

Don't We Deserve Better Than This?

Hallinan Worse Than Suspected

Evidence is in and he's most inept ever

Let me be the first to acknowledge that I greatly underestimated our colorful district attorney, Terence Hallinan.

Judge Ousts Hallinan From Trial

Unseemly behavior in slaying case cited

By Jaxon Van Derbeken
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

In a highly unusual ruling, a judge has stripped San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan and his office of a murder prosecution because of what he called Halli-

Hallinan Blunders Again

ONCE AGAIN, San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan has embarrassed himself and his office. In an extremely rare action, San Francisco Superior Court Judge William Cahill removed the district attorney's office from a murder case.

Thanks to Hallinan's big mouth and bad judgment.

Last month, Hallinan informed Cahill when he told The Chronicle the killings of Tendarian gang boss Coring Tian and lawyer Dennis Hall, a close friend of Hallinan, were probably connected. Hallinan made the sudden statement, which contradicted what the jury had said the same were though

This is not the first time Hallinan has raised eyebrows.

attorneys operate," Cahill wrote in his ruling, which sent the case to the attorney general's office. Even a first-year law student should have known to have consulted with attorneys before approaching the judge about a pending case.

Customs is all too familiar territory for San Francisco's chief prosecutor. He started his tenure on a note more than three years ago when he asked his staff to pay off his campaign debts. Then he graciously paid 14 prosecutors and stationed an investigator at his office, presumably to find out

disparaged former employees. Not long after

Sex Harass Flap Rocks DA's Office

Top Hallinan aide in hot water for not passing on complaint

By Susan Sward
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San Francisco District Attorney Terence Hallinan appears

ed in, but he had the clear impression he had walked in on something," Hallinan added.

Several days later, the female complainant went to Maels Miller

SFPD conspiracy charges tossed

Fajitagate legacy: a rift between Hallinan, police that won't heal

By Philip Miller and Andrew Ross
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The San Francisco Police Department was a little less serious of late. It was only when Mayor Ron Wilson with hardly a blink of the eye, would not all the conspiracy charges against the department have been dropped in court.

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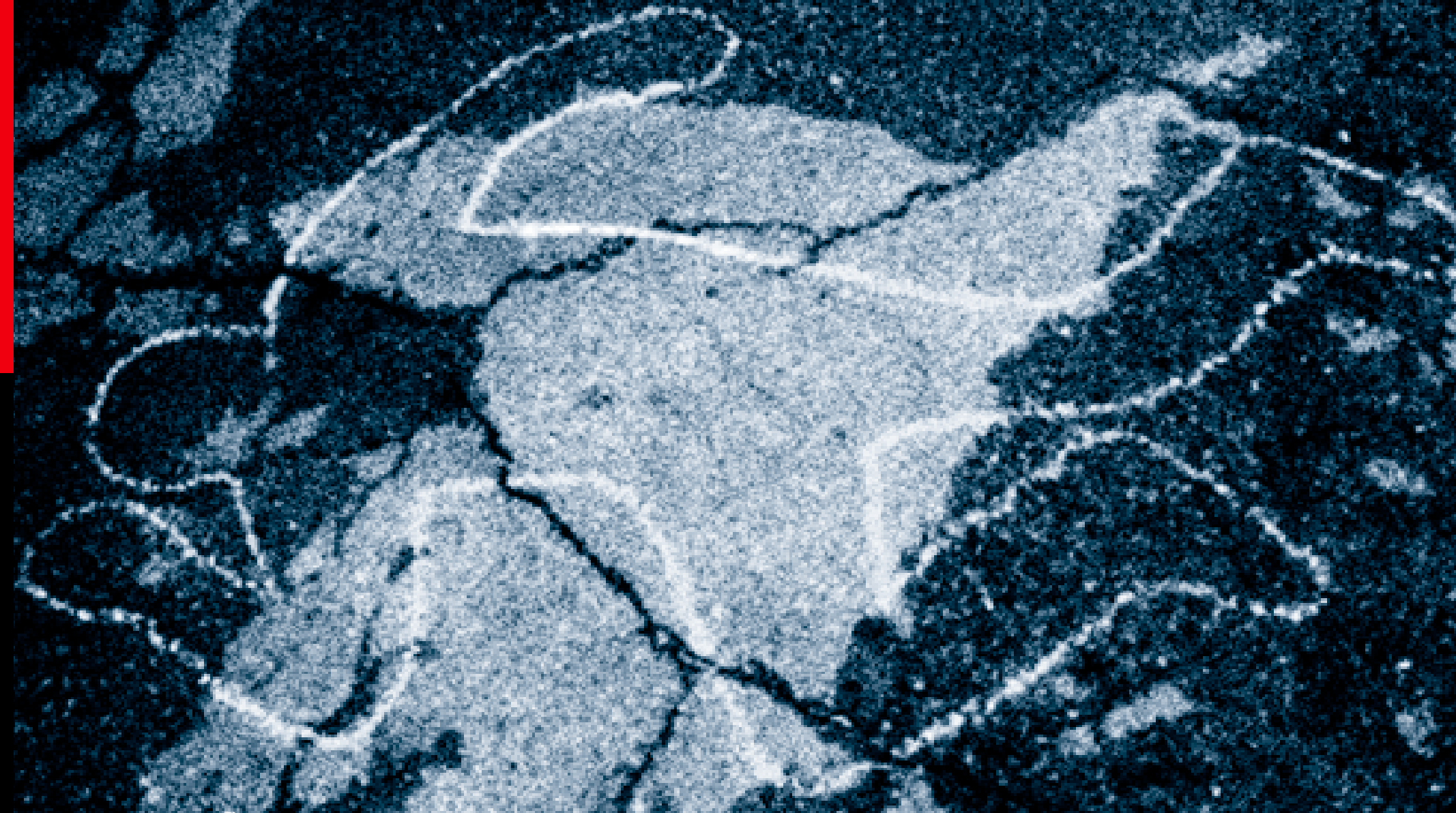
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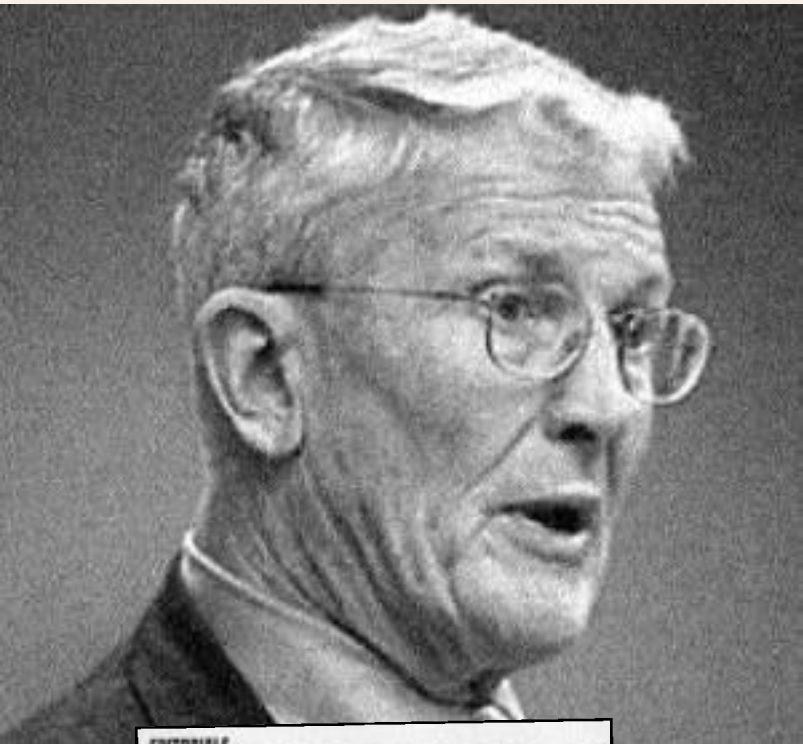
Which District Attorney ranks last in convictions every year for the last eight years?



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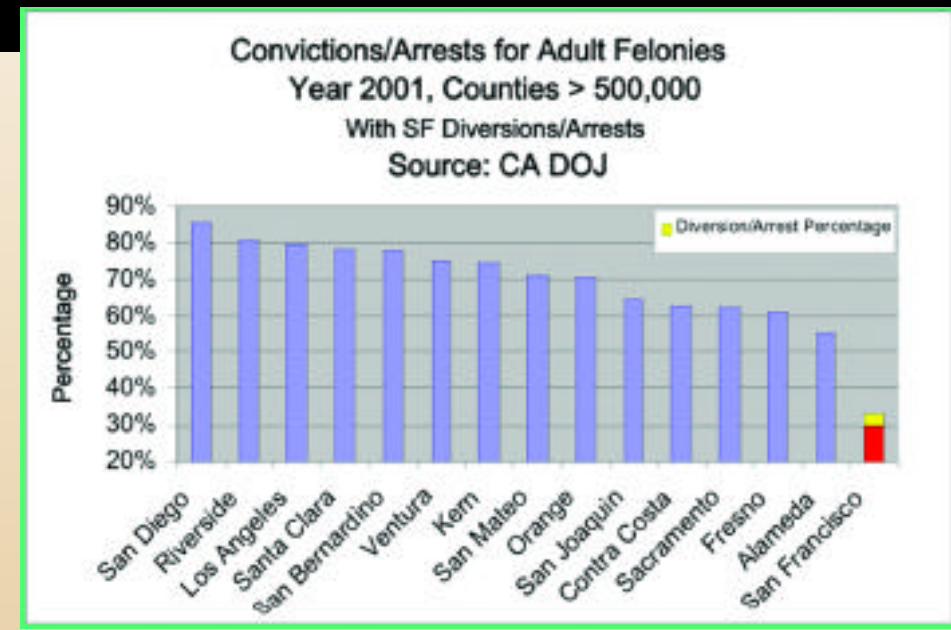
TERENCE HALLINAN LAST IN CONVICTIONS FIRST IN PLEA BARGAINS

■ Terence Hallinan has had the lowest conviction rate in California every year for eight years since he took office.

■ 29% conviction rate for adult felony arrests (San Francisco Chronicle; California Dept. of Justice)

■ 27% conviction rate for domestic violence arrests (San Francisco Chronicle; California Dept. of Justice)

■ 49% conviction rate for violent felonies (San Francisco Chronicle; California Dept. of Justice)



"PLEA BARGAIN MILL"

That's what former Public Defender Jeff Brown called Terence Hallinan's office because of his repeated use of light sentences for vicious and violent crimes.

■ **Plea Bargain for Torture.** A man who stabbed his girlfriend 12 times got off with a light plea bargain from D.A. Hallinan. Months later, he was arrested for torturing and burning another woman with a hot iron. (San Francisco Chronicle)

■ **Plea Bargain for Hate Crime.** After a political friend of Hallinan's viciously beat a Jewish Rabbi, Hallinan let him off with 90 days on a work program and the demand for a written apology. (San Francisco Chronicle)

■ **Plea Bargain for Killing Senior Citizens.** After four senior citizens were poisoned to death in the "Foxglove Murders," Hallinan let the perpetrators off the murder charges and gave them a light sentences for fraud. (San Francisco Chronicle)

■ **Plea Bargain for Gang Rape.** Just weeks after he took office, Hallinan plea bargained a vicious gang rape of two 14 year old girls. (San Francisco Chronicle)

EDITORIALS
A Disgraceful D.A.

FROM THE EDITORIAL BOARD: In a recent editorial, we noted that District Attorney Terence Hallinan has had the lowest conviction rate among California's 58 district attorneys. Hallinan has averaged a mere 27 percent of the likely suspects arrested last year, compared to the 58 percent average for district attorneys in the other 57 counties.

Hallinan Ranks Last In State on Convictions
D.A.'s office blames resources, liberal juries
By Bill Wallace
CHRONICLE STAFF WRITER

Hallinan under fire in plea bargain

Judge throws DA out of court

Bumbling Into a Second Term

THE MESS starts at the top in the San Francisco district attorney's office. District Attorney Terence Hallinan said this week that he was "sorry to see" his chief deputy, Darrell Salomon, announce his resignation. Hallinan will not find much company for that view in his beleaguered office.

S.F.'s D.A. Has Weak Record In Cases of Domestic Violence

Hallinan disputes state figures, points to programs for victims
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