne

Mr. and Mrs. J. Salas and family

Good Point

Tom Flippin, Editor
SFPOA Notebook

Dear Tom,

Regarding John Sterling's article I can certainly sympathize with the plight of the junior officers because as a 22 year SFPD employee and a PSA I have had to wage a battle along with the other seventeen PSAs to keep my job. Every time there is a budget crisis they (administration) look to lay off our group of PSAs who have been faithful employees, most of us with over 20 years of service.

Every point Sgt. Sterling made for the junior officers holds true for us. We have mortgages, children who need college tuitions, all the usual and some unusual obligations. The one difference is our ages. We range from 40 to over 60 years of age. We are mostly too young to retire but too old make a change. Is it right to threaten this group of loyal, dedicated police employees who perform a valuable service to the department and public with abolishment every year?

I agree with Sgt. Sterling, why not look to high level extraneous supervision throughout the Department and city, unnecessary political appointees, and all the expensive perks that go with these positions to solve the budget problems instead of destroying the lives of loyal employees who won't be able to recover. If we stick together maybe we can win out over those who seek to destroy us.

Tell me, where would we ever find new jobs at this stage in our lives?

Sincerely,
Pat Celaya
PSA - Richmond Station

Thanks

Al Trigueiro, President
SFPOA

Dear Officer Trigueiro,

We are especially grateful for your continuing support this season and wish to express our heartfelt thanks for your donation of \$200 to the Billy Hutton T.C.

Youngsters from the club earned six medals at the Junior Olympic Nationals (the top level track and field meet in the country for youths). We are also pleased that two jumpers from the club won gold medals at the Jesse Owen ARCO Championships.

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Mr. Michael S. Hebel
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Dear Mr. Hebel:

Thank you for contacting my office with your thoughts on the Legislature's efforts to reform California's workers' compensation system. I have enclosed a summary of the comprehensive legislation passed by the Legislature and submitted to the Governor during the last week in August.

It is unfortunate that the Governor did not capitalize on this opportunity to make important improvements in the system and provide significant savings to employers. Because the Governor vetoed these bills, workers compensation reform has been needlessly delayed.

The reforms in the 4-bill package sent to the Governor would have resulted in more than \$1.15 billion in annual savings to employers and in significant, well-deserved and long overdue increases in benefits for injured workers. These bills would have also hit hard at the fraudulent practices of a small group of crooked operators who have been exploiting workers and employers and undermining public confidence in our system.

The reforms contained in those bills are similar, and in many cases identical to proposals made by the Governor and by the Ueberroth Commission earlier this year.

The legislative plan differs from the Governor's in two major respects, however: the Legislature rejected the Governor's plan to completely eliminate vocational rehabilitation for injured workers, instead opting to place restrictive limits on training costs. Without vocational rehabilitation, injured workers who are physically barred from returning to their old jobs can't compete for scarce jobs in today's marketplace.

The Legislature's plan also puts an end to California's unique "minimum rate" law which has prevented competi-

tive pricing of insurance rates for employers, including small businesses. The Governor's plan omitted this important reform, which was opposed by most of the insurance companies.

The reform package passed by the Legislature was not and should not be considered a cure-all for the workers' compensation system. We need to go farther.

However, by taking money which is now going to doctors, lawyers, hospitals, insurance companies and other "middlepersons" and transforming those cost reductions into savings for employers and benefits for workers, the Legislature has produced a balanced reform that takes a big first step forward in improving our ailing workers' compensation system.

In the final analysis, no reform proposal, no matter how well intentioned, will provide needed relief to employers and employees unless it can garner the required 62 votes.

This proposal was able to do that, despite the strong opposition and lobbying of the insurance industry, trial lawyers, doctors, hospitals, vocational rehabilitation providers, employers and employee groups.

Most recently, the Legislature came back into special session to address workers' compensation reform. Currently, the numerous proposals that were introduced are before the Senate Industrial Relations Committee. It is my hope that a meaningful and comprehensive proposal will emerge in the coming weeks.

The intensity of your interest and your efforts to achieve meaningful workers' compensation reform this year have made a very big difference in keeping this issue in tight focus for the Legislature. Your continued involvement will help ensure a responsible resolution.

Again, thank you for your advice, support and hard work on the workers' compensation issue. If I can provide information to you as the special session proceeds, or if I can ever be of assistance, please call me.

Sincerely,
Mike Thompson
Senator, 4th District



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took only a few minutes, the process itself took eleven years. It began in 1981 when the POA opted out of the International Police Officers Union.

Eight years later, former POA President Mike Keyes, and then-treasurer, Al Triguero, were asked to look into the possibility of affiliating with a union.

POA leaders met with local union heavy weights. Walter Johnson of the San Francisco Labor Council, and Stan Smith of the Building Trades Council, together with Jack Ballentine, Al Casciato and Jim Diegnan, the group began the arduous task of soliciting and reviewing materials submitted by various unions for consideration.

Looking for what impact a union had here in San Francisco, and how they could best serve our members, and how dues were spent, we didn't want an increase in dues and we wanted autonomy. SEIU met the criteria.

SEIU is the largest and most powerful union in San Francisco. Not only are they a national organization, but they want a catastrophic health plan, good retirement benefits, and they have a conservative property fund which makes them solvent, financially.

POA leaders predict that the POA's new status will not only enhance the Association's bargaining powers, but strengthen the collective bargaining power of all SEIU members.

On hand for the signing of the charter at Trader Vic's was POA President, Al Triguero, Walter Johnson, Stan Smith, and several other union representatives.

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POLICE ACTIVITIES LEAGUE



PAL JR. GOLF

A Jr. Golf Clinic has been scheduled for Saturday, December 5th at 10 AM for youngsters ages 7 to 18. Golf Professionals and assistants will provide instruction to improve the golf swing along with putting and chipping tips and drills to cut strokes around the green. Questions regarding the rules of golf, course management, and proper practice techniques will be answered. The purpose of the clinic is to continue quality golf instruction during the off season. All interested Juniors are encouraged to sign-up as soon as possible. A \$10 fee per participant will be charged. Class meets at 10 AM at the Harding Park Golf Course

PAL LAW ENFORCEMENT CADETS

by Officer Ray Musante

October introduced the fall semester of the PAL Law Enforcement Cadet Program. PAL invites any high school sophomore, junior or senior to learn and participate in this program. The only prerequisite is interest.

"Cops" is but a four letter word; however, the duties, responsibilities, and expectations of their performance are generally perceived by what young people experience in daily life and see in the news media. The Cadet Program is a forum in which officers share their experiences with young people. Officers that participate care enough about young men and women who are curious about their work and they welcome the chance to share what they do. The program stresses that police work is not a glamorous role in a

sitcom series in which situations and police action are created for entertainment. Rather, the program tries to unfold the blue prints to police work. The program looks at the authority and guidelines expressed in Federal, State and City laws and tries to show how they are applied to circumstances and actions of people.

The goal of the program is to offer young men and women in their developing years, a chance to interact and share time with police officers in a non-threatening atmosphere.

HELLMAN LUNCHEON

On Thursday, October 8th, 400 people attended a luncheon honoring the San Francisco Police Department and benefiting the San Francisco PAL. This luncheon was sponsored by F. Warren Hellman, Chair and Nancy Bechtle, Donald G. Fisher, Sam Ginn, Frank C. Herringer, John W. Kecker, Judge Harry Low, Melvin M. Swig, Co-chairs. Guest speaker Sandy Tong gave a humorous account of one incident in her earlier days in the police department. Sgt. Dirk Beijen, also a guest speaker and President of PAL, told a moving story about a woman he helped who was able to change her life for the better.

Proceeds of the lunch will go to the San Francisco PAL, which provides sports and activities for youngsters ages 6-18. A PAL building trust, established in 1990 after the first lunch, has grown to \$210,000. Funds from this lunch will benefit the building fund, the police officers and the youngsters they serve.

Special thanks go to Captain Richard Cairns for his help and support.

PAL BASKETBALL


PAL Basketball is almost over. Playoffs have been scheduled as follows:

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Steve Landi Shines At The National Police/Fire Drug-Free Powerlifting Championships

by Dennis Bianchi

The 1992 National Police/Fire Drug Free Powerlifting Championship was held on October 25 and 26th, in Ludlow Vermont. This national competition was sanctioned by the American Drug Free Powerlifting Association. This is the largest drug free powerlifting association in the world, and its membership is still growing.

California was well represented in its first appearance, with eight lifters, composed of police officers and firefighters from San Joaquin County, Stockton, Sacramento, Richmond, Montclair and of course, San Francisco. The team called themselves the California Power Team and was the only team with a woman competitor, Cindy Alexander from San Joaquin Sheriff's Office. The team was comprised of heavyweight lifters only. This lack of lighter lifters would come back to haunt them later.

After all the weight had hit the floor the



Landi powers a BIG deadlift.

California Power Team finished second in a close and heated competition with the Joliet Police Department from Illinois. California lost by three points to Illinois who had a slight advantage in entering three lightweight competitors where California lacked any such lifter this year.

In the individual competition S.F.P.D.'s Steve Landi entered two classes; the heavy-weight submasters (35-39 years old) and the 220-pound open. In case you don't understand, this is unusual! Steve competed at a body weight of 206 pounds and finished second in the heavyweight submasters and fifth in the 220 open class! Again, for those of you unaware of what that means, this is really unusual! As in rare! Both classes were highly competitive and Steve's lifts were 470 squat, 355 bench, and 550 deadlift, for a 1375 total. This is truly unusually strong!

This is Steve's third year of competing in powerlifting, and he has already collected his share of trophies and medal after his good friend Steve Hutzler, no small-time lifter himself, talked him into competing in the Police Summer Games in 1990. After that event, Steve became hooked on the sport.

When interviewing Steve he pointed out just how tough the competition was by bringing to my attention that his training

partner, Mike Musto from the Richmond Fire Department, had an incredible 1640 pound total to finish second in the 220 pound open class. Seven of the eight lifters on the California team came back with a trophy from their respective classes. No doubt about it, this team left an impression as to what they're capable of for next year.

The Drug-Free competition is held in conjunction with Drug Awareness Week, which is a nation-wide program for a Drug-Free America. This has been a sore point with the lifters from this Department for years. Why won't cops test at meets? The cops and firefighters who competed are to be commended for setting an example in demonstrating that hard work and consistent training can result in some very remarkable lifts without the use of anabolic steroids. Landi said, as have several other S.F.P.D. lifters said in the past, he feels that all sanctioned powerlifting competitions for police and firefighters should drug-tested. This national meet involved a urine test for an arbitrary ten percent of the competitors. The California Police Summer Games have resisted this for years, stating "We use the honor system." Landi's reaction to this was, "Bull!"

The California Power Team is looking for lifters to join the team for next year's nationals. The event will be held in Pennsylvania. Both novice and veteran lifters are urged to contact Steve Landi, at CSU. Landi is looking for gym rats of all sizes and experience. For those of you who only like to bench press, there will be a bench-press-only contest incorporated in next year's event. Call Steve!

Steve asked to express his gratitude and the gratitude of the entire team, to the SFPOA for their support of this Drug-Free competition.

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The 1993 North American Police Ski Championships will be held March 6-13, 1993 in Snowmass, Colorado. This annual police ski event has become the largest and best police ski competition in North America and possibly the world. Each year law enforcement ski racers, their guests and friends gather for this outstanding event. Over 700 participants are expected for the 1993 NAPSC at Snowmass, Colorado.

During the 1992 NAPSC, law enforcement officers from 80 different agencies in the United States, Canada, New Zealand, Australia, and Great Britain competed in both alpine and nordic events. The Chicago, IL Police Ski Team was the winner of the North American Police Ski Championships' Traveling Trophy, followed by the Port Authority Police of NY/NJ in second place and the United States Secret Service in third.

In addition to the team medals, individual medals are also earned in both alpine and nordic racing. All of the racers are seeded into their own ability class on the first day of alpine racing. After the seed race each ability group competes on their own course. The ability groups are beginner, intermediate, advanced, and expert. The competitors are also divided by sex and age in an effort to balance the competition. A 44 year old male expert racer competes only against expert/male racers who are between 40-44 years of age. A 31 year old female intermediate racer competes only against female/intermediate racers who are between 30-34 years of age. The alpine races include slalom, giant slalom, and a super G. For the nordic events the competitors are divided only by sex, competing in 3k and

5k cross country races. After racing in the morning, lunch is served on the mountain leaving the afternoon for everyone to ski the 2000 acres of excellent terrain at Snowmass.

At the end of each day of racing an awards/cocktail party is held, during which the winners of that day's events receive their medals and numerous door prizes provided by our sponsors are given away. On the final night an awards banquet takes place at which the team awards and the North American Police Ski Championships Traveling Trophy are presented. A Grand Door Prize is also given away at the banquet. The 1992 NAPSC Grand Prize was a two week ski trip to New Zealand. The 1993 NAPSC Grand Prize will be announced at Snowmass during the race week.

The North American Police Ski Championships have historically combined competition, camaraderie, and charity in all their events. During the 1992 NAPSC our competitors raised \$22,685.00 for the Winter Special Olympics. This money will be used for the training of American and Canadian Winter Special Olympics athletes for their 1993 international competition in Austria. John Paul Mitchell Systems donated matching funds of \$10,000.00 to help the NAPSC with the Winter Special Olympics donation. Additionally, as a sponsor of the North American Police Ski Championships, John Paul Mitchell Systems provide sample sets of their outstanding hair products to all our participants. John Paul Mitchell Systems will continue to be a major sponsor of the 1993 NAPSC.

Canon Cameras is another of our major sponsors. Each year they have

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The North American Police Ski Championships are organized solely by law enforcement officers for law enforcement officers and their guests. All full-time law enforcement officers and retired officers who are fully vested and in good standing are welcome to attend. The NAPSC organizing committee invites all law enforcement ski racers from the United States, Canada, and the rest of the world to come to Snowmass and compete with us in these outstanding police ski championships. For additional information please contact: NAPSC, Inc., 64 Inverness Drive East, Englewood, CO 80112 or call 303/792-7315.



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SFPD Basketball Standings

by Steve Ortiz, Co. B

Eastern Conference

Ingleside	2	0
Southern	2	0
FBI	1	1
Narcotics	1	1
Mission	0	2
Northern	0	2

Western Conference

Potrero	2	0
Daly City	2	0
HQ	1	0
Central	1	0
Tenderloin TF	1	0
CHP (R.C.)	1	0
Airport	1	1
Inspectors	0	2
Ingleside #2	0	2
CHP (S.F.)	0	2
Narcotics #2	0	2

Week One

Ingleside	58
FBI	56

Airport	44
Ingleside #2	39

Narcotics	68
Northern	57

Daly City	56
CHP (S.F.)	52 (3 OTs)

Southern	Win
Mission	Forfeit

HQ	63
Inspectors	40

CHP (R.C.) vs Central	Rescheduled
Tenderloin TF	bye

Week Two

Southern	64
Northern	48

Daly City	39
Ingleside #2	38

Ingleside	72
Mission	57

Potrero	44
Airport	42

FBI	74
Narcotics	59

Central	63
Inspectors	51

Tenderloin TF	Win
Narcotics #2	Forfeit

CHP (R.C.)	56
CHP (S.F.)	43

HQ	bye
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Leading Scorers-Eastern

Lewis, FBI	39
DeCarlo, Co. H	33
Walsh, Co. D	31
Anzore, Co. H	29
Yu, Narc	24
Knight, Co. E	24
Dempsey, Narc	22
Calonico, Co. E	22
D'Arcy, Narc	22
Spiteri, Co. H	22
Hamilton, Co. E	22

Leading Scorers-Western

Chase, FBI	43
Magalon, DC	35
Zinardi, Insp	27
Caruso, DC	25
Frazer, Co. H (2)	22
Rodriguez, Co. A	22
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Stephenson, DC	20
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Counter Steering

by Rene LaPrevotte

Motorcycles are renown for their maneuverability, but most riders know that a five hundred pound motorcycle can be difficult to coax off the course it chooses to follow. Conspiring against rapid changes in direction are the gyroscopic effect of the rolling wheel/tire combinations, as well as the usual top heaviness of most modern day cycles that must be overcome to effect a change of direction.

Most all of the advanced riders schools teach the art of "Counter steering" a motorcycle. If this concept is new to you, you aren't going to believe me when I tell you that to turn a motorcycle right, you turn the handlebars LEFT!

That's not a typographical error, but a proven technique that works at any speed greater than about seven miles per hour. Let's say you're motoring down the street, wind in your face, drinking in the sights

and sounds only a motorcyclist is privy to, when without warning, that tow truck in front of you drops a toolbox directly in your path.

The uninitiated rider will probably lock-up the rear brake and skid into the danger, his speed hardly slowed. A more experienced rider would use the front brake and plow into the hazard at about half the speed as did the "Rear Braker". Still an undesirable result. Yes, you've guessed correctly, you're much better off steering around the hazard in the roadway, than trying to stop short of it. The problem is you don't have enough time to initiate the evasive turn unless you've mastered, and PRACTICED countersteering.

The only reaction you need to make is to decide which way you want to go (let's say right for the sake of this exercise) then push the handlebar on that side of the bike (right handle bar) away from your body. Before you can blink, the bike will be leaned to the right and you'll be cutting a sharp right turn around the trouble. By

pushing the right handlebar away from you, you are actually turning the front wheel to the left, but the bike will actually steer to the right because the physics of two wheeled vehicles will make the vehicle fall to the right, which results in a right hand turn.

Until you try countersteering for yourself, you won't believe it works. I guarantee that if you try an evasive turn any other way, it will take two to three times as long to negotiate the evasive maneuver. Try it for yourself, and practice it daily. Your mind must be able to react without thinking about what you're doing, and repetition of movement is the only way to train the old brain . . . turn right, push the right

bar away from you . . . turn left, push the left bar . . . turn right, push right . . .

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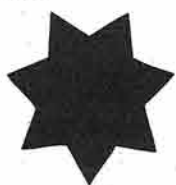


Funny ... But True

by Tom Flippin, Editor



SHORT AND SILLY STORIES: In Massachusetts, a man was arrested for assault with a deadly weapon after attacking a woman in a supermarket. His weapon: a shopping cart. He attacked the woman because she had more items than the express-line limit.



A would-be safecracker in Hong Kong had the combination of target safe written on his arm. Police are searching the neighborhood for the safe.

Florida car thieves got caught red-handed when they broke into a van in a mall parking lot. The van was being used as a surveillance vehicle by undercover police working a task force to combat holiday-related parking lot crimes.

In L.A., a 70 year-old man flunked his DMV driving test in a major way...he drove his car through a wall of the DMV building, injuring six people and causing \$40,000 in damage.



A London man went to a police station to report his car stolen. As he left the station he saw his car sitting at a traffic light. He ran into the street in front of the car to stop it, but the thieves ran over him and escaped.

Police in Thailand were investigating the electrocution of a woman who died as she was demonstrating to neighbors how her sister had electrocuted herself earlier in the day.

A Pittsburgh gunman entered a service station and demanded money...he put the gun into his waistband, accidentally firing it...screamed and ran away. Police aren't sure if he injured himself...no money was taken.

Police in West Virginia were searching for hungry burglars after the manager of a Wendy's reported that unknown persons broke into his restaurant, cooked several hamburgers with fries and left.

Fresno police made an easy arrest recently when they caught Gary Riley in his get-away car on a freeway. Riley robbed a bank and used a rented limo (with driver) to get away. Witnesses gave a good description of the vehicle. The driver was released.

PLEA BARGAIN IS NO BARGAIN: Harry Seigler, a Virginia man charged with murder, agreed to a plea bargain that would save him from the death penalty while the jury was deliberating.

Seigler's lawyers and the prosecution worked out the deal as the jury considered the evidence for 4 1/2 hours. The judge agreed with the deal when Seigler stated in court that he was indeed guilty. When the jury was informed of the plea bargain there was a considerable uproar...their verdict forms (used to vote innocent or guilty) showed that they had nearly concluded their deliberations and were going to find the defendant innocent.

John Dodson, one of Seigler's lawyers, was informed of the jury's vote and said, "Well, that's the risk you take."



LAWYERS TAKE CAREFUL NOTE: A Louisiana lawyer named N. Graves Thomas received judgement recently. Thomas was described as a maverick who specialized in notorious client: cop-killers, reputed crime figures and drug smugglers.

Witnesses told authorities that Thomas was in his newly purchased ski boat with three other people on Lake Bistineau when a thunder storm began. Thomas stood up in the boat, raised his arms to the heavens and said, "Here I am!" Immediately afterward a lightning bolt struck him in the head, killing him instantly.

JUSTICE DELAYED IS NO JUSTICE AT ALL: A trial in India which lasted 33 years ended recently with the acquittal of the four defendants. The cost of the trial came to 130 times the amount which the men were accused of stealing. During the course of the trial, sixteen witnesses died and court costs mounted to \$588,235.

NEW BOARD

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and 3,000 votes ahead of Hallinan. Our endorsement of Kennedy and opposition to Hallinan may have been a factor here.

Solid Support For Hsieh

Supervisor Hsieh finished third with 116,253 votes and well ahead of Hallinan. We were glad he was re-elected, as he has been a friend and the Chinese community deserves to have a representative on the Board.

Consumer Advocate Wins

Just behind Kennedy was Barbara Kaufman, another candidate endorsed by the POA. We liked her record as a consumer advocate and believe she will represent the taxpayers well without scapegoating city employees. We also liked the fact that she also appears to have a strong measure of political independence.

Bierman Joins Board

Sue Bierman deserves congratulations. Though we didn't endorse her, she seems to have been rewarded for many years of work that has been appreciated by San Franciscans. She finished second behind only Alioto. She supported us on Proposition D on the November 1990 ballot, and had support in her campaign from SEIU.

Hallinan Hangs On — Barely

We were disappointed that Terrence Hallinan was re-elected instead of Jim Gonzalez. The Hispanic community is now without representation, and Gonzalez had been a strong POA supporter on all of our labor issue. By contrast, when Hallinan had to choose between those principles he claims he stands for and the Agnos administration's desire to intimidate or punish its political opponents, Hallinan's commitment to principle went by the wayside. The best (but not only) example was his opposition to the police-fire collective bargaining/interest arbitration measure on the November 1990 ballot. All of labor supported this Charter Amendment, including numerous Agnos supporters who simply would not oppose a labor endorsed collective bargaining measure, even for Art Agnos. Willie Brown, John Burton, Kevin Shelley, Susan Bierman and Jim Gonzalez all supported Agnos but were all willing to stand with labor and the POA on this issue. Hallinan,

however, stood with Agnos and against labor and for that deserved our opposition.

Though he finished sixth, barely surviving, and was passed up by two non-incumbents, Hallinan showed that he has retained both his arrogance and his bias against police officers. At the Registrar of Voters' office on election night, Hallinan was unable to restrain himself. He threatened the POA when he stated to Al Casciato, without provocation, "I'm going to be around to haunt you guys the way you haunted me the past month and a half...". Casciato said that Hallinan seemed quite irate and animated when he made this threat.

Come on Terry, lighten up. We were asked to contribute to Supervisor Maher's hit-piece against you, and we said no. That type of campaigning stinks, and we didn't want to be a party to it. However, you earned our opposition. Our fight with you is over your refusal to extend to police officers the principles that you proclaim you stand for. We made the mistake of endorsing you the last time you ran for the Board. You said you would support our collective bargaining measure, and when the time came you didn't for all the wrong reasons. You supported Mayor Agnos against us on everything for four years. Why so indignant now to find out that we no longer support you?

San Franciscans Need To Come First With New Board

In the aftermath of the election, we can expect that political maneuvering on the local scene will continue. No doubt the Agnosites hope the Mayor will fail and, to further that end, will continue to undercut his efforts. Alioto's supporters will advise her to position herself in an even better position to run for Mayor, and her initial comments indicate she is considering that option. Meanwhile, other influential players are planning on how they can obtain the Mayor's office. The losers in all this could be the people of San Francisco. The problems we now face are real and more serious than any in recent years.

Political opportunism must be placed on the backburner, and those of us who have had enough of it should be ready to deliver a strong message to those who expend their time and energies playing politics rather than doing the jobs they have been elected to perform.

BITING COMMENTARY: This column has received several items about cop-biting. The three following stories will hopefully put an end to this obsession...

Police in France arrested a young woman who bit a cop after she tried and failed to get her Alsatian dog to attack him....In Zimbabwe a policeman bit off more than he could chew (sorry about that) when he arrested a woman for selling

fruit without a permit. The woman retaliated by biting off a large portion of flesh from the region of his groin. He was reported to be getting treatment and having trouble walking...In Johannesburg, a traffic cop was attacked by a taxi driver after the cop prepared to tow his taxi. A spokesman said the driver bit the officer so badly "it looked as if a lion had mauled him."