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Mr. Tim Paulsen — Executive Director
SF Labor Council
1188 Franklin St., Suite 203
San Francisco, CA 94109

Dear Mr. Paulsen,

We have been informed of the resolution that was passed by your council asking that Attorney General Jerry Brown, "drop all charges against the San Francisco 8 defendants" for any involvement they may have had in the murder of San Francisco police sergeant John V. Young on August 29th, 1971. It is absolutely despicable that any labor organization would stand behind these murderous acts perpetrated not only on police officers but also proud members of the labor movement.

I wonder if you are even aware that two of these defendants, Anthony Bottom and Herman Bell still reside in a New York penitentiary for the cold blooded murders of two New York police officers in 1971.

We stand behind our brothers and sisters in the SFPD in officially condemning this inappropriate resolution which is an insult to all police officers, but more importantly all dues paying members of law enforcement labor organizations throughout the country.

Rest assured that we will bring this matter to the attention of all labor unions in our jurisdictions and make them aware that the labor council in San Francisco has turned their back on their own police officers as well as all who serve in law enforcement throughout the country.

Sincerely,
Gary Delagnes, President
San Francisco Police Officers' Assn.

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Change Is In The Air

By Gary Delagnes,
SFPOA President

The mystery is over. We will soon have a new Chief of Police and the rumors and questions have already begun. What will change? Who will be on the Command Staff? Who has his ear, and what does he think of us?

For the first time in a long while we will have a chief from outside the department.

George Gascón, the designee and person hand-picked by the Mayor, doesn't know anybody, doesn't owe anybody anything, and arrives onto our fifth floor via two police departments that bear very little similarity to our own. It's going to be interesting on both sides of the equation.

It is important for the membership to know that we fought for an inside Chief of Police but it wasn't meant to be. I think the belief was that change was needed on many levels, and a fresh pair of eyes were needed to implement those changes. As I was told by one high ranking official at City Hall, "Gary, all we ever hear from your members is how bad things are and how much they dislike the command staff, how can you tell us the answer is within the department?"

Actually, that's a pretty good point although I did point out to them that some of our best people have never been given the opportunity to lead the department.

While they acknowledged that fact and assured me that they believe that new people should have a shot at command staff positions, they also felt that those younger candidates needed to be led by someone with no political ties to other members and who would be able to look at personnel with a new and objective view.

We will see. The challenges are many as we all know. Walking into a city with the myriad of political agendas of San Francisco can be a daunting experience, even for the most savvy of leaders.

I will say this. I have had several conversations with Chief Gascón since his selection and I find him to be smart, innovative, and articulate. He has obviously not attained this position by being some politician's water boy. He knows his game, and he's coming in fresh and ready to play.

I have advised him to get to know the members and don't prejudge anything or anyone until he has had the chance to meet our people and make his own determination. I also told him that we have a wealth of talent in this police department and if utilized properly the sky is the limit.



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

There will be changes. Some of it will probably be well received, and some of it will most likely be very controversial in comparison to the way things have been done in the past. I believe it is my job to do everything I can to make sure that Chief Gascón succeeds. His victories will be ours, his success will be ours as well.

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We will embrace change where it is needed, and question it when we feel it is not.

I told the Chief that we will inevitably bump heads on certain issues and he told me he understands that and will attempt to work with the association every step of the way. I can tell you that based on my conversations with my friends at the Mesa, Arizona POA, Mr. Gascón was an outstanding Chief who implemented many positive changes in that department and, more importantly, worked hand-in-hand with the union to affect those changes.

This will be an era of great changes in our department. We will protect your rights and interests, as we always have, but at the same time we have committed to Chief Gascón that it is in the best interests of both parties to make the relationship work. I for one intend to give him every chance and ask the membership to do the same.

POA Board of Directors Meeting, June 17, 2009*

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Breen called the meeting to order at 1205 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Secretary Montoya conducted the roll call of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.
3. Representative Browne (Co. A) made a motion to approve the minutes from the May 2009 meeting. Motion was seconded by Representative Yin (Co. G) and passed unanimously by voice vote.
4. The POA is reinstating the "SFPOA Cop of the Month". Officer Tom Cunnane (Co. A) is the June 2009 recipient. President Delagnes congratulated Officer Cunnane and presented him with a POA jacket.
5. David Vincent of the SF Crisis Care gave a presentation to the Board of Directors. Mr. Vincent was seeking the approval to list the SFPOA as one of the foundations' partner agencies.
6. Representative McEachern (Inv) made a motion to authorize the SF Crisis Care to list the SFPOA as one of its partner agencies. Motion was seconded by Representative Yin (Co. G) and passed unanimously by voice vote. The SFPOA will be added to the list of partner agencies which includes Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the San Francisco Department of Public Health Homicide Response Team.
7. President Delagnes talked about Mayor Newsom's choice for the Chief of Police. The new Chief will be Chief George Gascón who currently heads the Mesa Arizona Police Department.
8. President Delagnes talked about the issue of seniority for (Q-50) Sergeants and (0380) Inspectors. After much discussion, it was determined that further clarification was required from the Administration. The issue will be discussed at a future meeting.
9. Treasurer Halloran wanted to

- remind members of the upcoming fundraiser for Frankie Shouldice who is the son of Inspector Shouldice (CSI). The POA will be sponsoring a fundraiser at Saint Gabriel's on August 29, 2009.
10. Lieutenant Lea Militello (President of SFPOA Pride Alliance) thanked the SFPOA, with a special thanks to Vice President Martin for co-sponsoring the fundraiser for Officer Alice Dicroce (Co. C).
11. Representative Mack (Narcotics) wanted to remind the members of the retirement party for Inspector John Hallisy. The retirement party will be held at the Italian Athletic Club on June 25, 2009.
12. Representative Laval (Tactical) made a financial request to assist with the hosting of a BBQ for the OPD Tactical Unit. Representative McFadden (Inv.) made a motion that the POA give \$1,000.00 to assist with the cost of the BBQ. Motion was seconded by Representative Schaffer (Co. C) and passed unanimously by voice vote.
13. Representative Gardner (Co. K) made a motion to donate \$1,500.00 to the SFPD Bag Pipers to assist with the final purchase of uniforms and equipment. Motion was seconded by Vice President Martin and passed unanimously by voice vote.
14. Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a copy of the May 2009 expense recap.
15. President Delagnes moved for adjournment at 1450 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya
POA Secretary

**These minutes will not be adopted by the Board of Directors until the next General Membership meeting. Corrections and amendments might be made prior to a vote to enter the minutes into the permanent record. All corrections and/or amendments will be published in the succeeding issue of the Journal.*



Gary Delagnes presents Officer Tom Cunnane (Central) with POA Officer of the Month.

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, June 17, 2009

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Counselor's Corner

The Task of Acting Responsibly

By John Tennant
SFPOA Counsel

Difficult times demand more than ever that those charged with responsibility act — as the word suggests — responsibly. But acting responsibly is no easy task, particularly when fear and anxiety about the future produce a climate in which, to paraphrase the poet Robert Frost, “one is swayed to carry praise or blame too far.” In such a time, the temptation to speak or act in a manner that sows rather than diminishes discord becomes all but irresistible.

Sadly, leaders in both San Francisco and San Jose, not to mention Oakland, have succumbed to this temptation. It is not surprising that during an economic crisis of this magnitude — in Europe they're calling it the “Great Recession” — some would attempt to divide the working men and women who have succeeded in attaining an equitable level of wages and benefits from many who have not been so fortunate. What is surprising is the extreme nature of both the rhetoric

and the measures called for by those engaged in fomenting such divisions and the terribly severe consequences that flow therefrom.

In San Francisco, the Board of Supervisors' budget committee countered the Mayor's interim budget by stripping some \$82 million from the police, fire and sheriff's departments, raising the potential for the layoff of more than 300 police officers. When pressed for the rationale behind such an unprecedented move, the chairman of the budget committee wasted no time in pitting public safety workers against their non-public safety counterparts as well as the larger public they serve: “They [police, firefighters, and sheriffs] have to share some of the pain.” Another member of the budget committee opined with words to the effect that the staggering cuts were symbolic only, intended to compel “the beginning of a discussion.” One should perhaps admire his honesty in acknowledging before the full Board of Supervisors that \$82 million in public safety cuts is “not the ideal way to engage in this discussion.” But that's

putting it mildly. If holding a veritable Sword of Damocles over the heads of public safety workers by putting their jobs at odds with those of other public workers and the public they serve is a purely rhetorical device, one can be forgiven for supposing that there are better, more responsible ways of getting the real message across.

In Oakland, Mayor Ron Dellums caused jaws to drop by delivering a budget proposal that would cut up to 140 police officers. As *SF Chronicle* columnist Chip Johnson put it, “Any Oakland resident will gladly tell you that the possible loss of...police officers on the streets of this city is a bone-chilling thought.” Given the too obvious point that the layoff of California's finest ought to be the last thing on any responsible civic leader's mind, one should not confuse thoroughly considered economic proposals with the equivalent of political theatrics — theatrics which an admittedly weak economy all too easily tempts the less than responsible into making.

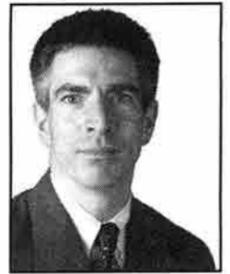
In San Jose where, mercifully, layoffs have not been part of the discourse over a looming budget deficit, a surfeit of irresponsible rhetoric from leaders who ought to know better has nevertheless been the rule not the exception. Preliminary cost projections of what the stock market's unprecedented decline last fall might — emphasize “might” — entail for the city's retirement funds has led to a veritable indictment of the retirement system by certain City Council members, charging that the current system forces an “intergenerational transfer” of pension-benefit liabilities from today's taxpayers to our unsus-

pecting children and grandchildren. What such invective conveniently ignores is twofold: (1) during the boom years, most public employers dropped precipitously the levels of their required contributions needed to maintain the solvency of their pension systems because they wanted to reap the full extent of stock market gains and (2) forcing today's taxpayers to pay an exaggerated cost for public worker pension benefits based on unrealistic market projections is arguably more unjust than the mere potential of “intergenerational transfers” — transfers that may turn out to be sheer fiction if anything approaching a reasonable market recovery occurs.

Today we are confronted with the worst economic crisis since the Great Depression. What is needed now more than ever is a sense of proportion, a sense of propriety, which is the measure, really, of responsible thought and action. Extreme rhetoric, too far-reaching measures — out of proportion, out of sync, with what the reality of the crisis truly demands — amount to something far less than acting responsibly.

And let us be clear: responsibility is a two-way street. Responsible thought and action are prerequisites not just for civic leaders but for public employee unions and their members, indeed, for all citizens — for everyone who cares about the future of our particular province in this terribly bruised economy. We are all in this together.

“Roll the Union On . . .”



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Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. All dates and times are subject to last minute changes, so always contact the event coordinator to confirm dates and times. If you have an event you would like posted on our calendar, contact the editor at journal@sfpoa.org.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
<i>Meeting,</i> Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com
<i>Meeting,</i> Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
<i>Meeting, American Legion</i> SF Police-Fire Post	Old POA Building 510-7th Street, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net
POA Board of Directors Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, Noon	POA Office (415) 861-5060
<i>Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF</i>	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Reyna Kuk (415) 681-5949
<i>Retiree Range Re-qualification</i>	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730 – 1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

Specially Scheduled Events

<i>Law Enforcement Appreciation Night</i> Giants vs. Philadelphia Phillies	ATT Park	Thursday, July 30, 7:30 PM	Sgt. Bob Guinan (415) 850-5726
<i>SFPOA Golf Tournament</i>	Marin Country Club, Novato	Monday, September 14, 2009	POA Office (415) 861-5060
<i>Emerald Society Golf Tournament</i>	Lake Merced Golf Club	Monday, August 17, 2009 10:30 AM	Brian Philpott (415) 793-4558
<i>2009 Ironman/Ironwoman Competition</i>	Hall of Justice, 5th Floor Gym	Wednesday, September 2, 2009, 9:00 AM	Sgt. Ed Yu (415) 553-9082

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June 9, 2009

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Joe Garrity at 1:55PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Joe Garrity.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Joe Garrity. Vice President John Centurioni excused from this meeting but will attend 5 PM meeting. Treasurer Joe Reilly, Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Bob Mattox, Bill Gay, Matt Gardner and Harold Vance. Excused Mark Mc Donough. Also in attendance was Past President Ray Crosat.

MINUTES OF THE MAY MEETING: Motion by Bob Mattox that the minutes be approved as published. Seconded by Bill Gay. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the usual bills. Motion by Ray Crosat, seconded by Harold Vance that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The normal amount of beneficiary and address changes. If you have to change yours call (415) 681-3660.

We Had Two Deaths This Past Month

SVIATOSLAV YASINITSKY 83 yrs old. Yas was born in Harbin, China. His Father was a Russian working as a Missionary. His Family moved to San Francisco during his teenage years and settled in the Richmond District. He attended Poly High and went into the Army after graduation due to his understanding of the Russian language

was stationed as an M.P. in Berlin, Germany. Upon his discharge he returned home and worked as a Service Station Attendant before he entered the Police Academy in 1950. His first assignment was Richmond Station. He remained at Richmond for 8 years before he was assigned to the Bureau. He made Assistant Inspector in 1962 and Full Inspector in 1965. Yas was often used as an interrupter when the need arose. He was awarded two Bronze Medals of Valor. One for his arrest of a suspect in a stolen car who pulled a chrome automatic from his pocket and attempted to escape, shots were fired and the suspect was apprehended and disarmed after a brief struggle. Another for while serving a warrant the suspect pulled a automatic weapon on officers and had to be disarmed. Yas was active in the Veterans Officers Association and was considered a expert in military medals of the World. Yas retired in 1977

DAVID R. WINN 76 years old. Dave was born in San Francisco He grew up in the Mission and attended Mission High School. He served his Country in the Air Force. After his discharge he worked as a Radio Mechanic. He entered the Police Academy in 1958. His first assignment was Northern Station. Nine months later he went to Central. Then Taraval and back to Central for three months before going to the Potrero. After five years he made Sergeant and went back to Central. He worked a few months at Ingleside before he was assigned to the Tac Unit. And later the Bomb Squad. He was a very knowledgeable and active Cop all the way until he retired in 1984. He received numerous Captains

Comps. and Seven Medals of Valor. Two Silver and Five Bronze Medals. One Silver for the arrest of a man with a gun who threatening to shoot anyone who entered his premises. He fired one shot at the two officers before he was overpowered and arrested. Another Silver for arresting a suspect who fired two shots at a woman and then locked himself in the house. After firing several shots at officers through a door, officers kicked open the door, threw a gas grenade rushed the suspect and made the arrest. He was awarded three Bronze Medals for disarming live bombs all in different circumstances. A Bronze for entering the bay off pier 39 and assisted the man to safety Another Bronze for the arrest of a suspect who fired at them from an apartment building. Dave retired in 1984 and went to work as a Deputy U.S Marshall and also at the Federal Building as a Security Officer.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article HI, Section 3 of the Constitution. (Non-Payment of dues for six Months) Treasurer Joe Reilly presented the following names of those who have not paid for six months. President Joe Garrity ordered all benefits taken form them until they pay dues and penatities. Daniel Barden, William Bigarani, James Blanson, Richard Bodisco, Robert Ballard, Jack Ciparrone, Philip Dito, Nancy Downer, David Duggar, Charles Easton, Randy Flannery, Thomas Fogarty, Michael Gannon, Bruce Gendron, Freddy Ghaffer, David Heika, Henry Hunter, John Kannisto, Jack Killough, Henry Kolar, Ford Long, Bruce Mc Donald, George Malim, Daniel Marr, Benjamin Mc Alister, Stephen Mroz, Michael

Nowlin, James O'Meara, Larry Piol, Gene Powers, Ernest Raabe, Eugene Reed, Rosalind Reid, Jacquelynne Riche, Adele Roberts, Verne Rohme, Michael Shea, James Simons, Janimie Toliver, Joyce Watkins, Gary Womack and David Wright.

The above listed names have not paid their dues, I know and worked with several on the list and if I had their current address or phone numbers I would call them. If your name is listed or if you can get in touch with them have them call us as soon as possible at (415) 681-3660.

DROPPED FROM MEMBERSHIP: Pursuant to Article III, Section 4 of the Constitution. (Nonpayment of dues for over ONE year) Philip Gonzales, Albert Gordon, Glenn Harden, William Hemby, Francis Kang, Dwayne Miller, James Norman and Thomas O'Malley. President Joe Garrity ordered them removed from the membership.

NEW BUSINESS: We do not want to drop anyone who has paid into their membership for many years and then lose their benefit for non-payment of their dues. If we were Allstate or Farmers Insurance Companies, ask yourself, "would they insure you without paying premium?" Call us at (415) 681-3660 to get back on track.

ADJOURNMENT: President Joe Garrity had a moment of silence for our departed members and those men and women serving their Country in the armed forces. He set the next meeting for Tuesday July 14, 2009 at 1:45 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

Fraternally
Mark Hurley
Secretary.

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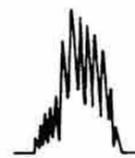
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Sergeant Jack Young

Herman Bell's Guilty Plea No Surprise

By Gary Delagnes,
President SFPOA

On June 29th, 2009 Herman Bell pled guilty to the 1971 murder on Sgt. John V. Young. This, of course, came as no surprise to anyone who had a factual knowledge of the case, but apparently came as a big surprise to the San Francisco Labor Council, and some members of the Board of Supervisors, who have been busy enacting resolutions which proclaim the innocence of these poor, beleaguered victims of society, otherwise known as the "SF8".

Bell's attorney, Stuart Hanlon, I am sure made defense attorneys around the country proud by proclaiming that a guilty plea to manslaughter was actually a victory for the defense.

It seems as though we have been inconveniencing Mr. Bell by forcing him to put up with the mundane conditions of San Francisco county jail. I guess the accommodations haven't been acceptable here for Mr. Bell and he longed for the good old days in the New York penal system where he is serving life imprisonment for the murder of two New York police officers also committed in 1971. Perhaps he missed his soft mattress or felt as though he

had been separated far too long from a love interest at his prior address. In any event Mr. Bell just wanted to get the hell out of here so why not plead to manslaughter and move on. Somebody please gag me!

In reality what we have is validation that the "SF8" murdered John V. Young, for which they took credit and boasted about days after the slaying. They were not set up! They were not wrongly accused! They are simply eight losers who decided to take the life of a San Francisco police officer for no reason, and then cowardly attempted to hide behind the "racial divide" to avoid prosecution.

Now that Herman Bell has admitted to direct involvement in the slaying of John V. Young will his so called supporters admit that Bell's co-conspirators Richard Brown, Richard O'Neal, Ray Boudreaux, Henry Jones, Anthony Bottom and Harold Taylor were also likely involved in the murder? Never, because that would mean you had to face reality, you had to acknowledge the truth. Just like the Labor Council and some members of the Board of Supervisors people who support these "8" will never acknowledge the facts because that would get in the way of their foolish and misguided agenda.

Members Address Supervisors' Government Oversight Committee

By Gary Delagnes

June 11, 2009 — We had a tremendous showing at the Board of Supervisors meeting yesterday for the Government Oversight Committee where a resolution to support the 'San Francisco 8' (those individuals charged with the murder of police Sergeant Jack Young back in 1971) was being considered. Many of our members, both active and retired, spoke in opposition of the resolution and they all did an excellent job! But we thought we'd share the speech given by Officer Michael Walsh, Ingleside Station, since that is where Sergeant Jack Young served his last tour of duty:

"Good Afternoon:

My name is Michael Walsh and I am, along with my colleague, Maris Goldsborough, the elected representative of the men and women who work at Ingleside Police Station. The road on which they travel daily is Sgt. John V. Young Lane. The threshold over which they cross to the business office is the place where Sgt. Young's body lay after his murder by those who took public credit for their cowardly accomplishment. Daily, these officers honor the legacy of courage and integrity which his life, so unfairly abbreviated, represents.

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Note: Immediately following our comments Supervisor Eric Marr and Supervisor Sophie Maxwell ignored our requests and passed the resolution on to the full Board of Supervisors for their meeting next Tuesday. Unfortunately, there will be no public comment allowed next Tuesday since this will be a "committee report". We must never forget what was done today and those who were responsible for doing it

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



...Budget:

The budget issues are of grave concern to all. Our younger members who have been recently hired are especially worried because of the uncertainty gleaned from news reports. This is not the first time we have been through such times and it will probably not be the last. In the past the entire police family has risen to the challenge and protected our new hires. My advice to the new hires is to be patient. Let the POA and Chief work on the budget knowing that you will be fully informed prior to any action and that the police family will be there to assist, as we did in the early 90s when over 60 layoff notices were issued to Q2s...

...Guardians of the City Museum:

One June 22nd a site visit was conducted at the proposed location of the Guardians of the City Museum, the SFFD pump station at the foot of Van Ness. Attendees included; Supervisor Alioto-Pier's staff, Sheriff Mike Hennessey, SFFD, SFPD, ECD, Private Sector consultants and fundraisers. All were impressed with the site and agreed to go forward with the feasibility study and the preparation of the business/fund raising plan as soon as an administrative office/collection center is secured...In the meantime, we encourage all members to set aside any items that they may consider donating to the museum in the future. When we are ready to call for donations announcements will go out. All

donations will be categorized and logged by a professional curator. Items that are duplicates will be returned to the donor...we currently have an account with a digital service to scan pictures and documents. Retiree Hobart Nelson brought in his album of 1950s and 60s photos and news clippings, it has been digitized, and the original album has been returned to Hobart and his family. If interested in this service drop an e-mail at alfirmsf@aol.com...an oral history project is also being planned...visit www.guardiansofthecity.org for more information...

...Congratulations:

The International Association of Chiefs of Police (IACP) has announced the winners of the 2008-2009 National Law Enforcement Challenge. We are proud to report that San Francisco Police Traffic Company commanded by Captain Gregory Corrales tied for first place with the Los Angeles Police Department for Traffic Initiatives. Atlanta Georgia came in second followed by the San Jose, California. Congratulations Company K/Solos and FOB patrol units...

...On Patrol:

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...Slow Speed:

A slow speed accident can be just as deadly as a high-speed accident especially if there is an elderly person aboard without a seatbelt engaged. Yes, they may be uncomfortable and even though you are not going a long distance — seatbelts are a must...

...Birth...

Noah Daniel Meixner born on May 29, weighed in at 9 lbs. 7 oz., 21 inches. Parents Daniel and Lisa Meixner. Big sister is Isabelle Meixner, two-and-a-half-years old. Noah was born at UC Davis Medical Center in Sacramento at 5:30 pm. Proud grandparents are Dennis and Donna Meixner

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This and That...

By Kevin Martin,
SFPOA Vice President

Board of Supe's assail SFPD...

It is very apparent that the men and women of this department have been under siege with the heaviest of hits coming from the San Francisco Board of Supervisors. First, but certainly not foremost, Supervisor Eric Mar with support from Supervisors Maxwell, Mirkarimi and, of course, Chris Daly moved a resolution petitioning Attorney General Jerry Brown to dismiss all criminal charges against the "San Francisco 8" who have been charged for the cold blooded and most cowardly murder of Sgt. Jack Young at Ingleside Station back in 1971.

Several members of the POA Board of Directors along with current and retired members of our department showed up to offer their public comment on June 9, 2009 including former Chief of Police, Anthony Ribera. Deputy Chief Kevin Cashman joined Captain David Lazar, Commanding Officer of Ingleside Station, POA President Gary Delagnes, POA Treasurer Marty Halloran, POA Board of Director members Maris Goldsborough and Michael Walsh representing Ingleside Station.

Each of the speakers made some very salient and provocative arguments against such an outlandish resolution.

I took the opportunity to offer the following which I share with you now:

"It has become very apparent that certain members of this board have become morally bankrupt in the name of political posture.

Certain members of this board have demonstrated that they are bereft of their consciousness and sensibilities while choosing to side with urban terrorists who have left a trail of murdered Police Officers as trophies in their wake...

Certain members of this board have sent a crystal clear message to all San Francisco Police Officers active and retired that the sanctity and memory of our lives count for nothing.

Certain members of this board as elected representatives of all San Franciscans have yet again traveled a trail where they have no business or input.

Certain members of this board have once again conspired to reduce this once great city into a complete embarrassment and laughing stock across the entire country.

Certain members of this board have plunged daggers into our backs and spit on our faces.

I ask those members who are of sound mind and respectful of Police Officers who day in and day out protect and serve the citizen's of San Francisco and are willing to make the ultimate sacrifice in doing so to vote against this outrageous and vile resolution"

Officer Michael Walsh of Co. H, Ingleside Station offered the most eloquent of statements.

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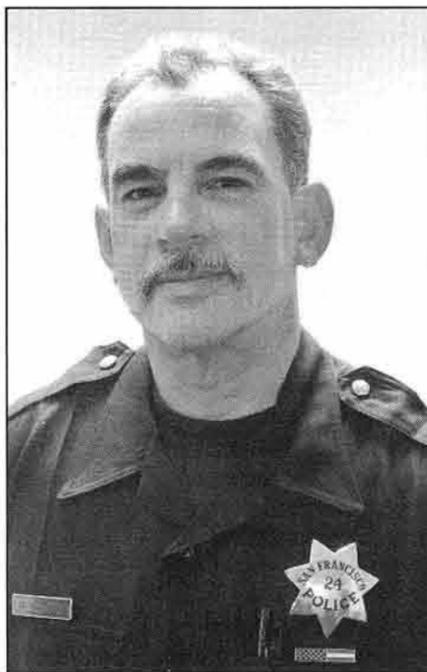
After making our collective statements, Supervisors Mar and Maxwell dismissed our requests and passed the resolution on to the full board for a vote on June 18th.

At the June 18th meeting of the Board of Supervisors, Supervisor Mar put the vote off until the first week of July which coincidentally coincides with the start of the trial of the 'San Francisco 8' slated for July 6, 2009.

Also after making our voices heard, Supervisor Mar made some comments which included the statement that in part reflected his opinion that newly introduced evidence (DNA from a fingerprint from a cigarette lighter found at the scene) was "flimsy."

In retrospect, the only thing flimsy about this whole mess is the resolution itself. It was shortly after this statement that as a group, we stood and left the room so as not to hear any more incredulous nonsense...I would like to take this opportunity to personally thank each and every one of you who showed up to this meeting and made their presence and voices heard. I know for a fact that the Young family is also very grateful.

The next bit of good news came the very next day at the June 10th Police Commission meeting at which time the Police Department's Budget Director informed the Commission that the Board of Supervisors, led by President David Chiu and Supervisor John Avalos, Chair of the Budget Committee want to reduce the Police Department budget by an estimated 42 million dollars. It was at this point that the specter of police lay-offs was raised. It has been rumored that the



lay-off of some 300 uniformed personnel is a possibility. We do not know if this drastic measure will come to fruition, but we sure as hell hope not. Additionally, the Fire Department and the Sheriff's Department are also being threatened with tremendous budget cuts which could result in the possible loss of close to 142 Firefighter and approximately 60 Deputy Sheriff positions eliminated. This chilling possibility would most likely result in the closure of neighborhood fire houses and Sheriff Hennessy has stated that such a reduction in his department would most likely cause the closure of one or more jail facilities and the immediate release of some 300 criminal inmates. How's that for a scary thought?

On Tuesday, June 16th between 300-400 firefighters along with a very dismal showing of some 25-30 cops and I don't know how many Deputy Sheriff's rallied outside of City Hall to protest these proposed budget cuts to public safety. The rally was loud and guest speakers for "Public Safety" included former Mayor Willie Brown, Firefighter Union President John Hanley, Deputy Sheriff Association President David Wong, our own Gary Delagnes and current Mayor Gavin Newsom.

Immediately after our rally, we proceeded into City Hall where we were met by supporters of Public Safety budget cuts and supporters of Supervisors Mirkarimi, Daly, Mar, Avalos, Maxwell, Chiu and former Police Commissioner David Campos all who voted for these drastic budget cuts.

Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Carmen Chu and Dufty all voted against while Supervisor Elsbernd was absent due to the birth of his son. (Congratulations to Supervisor and Mrs. Elsbernd on their wonderful new addition).

Mayor Gavin Newsom is very confident that he has the necessary four (4) votes to veto such a detrimental proposal and I trust the aforementioned Supervisors Alioto-Pier, Chu, Dufty and Elsbernd will stand up and do the right thing.

The threat of Police Officer lay-offs in San Francisco is not a new concept and we have been down this road before. I can remember as a young officer in this department, the threat of 160 police officer jobs being cut and along with many of my classmates and younger members of the department standing on street corners around the city collecting signatures from citizens petitioning the then Mayor and Board of Supervisors not to lay us off.

I was disappointed and frustrated with the very poor showing of the younger members of our department, many of whose jobs may be in jeop-

ardy. I saw several members there whose jobs were not at all in jeopardy by virtue of their seniority in the department, but who cared enough to lend their presence and voices. Among these senior members was Lt. Dan Gardner of Tenderloin Station who is due to retire in very short order. If Dan cared enough to support our cause you'd think those who are directly affected by this possible lay-off fiasco would care enough to show up as well.

Many see this as a ploy to send the Mayor a strong message and indeed, this message has been sent. I have heard that the 7-3 vote was "symbolic in nature" to voice displeasure with the Mayor and when the rubber hits the road, they may have a change in heart. The major difference between lay-off threats 22 years ago and now is that we are in a considerably more troublesome economic strait and there are certainly members of the Board who are absolutely NOT our friends and make no bones about it.

This is evidenced by Supervisor Daly's antics and overt signs of disrespect as he was taunting firefighters by blowing kisses at them and turning his backside toward the firefighters and mockingly slapping his backside in their direction. And believe it or not, these are the same firefighters that supported Daly in his last campaign. You can only imagine what he thinks of the cops, and please trust me when I tell you he is absolutely no friend of ours...

Please know that the Police Officers' Association is working extremely hard to insure that no lay-offs will take place, but there is no guarantee that we will not feel in one way or another the brunt of these hard economic times.

POA General Counsel John Tennant wrote a very pointed letter to Human Resources Director Micki Callahan dated June 15, 2009 regarding the SFPOA's agreement to amend the 2007-2011 Memorandum of Understanding based on the city's representation that no lay-offs of sworn Police Department employees would occur.

In his letter, Mr. Tennant stated that the SFPOA helped the city accomplish the goal of meeting the financial challenges of the current unprecedented economic downturn by "voluntarily relinquishing close to \$17 million of wages and benefits guaranteed in the 2007-2011 MOU and agreeing to extend the duration of that MOU until 2012. Mr. Tennant went on to offer that a draft press release sent to the POA in the event that an agreement between the POA and the Board of Supervisors included the following language: "...This agreement will protect citizen's in another way, by providing savings to save vital public services" said Mayor Newsom. "THESE OFFICERS WHOSE OWN JOBS ARE NOT IN JEOPARDY, are reaching out to save the jobs of other city employees. We appreciate their public spirit and leadership".

John Tennant went on to write, "While we are hopeful that the dispute between the Mayor's Office and the Board of Supervisors over the budget will resolve itself amicably and without the threatened cuts to police jobs, it must be emphasized that the parties' tentative agreement to amend the MOU cannot co-exist legally with the layoffs of sworn, police employees. It's either one or the other, given that the agreement was premised on the

City's representation that no layoffs of SFPOA members would occur".

Ms. Callahan addressed the Board of Supervisors with this information at the June 16th Budget Hearing Meeting and it was very apparent that some of the board members took notice of this revelation.

We shall see...we shall see...

Our new Chief...

After a long and arduous and sometimes contentious search, a new Police Chief of San Francisco has been named and San Francisco's top cop will be George Gascon who is currently serving as the Chief of Police of Mesa, Arizona. I offer my sincerest congratulations to Chief Gascon and wish him the very best of luck as the new leader of our department. Chief Gascon served many years as a member of the Los Angeles Police Department before taking on the Mesa, Arizona position.

Our talks with the President of the Mesa, Arizona POA revealed the Chief Gascon had a very good working relationship with the Mesa PD's POA and President Fabian Cota gave their chief very high marks and more than once stated that they hated to see him go.

I think that it is only fair that we give Chief Gascon every chance in the world to succeed and that we should put our very best foot forward in showing him that in fact we can be a world class Police Department. Wouldn't we all want that same consideration if we were in his shoes? It is only reasonable to do so.

Although the selection of George Gascon as our chief lays strictly on the hands of Mayor Newsom, the leaders of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association are looking forward to working with the new chief and we all hope for very positive results from our concerted efforts.

I hope and trust the new Chief is looking forward to his new challenge and bringing a very positive attitude and effort to the outstanding women and men of this department.

Of course there will be challenges, and I imagine that there will be changes made in the day to day operations of this department. I believe that at this point the change of leadership in this department will be a good one and will be of benefit not only to the members of our department but to the citizen's residing and doing business in San Francisco as well.

I wish outgoing Chief Heather Fong all the best in her future endeavors and thank her for her services to the citizen's of San Francisco. God Bless you Chief Fong, may you have a long and healthy life.

Childcare Networking...

There appears to be a growing need for childcare services among our members. With the varied watches and the sometimes difficult hours these watches present, the need for competent childcare in a safe, familiar, friendly environment is becoming more apparent. I have been approached by members of our association who would be very interested in networking with other POA member parents or guardians who find themselves in a very similar situation.

If you are interested in childcare for your children, please contact me at the POA at 415-861-5060 extension 15 or by e-mail at kevin@sfpoa.org.

The names of all interested parents and guardians can have their contact information placed in the "Members Only" section of our POA website which is a secured website.

Please include your name, the

names and ages of your children, the assignment and watch hours you work along with your contact information to assist in networking with other interested members.

If you have any questions or concerns in this developing program, please feel free to get a hold of me at the above noted contact points.

Please note that the POA is interested only in assisting our members by providing a networking service on our website for those who want to contact other members in securing childcare for their children.

The POA cannot and will not be held responsible for any/all actions beyond providing a secure website to this effort's end.

It will be the sole responsibility of the members involved to insure your children's safe placement in another's home.

It is encouraged that each and every willing participant take all the steps they feel necessary to insure their children will go to a safe, friendly and conducive environment.

New Computer System...

I have been inundated with numerous complaints about the new computer system the department has recently unveiled as being very user unfriendly, unnecessarily complicated, extremely time consuming, and absolutely designed by those who do not have to use them in a "real world" setting.

The complaints also include the many password complications involved with getting into this new system and the inability to access even the most basic of services. I have heard loud grumbings by members that at times they cannot even log-on to the computer to write an incident report, never mind the frustrating inability to access "S.F. Number's", criminal "rap sheets" or CII information.

The members at the Stations, Units and Details along within other areas of this department deserve a computer system that is easily accessible and not terribly complicated. Members are complaining that they are spending an inordinate amount of time writing computer generated reports and accessing information pertinent to their assignments and investigations.

Please note that this is in no way written or brought up to point fingers at or disparage those members of our department assigned to the Technical Division or those involved in computer repairs.

What was so wrong with the last computer system we had? Why was the change to this new system necessary, and who is ultimately responsible for these changes?

The hardworking men and women of this department deserve answers... will someone from the department's administration address these issues in a very timely manner?

P.S. These complaints come not from only patrol officers but from Sgt.'s and Lt.'s at the station level as well.

Greener pastures. . . .

On Tuesday, June 16, 2009, two members of the S.F.P.D. Mounted Unit retired to greener pastures while three new members were brought into the fold. "Kenny", a 20 year old Apaloosa served the SFPD for twelve years and for the past few years was ridden by Officer Steve Marquez who himself will soon be retiring from our department.

"Chip", is a fifteen year old quarter horse who was utilized as a "relief" horse and was ridden by several members of the Mounted Unit during his ten year stint with the department.



Jeff Roth with newly acquired horse, Gunny.



Mrs. Black, Steve Marquez and Kenny.

A very nice ceremony was held at the Golden Gate Park Stables and was attended by several members of the department and the community.

Police Chaplain Father Michael Healy was on hand to bless the two retiring horses before being transported to a retirement ranch in Sonoma County.

Additionally, Father Healy blessed the three newly acquired horses who have just recently been brought in to serve the Mounted Unit. The three new horses are "Shorty", "Bubba" and "Gunny" who is a twelve year old "Tennessee Walker" who was acquired from the San Jose Police Department.

Captain John Goldberg and Lt. Alvin Yee were on hand with several current and former members of the unit including Dave O'Donnell and Bill Simms while Sgt. Bob Totah served as the Master of Ceremonies of the unit.

The Mounted Unit is by far one of the most popular entities of the SFPD among officers and citizen's alike. The unit has a long storied history and tradition in San Francisco which dates back to 1874. The first member of the unit was Sgt. Thomas Sloane, a somewhat "colorful" figure who before joining the SFPD was a member of the United States Calvary.

We have all seen the Mounted Unit serve in a variety of capacities within the department including attending parades, escorting funerals, providing crowd control at protests and demonstrations as well as acting as "Color Guard" at Giants and Forty-Niner games. However, the thought that comes foremost to my mind is the patrol functions they serve in the Golden Gate Park areas.

Without question, the Mounted Unit serves as the Police Departments greatest ambassador for not only the

citizen's of San Francisco but from travelers and guests from all over the world.

Officer Chris Olocco of the unit said at the ceremony, "The horses look to you (the riding and tending officer) for love, language and leadership." "An officer can't be intimidated by a horse, and the horse has to have just the right temperament to do the job."

The horses and the members of the unit are trained by retired and former member of the unit Stan Buscovich who is a POST certified instructor and has many years of experience working with both horses and riders.

My sincerest thanks to Sgt. Bob Totah and all members of this outstanding unit for the invitation to the POA for the ceremony and for allowing me to be part of such a great event.

S.F. Crisis Care...

The POA Board of Directors recently by unanimous vote agreed to be a "Partner Agency" with San Francisco Crisis Care which is a community based coalition whose mission is to help people impacted by traumatic events rebuild healthy, fulfilling, productive lives. San Francisco Crisis Care will pursue this mission by providing on scene personal support to survivors traumatized by suicides, homicides, accidents and other daily tragedies.

I have met Mr. David Vincent, Director of U.S. Crisis Care on several occasions regarding his agency's mission and I have found him to be a strong advocate for not only our police department but other departments who have engaged with U.S. Crisis Care as well including the San Diego, Los Angeles, Seattle, Portland, Vancouver Departments along with the Sacramento Police and Sheriff Departments.

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Mr. Vincent is committed to U.S. Crisis Care and I look forward to working with David as he get's his agency grounded in San Francisco .

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association is proud to be a supporting Partner Agency along with Kaiser Permanente, San Francisco Suicide Prevention, Mothers Against Drunk Driving and the San Francisco Department of Public Health-Homicide Response Team.

If you would like any further information about U.S. / S.F. Crisis Care, please contact David at 916-834-6765 or at sf@crisiscare.us or www.crisis-care.us/sf.

Giants Baseball...

Don't forget to pick up your baseball tickets for the San Francisco Giants vs. Philadelphia Phillies game on Thursday, July 30 at 7:10 PM.

Proceeds from ticket sales will benefit the California Peace Officer Memorial as well as the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund, both great organizations.

Tickets are \$25.00 and can be purchased directly from the POA at 800 Bryant St. (415)-861-5060 or via the web at www.sfgiants.com/specialevents under Law Enforcement Night or by telephone for groups of 25 or more at (415) 972-2298 and please mention that you are part of the Law Enforcement Group.

Tickets include a souvenir "Lou Seal" bobble head and a hosted pre-game tailgate party at the Mariposa Yacht Club which starts at 3 PM.

There will be a Pre-game home plate ceremony a memorial tribute to fallen officers from the Oakland P.D.; California Highway Patrol; Sacramento Sheriff's Dept.; East Palo Alto P.D.;

Ripon P.D.; San Jose P.D.; Yolo County Sheriff's Office; Richmond P.D. as well as the Martinez, Pittsburg and San Francisco Police Departments.

This event has always been a respectful and honorable occasion allowing family, friends and loved ones to gather and remember fallen loved ones and then to enjoy America's favorite pastime...baseball.

As in years past, Sgt. Jerry D'Arcy will sing our National Anthem which has always proven to be among the evening's highlighted events.

Please show your support for the families of fallen officers by attending this annual event.

For further information please contact Sgt. Bob Guinan of the S.F.P.D. Traffic/Solo Company at (415) 553-1245 or through Bob directly at (415) 850-5726. Thank you in advance for your continued outstanding support.

Runners...

We need your support...

On Sunday, September 19th Officer Ed Robles of Mission Station will be sponsoring the "Hannah and Mitchell 10k Fun Run" along the Embarcadero in San Francisco. "Hannah and Mitchell" are niece and nephew of Ed Robles who suffer from ACC (Agenesis Corpus Callosum). This ACC condition causes the two hemispheres of the brain to be partially or completely absent. Effects of this terrible malady often cause mental retardation, seizures and abnormalities in the vertebra of the spine.

Hannah and Mitchell's condition demands a very expensive level of care which will continue over the course of their lifetimes and Ed is committed to building a Trust Fund to oversee their care.

A donation of \$250.00 will list you or your business as a sponsor on the www.hannahandmitchellfund.org website as well as on the t-shirt that each participant will receive.

This is the first annual run for Hannah and Mitchell and it is the only evening run held in San Francisco with a 6 PM start. San Francisco is known for its "Indian Summers" with September being its hottest month. It should be a great evening for a walk or jog along the Embarcadero!!!

Please plan to help Ed out in this most worthy and noble cause...if you have any questions or want more information about this event, please contact Ed at Mission Station or call Ed at (925) 336-6709.

Congratulations Annie Dahlberg!

Congratulations are in store for Annie Dahlberg, daughter of Officer Lee Dahlberg (Southern Station) and his wife Debbie. Annie graduated from Saint Ignatius College Prep in San Francisco on May 30th and is bound for college this coming September.

If you have ever walked through Southern Station over the years you no doubt saw a poster on the bulletin board of Annie's latest show she was performing in. Annie has been passionate about her performing goals since she was in grammar school! She has consistently trained in school and outside of school in Dance, Voice, and Acting.

Musical Theatre is her passion and as she grew in experience over the years it has definitely paid off in her college acceptances. Annie has been doing Regional Theatre and Community Theatre though-out the Bay Area - sometimes being cast in shows back to back while keeping up with the rigorous academics at SI. She just closed with "Crazy for You" at Broadway by the Bay in San Mateo, which was preceded by "The Producer's" at Diablo Theatre Company in Walnut Creek. During her Senior Year at SI, she actually performed in four Musicals, with 3-5 weeks of Performances each show.

Knowing she wanted to pursue the Performing Arts, she knew getting a college degree was even more important. With any luck she could do both in college, but had no idea of how fierce the College Application process for the Theatre programs was. Not only do you have to be accepted

academically to the University but then proceed to be accepted to the highly selective Bachelor of Fine Arts programs, by audition. The audition included Acting, Vocal Work, and Dance, the "triple threat"!

With Mom in tow, Annie traveled to New York, Michigan, and Los Angeles this past winter auditioning with literally hundreds of High School Seniors from all over the country sharing the same dreams as Annie. The number of students accepted to each of the schools' Musical Theatre programs range from 16-22 males & females combined.

When the call came on March 24th, Annie had tears in her eyes. She is one of ten females accepted to the Bachelor of Fine Arts-Musical Theatre Major at PACE University, in New York City. Annie will be moving to Manhattan this coming September and you might say "Broadway Bound"!

Congrat's Annie!

Lt. Dan Gardner

This month's column is dedicated to Lt. Dan Gardner of the Tenderloin Station who will be retired by the time this edition of *The Journal* is issued. Dan who followed his father's footsteps into police work has enjoyed an outstanding career with the S.F.P.D.

Dan first joined the department as a cadet and became a sworn member of this department on June 26, 1978. Dan spent several years at Northern Station before being promoted to the rank of Sergeant and later promoting to the rank of Inspector where Dan gained an outstanding reputation working in the Robbery Detail.

Later in his career, Dan promoted to the rank of Lieutenant where he served his last assignment as Watch Commander on the Day Watch.

To say that Dan's career has been an exciting and colorful one would be a gross understatement.

I will remember Dan as "backing up" the men and women that worked for him and his stellar reputation as a hard worker.

I will also remember Dan standing in support of the younger members of this department in front of City Hall this past June 16th as their jobs and futures are in question.

Good luck in your retirement Dan... God Bless and good luck in all your endeavors...

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Ask Mike...the Retiree's Corner

By Mike Hebel
POA Welfare Officer

Q. Mike, when will this current bear market end?

A. It appears to me that the stock market, as measured by both the S&P 500 and the Dow Jones Industrial, hit its current cycle low in March 2009. I do not believe that this low mark will be retested; I believe that this was the upward turning point. Since 1949, bear markets have bottomed a median of five months before recessions have ended and eight months before corporate earnings hit a trough and unemployment peaked. While history is never a guarantee, it often serves as a guide. I further believe that the current recession, which started in December 2007, will end by the start of the fourth quarter of 2009 after registering a peak-to-trough decline in gross domestic product (GDP) of about 3.9% — the deepest since the 1930's and at 21 months the longest since the 1950's.

Q. Mike, at a recent retirement planning seminar at Sigmund Stern Grove you spoke of a prosperous retirement as the goal. Is this different from a financially comfortable retirement?

A. Yes! While it is true that financial well-being is linked to overall well-being in retirement, it is not the biggest factor in retirement happiness. According to a recent study published by the Center for Retirement Research at Boston College, the circumstances of a person's retirement are a far greater predictor of satisfaction later in life. Individuals

who had control over when they left their jobs reported much higher levels of well-being than those who did not. The researchers theorized that people who retire involuntarily may not be sufficiently prepared for retirement, either financially or psychologically and that lack of preparation may decrease their satisfaction. For this reason the POA urges all its members to attend the 3-day Retirement Planning Seminar that is conducted three times a year at Sigmund Stern Grove. The next seminar is scheduled for October 20-22, 2009. A prosperous retirement is one that has both adequate finances along with a blend of physical health, proper diet, mental health, intellectual challenges, exercise, social contacts, and a spiritual aspect.

Q. Mike, I am lucky enough to receive a small social security old age pension which I began receiving at age 62. Since turning age 65 several years ago, this pension has paid for my Medicare Part B and left some money for my weekly golf games. It has an annual cost of living adjustment. This January I received a 5.8% cola increase. What can I expect in the next several years? I need some new golf equipment.

A. That 5.8% increase in January 2009 was one of the largest paid since colas were made a permanent feature of the Social Security benefit structure in 1950. With prices declining in recent months, the Congressional Budget Office forecasts that there may be no cost-of-living adjustment in Social Security in 2010. The CBO's initial projections also show that there may be no cola in 2011 or 2012, either. The good news is that under federal law, the basic Part B

premiums, now \$96.40/month, must stay the same if there is no cola paid. Medicare Part B pays for physician's services. Any member of the Health Service System is required, at age 65, to apply for Part B. Your present golf equipment may have to last to 2013.

Q. Mike, I heard at the Veteran POA's meeting that Santa Monica CPA Paul McCauley is seeking qualification for another initiative petition targeting pensions earned in California. What's this new one all about?

A. In January 2009 he qualified *The McCauley Public-Employee Pension Reform Act* for signature gathering. This proposal sought to amend the California Constitution to allow public employers in California to renegotiate their pension contracts including reducing vested benefits for existing and prospective retirees. After the California Legislative Analyst issued an opinion that this petition's objective was an unconstitutional abridgement of the State and Federal constitutions' contract clauses, it lost steam and did not obtain the required signatures (694,000) needed to place it on the June 2010 ballot. Now he has proposed a second initiative entitled *The McCauley Pension Recovery Act of 2009*. It will require 485,000 signatures to qualify for the November 2010 ballot. It proposes to raise \$8 billion annually for the State's general fund by taxing all pensions (public and



private) with a hefty surcharge on all pension monies received over \$40,000 a year. It even seeks to reach, that is tax, pensions earned in California but paid to those who no longer reside in California. This latter feature most likely is unconstitutional since it directly conflicts with federal tax law.

Mike Hebel has been the POA's Welfare Officer since January 1974. He is an attorney and a certified financial planner. He has received awards/recognition as a Northern California "super lawyer" and included amongst "America's top financial planners." He represents POA members at the City's Retirement Board and at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board. He also advises on investment matters pertaining to the City's deferred compensation plan. Mike retired from the SFPD in 1994 after a distinguished 28 year career. If you have a question for Mike, send an e-mail to mike@sfpoa.org or call him at 861-0211.

Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers Association congratulates each of the following POA members on his recent retirement from the SFPD. These veterans will be difficult to replace, as each takes with him decades of experience and job knowledge. The most recently retired POA members are:

- Sergeant Stephen Christie #74 from Southern Station
- Officer Mario Machi #1436 from Medical Liaison
- Sgt. Gile Pursley, #1530 from Traffic Co.
- Officer Tim Quan #1684 from Taraval Station
- Sergeant Michael J. Sullivan #1006 from Staff Services



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On Saturday, February 28, 2009, the First Bank located at 1143 Grant was robbed by a lone gunman. Units were alerted by a Signal 200 and began to track the ETS tag that was taken, along with the bank's money, by the bank robber. The officers listed below, in a coordinated move, tracked, located, and arrested Antwane Woods (SF#605778). They recovered the bank's money and the gun (refer to case #0902 15930).

On Wednesday, June 10, 2009, at the Police Commission Meeting in City Hall, Inspector Phil Wong, Sergeant Marty Lalor, Officers Andy Castro, A.J. Holder, Patrick Griffin, Steven Spagnuolo, Kevin Byrnes, and Shawn Jackson received Bank Robbery Capture Awards from Spectrum Management, ETS (Electronic Tracking Systems).

Officer Andy Castro received an additional award for his multiple captures of bank robbers through the past years. John Petrick, Regional Operations Manager for ETS, presented Officer Castro with a framed picture titled, Bank Robbery 1886 by artist Michael Haynes.

POLICE-FIRE Post 456 NEWS

By Greg Corrales

"One final aspect of leadership is the frequent necessity to be a philosopher, able to understand and to explain the lack of moral economy in this universe, for many people have a great difficulty with the fact that virtue is not always rewarded nor is evil always punished. To handle tragedy may indeed be the mark of an educated man, for one of the principal goals of education is to prepare us for failure. To say that is not to encourage resignation to the whims of fate, but to acknowledge the need for forethought about how to cope with undeserved reverses. It's important that our leadership steel themselves against the natural reaction of lashing out or withdrawing when it happens. The test of character is not 'hanging in there' when the light at the end of the tunnel is expected but performance of duty and persistence of example when the situation rules out the possibility of the light ever coming."

— Admiral James B. Stockdale
Naval War College Review,
July-August 1979

The 2009 American Legion Department of California Convention is being hosted by the City of Riverside. Riverside Mayor Ronald Loveridge stated, "You will find a warm welcome from our city, which has a long tradition of support for veterans, whose service and sacrifices we honor, and will never forget."

Riverside's tradition of respect and support for veterans is exemplified by its annual "Salute to Veterans Parade" every April, and the statue it elected to establish right outside of Riverside City Hall. It is a statue of Staff Sergeant Ysmael R. Villegas, a Riverside native son who was killed in combat in the Philippines on March 20, 1945, one day before his 21st Birthday, when he "repeatedly charged enemy positions, drawing their fire away from his squad," and sacrificed his own life to save his comrades. He was the first Riverside County resident to be awarded the Medal of Honor for his bravery.

Ever wonder why the Coast Guard isn't lined up with the other services under the Defense Department? It's because they have law enforcement authority, which the other branches of the service are denied under the Posse Comitatus Act of 1878, a law designed to keep the military out of civilian affairs.

The Coast Guard started out as the Revenue Marine under the Treasury Department in 1790, with a primary mission of collecting tariffs. It became the Coast Guard when it merged with the Life-Saving Service in 1915. It shifted to the Transportation Depart-



ment in 1967 and moved to the newly formed Department of Homeland Security in 2002.

I know that we are all delighted to see that San Francisco Giants' pitcher Barry Zito is pitching back to his old form. Most people are aware of the charity that Zito, a true class act, established to help wounded veterans. Barry doesn't limit his assistance to wounded veterans to his generous charity, however. The latest edition of *California Leaguer* reports that two members of the Marine Corps League San Diego Bulldog Detachment 835 took 17 wounded Marines from Balboa Naval Hospital and Camp Pendleton to Phoenix for a couple of spring training games. Barry Zito paid for the Marines to fly out, paid for the hotel, and just about everything else. After attending ball games on Friday and Saturday, the wounded Marines had dinner with Zito and ten other Major League players Saturday night, for which Barry Zito paid. No matter what Barry Zito's won-lose record might be, or how high his ERA might climb, Barry Zito is a man among men!

Former Marine and Congressman Duncan Hunter, R-Calif., put the Army's chief of staff on the hot seat at a May 14 hearing, accusing the Pentagon of "hi-jacking" the Medal of Honor from service members who lived through their heroic acts.

"There has not been a living recipient to earn the Medal of Honor since the Vietnam War," said Hunter. "There have been Medal of Honor recommendations that have gone all the way up the chain and have been stopped back here in D.C. when everybody on the ground in Iraq and Afghanistan concurs on the recommendations."

Since September 11, 2001, five Medals of Honor have been awarded. All the awards were posthumous. "The question is why," Hunter said, speaking for soldiers, sailors, airmen and Marines. "Are we not as brave, are we not as courageous, are there no more acts of valor?"

Police-Fire Post 456 is anxious to recruit our newer veterans and our female veterans. If you have any questions, please contact me at Traffic Company (553-9601) or at gc1207@comcast.net. We meet on the second Tuesday of every month except July. The next meeting will be on August 11, 2009 at 1800 hours. Meetings are held at the old POA Building, 510 Seventh Street. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of the meeting. We look forward to seeing you there!

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The New Chief

By Kevin Mullen,
Deputy Chief, retired

The goals Mayor Newsom has set for George Gascón, his new chief of police, are to "Implement a computerized system for spotting crime trends, increase the crime clearance rate and improve the morale of rank-and-file officers." Those goals should be simple to meet, if properly managed, because the mechanisms to achieve them have been around for a long time. All it will take is the will.

I had "a cup of coffee" as a detail head in the San Francisco Police Department Inspectors Bureau in 1970. I remember commenting to the Captain of Inspectors at the time that there were no provisions to follow-up on cases assigned to inspectors to assure that any work had been done. He assured me that if anyone complained about non-performance, dire consequences would follow.

To my mind, we should have been a bit more proactive than that, because simple procedures to manage investigative cases had been available in other departments for decades. Since then there have been any number of studies—too numerous to mention here (but available on request)—which have pretty much drawn the same conclusions.

Yet in 2002, the *Chronicle* was able to publish a series which revealed the fact that San Francisco had the lowest solution rate for major felonies of any major American city. What was needed, it was said, was a computer program to help manage the cases.

The issue of management information deficiencies came up again in 2006, this time in a *Chronicle* series about the department's failure to properly analyze use-of-force reports. Again, the solution depended on the arrival of a magical, mother-of-all computers.

There is no need to wait endlessly for some computer program. The methods to accomplish what is needed have long been available and could be fairly started on a lap top. The new chief seems well situated to understand that, for the Los Angeles Police Department, from which he hails, has been technically proficient in these

ways for a long time, whatever else its other problems.

As to morale, he is coming to a department crying out for change, and a very different organization from that which confronted Chief Charles Gain in the 1970s. Then, it could be said, the department and much of the citizenry presented a united front against the new chief. Now, the department and the city are comprised of a number of identity groups, all vying for their piece of the pie.

There is one issue, within the power of the chief to effect, however, upon which all but the most marginal participants can agree. It is their opposition to serious violent crime.

By taking a different posture from his predecessor, who, by all accounts "has maintained a low profile in San Francisco and didn't circulate in the department," Chief Gascón can step forward and mobilize the vast energies of department members who are looking to be led, and who, I am convinced, want to do the work.

This will involve some risk. He will have to somehow avoid or neutralize the factional recriminations which accompany much of what passes for civic discourse in San Francisco these days.

A large part of what troubles police officers is the lenient treatment of many serious offenders by an overly tolerant justice system: the District Attorney and courts.

The new chief should apply the same analytical methods used to measure performance in clearing cases at the police department level, to the systematic study of what happens to offenders in the justice system beyond their involvement with the police.

He is politically beholden to no one else in the justice system and should use his bully pulpit to announce far and wide, to the press and public, exactly what the situation is. The officers will follow him then.

There is more to it than that, of course, but that's a start. It's actually pretty simple; but it won't be easy. Let the work begin.

Retired San Francisco deputy police chief Kevin Mullen's latest book is *Chinatown Squad: Policing the Dragon From the Gold Rush to the 21st Century*.

Inspector of the Month



Inspector Marty Dito currently assigned to the Investigations Bureau Economic Crimes Unit, has conducted over 2,000 investigations in the area of financial crime, including check fraud, credit card fraud, embezzlement, forgery, counterfeiting and elder financial abuse. These investigations have resulted in numerous arrests and successful convictions over the past ten years.

Inspector Dito is also a subject matter expert on identity theft and many other fraud related schemes. During the past year, he has made numerous presentations to community groups, senior centers, professional organizations and private corporations. Letters received from these groups compliment the department for the informative and professional manner in which they are presented.

Throughout the Investigation Bureau Inspector Dito is recognized as a conscientious and highly respected Investigator and an invaluable asset to the Economic Crimes Unit.





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Book Reviews

Nobody Move

By Denis Johnson
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

In 2007 Denis Johnson won The National Book Award for his novel *Tree of Smoke*, a story about Viet Nam, before, during and after the war. It is a huge book and challenging. Johnson is also a poet and a playwright. He loves words and uses the language with deft professionalism. His newest novel, *Nobody Move*, is entirely different in purpose, scope and intention; it is pretty much a summer read, dark and funny at the same time, but the literary workmanship shines right on through.

Nobody Move is... pretty much a summer read, dark and funny at the same time, but the literary workmanship shines right on through.

Protagonist Jimmy Luntz is a lousy gambler who owes nasty people money. He is also a member of a barber shop singing group and is, apparently no better at that than gambling. As he leaves a singing competition being held in Bakersfield, California, he is met by a twisted enforcer named Gambol. Gambol has a reputation of dining on dead-beats' genitals as he makes his collections. Luntz, however, takes advantage of one moment's lack of concentration and gets Gambol's gun, shoots him in the leg, takes his money-stuffed wallet and his car. It seemed like a good idea at the time, at least to Luntz. I kept asking myself

why did this low-life let the other live, but Johnson's description said it all: "Jimmy was your basic bus-station javelina, but a nice enough guy."

Luntz crosses paths at a Karoke bar with Anita Desilvera, a pretty alcoholic who was framed for the extortion of \$2.3 million dollars by her lawyer husband and an aging judge. She wants revenge, specifically her husband's head, and the money. Jimmy wants Anita and a part of the action. The book provides plenty of action: sexual, violent and fast-moving, all the while made acceptable by the use of humor and Johnson's writing skill. Johnson's description of a river reads like poetry: "On such a night the river's swollen surface resembled the unquiet belly of a living thing you could step onto and walk across." That's not your typical pulp fiction, noir, thriller writer, but he mixes such use of language with a style reminiscent of James Cain, Raymond Chandler, Jim Thompson or James Elroy.

Gambol makes a comeback after being rehabbed by Mary, a former combat nurse and former wife of Gambol's boss, Juarez. Gambol seems to have met his lodestone as he and Mary develop much more than a nurse/patient relationship. Predictably, both couples will be meeting — violently.

One critic of this book referred to it as "a good read, but will be forgotten a day or two after you finish." I disagree. Yes, it does deal with loser low-lives, and is filled with plenty of profanity and violence but Johnson does it so well that I went looking for his other writings immediately after finishing *Nobody Move*. By the way, if you like unusual book covers check out the hard-bound edition of this one. When you remove the paper cover, that is riddled with faux bullet holes, you get some comic-book style characters in very living color.

The Scarecrow

By Michael Connelly
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

In 1996 Michael Connelly wrote one of the best-selling and still-talked about murder/thriller novels, *The Poet*. After that he went on to a series of police procedurals starring Hieronymus "Harry" Bosch, a Los Angeles Police Department homicide detective. Harry continues to be Connelly's star but occasionally a new character is developed, or Connelly brings back an old favorite. In *The Scarecrow* Connelly has brought back Jack McEvoy, the Los Angeles Times reporter, and FBI Agent Rachel Walling who starred in *The Poet*. It seems to me a good choice. All of that being said, not everyone should read this book. There are elements present that will scare different people for different reasons.

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Connelly was a crime reporter for the L.A. Times before hitting the big paydays as a novelist, so his insights into the demise of the print newspaper and the inner-workings of the business are truly educational and authentic. He gives the reader a feeling of the sadness involved in the demise of this once huge and fascinating business as reporters are let go by manipulating, callous bureaucratic administrators. As someone who dreads the day when newspapers will not be printed on paper it was a bit un-nerving to see this process so clearly described.

Reporter McEvoy has been given notice that his employment with The Times will be terminated in twelve days, in spite of his loyalty and hard work. He catches a story that he believes will give him an opportunity to make the corporation realize their mistake in letting him go. A young woman has been tortured, murdered and her body stuffed into the trunk of an auto. A sixteen-year old gang member has allegedly confessed to the crime and McEvoy wants to write about how society has created this murdering teen gang-banger. Big problems develop when he is assigned a young reporter to break in as his replacement (for less money) and the bigger concern arises as he reads through the evidence and realizes that the so-called confession was not a confession to the murder. Jack begins

to put things together and before he realizes it he has become instrumental in getting the suspect released.

Jack's ability to research and trace stories is greatly enhanced by his expertise with and use of computers, particularly the inter-net. This element of the book almost had me swearing off the use of the "net" ever again! As murderous as the killers in the book may be, as scary as the demise of the print news business may be, as irritating as bureaucracies such as media groups and the FBI might be, Connelly got to me much more intensely with his vast knowledge of the computer industry and how invasive it has become in our lives.

There has been some complaint about Connelly revealing who the killers are too early in the plot. I don't find this a problem simply because Connelly is so good at not just a plot line but at keeping the plot turning and twisting at such high velocity for more than 400 pages. And I thought it gave him an opportunity for the reader to think about how a depraved genius might think and operate. Wesley Carver is the chief computer whiz at a business that collects and protects electronic data for larger firms dealing in finance or the law. He has the title of *The Scarecrow* as it his job to keep hackers and thieves away from all of this sensitive material. At this endeavor he is efficient to the point of ruthlessness. But his darkest secret is much more evil. I don't want to give away the whole plot of the book but McEvoy and Walling do battle with what they believe is one murderer. Carver's expertise is a true daunting challenge.

The book is written in two separate voices: McEvoy is always first person, but the dark side is third person. Again, Connelly demonstrates just how good of a writer he is, and not merely a good "thriller" writer. His descriptions of the deserts surrounding Los Angeles and the lonely highways of Nevada are clear and alive. His attention to detail when describing the new idea of information infrastructure is impressive.

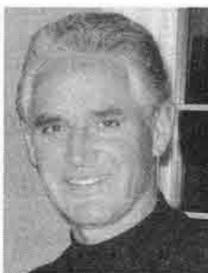
Knowing who the bad guy is very early and knowing more than the protagonist knows should have made the book trite or inane, but nothing could be further from the truth. I couldn't stop reading it. Hours went by and I never noticed. And the book arrived just in time for summer. For those of you who prefer Connelly's Bosch books, relax. He has one of those coming out this October: *Nine Dragons*. But I found *The Scarecrow* every bit as good as any Bosch novel and better than some.

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Long-Term Investing

Economic Recovery: Nation's Health is a Slow but Steady Process

By Edwin K. Stephens,
The Stephens Group

He who has health has hope, and he who has hope has everything.
— Arabian Proverb

The first wealth is health.
— Ralph Waldo Emerson
The Conduct of Life

Is there light at the end of the Nation's current economic tunnel?

Answer: It all depends on whether you are an optimist or a pessimist?

A Jobless Recovery

The phrase "jobless recovery" is an oxymoron that has become commonplace in the American psyche since the Nation's recession began in December 2007.

On June 5, 2009, Ms. Sara Lepro, Business Writer for the Associated Press noted that The United States Labor Department said 345,000 jobs were lost in May 2009 significantly less than the 500,000 job losses economists had been expecting and the fewest job losses since September, 2008.

Unemployment has been one of the most closely watched gauges of the economy's health throughout the recession. Rising job losses affect vast areas of the economy, including consumer spending, retail sales and the housing market. However, the unemployment rate surged to a slightly



higher-than-expected 9.4 percent from 8.9 percent in April, proving that companies are still reluctant to hire back laid off workers. But investors looked beyond the higher unemployment rate and instead took the slower pace of layoffs for a fourth month in a row as a sign that the labor market may be stabilizing.

Nation's Anemic Health

In May 2009, the National Association for Business Economists (NABE) noted that more than 90 percent of economists predict the recession will end this year, although the recovery is likely to be bumpy.

The United States economy shrank at a 6.1 percent annualized pace in the first three months of 2009, on top of a 6.3 percent decline in the final three months of 2008, the worst six-month performance in 50 years. For the current April-June quarter, the NABE forecasters believe the economy will shrink at a pace of 1.8 percent. After that, the economy should start growing again—at a 0.7 percent pace in the third quarter and a 1.8 percent pace in the fourth quarter.

It is believed that home sales will hit bottom by the middle of 2009, which is a sign that the United States economy is stabilizing. In 2010, forecasters note the Nation's economy should grow by 2 percent. And, with a lethargic recovery expected, forecasters predict Chairman Ben Bernanke and the Federal Reserve Board will not start boosting interest rates until the second quarter of 2010.

The Fed says unemployment will remain elevated into 2011 given the expectation of a tepid recovery. Economists say the job market may not get back to normal—meaning a 5 percent unemployment rate—until 2013. Economic recoveries after financial crises tend to be slower.

Cautious Optimism

The number of people continuing to draw unemployment benefits dipped for the first time in 20 weeks, and first-time unemployment claims also fell. Manufacturing's slide is slowing. And, builders are boosting spending on construction projects and a barometer of home sales firmed.

So what does all of this economic and financial news shed on the state of our Nation's health? In short, even the most pessimistic person can look at the current growth and financial data and discern that there is indeed light at the end of the Nation's economic tunnel.

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Wilderness Program: Angel Island Camping

By Michael Rivera
Wilderness Program

As the school year 2008/2009 comes to a close we remember the many backpacking and day hikes to Angel Island and the many smiling and happy faces of the children.

2008 began with AP Giannini Middle School in October. After 3-days of hiking we left the island Friday Morning. Early Monday morning I received a call at home that Angel Island was on fire. Needless to say the ribbing lasted a few weeks.

The remainder of the trips were just as much fun as the first. Participating were Aptos, James Lick, Martin Luther King, Marina, Visitation Valley, Roosevelt Middle Schools and Willie Brown K8. Most of the schools had great weather; however, several had to endure daylong rain and freezing temperatures. I am always amazed how children, who have never been camping, manage to make the best of what nature provides and have a great time.

Preparing for the trips is always interesting. The looks on the students' faces are priceless when they find out that they cannot bring cell phones or other electronics. In its place one student brought a chess game. To my surprise even those who had never played chess before took an interest and learned how to play. Even without the electronics, the students will find a

suitable stick and tennis ball and organize a baseball game. Many will make up their own games and play together. All without the electronics they claim they will die without.

As part of the program the students write essays about their experience. Of the many wonderful essays there is only room for a few that you can enjoy. I have also included a teacher's essay from Leonard R Flynn Elementary 5th grade that participated on a day hike to Angel Island State Park.

I would like to thank Chief Heather Fong, Deputy Chief Kevin Cashman, Commander John Murphy and my fellow participating officers for allowing the Wilderness Program to provide our children with these rich educational opportunities.

The Wilderness Program is administered by the San Francisco Police Department's youth service unit and is funded by grants and donations. All donations should go to:

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The Wilderness Program is now listed as a Combined Charities organization under "Local Independent Charities." The code is L2306, Supporters of the San Francisco Police Department's Wilderness Program. All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.



Campers' Letters of Appreciation

Dear Captain Mike, :)

You're the best! I learned lots from you. I learned that I can overcome anything if I can believe or try. For example, that hike around the mountain. I would never have done that if you never told us to. We could have easily gone around it than over it. Without you I would have never bonded with other people. You taught me a lot! The first thing I learned is about the poison ivy. "If it's shiny, watch your hiney" that one was gold! Made me laugh a lot. The second thing I learned is that solo hikes can be very hard and it can be very confusing if you don't follow the trail. The last thing I learned is how to make S'mores. PERFECT.

My favorite thing in the trip was the night hikes because we hardly see the trail and it makes it more challenging and it make us more braver. I also loved the hospital. Actually it gave us all more courage to do it. Lotgs of us bonded after that because when the people get scared we hold group hugs. Also, I loved the morning activity hikes we did because that was pretty fun when you think about it. The best thing about it is that you guys don't really cre if we walk slow because usually four of us walk slowly.

I bonded with lots of people when this trip was done. I never knew making friends was easy. I think it was only easy because the people I bonded with were nice. We started to talk to each other more than before this trip. It actually affected my life because it gave me more courage to play, talk with people I don't know then just become their friend that same day.

Your awesome camper,
Edwin Yumal

When I went to Angel Island, I learned a lot. I never knew that Angel Island actually had a different name. There were many buildings. I saw a jail cell, old hospital that was up during the Civil War. 2, an eating

place that serves over 12,000 meals a day for the army, and many, many more other buildings! The beach is beautiful, but don't touch the water! I also learned stuff about myself, like your body can handle anything if your mind is positive, and that I can do more than what I think I can do!

I loved going camping at Angel Island! I loved the view, relaxing, and discovering new things! I wish I could go back every year with the same people. I got to know my friends better and get closer to them. The activities like bat and moth, the roller coaster, and the hospital walk through was scary yet fun!

I didn't like the long hikes because they were so tiring but I could sacrifice that anytime for being out there with everyone even though I know that nothing will happen exactly again.

Jessica Ngo

This is Sunny Harker from L.R. Flynn Elementary. My 5th grade class and I went on the Angel Island day hike trip with Officer Mike Rivera and Officer Rich this spring. Our trip was amazing from beginning to end! This was one of the few field trips where we had to leave before school started and come back hours after school was out. I was nervous about this at first, because it's difficult to coordinate so many parents' schedules. I thought for sure that we'd be waiting on at least one student, but it worked out perfectly. As the teacher this extended field trip gave me confidence to arrange other longer and richer trips in the future.

As for the trip itself, that was a blast. The kids were so excited about everything, the ferry, the island, the hiking, the possibility of all sorts of wildlife and the length of the trip. Once we made it to the island Mike and Rich started us on team building games, which were invaluable. I have always been a big proponent of community building and I was impressed with their strategies, I've already

used one of their games with one of my other classes.

Moving along, the trip overall was really fun for the kids. Although they got a little tired, most of them kept good spirits and rallied enough to play the best ad hoc baseball game ever after lunch! Once we continued the hike after lunch and came upon the old buildings the kids were so interested in the history of the island. This was a great segway into Mike sharing his knowledge about Angel Island's history.

Overall, this trip ended up being one of the best our class had in the past two years (I've had this group for 4th and 5th grade) and they experienced and learned about their city in a way they never had before and may never again. Experiential learning is certainly the most valuable of all and this is a perfect example of that. Thank you so much to Mike, Rich and the SFPD for making this possible!

Sunny Harker

This camping trip was a very unique learning experience for me. I learned many things on this camping trip from my peers, teachers, and Officer Mike. I also learned many things about myself that I never knew. My stay in the wilderness was very short, but I can say that I learned more things in those three days than in one month.

The first hike we took was the longest arid most painful. We had to overcome many obstacles while walking many miles and carrying a twentyfive pound backpack that held our clothes and food. I was skeptical at the start of this hike. Although walking was a part of my everyday life, I never walked so much while carrying a very heavy backpack. From this hike, I learned that I can achieve impossible if I put my mind to it and try. I also never knew I had so much endurance.

The second thing I learned on this trip was to improvise. I learned that things don't always go the way you want them to and you need to be flexible and improvise. I learned this from my peers, who were always able to be flexible despite the many obstacles thrown at them. Although I forgot to bring a few things, I managed to be flexible and get by without them. I find it hard sometimes for me to adjust to new surroundings and such.

The last and most important thing I learned on this trip was from Officer Mike. It was to learn to overcome our fears because it is only our minds that make it seem so scary. I learned this when we did our little night walk in the haunted hospital. When I was done with my walk I felt that it was pretty silly to be scared of the dark. I also learned that our

minds can be our greatest gift, but also the most dangerous thing to us.

This last paragraph is to thank Officer Mike for all the nice things he did to us. Thanks for giving me half your sandwich on the first day when a seagull stole my lunch. Thanks for watching out for us during this trip and staying up so late every night and waking up very early everyday for us. Also thanks for all the candy to encourage us during the hikes. :)

Sidney Lin

Hey Mike!

Thanks for taking us all to Angel Island. It was awesome! I enjoyed everything; especially the solo hike & the haunted hospital. Those two were my favorite because I had confidence in myself while doing it & I overcame my fears. I agree that the funniest was when I slipped on mud. It was hilarious. I felt embarrassed but when I thought about it, I started laughing like crazy. The food was awesome! My favorite was the S'mores and quesadillas. I also miss the outhouse even though it smelled terrible. The beach was amazing! I enjoyed skipping rocks and drawing on the sand. When I reached all the way to the top of the island, I felt really proud of myself. I didn't know that I could make that far but in the end, dreams become reality.

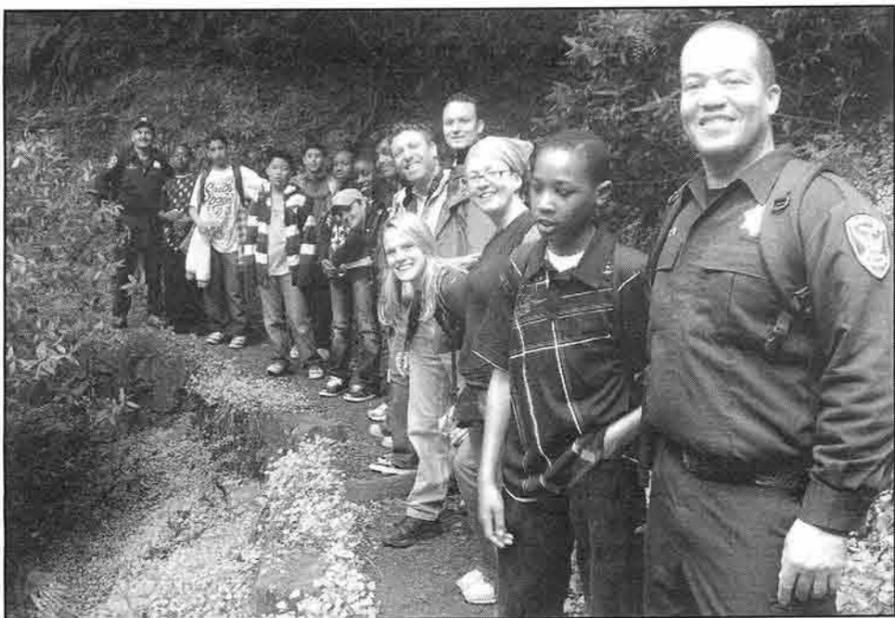
My least favorite part of the trip was leaving Angel Island & the rain. The rain caused the dirt to become muddy. I was quite amazed that I could actually sleep in the tents. 3 days went by quite fast. You took really good care of us and I would really want to go again next year. I hope you will always remember me: "The Girl Who Slipped on Mud!". Thanks for everything Mike!

Brandi

I have enjoyed going camping very much. I thought that I had a great time in Angel Island. Through this experience, I learned that backpacks are really heavy. I also feel very lucky to be able to live in a home with a toilet that I can flush. The funniest place that I had been to doing our camping trip was the haunted hospital. I really enjoy going into these spooky buildings. I wasn't scared at all, in fact, I was very excited. Another part I liked about this trip was being able to sleep in a tent with my friends. It felt very fun, but the sleeping really wasn't that warm. So, I was freezing to death... I also enjoyed the food. Considering that there was no building to cook the food in. The food was good. I also enjoyed the hike on the second day. I liked visiting all those sites. It was a very fun and enjoyable experience.

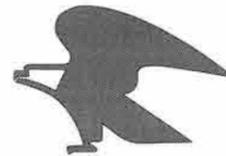
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Joey Lei





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Dear Mr. Delagnes —

Before I begin, I would like to apologize for any misspelling of names in my letter. I have only heard the officer's name that I am writing about in a video of you at a press conference.

I will start by saying that my name is Jim Scott. I live in Baker City, Oregon. I am a retired firefighter from the city of Portland, Oregon. I moved to eastern Oregon after my retirement in 1998.

A friend of mine who lives in Albany, Oregon sent me an e-mail today. The title of his e-mail was "A Police Chief With Guts." I opened the e-mail and it was a video of you at a press conference, right after the fatal shooting of San Francisco police officer Berko. I do not know when this event took place, there were not dates in the video, and again I apologize if I have misspelled his name.

I watched the video of your press conference and immediately had the overwhelming urge to write to you. Mr. Delagnes, I take my hat off to you sir!! I live almost a thousand miles away from San Francisco and what goes on there in your city, would presumably have nothing to do with my life. But that is a misconception. It's hard to hold back tears as I write this. I am 63 years old and as a former firefighter in a big city, I have seen just about anything you can imagine. It's hard for me to keep my composure, not because of the sadness of losing this officer, or sadness for his family and brother officers, which is indeed a very sad and infuriating situation, but because of what's happening to our country in general.

I commend you Mr. Delagnes for not only speaking out for officer Berko and his actions and his fellow police officers, but also for the thousands upon thousands of other police officers in this country that risk their lives everyday they put on that uniform to protect the rest of us. I also thank you for speaking up for the rest of us honest, law abiding citizens that are sick to death of our so called "Criminal Justice System." It seems that in our world today everything is totally contrary to common sense and logical thinking.

I just wanted to tell you personally that I respect very much what you said at that press conference, and I wish I could shake your hand for saying what you did.

This country needs a lot more people like you that are not afraid to

stand up to the politicians, media, judges and anyone else that needs to hear the truth, and have things put into proper perspective.

I congratulate you and wish you, and the rest of your fellow San Francisco Police Officers the best. Thank you for being there for us.

Respectfully Yours,
James H. Scott
Baker City, Oregon

Dear President Delagnes:

I want to thank you and the San Francisco Police Officers Association for assisting in the Department's "Take Your Child to Work" day on April 23, 2009. Your donation of the drinks was generous. With your help, the Department was able to provide a BBQ lunch, drinks, and snacks for members of the Department and their children.

Sincerely,
Sandra Tong,
Commander, Homeland Security Unit

Dear Gary—

It's good you're quite upset. I received a copy of your May 12, 2009 letter regarding the "San Francisco" 8 Defendants and background pertaining to the accused. It is terribly embarrassing to belong to a labor body (San Francisco Labor Council) that would vote not just once but twice to drop all charges against the "8" accused.

I want you to know Local 510 delegates voted to support the San Francisco Police Officers Association's position.

It's disgusting that individuals who are not elected leaders of their Labor Organizations nor taking direction from their Local, can destroy labor's image not only with the POA, but the community. I write you today because two close friends of mine, one a former California Assemblyman and the other a retired San Francisco Police Officer phoned me yesterday after receiving your POA newspaper — furious at me for allowing such a thing. Though I'm the senior executive committee member on the Council, naturally I have only one voice and vote. As I remember we voted 18 to 2 in the Executive Session to support the POA's position. They both wanted to know how I voted.

I apologize to the San Francisco

Police Officers Association that the elected leaders of individual local unions have lost control of the Council. We had better get it back — "God Bless the POA."

Fraternally,
Michael E. Hardeman
Business Representative
Sign Display & Allied Crafts Local
Union No. 510

Dear SFPOA—

On behalf of the family of retired lieutenant Dave R. Winn, I wish to thank the SFPD for their participation in the funeral services on May 21, 2009. Dave was very proud of being a part of the SFPD, and we were proud to see such a wonderful sign of respect in his honor.

Officer Ware was a very helpful contact for making the arrangements for Dave's funeral. Captain Corrales of the Traffic Division arranged for the motorcycle escort from the funeral home to St. Finn Barr Church. Sergeant Meehan and the Tactical Squad performed the honor guard tribute with the utmost professionalism.

The presence of the Bomb Squad Unit and its members was an impressive display of honor for Dave.

The combination of all the above components created an atmosphere of reverence and showed such respect and honor for Dave. We are forever grateful to the SFPD for this.

Thank you,
Vera Winn, Winn Family and
Orlando Family

Dear SFPOA —

It is with deep and meaningful gratitude that I write this letter of appreciation for your part in the San Francisco Academy of Art University Scholarship Essay Program. I was deeply touched and will never forget the words when Kevin Martin called my work to notify me that my essay was chosen as one of the winners of a four year Academy of Art University Scholarship towards a Bachelor of Arts Degree.

My work phone rang and I did not recognize the number. I picked up the phone thinking it was another password reset request, like almost all the phone calls I receive. The fellow on the other line, did not identify himself, but asked "What are you going to be doing for the next four years. I knew right then, but didn't want to get my hopes up high. I responded, "Besides working?" Then I paused, got the courage and asked, "Will I be going to school?" I was so emotional that after I hung up the phone with Kevin, I started crying. It was hard to concentrate on work after that phone call.

Every time I think about getting a Bachelor of Fine Arts Degree, I still get choked up. I wanted to attend the SF Academy of Art University since I was in high school. I dreamed and had hopes of taking art classes after I retired, but this is no longer the case; and I do not have to wait. I didn't even wait to receive the registration information in the mail. I called my school advisor and made

arrangements to start school this summer 2009.

I read the *POA Journal* and truly recognize how much the POA does for its members. The POA helps members who are ill or recovering and also their family members who are also in need. They have helped with countless fundraisers, donations and affairs. It hard to believe, but they even help members realize their dreams to continue their education.

I am both excited and nervous to start school, but this is what I have wanted for over 28 years. My daughters are also registered for college summer classes, and now their mom will be joining them. I am so grateful, both to the POA and the San Francisco Academy of Art.

Thank you again for this wonderful gift.

Sincerely,
Ofc. Rosemarie Smith #1719
Technology Division

Conflicts of Interest

Dear SFPOA

No one steals was the most prescient accounting concept taught to me. People tend to rationalize: "I took it because I didn't get the promotion." Or, "I deserve it because I work harder than everyone else." To combat these rationalizations, organizations codify internal controls to protect against unauthorized acquisitions and embezzlement. The most common internal control principle is the *segregation of job functions* so that no one person is allowed to wear too many hats.

Consider how the absence of this principle affects our union and has caused some members to say, "A disability pension hinges more on who you are, than the nature of your injury." We allow our Health & Welfare Officer, Mike Hebel, to make arguments to our board supporting which Retirement Board candidate he feels is best for our members (10/18/06). Additionally, Hebel prepared a half-page *Journal* article recommending Herb Meiberger, and petitioned the retired police officers to make Meiberger an honorary member. Nowhere does Hebel disclose the conflict of interests he is juggling or why Retirement Board candidates are vitally important to his personal law practice.

Besides, Mike Hebel's Tier I pension, his POA compensation, and rent-free POA office space; the Retirement Board minutes document that while Hebel is on the POA clock, at our union hall, he conducts a side business representing non-police disability claims before the Retirement Board.

Hebel's omission of this material interest conflict between members and his personal law practice leaves everyone to question: 1) Does Hebel make Retirement Board recommendations to protect our welfare, or to advance his personal law practice? 2) Will a member's disability claim be subordinated to the claim of an outside public employee paying Hebel a higher rate for his services? 3) Isn't Mike Hebel siphoning the *in-*

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fluence currency of the POA votes and endorsements to his personal law practice? 4) If the Retirement Board mismanages our pension plans, isn't Mike Hebel positioned where criticism of the Board might jeopardize their favorable disability settlements to his personal law clients? 5) If Mike Hebel is not disclosing this glaring conflict of interest, how can we trust him to be forthright with his Hartford/ING/Great West relationship?

It is apparent that someone who hides one conflict of interest is probably concealing others. The relationships become clearer when you map the flow of money. Mike Hebel recommends Retirement Board candidates to the POA. The elected Retirement Board member then selects our deferred comp provider, who then completes the transaction by becoming the largest POA donor. It is absurd to believe that the deferred comp donations stop at the union level and the *multi-hatted* Hebel doesn't receive a cut.

Consider Hebel's unwavering *steering* to deferred comp. When a national magazine criticized the exorbitant fees our deferred comp provider was charging, it was Mike Hebel, instead of the Retirement Board or the provider, who defended the fees (12/97). When two state Attorney Generals uncovered our deferred comp provider was skimming funds on a *nationwide* basis, Mike Hebel conveniently omitted this material fact. When our deferred comp provider gambled away \$109 million of our money, it was Hebel mollifying the deficit as "common." It requires a suspension of disbelief to accept that a person, who leverages our votes and rent-free office space to personal gain, wouldn't hesitate to convert the free advertising we provide Great West to personal profit.

I am confident the Retirement Board trustees are honest, altruistic fiduciaries of our assets. However, by our union ignoring standard business practices, we have perpetuated Mike Hebel to a position where he can be paid from both sides—where he personally benefits from running interference for the Retirement System we compensate him to monitor. The vacancy of this internal control becomes more disconcerting when specific questions of integrity are raised, and Mike Hebel responds with, silence, deceit, mail-order credentials, and staged questions from phantom members. I am certain that every operational professional would agree, the Health & Welfare position is unnecessary and detrimental to our members' financial health.

Lou Barberini, CPA

Dear Editor —

The San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society would like to thank the POA for their continued support and generosity during our 10th Annual Dinner Dance.

Congratulations to Lt. Harry Pearson on receiving the Captain Bill Davenport Officer of the Year Award and we wish him good luck in his retirement.

Ed Carew,
President, SFBAALES

Dear Friends at the POA,

On behalf of my family I would like to thank you for your support and beautiful flower arrangement. You made a difficult time easier for my family.

Phil Fee

Dear Family and Friends—

Once again I am writing you to say thank you for generously supporting me in my endeavor to raise money for the fight against breast cancer. Who would have thought that ten years ago I would be bringing breast cancer awareness to so many people. Thank you for believing with me! Once again, thanks to you, and more than 200 others like you, I now have raised over \$70,000.00 in my 10 years of walking!

Yes, I will be back in 2010 to seek your continued support in our fight against this insidious disease.

Even though it was very wet on the final day of the walk my spirit and enthusiasm were not dampened.

Love,
Barby

Dear POA—

I have enjoyed receiving an honorary subscription to the *Journal* for many years and look forward to many more to come.

As such, I would like to make a general donation to the SFPOA, because I know the bottom line is the *Journal* and other POA responsibilities don't get handled for free.

Please accept this small token of thanks to assist the SFPOA — not necessarily for a specific cause but the SFPOA as a whole, wherever it may be needed.

With four generations before me in the SFPD, I follow closely the happenings and changes going on in the Sfpd & The City... Being the first Dower born and raised outside San Francisco — Burlingame in particular — I suppose that finding my way to Burlingame PD in 1996 happened for a reason, yet a part of me will always belong to the SFPD.

Thank you again, and keep up the good work!

Daniel Dower

Dear Sergeant Tomioka—

On behalf of our residents, I would like to express our deep appreciation for the gift of a Large Screen 50" Plasma Television and DVD player for St. Anne's Home. It was delivered and installed last week. You can see by the enclosed picture that it has already been put to good use in our daily exercise program.

This television is also "user friendly" so that anyone of our eighty and ninety year olds can have easy accessibility to a large screen! Even Anne, at 102 years young is enjoying the great picture receptivity. Several residents have their own small television. So of course for special events such as the World Series, celebrations from Rome with our Holy Father, etc., it will provide them with an

extraordinary and sensational view. The television is placed in our comfortable and accommodating lounge. Thank you so much!

We would also like to thank the Police Department for your care and your concern for the well being of our home and all in the city of San Francisco. We appreciate you and your dedication.

Please be assured of our prayers for you and for your protection. The prayers of the residents are powerful!

May God bless you, Sincerely yours,

Sr. Patricia Mary
Little Sisters of the Poor and
Residents of St. Anne's Home

Dear Mr. Martin —

On behalf of the City and County of San Francisco, Department of Emergency Management and Division of Communications, please accept this letter of thanks and allow us to express our sincere appreciation for your generosity in support of our annual "National Public Safety Telecommunicators Week".

Your \$500 contribution was split between all three watches and used for celebration parties. That was an extremely generous act of kindness. It is wonderful to have your support and we hope that you know your donation was used specifically to honor your Public Safety Telecommunicators. Thank you, again. Your commitment to the Public Safety Telecommunicators is important and appreciated by all of the public safety dispatchers in our city.

Very truly yours,
Lorrie Serna,

Operations Coordinator, Department
of Emergency Management Division of
Emergency Communications

Dear SFPOA —

When my son Bryan graduated from the San Francisco Police Academy in December of 1996, my wife (Cynthia) and I were proud that our son had completed a life long dream, to become a "police officer".

We soon realized that Bryan had also become a proud member of a unique family. Now he has two

families.

On April 25, 2009, Cynthia passed away. The response from the SFPOA was heart warming (to say the least). At Cynthia's memorial service, I was overwhelmed by a beautiful bouquet sent for Cynthia by the San Francisco Police Officers Association! At that moment, I felt like a member of the SFPD family.

Together with my daughter Laura Halon, my son Bryan Lujan, and all our friends and family, we thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

God Bless You and all the Members of the SFPD Family

Sincerely,
Bill Lujan

Dear POA —

Thank you for being a part of an extraordinary event.

On Saturday, March 28th, 1,125 fun-loving people collectively climbed over 1.3 MILLION STAIRS at the 3rd annual Climb California Stair Climb event held at 555 California Street in San Francisco.

Your thoughtful \$500 donation to the American Lung Association of California was part of over \$450,000 raised that day to support clean air and healthy lungs.

Thank you for accepting the invitation to fund education, research and advocacy so all Californians can breathe easier.

Participants climbed for many reasons. Some climbed and raised money to fund research in honor of loved ones suffering from lung cancer, emphysema or asthma. Others climbed to support clean air policies. And still others climbed to prevent this next generation of teens from becoming addicted to smoking!

But for all their varied causes, our climbers had one thing in common: special people in their lives like you who helped make their achievement outstanding.

Thank you for your generous donation.

Best regards,
Karen Fulton Holine
Regional Vice President
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POA MAIL



Dear POA —

On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers and especially the youth participants of the San Francisco Police Activities League (SFPAL), I would like to thank you for San Francisco Police Officers' Association's generous donation of \$20,000, \$10,000 of which has been allocated to our golf tournament and the rest which will be allocated to our 50th anniversary event on October 20, 2009.

This year our golf tournament raised funds that will enable us to continue to provide affordable, safe, healthy activities for San Francisco kids. Your support directly benefited our eight sports and leadership programs.

As you know, the SFPAL serves more than 5,000 children and youth annually by providing safe and structured programs that channel their energy while building self-esteem and confidence. Each year hundreds of volunteer coaches act as mentors to our kids and help them realize the value of being part of a team.

The success of our event was due in large part to the support of our sponsors and would not have happened without our jovial golfers! For your records, our tax ID # is 94-6106198. Your generous donation is tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law. We appreciate your commitment to today's youth and for partnering with us to build positive and productive citizens through sport and leadership activities.

Stay tuned for the SFPAL 50th Anniversary Gala on October 20th. We will be inducting our first ever SFPAL Hall of Fame honoring coaches, players and police who helped make PAL a part of the fabric of San Francisco for half a century.

Sincerely,

Lorraine Woodruff-Long,
Executive Director
San Francisco Police Activities League

Dear POA —

On behalf of the American Red Cross—San Francisco, I would like to thank you for your generous contribution to our 2009 Volunteer Appreciation event. The autographed books were exceptional gifts and sought after by many of our people who saw them in advance! They are a reminder of San Francisco's "men/women in blue" who work daily on behalf of us all, and in particular, with the Red Cross as a partner service.

I'm not sure if you were able to attend our function, but if so I hope you enjoyed yourself. Your donation helped to raise the bar and make our celebration more successful than we

could ever have anticipated!

Grateful thanks,

Marie Franchini,
Disaster Services Hospitality Lead,
American Red Cross—San Francisco

Dear SFPOA —

I am writing this letter on behalf of the President of the Board of Directors, board members, staff and the Samoan Community Development Center (SCDC) for your donation of \$100.00 and the two (2) books.

There are not enough words to say "Fa'afetai" or thank you for your donation. You will always be remembered and thanked for contributing to the mission of our organization.

Please feel free to look at our website for more information. The website address is www.samoancenter.org

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me at 415-841-1086.

Thank you in advance for your time and your donation.

With Warm Regards,

Patsy M. Tito,
Executive Director
Samoan Community Development Center

Dear SFPOA,

I was talking to a friend and co-worker Fa Alai Leao. For over 26 years Fa has worked as a civilian employee of the SFPD. She told me about her church, The "Samoan Congressional Christian Church of Antioch", and its first golf tournament/fundraiser to help support its rapidly growing congregation. Fa showed me the application to play and it stated the tournament would be played in the "Scramble Format". At this point I thought this tournament was more my speed and hopefully closer to my Mulligan level of play. That same day I ran into our POA VP Kevin Martin at the HOJ. I asked Kevin if he thought the POA would support this fundraiser and Kevin told me he would run it up the flag pole. Two days later the POA came through and sponsored a police 4-some for this worthy cause.

Saturday, 5/23/09, was a picture perfect day at Moffett Field Golf Course in Mountain View. The driving directions to this golf course is an adventure in itself and only comes in second to the scrutiny of the NASA security which seemed tighter than a fat man in speedos. Once past the second security checkpoint it was straight to the registration table to sign in. We were met with warm smiles, handshakes, and thanks for our support and participation. Our ringer 4-some consisted



of Retired Off. Bob "Birdie" Brady who came out of mothballs to join active members, Off. Kenny "Aruba" Weems, (Tiger's nemesis), Lt. Jerry "The Lion" Langford, and yours truly, Don "The Mulligan Man" Calkin. Our scores ranged from the mid 70's to the low 100's. Who scored what must remain a mystery so we can all brag, tell lies, and strut like winners. The last stop of the day was the club house patio, aka "The 19th Hole". There we enjoyed good company, ice cold libations and a Samoan feast that was exceptional. The head of the congregation, Reverend John Teofilo wanted to express his thanks to everyone at the POA for their support and the helping hand that was extended to their church. I personally would like to thank Kevin and the POA for their continuing support of the SFPD family of employees, both civilian and sworn.

Sincerely,
Off. Don Calkin

Dear POA —

Thank you very much for your participation in Sequoyah's Fallen Heroes Benefit. As Sequoyah Country Club is not a non-profit entity, we have opened a benefit fund with the Tri-Valley Community Foundation. The Tri-Valley Community Foundation provides support to small charitable organizations and single event fundraisers like this one. Through them, Sequoyah's Fallen Heroes Benefit can comply with all the IRS requirements for a charitable endeavor. You will be receiving a letter from the Tri-Valley Community Foundation acknowledging your gift and including the Tax ID information you will need for your records.

Thank you again for your gracious support for the families of our fallen Oakland police officers.

Sincerely Yours,
Hope K. Rightti Co-chair,
Sequoyah's Fallen Heroes Benefit

Dear POA —

We are writing to express our deep appreciation for your recent support of the San Francisco School Alliance and the San Francisco Unified School District. Through your contribution of \$250 to our first-ever Benefit with U.S. Secretary of Education Arne Duncan on May 22, you have ac-

celerated our efforts to improve and strengthen the quality of each one of San Francisco's public schools.

Our Spring 09 Event raised an impressive \$600,000 to support the major initiatives the Alliance has underway in partnership with Superintendent Carlos Garcia and his leadership team at the San Francisco School District.

The success of the "New Day for Public Education in San Francisco" sends a huge vote of confidence in the vision, direction, and potential of the Alliance/District partnership.

Our goal is to provide a quality 21st century education for our 56,000 students — so that each graduate with the skills, knowledge and confidence they will need to succeed in college, the workplace, and as citizens.

Thank you again for your support of our work here at the San Francisco School Alliance.

Thank you.

Sincerely,
Cynthia Guyer,
Executive Director,
San Francisco School Alliance

Dear Officer Delagnes,

Thank you for your participation in the 33rd Annual Penny Pitch to benefit St. Anthony Foundation and for your donation of \$800 for a full-page greeting in the event brochure. Please find a copy of the brochure enclosed for your reference.

We are grateful for the community's enthusiasm in helping us celebrate this quintessentially San Franciscan event. Over a hundred participants gathered at the Washington Square Bar & Grill in North Beach where it all started 33 years ago. It is heartening to see the way individuals and businesses from all over the Bay Area unite to raise funds for St. Anthony Foundation.

As you can imagine, St. Anthony's work has expanded astronomically this year, and we are expecting the need to grow even more. We designed our new service center to accommodate a dramatic increase in the need for services over the next ten years. The next ten years arrived sooner than we expected.

Our Social Work Center, where we help guests find critical services such as housing and food stamps, has seen a 21% increase in guests in just five months. The Employment Program is seeing 52% more people in need than this time last year. And our best known program, St. Anthony Dining Room is facing larger groups and higher costs.

In such difficult times, we are fortunate to rely on determined supporters like you. On behalf of the St. Anthony Community, we thank you for joining us on this journey.

Sincerely,
Linda Pasquinhucci
Deputy Executive Director
St. Anthony's Foundation

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Symbol Of Authority — The Star

Ray Shine
Managing Editor POA Journal

Dear Ray,

I read with interest an article in the last issue of the *POA Journal* regarding the SFPD Star and Shield. It reminded me of a Dissertation I wrote when I was a Sergeant assigned to the Planning and Research Bureau, titled SYMBOL OF AUTHORITY THE STAR.

Am enclosing a copy which I hope is worthy of publication and others may find of some interest.

Having retired in 1980, the *Journal* is a vehicle which keeps me informed about members, important matters of the Association and the Department.

Sincerely,
Ford E. Long
Retired Capt.

What single item, viewed alone, unfolds its function, purpose, meaning, the very nature of its being to the viewer? What one item best relates the authority of Law Enforcement? Our Symbol of Authority — THE STAR.

As far as can be determined, Isaiah W. Lees was among the first policemen to wear a star in 1853. That Star was the Six-Pointed Star of David. Traditionally, officers of the law in the West wore stars as the symbol of Law Enforcement. Since the more popular star, characterized by the U.S. Marshal, was a five-pointed star, it was later adopted by the San Francisco Police Department, and in 1886 it was again changed to a Seven-Pointed Star.

But why the Star? Could it be that man has always looked with awe upon the stars as objects of special significance? Are not the stars, and the patterns formed by their clusters, named and known individually and specifically? Indeed, was it not the North Star that guided ancient travelers and seamen to their destinations? Could not the stars be viewed as sentinels or guardians of the heavenly bodies, standing out most prominently during the hours of darkness the cloak which hides the misdeeds of the predatory?

How easy then, to draw the analogy to the police whose function is the protection of life and property. The Star, therefore, has been adopted as the Symbol which best displays the essence of the Police Service and the virtues it requires.

Logical? Yes, but the question is frequently asked, "Why a seven-pointed star?" Well why is it a seven-pointed star? Inquiry leads to varying answers, but each essentially the same: "I don't know, but there must be a reason!" Research reveals no better answer. While there can be no recorded reason, an answer can be reasoned.

The number seven appears to be an ordinary numeral, but research reveals it as one which has deep significance. It was commonly used without reli-

gious significance.

The Pythagorians called it the perfect number, as made up of three and four, the two perfect figures, the Triangle and the Square.

It was the virgin number because it cannot be multiplied to produce any number within ten: as can two and two, two and three, two and four and three and three. Nor can it be produced by the multiplication of any whole numbers.

We see its use in the Greek Legends of the Seven Heroes who marched on Thebes in order to restore Polynices to the throne which had been usurped by his brother, Eteocles; of the Seven Pleiades and Seven Hyades.

We read of the Seven Cities of Cibola, which were Seven Zuni Pueblos in what is now New Mexico, sought by the early Spanish Explorers as centers of hidden gold and fabulous wealth; found by Coronado about 1540. And again as Colonel Juan Bautista de Anza, while the Liberty Bell pealed the birth of our Nation, selected the Sites for the Presidio and the Mission in March of 1776 which was the beginning of what is now San Francisco — for since that time, there has persisted a Legend that San Francisco, like Rome, was built on Seven Hills: Telegraph, Russian, Nob, Twin Peaks, Mount Davidson, Rincon and Lone Mountain.

Ancient man regarded the number Seven as sacred. We read of the Seven Lights that burned before the Altar of Mythras. The Goths had Seven Dieties: Sun, Moon, Tuisco, Woden, Thor, Friga and Seatur or Saturn - from which we derive the names of the Seven Days of our Week. In the Gothic Mysteries, the candidate met with Seven Obstructions.

The Ancient Jews swore by Seven, because Seven Witnesses were used to confirm, and Seven Sacrifices offered to attest Truth. We learn of the Hebrew words for Oath, and taking an Oath, which incorporate the number Seven, and the sacredness of the Seventh Portion of Time.

The number Seven was held sacred because men believed that God recognized that number. Did not God create the Heaven and the Earth in six days and rest on the Seventh? The Sabbath is the Seventh Day, God had blessed the Seventh Day and Hallowed it. He placed Seven Luminaries in the sky: Sun, Moon and five Planets. The Moon has its phases every Seven Days.

We find its reference when Noah was forewarned of the imminence of the Storm Seven Days before it broke in its fury, and again when he sent forth the birds at intervals of Seven Days to discover through them the stages of water; and the day when the inmates of the Ark were permitted to disembark, and when they offered sacrifices of thanksgiving, was likewise a Seventh Day.

It is seen in the Seven Pillars of Wisdom's House; the Seven Locks into

which Samson, who was consecrated to God, braided his hair; the Seven Victims to atone for the broken Covenant; the Seven Stones of the ancient Arabs smeared with blood of the covenanting parties; and Seven Lambs to attest the conclusion of a treaty; the Seven Years in the building of King Solomon's Temple; the Seven Priests bearing Seven Rams' Horns who Seven Times encompassed the walls of Jericho — the Seven Utterances of Jesus Christ, when crucified upon Cross.

And so it goes through thousands of references — Seven Hundred and Ninety-nine of which are recorded in the Bible. Thus is it demonstrated that down through the annals of History, man collectively has held the Seventh Number to be of special import; and that antiquity, religious beliefs and physical phenomena have provided the basis for his individual and specific reasons.

Perhaps after all, the answer to our question is not so vague and elusive. Since man has always looked with awe upon the stars, and regarded Seven with such deep significance, it is easily, and logically, reasoned that therein lies the secret for which we search; that we find the combination of the Star and the Seventh Number to produce the Symbol of our Authority. Here, then, is the Reason for the Seven Points of the Star!

Having determined a logical and reasonable basis for the form of Law Enforcement's Symbol, there remains the explanation of the Points themselves — what do they represent? Here, also, inquiry leads to varied individual and specific representations. One early theory related the seven points to the Seven Seals written in the Book of Revelations in the New Testament, but

these clearly could not be identified with mortal man, nor Law Enforcement.

However, since the Role of the Police Service is the protection of life and property, those who choose, and are selected to make this their life's work, must meet the virtues it requires especially those considered to be of special importance and classified by Plato as the Four Cardinal Virtues: Justice, Temperance, Prudence and Fortitude — to which the Christian Scholastic Moralists added the Three Theological Virtues: Faith, Hope and Charity. The latter are sometimes called the Supernatural or Christian Virtues and the former the Natural Virtues; and all Seven are opposed to the Seven Deadly Sins!

Thus have we reasoned an answer for the riddle of the Seven-Pointed Star — the Symbol of the Authority entrusted to our care, where the Guardian's Flame burns brightly within to illuminate the pathway for all mankind.

May we wear this Symbol proudly and well — may we administer that Authority wisely and justly and may no deed or act of ours ever dim its luster.

Ford E. Long
Sergeant of Police San Francisco Police
Department Star #77

NOTE: There is a continuing trend by modern police forces to change the Traditional Star to a Shield. How unfortunate this is — for as more of these changes occur, we lose the connection with the history and legacy given to us by our early Western Enforcers of the law!

LRIS News

84-Year Old Officer Dies, Still Working After 63 Year Career With New Orleans

From The Associated Press, June 7

Sgt. Maj. Manuel Curry, 84, who was on the New Orleans police force for more than six decades and was believed to be the longest-serving full-time law-enforcement officer in the nation, has died.

New Orleans Police Superintendent Warren Riley said Mr. Curry died Thursday at an area hospital. The cause was not released.

Research done in 2002 by the New

Orleans chapter of the Fraternal Order of Police found that Mr. Curry had the longest active service career of any police officer in the country, police spokesman Bob Young said. He was still an active member at the time of his death, Young said.

Mr. Curry joined the department in 1946 and was in the city's Sixth Police District for more than 63 years.

Riley said Mr. Curry stayed on duty during Hurricane Katrina — at 80 years old.

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4th Annual Women Leaders In Law Enforcement Training Symposium

By Inspector Robin Matthews

Greetings! I am happy to let everyone know that the 4th Annual Women Leaders in Law Enforcement (WLE) Training Symposium is going to be held at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport November 2-4, 2009. This year's theme is "Together: Service with Fortitude." The goal of this year's training conference is to provide two dynamic tracks of workshops that embrace both sworn and professional staff (non-sworn). Workshop topics will include Exercising Your Ethical Muscle, Managing Critical Incidents, The Resilient Leader, Dealing with Difficult Employees, The Roadmap to Political Survival, Cross Fit: Physical and Mental Toughness, and a Panel of Critical Incident Survivors. Our very own Lieutenant Pat Correa from the Airport Bureau will be a member on the Survival Panel.

The conference will provide attendees with a fresh perspective of readiness, preparedness, and collaboration. I can tell you from having attended the previous three WLE Conferences, and from being involved in the planning committee last year and this year, that this is an event that it is WELL worth attending. The training is outstanding, and the connections that are made are priceless. This has fast become THE premiere law enforcement training in the State, sponsored

jointly by the California Police Chief's Association, the California Sheriff's Association, the California Peace Officer's Association, and the California Highway Patrol. Over 500 law enforcement officers from throughout the State, as well as some attendees from Arizona and Nevada, are anticipated this year. Women and men in all areas of law enforcement are most welcome and would benefit from attending.

The conference will be held at the Hyatt Regency San Francisco Airport at 1333 Bayshore Highway in Burlingame, (650) 347-1234.

Room rates are \$140.00 single/double. Registration to attend the conference is just \$175.00, which includes two continental breakfasts (Tuesday and Wednesday), one lunch (Tuesday), and one hosted reception (Monday). An optional box lunch is also available on Wednesday. Registration forms for the event can be obtained by going onto the WLE website at www.wle.net.

The agenda for the event is as follows:

Monday, November 2, 2009

There will be an optional golf event held in the morning, and on-site registration opens at the hotel from 1500 to 2000 hrs. From 1730 to 1830 hrs, there will be a hosted welcome reception.

Tuesday, November 3, 2009

Registration will continue all day from 0700 to 1700 hrs. A continental breakfast will be offered from 0700 to 0830 hrs, followed by the Opening Session, Plenary Session. A networking break follows from 1000 to 1030 hrs, and then two separate workshops will be held from 1030 to 1200 hrs: Workshop A — Exercising Your Ethical Muscle, and Workshop B — Managing Critical Incidents. A networking lunch will be provided from 1200 to 1330 hrs, followed by two additional workshops from 1330 to 1500 hrs: Workshop A — The Resilient Leader, and Workshop B — Dealing with Difficult Employees. A network break follows from 1500 to 1530 hrs, then the final two workshops of the day will occur from 1530 to 1700 hrs: Workshop A — The Roadmap to Political Survival, and Workshop B — Cross Fit: Physical and Mental Toughness. From 1700 to 1800 hrs, there will be an IAWP (International Association of Women Police) Regional meeting, followed at 1800 hrs. by an optional San Francisco City Night trip.

Wednesday, November 4, 2009

From 0630 to 0730 hrs, there will be a Fun Run occurring, as well as a Cross Fit Workout. A continental breakfast will once again be provided from 0700 to 0830 hrs, and registration will continue from 0700 to noon. The

Opening Session, Plenary Session will be from 0830 to 1000 hrs, followed by a networking break from 1000 to 1030 hrs. Two separate workshops will be held from 1030 to noon — Workshop A — The Resilient Leader (repeat), and Workshop B - Panel of Critical Incident Survivors. Then from noon to 1430 hrs, there will be a Closing Session, Plenary Session (an optional box lunch will be available).

Details about all of the speakers and panels, as well as the golf tournament, will be posted on the WLE website soon, so check the site out periodically for specifics. Any further questions about the event can be directed to:

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I hope to see as many of you at the conference! Please pass the word to your law enforcement friends in other agencies, as well, so that they will be able to benefit from attending this outstanding event. The conference alternates yearly between Northern and Southern California, and with it being in Burlingame this year, we are extremely fortunate to have access to this type of training and networking.

Take care and stay safe.

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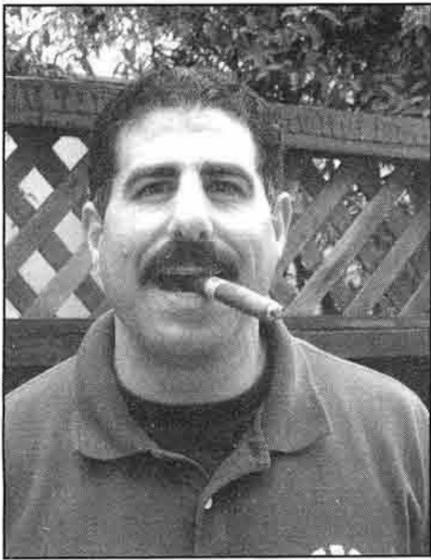
NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Rob Fung And Washington High Baseball

CHECK IT OUT: I want to offer belated congratulations to Rob "Robbo" Fung (Northern Station) on coaching his Washington High School baseball team to the city championship back in May. The team defeated Galileo High by a score of 6-4 on Thurs. May 13th at A.T. and T. Park after the Giants played their day game. This was Fung's fourth championship during his fifteen year tenure as coach; this doesn't count the numerous times he has brought Washington to the championship game and ended up in second place.

Fung told me how proud he was of the team, "they showed a lot of character when they came back twice to beat Lincoln 9-8 in the playoffs. Galileo had to beat a tough Lowell team to get to the championship themselves



which made them very worthy opponents for us." Kudos to Rob Fung and his Washington High ball club — they most certainly deserve it.

Department Softball Wrap-Up

The SF Police Softball League ended it's season on Wed. June 10th when the championship games were played at Silver Terrace. First was the B Division game which was between Ingleside Station and the Airport Bureau. Ingleside took a big lead early and was able to hold off a late Airport surge for a 10-8 victory. Congrats to Bob "Lazz" Lazzaretto, Jim "Badlands" Trail, Dave Maron, Sr., Mike "Bugsy" Moran, Sean Phillips and the rest of the team for their victory. I also want to acknowledge the Airport's Mike Etcheverry, Nick Allen, Bob Chapman, Ken Owens, John "Cork" Corkery, Chris da Roza as well as the rest for a well played season. The A Division match-up was between the Bayview Pit Bulls and the Mission Diablos. Both teams played good softball that day but it was Mission who prevailed by a score of 9-6. Congratulations to Aaron Fischer, Glen Wilson, Chris Pedrini, Marco Garcia, Chris Olson, and of course player/manager Glenn "Shenanigans" Ortega for a job well done. Bayview's Erick Solares, Steve

Coleman, Jerry Lyons, Jason Kirchner, Carlos Mustavich and of course retired Capt. Rick Bruce along with the rest should also be complemented for their second place finish.

Later that evening was the softball banquet held at City Forest Lodge where new commish Kevin Worrell put on a great show. He received a lot of help from yours truly where I put on a visual display of "tom foolery" and even earned a new nickname (Nick "The Iron Sheik" Shihadeh). In addition to the first and second place trophies presented to the respective teams, the annual memorial softball awards were given out: the Isaac Espinoza MVP plaque was awarded to Chuck Collins of The Inspectors; the Brian Olcomendy Manager of the Year plaque was awarded to Marc Marquez of Southern Station; the Layne Amiot Most Inspirational was awarded to yours truly, the Iron Sheik, which was a tremendous honor; and, the Mike O'Brien Award for longevity and contribution to the league was announced to John Hallissy who is recently retired from Narcotics. Hallissy wasn't present at the Softball Banquet but was subsequently given the plaque at his retirement dinner that took place on Thurs. June 25th at the Italian Athletic Club in North Beach.

On a side note, I wanted to mention some people who really made this year's softball season a good one. First is the immediate family of Erick Solares who always show-up to support Erick and his team at Bayview. Here's to his mom Mrs. Solares and to his wife Gloria who always brings the kids out when they're out of school. Then there's Mrs. Etcheverry, Mike's mom, who comes out to cheer on the Airport Bureau no matter what the weather or location. I finally want to talk about Kevin Worrell who took over as softball commissioner this year. He did a fantastic job running the league which I know from many years of doing it how difficult it is. I couldn't think of a better choice for the position and he



Nick "The Iron Sheik" Shihadeh caught looking at strike three on a pitch that was obviously too high and definitely illegal, but he didn't get the call from the umpire.



Softball Commish Kevin Worrell at the softball banquet.

proved it by how well things went in the '09 season. Many are already looking forward to next season.

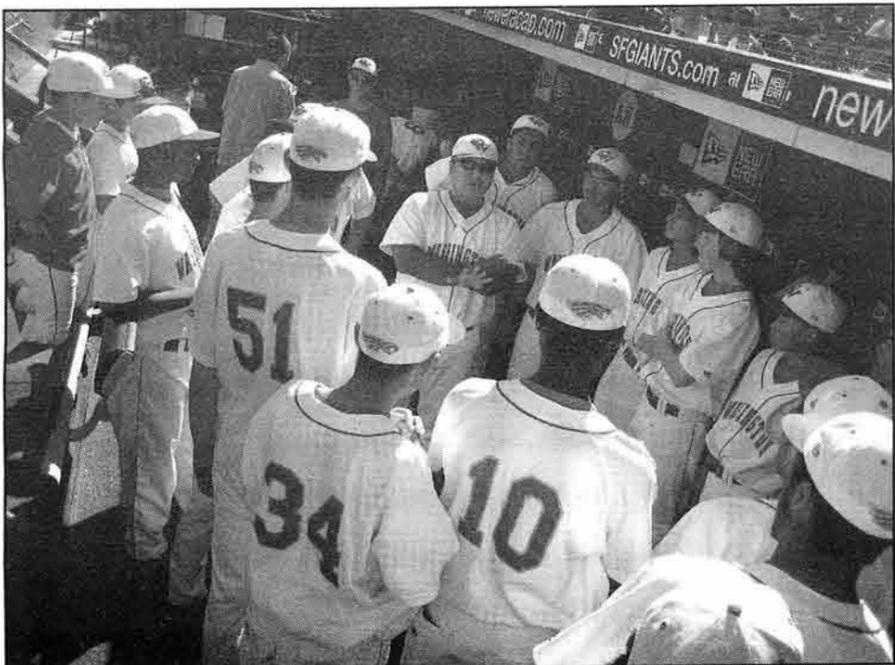
Police/Fire Games

Early results of the Western States Police/Fire games that were held in Santa Clarita, Ca the week of June 14th are starting to roll in at the printing of this column (June 28th). I heard that Worrell's open softball team took a silver medal in their bracket. Rob Fung's baseball team also won silver.

Continued on next page



Rob Fung, wife Debbie, sons Christopher and Matthew.



Rob talking to his team in the dugout.



Washington High School's Baseball champs inside AT & T Park.

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A Division Second Place the Bayview Pit Bulls

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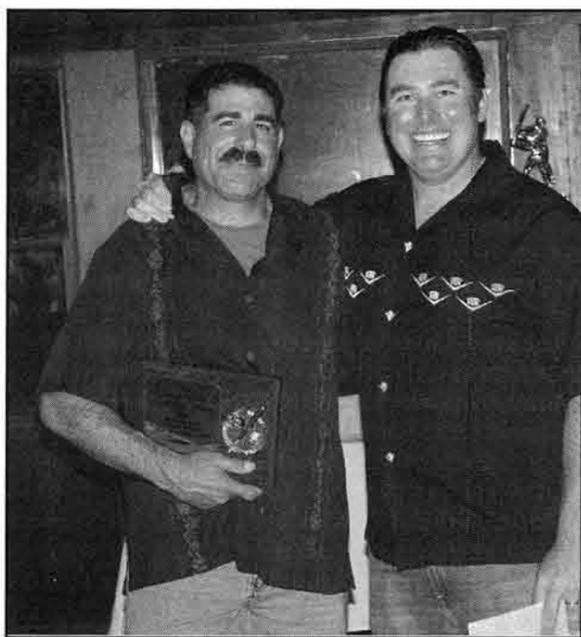
NICK'S NOTES

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Then there were the C Dogs old boys soccer team run by Pat Mullins (Insp. Bureau) winning silver in very difficult competition. Big Mike Simmons (Southern) and Ed Marchand (Taraval) won medals in track and field; and, Ed Anzore (Central), Scott "Buddy, Buddy" Warnke (Robbery) and Steve Morimoto (Academy) were successful in golf winning a good amount of medals amongst them. More details of the Police/Fire games can be found in this same sports section as well as in next month's edition of The Journal.

Sacred Heart's Brian Harrigan

At the printing of this column on June 28th, I just received this scoop from an anonymous source about the very successful girls' basketball coach, Brian Harrigan, leaving Sacred Heart Cathedral High School to explore other options (or to spend more time with his family which is also a popular excuse). By the time this goes to print, the news will be "old hat" but at least I knew before that rag The Chronicle knew thanks to Brian "Moose" Canedo (Evoc). Sorry Moose, I couldn't resist mentioning you as my source... That's all for now... So See Ya next month....



Amiot Award Winner Nick Shihadeh with Commish Kevin Worrell



Espinoza MVP Chuck Collins with Commish Kevin Worrell

Letter to Sports Editor

2009 WSPFG

Hey Nick how are you? I hope you and your family are well. Here are a few results from the games.

Big Mike Simmons (Southern Station) had a bad start out of the blocks in the 100m dash, but managed to clean-up on a few sprinters to grab fourth place. In the 4x100m relay Mike ran a great first leg with a good baton exchange to the second leg.

Byron Duhon of S.F. Juvenile Probation moved the team in to first place, but judges disqualified the team because of (bad hand off) an exchange zone violation. Mike came back on the second day to blast out in the 200m dash. Mike held the turn then ran down the field for a third place Bronze Medal finish.

The last event of the day 4x400m relay. Mike ran a strong 400m to help his team bring home a first place Gold Medal.

I was also blessed this year with Gold Medals in the Javelin, 4x100m relay, and the Triple Jump.

Mike and I are stepping up our workouts geared towards the Police & Fire World Games in Vancouver B.C. (August)

Take Care Nick

Edouard Marchand
Taraval Station

SFPD Softball

By Kevin Worrell (Central Station)

FINAL RESULTS in the '09 SF Police Softball League

A DIVISION

1-Mission, 2-Bayview, 3-Northern, 4-Southern, 5-Park, 6-GTF/NARC, 7-Inspectors.....Inspectors will go to B Division

B DIVISION

1-Ingleside, 2-Airport, 3-TAR/RICH, 4-Central, 5-Daly City, 6-TTF, 7-Sherrifs Ingleside to move up to the A-Division (your sandbagging days are over Jim Trail).

Great season for all. I know it is tough for some of the team captains to get consistency in fielding a team every week. There are two thoughts to this and each one of you captains can take it as you will: 1)Put as many station/unit members on a roster as possible, and you should not have a problem staffing a team every week. This may entail hitting 15 players in a given week. 2) Handpicking a team of your best 12 or 13 bodies and hope everyone shows up every week. Things to take into consideration of course are court appearances, vacations, details, and training etc... I know I am probably preaching a little much here, so this is just food for thought for you coaches.

A few issues that may assist some coaches: I want to set up a web sight for next year so the latest league information and scheduling is easily accessible. Rules of the league can also be posted so that issues are clearly stated prior to the season starting; in fact, a rules committee will be initiated prior to the start of next season.

Western States Police/Fire Games Update:

This years police and fire games were held the week of June 14th in Santa Clarita of Los Angeles County — we had days of fun in the sun. The first two-and-a-half days of softball competition were played in a "bracket" format. The SF Seals again had another tough opening bracket playing last years A Division gold and silver medalists; they were Glendale/Burbank PD and Culver City PD respectively. Also in the bracket were the Fresno Heat (Sheriffs Dept.) and East Bound and Down (Bakersfield Sheriffs Dept.) By the way, this was the best team name of the tournament with the Kenny Powers reference.

After initial play, the Seals found themselves in the C Bracket of the Open Division. The first game had the Seals dispatching of L.A. Probation with no problem. The second game saw a match-up against Kern County Police. This game had saw several lead changes but Kern County came out victorious by two runs. Now in the losers bracket and a long fight ahead of us, we would have the SF Sheriffs next. There was good fight on the Sheriffs behalf, but they were just under staffed and over matched by us — we won handedly. Eastbound and Down were the opponents again, and we dispatched of them as well.

Now for a rematch against Kern County (as they lost earlier in the day). We were determined not to blow this one and were able to beat them decidedly this time. This lead to the Gold Medal Game against the Cal. Department of Corrections (CDC). It was another one of those games that went back and forth all seven innings. Chasing one run in the seventh, the Seals got a leadoff runner on and were able to get him to third with two outs. Unfortunately, that's where he stayed as CDC got the 3rd out and edged the SF Seals by a score of 18-17. It was still a great tournament for the fellas.

The next Police/Fire games are being held in RENO, NV in late July 2010. We're assembling a second softball team, so interested department members can either contact me on the midnight shift at Central Station (Watch-off 4) or Eric Letsch on the swing shift at Richmond Station(also Watch-off 4).



Airport, Silver Medal winners



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Flag Football Sign Ups

If anyone is interested in playing flag football for the SFPD contact Sgt. Daniels at Economic Crimes/ Fraud at (415) 553-1088 or e-mail at juan.daniels@sfgov.org. We are going to play in the Nevada Police and Fire Games in August. The games are scheduled from Thursday, August 13th to Saturday, August 15th. We have practices once every week and sometimes twice a week. If anyone else is interested in other events, you can Google Nevada Police and Fire Games 2009.

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Sports



The Loons Nest Report

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

O'Connor Victorious at Paradise Valley

In June the Loons Nest Golf Club traveled to Fairfield for the Summer Golf Classic, played at the Paradise Valley Golf Club. The Loons last played this track in the early 1990's when the course had recently opened. This Robert Muir Graves course was opened in 1993 and it was the first course the Loons played that had GPS distance finders in the golf carts. The GPS systems are still there and the course has matured into a beautiful facility with mature trees and lush landscaping. The greens were in very good shape as were the fairways and tees. The Loons once again had good weather and players were ready to post some fine scores and they did.

On the front nine, ten Loons posted scores under forty strokes. Former Club Champion and current Holiday Classic Champ Tom O'Connor (retired) shared front side medallist honors with John "The Godfather" Wong and guest Jim Flannery with scores of thirty-seven. Dave Pomicpic, Jim Enright and Mike Cullinan posted thirty-eights. Mission Station's Rob Vernengo, SFO's Steve Moss, Traffic Co.'s Dave Kranci and Ken Lum had front nine scores of thirty-nine.

As play moved to the back nine, O'Connor proved tough to catch—he birdied the 14th hole en route to a thirty-seven, which led to a total round of seventy-four. Making a big run at O'Connor was Kranci who fired an even par thirty-six on the back side which included birdies on the 11th, 12, 15th and 16th holes. Dave's remarkable side was upset by a triple bogey on the 14th hole, but he finished with an outstanding round of seventy-five just the same.

John Wong made a valiant effort as he picked up one birdie on the back side for a thirty-nine and a total score of seventy-six. Cullinan picked up a thirty-nine on the back which left him



at a total of seventy-seven; he finished one ahead of current Club Champion Scott Warnke (Robbery Detail). Scott came charging with a thirty-eight on the back nine. This left him with a total of seventy-eight, which was matched by Flannery.

As the smoke cleared, O'Connor stood alone as the champion at the end of the day. Kranci set a first flight record with a net score of sixty-three to take the low net prize, which allowed Wong to take second low gross at seventy-six. Cullinan's seventy-seven gave him third low gross. Second low net in the first flight went to Warnke at sixty-eight, and retired solo Al McCann grabbed third low net with a net score of sixty-nine. He also won an award for the best head apparel.

Second flight low gross saw a record set that may stand for many seasons. It was Flannery's score of seventy-eight that was the first second flight score posted under eighty on a par seventy-two course in Loon history. Flannery's index will surely have an adjustment next month.

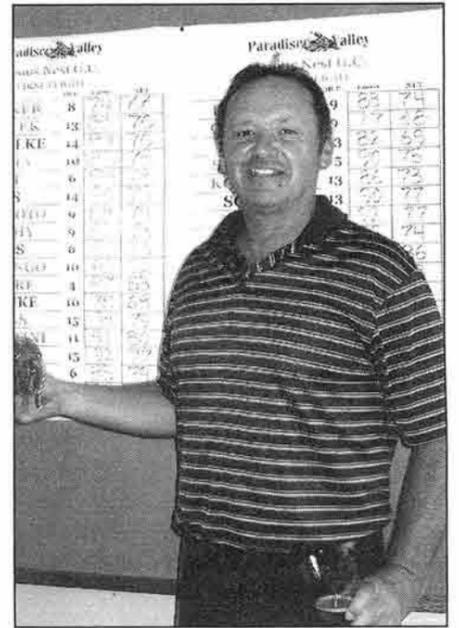
The battle for second was a Central Station affair, as Joe Fischer and Norm Rice battled it out. Rice started off with a two-stroke lead over Fischer after the front side. Rice ran into a problem with a triple bogey on the 10th hole and a disastrous 10 on the 15th hole. Fischer suffered a "snowman" on the 10th hole, but pulled it together to complete the backside in forty-five and his eighty-nine beat Rice by one stroke.

Second flight low net saw the Vice Squad's Rob Zeigler win with a net sixty-seven. This was Rob's first trophy

performance since his victory along with teammate Phil Fee (Narcotics) in the 2007 Best Ball event at Rooster Run. Second place was a battle between two of our retired Loons, former solo Jim Brown and former Central Station man Dave Boyett. Brown's birdie on the 14th hole was the deciding factor for second place, leaving Boyett in third.

The Long Drive winner was Warnke, who fired a shot measured at 335 yards by a Skykaddie device. Warnke has won nine long drive contests in his Loon career which included shots of 325 yards in the 2004 Club Championship at the Presidio, and a shot of 317 yards at the 2005 Summer Classic at San Ramon. Warnke also punched one out 314 yards in the 1999 Club Championship at Oakhurst. Scott's current blast of 335 yards put him seven yards ahead of the prior record of 328 yards. That was accomplished by Joe Engler, Sr. (retired) at Fountain Grove in the 1992 Summer Classic.

As club shafts and balls improve with time, it will be interesting to see how long this records lasts. Devices such as Skykaddie and others now



O'Connor Victorious at Paradise Valley

give more precise measurements to the records. Otherwise, our next event will be the Club Championship at San Geronimo on August 13th. Please get your entries in early and have your "A" game with you.

Loons Nest Scoreboard Paradise Valley G. C.

Player	Front	Back	Total	Player	Front	Back	Total
O'Connor	37	37	74	Valentini	41	50	91
Kranci	39	36	75	White	41	51	92
Wong	37	39	76	Roth	40	52	92
Cullinan	38	39	77	Taylor	45	47	92
Warnke	40	38	78	Coggan	47	45	92
Flannery	37	41	78	Ries	46	47	93
Moss	39	42	81	Yesitis	47	46	93
Enright	38	43	81	Fontana	46	47	93
Vernengo	39	43	82	Allegro	45	48	93
Lum	39	43	82	Biggs	48	44	94
McCann	40	42	82	Crenshaw	46	48	94
Brophy	40	42	82	Muselman	50	45	95
Parry	40	43	83	Roch	45	50	95
Hanacek	41	42	83	Brown, J.	50	45	95
Pomicpic	38	45	83	Boyett	49	47	96
Morimoto	41	42	83	Siebert	47	49	96
Schmolke	41	43	84	Pinotti	47	50	97
Ziegler	40	44	84	Meixner	53	44	97
Kane	42	42	84	Johnson, K.	47	50	97
Garcia	42	43	85	Newlin	49	49	98
Hettrich	41	44	85	Milligan	51	47	98
McMillan	41	44	85	Honniball	49	50	99
Wyman	44	41	85	Crosat	49	50	99
Lee	44	42	86	Ochoa	46	54	100
Kovaleff	45	41	86	Toomey	47	54	101
Watts	46	41	87	Johnson, M.	52	50	102
Anzore	42	45	87	Dyer	48	54	102
Chang	44	45	89	Dalton	50	54	104
Fischer	44	45	89	Ospital	51	58	109
Rice	42	48	90	Borges	51	59	110
Sullivan	43	47	90	Miranda	58	54	112
Hanley	46	44	90	Fong	54	60	114
Sorgie	40	50	90	Gonzalez	58	57	115

Close to Hole Winners

Hole #3 1st	Rice	5'5"	2nd	Ting	6'1"
Hole #8 1st	White	5'0"	2nd	Anzore	15'3"
Hole #12 1st	Sorgie	4'2"	2nd	Kovaleff	4'8"
Hole #15 1st	Kranci	4'7"	2nd	Borges	9'11"

Long Drive Winner — Scott Warnke 335 yards (Skykaddie)

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Tournament activities include a chipping contest, a barbeque lunch, refreshments on the course, concluding with the awards dinner in the Course Club House. Complimentary wine will be served with dinner.

Additional guests may be added to the Awards Dinner for only \$55.00 each.

Your support of this tournament provides the funding for the Police Officers Association support of worthwhile charitable contributions, which might otherwise go unassisted; community based organizations; and provides scholarship money to deserving youth.



Tournament Schedule:

10:00 AM	Registration
10:30-12:00	Chipping Contest & Lunch
12:00 PM	Shotgun Start
7:00 PM	Dinner

Entry Fees for this year's charitable fundraiser: (Includes golf, barbeque lunch, and dinner)

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WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 2, 2009
WHERE: 850 Bryant (HOJ) Gym 5th Floor.
TIME: 0900 HRS
CONTACT: Sgt. Ed Yu (GTF) 415-850-5094

Competition to be completed at the San Francisco police pistol range located at Lake Merced and Skyline Blvd. awards luncheon to follow the competition.

CLASSES OF COMPETITION: A person may compete in as many categories as he or she wishes.

- TEAM OPEN** (5 persons, either sex, from the same unit)
- TEAM SENIOR** (5 persons, either sex, 40 and over, from the same unit)
- MIXED DOUBLES** (male/female, split the events. one does 2, partner does remaining 3)
- IRONMAN OPEN** (any age. all five events)
- IRONMAN SENIOR** (40 and over)
- IRONMAN SENIOR/MASTERS** (50 and over)
- IRONWOMAN OPEN** (any age. all five events)
- IRONWOMAN SENIOR** (40 and over)
- IRONMAN 200 LB AND OVER OPEN** (Clydesdale) (any age, all five events)
- IRONMAN TWO MAN TEAM.** one does 2, partner does remaining 3)

1ST EVENT-BENCH PRESS 1000 + POINTS

10 points per repetition to 100. The bar must touch the chest and be raised to full arm extension. The weight lifted will be 100 pounds for men and 60 pounds for women. Three, five second pauses in the lockout position will be permitted. Last year's best score: 92reps, Ed Yu, GTF

***For Iron man competitor who chooses to lift 225 pounds. 40 points per repetition. Max rep for max point=25 reps. The bar must touch the chest and be raised to full arm extension. Last year's best score: 27 reps, Damon Keeve, TAC.

2ND EVENT-PULL-UPS-1000+POINTS (WOMEN HAVE THE OPTION OF DOING THE BAR HANG -1000+ POINTS)

20 pts. per pull-up to 49 . A pull-up consists of a participant gripping the bar with the hands facing outward at shoulder width; feet shall be together; arms extended fully; the body will rise until the chin is touching the bar; the body will then descend and the arms will lock out, feet shall not touch the floor. (Kipping is allowed) Women: hang from the bar, with hands facing outward; 3 points per second. Last year's best score: 49 pull-ups, Dan Silver, GTF.

3RD EVENT- SIT-UPS- 1000 + POINTS

5 points per sit-up in a 3 minute period. A sit-up consists of lying supine, legs bent, hands touching behind the head. Raise body and touch both elbows to both knees then lower body until back touches the mat. Last year's best score: 200 sit-ups, John Burke, SPEC.

4TH EVENT-PISTOL SHOOT-1000 POINTS

From the 50 yard line; 20 shots (10 right handed and 10 left-handed). The participant may use the barricade for support. Department issued handguns only (.40 cal Sig Sauer). 10 minute time limit for all 20 rounds. Last year's best score: 845 pts ,Tie between Angelo Spagnoli (TAC) and Matt O'Leary (TTF).

5th EVENT-4.7 MILE LAKE MERCED RACE-1000+POINTS

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SFPD 2009 IRONMAN/IRONWOMAN ENTRY FORM

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 TEAM NAME: _____

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5. _____		

ENTRY FEES: \$20.00 per participant regardless of number of categories. (This includes your 2009 Ironman muscle t-shirt, catered lunch, and awards.)

Please complete the above information and send it to Sgt. Ed Yu at the Gang Task Force. For additional information, contact Sgt. Yu Wk (415 553-9082) or cell (415-850-5094).

SFPD Emerald Society Fields '7 a Side' Gaelic Football Team

By Val Kirwan

On Saturday, May 16, a "7 a Side" Irish Gaelic Football tournament was held at the new football fields on Treasure Island. The competition involved teams from throughout the Bay Area as well as Vancouver and Seattle. Kevin Murray(GTF) entered a team to represent the SFPD Emerald Society. Kevin made sure that the team was registered, and he coordinated the design and creation of shirts for the team as well. Kevin's job was made even more difficult due to the fact that the tournament took place the morning after the 10th Annual Emerald Society Dinner Dance.

Kevin along with Brian Guiney (Northern), Mike Costello (Central), Bernie Corry (Northern), Marty Lalor (Northern), Sean Frost (Southern), Andrew Meehan (TAC), and Steve Spagnolio (Northern), as well as John Manning from the SFFD represented the team. They were of course coached well by Val Kirwan of Traffic. Each team was allowed one guest player; and, our team's was Colm O'Reilly, who played Gaelic football in Ireland and is a member of the Irish national basketball team.

The team won their first game against the highly-rated San Francisco Celts, thanks to two brilliant goals by Guiney. We were very unfortunate to lose our second game by one point to a team from Vancouver, despite the fact that Costello had been instrumental in building a two-point lead going into the final minute of the game. Vancouver scored a goal at the last minute to deny us victory.

In our third game, we were defeated by the team who eventually became the tournament champions. Our defense played extremely well, and Lalor was rock-solid throughout the game. Spagnolio, playing Irish football for the first time, showed a lot of prom-



ise and determination. We made the semi-finals in the 'B' division, but lost due to the fact that some of the players had prior commitments. Costello and Guiney were participating in a soccer final elsewhere that afternoon, which they ended up winning. Congrats to Mike and Brian. After they left, the seventh team position was filled by Marty Lalor's son, Michael, who valiantly stepped in to play football with his dad and the team (see photo below). Michael showed a lot of skill and had a great attitude; he surely has a bright future in the game.

The World Police and Fire Games will be held in Vancouver this summer. 7 a Side Irish Football is one of the scheduled competitions to take place there, and Kevin Murray is coordinating a team for this event. If you are interested in playing or helping Kevin with the team, please contact him at the Gang Task Force office at 415-553-1401.

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Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca, Chief's Office

Enjoy this relaxing and fun-to-solve puzzle! If you've never solved a puzzle like these before, it's a good idea to read this before you begin.

Each puzzle has a grid of letters that conceals words reading in different directions — forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally — but always in a straight line. The words, abbreviations, or phrases one must find and circle are listed below the grid in capital letters. That's all you need to know before you sharpen your pencil and begin your search!

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,
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It's hard not to admire the men and women who have served this Department over the many years. The stories of their bravery and courage seem endless . . .

It was August of 1990, when **Officer Nicholas Shihadeh** and **Officer Christopher Knight** responded to the 100 block of University Avenue in the Bayview District on a call of someone attempting suicide. The subject of interest was standing at the top of a flight of stairs holding a gun to his head. (The gun turned out to be a 9mm Mach-10 loaded with 30 rounds.) Officer Knight first tried talking to the distraught individual to calm him down but the armed man wouldn't listen and, instead, lowered his weapon and started firing at Chris, shooting Officer Knight in the leg. Officer Shihadeh jumped in front of Chris to protect him and started firing at the suspect who was trying to kill both officers. Nick got a few rounds off and then took a 9mm slug right in the chest. Fortunately, the bullet struck his vest in just the right spot, saving Nick's life. Nick got another round off and wounded the suspect, but he still held onto his gun. Officer Shihadeh and Officer Knight then both rushed the armed man and tackled him to the ground. The suspect had fired over 24 rounds at the officers while Nick and Chris had only 6-shot revolvers to fight back. Chris later recovered from his wounds and Nick also sustained injuries from bullet fragments to his face. Officer Chris Knight and Officer Nick Shihadeh both received Gold Medals of Valor for their actions. Chris works Northern Station and Nick, when he's not running the Airport Range, finds time to write the Sports Column for this paper.

Sergeant Frank Kerlin will never forget two specific days in April, 1969, when he captured two armed robbery suspects during two separate capers. Both times it nearly cost him his life. The first incident, April 4, 1969, involved a suspect who had just robbed the pharmacy at the corner of Market and Gough Streets. The silent alarm was received by Dispatch and Frank was nearby. He spotted the suspect entering a taxi. Frank ordered him out of the cab and as the suspect came out he greeted Sgt. Kerlin by pointing a sawed-off shotgun he had concealed in his trench coat aimed directly at Frank. There was a furious struggle for the weapon and Frank succeeded in overpowering the suspect. Then, just three days later, on April 7, 1969, the grocery store at Cole and Haight Streets was robbed. Sgt. Frank Kerlin responded to the area on his motorcycle to search for the suspect. Frank found him. Unfortunately, the suspect was still armed with the gun he used during the robbery, had the drop on Frank, and started shooting. The first round went through the motorcycle's windshield. The second bullet tore into the motorcycle's speedometer housing unit. The third bullet struck

the gas tank. The fourth ripped through the left sleeve of Sgt. Kerlin's leather jacket. Sgt. Kerlin had already engaged the suspect and was returning fire. The armed man, who tried several times to kill a police sergeant, then ran. Sgt. Frank Kerlin chased him down and captured him at gunpoint. Sergeant Frank Kerlin received 2 Gold Medals of Valor for the two incidents that occurred within three days in April of 1969. Frank served 26 years with the Department and retired in 1988, not only with the 2 Gold Medals, but also 5 Silver Medals of Valor, 1 Bronze Medal of Valor, and was twice chosen as 'Police Officer of the Year'.

Note to those planning a future criminal career: You can't come to San Francisco thinking you're going to rob people or sell dope in a car that doesn't pass minimum safety standards. How hard is it to take the getaway vehicle by CSAA and make sure all the lights work? C'mon people . . . Which leads us into our next escapade with **Officer Sean Frost** and **Officer Daniel Rosaia** stopping a car because the tail light was out. The driver also just happened to be unlicensed (more on that next month . . .) so there was the need to tow the car and conduct an inventory search. The search revealed (drum roll please) 17 individually-wrapped packages of cocaine. Oops, there goes the 'personal use' defense we would imagine unless, of course, the suspect had a severe case of some type of an obsessive-compulsive behavioral disease where he would plan to get high 17-days in a row . . . There was also a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic sitting painfully in sight.

It's 1988, the first year that CD's out-sold vinyl records and **Officer Jimmy Lewis** and **Officer Gene Yoshii** are trying to capture two individuals who robbed a taxicab on the 100 block of Northridge at three in the morning. The suspects, of course, wanted nothing to do with Jimmy and Gene so they resorted to their weapons of choice — two .45 caliber, semi-automatics and proceeded to drill Jimmy and Gene's black and white with numerous holes trying to kill the two officers. Officer Lewis and Officer Yoshii fired back and eventually captured the two criminals who had no respect for authority. The officers received Bronze Medals of Valor for that incident (the Medal Review Board was tough back then . . .)

How bad is this mix . . . Just last month officers from Taraval Station responded to a call of a man wielding a machete and threatening to kill his neighbors accompanied by his drunk girlfriend . . . great! **Officer Angela Rouede**, **Officer Matthew Sullivan**, **Officer John Norment**, **Officer William Derro**, **Officer John Goff**, and **Sergeant Henry Woo** drew the short straw on this one. First they tried to persuade the angry and dangerously armed man to cooperate (we all know that never works) and then had to skip to Plan B which usually involves a chase of some kind with a football-type tackle and an Early Intervention System entry to follow . . . The officers

got their suspect, his machete, and threw the drunk girlfriend in for good measure. (Why isn't something like this on the sergeant's test . . .?)

Dropping back down to 1988, again, where Graceland topped the charts, **Officer John Colla** and **Officer Henry Parra** were honored with a Police Commission Commendation for the 106 felony arrests they made between July 1988 through January 1989. One of the suspects they took into custody was an extremely active "career" criminal with many armed robberies to his credit who, when he was captured, was wielding his trusty sawed-off shotgun. John and Henry received a Police Commission Commendation for taking a 106 chances that they might not go home at the end of their watch.

We mentioned earlier that enterprising criminals in today's market need to use a little common sense when selecting their vehicle of choice . . . The same advice applies to those who go 'clubbing'. Leave the guns at home. Especially if they are stolen and you are trying to move a 'product'. And never, ever, pick a fight with someone bigger than you where you have to resort to the gun to defend yourself. A perfect example occurred in the Southern District when **Officer Daniel Reyes** and **Officer William Palladino** responded to a nightclub where security personnel pointed out the guy who was picking a fight with someone bigger than he was while reaching into his 'messenger' bag mentioning something about a weapon. Man relieved of weapon (stolen gun, fully-loaded) and his 'personal use', non-prescription narcotics.

Hard to leave 1988, especially when we had such blockbuster movies such as 'Crocodile Dundee' about a guy from the Australian outback who carried a very large knife. Nevertheless, we find ourselves at Ocean and Plymouth on December 27, 1988, when **Officer Joanne Lozenski** and **Officer Lawrence Birch** encounter a minor traffic accident. At least it was minor until they tried to have both parties exchange information. One of the drivers emerged from his car armed with a bolo knife. Excellent for cracking open coconuts, very similar to a

machete, but since there were no palm trees in the immediate vicinity his actions were somewhat dubious. The man immediately came after Joanne and mace (remember that stuff?) was used along with Officer Birch's gun pointed directly at him. Nothing deterred this crazed maniac. Officer Lozenski had to parry his stabbing and swinging of the large weapon with her baton. Just when a more serious step was going to be taken by the officers the suspect finally complied, kind of. It still took a tremendous amount of force to subdue this individual. Officer Joanne Lozenski and Officer Lawrence Birch received Bronze Medals of Valor for their actions.

It's a little after four in the afternoon on the F-Line Muni LRV which is traveling south on the Embarcadero loaded with passengers when one of them notice the handle of a gun showing on an individual standing in the rear portion of the streetcar. The passenger disembarks at the next stop and calls 9-1-1. **Sergeant Chris Woon**, **Officer Scott Cairel**, **Officer Gregory Buhagiar**, **Officer Matthew Cole**, **Officer Arshad Razzak**, **Officer Adriano Castro**, and **Officer Glenn Sherry** respond to the call. They find the standing-room-only LRV stopped near Folsom and immediately enter the front and rear doors looking for a possible armed suspect who definitely has the advantage in this environment. The officers find someone who matches the description given and detain him. As they are taking control of his right arm he pulls it away trying to reach his front pocket area. The officers re-gain control and subsequently find the fully-loaded gun described by the passenger tucked right where the suspect was reaching.

I know Sergeant Frank Kerlin, along with the rest of the officers mentioned in this column, probably didn't go home after these incidents and talk about what happened with their loved ones or their friends. That's simply not done. So it's nice that we can do that for them. And, if you're a family member who does happen to read this column describing what your police officer son, daughter, husband or wife did — it's perfectly o.k. to tell them just how proud you are. Someone should . . .

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