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### President's Message

## Just Who We Needed

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

I first met Greg Suhr in 1981 while we were both working midnights in the Central District. I walked the 41 beat in the Tenderloin, while Suhr and his partner, Dan Toomey, worked the One Car in the same area. It was apparent from the beginning that young Officer Suhr had a tremendous career ahead of him. He did his job, didn't complain, and went about his business. He was tough, smart, and always had a great sense of humor. He "got it" early. He understood the only way you can effectively promote in this department, and still keep the respect of the rank and file, was to do your time on the streets, learn your craft, keep your

mouth shut, and learn the job from those that came before you.

Officer Greg Suhr worked nights his entire time at Central before moving on to PBTF where he was mentored by the legendary Bruce Marovich. As he moved on to Narcotics and subsequently began a string of promotions, he never forgot where he came from. Even as a supervisor, Suhr would never ask another cop to do what he would not do himself.

We have remained friends for 30 years, and we happen to share the common goal of wanting to make the SFPD the best law enforcement organization possible. Suhr's career — like many of our own — has had its ups and downs, and he has persevered and emerged from each struggle stronger

and wiser.

Few people thought the day would come when Greg Suhr would receive the call that he had been appointed Chief of Police — least of all Greg. But through perseverance and persistence that call did come, and we will be a better department because of it. Chief Suhr is truly the choice of the rank-and-file, so it is now time for us to validate the selection by working as hard and being as professional as is he.

Our members have complained of low morale for many years because they did not believe in the leadership of the department. That lament is now effectively silenced. Let us move forward as a department in a positive direction with the right leadership at this very critical time.



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

Mayor Ed Lee deserves a tremendous amount of credit for recognizing Chief Suhr as the right person for the job. Let us show the Mayor he made the right choice.

### Counselor's Corner

## A Tale of Two Cities – SF Shows the Way On Pension Reform; SJ Goes Nuclear

By John Tennant,  
SFPOA Counsel

The contrast is remarkable: In San Francisco, Mayor Edwin Lee sits down and actually negotiates with his City's labor unions over a ballot measure amending the City Charter to help get rising pension costs under control. In San Jose, Mayor Chuck Reed decides to "go nuclear," as the *NY Times* put it, by vowing to declare a fiscal state of emergency and put a measure directly to the voters making sweeping changes to retirement benefits, even for current retirees and active employees, without any negotiation with the affected unions. Reed's move makes what Public Defender Jeff Adachi had proposed to do to pensions in San Francisco before the SF unions and Mayor Lee had sat down to solve the problem, look like the efforts of a rank amateur when it comes to hacking away at public workers' retirement benefits.



City-Labor ballot measure amending the City Charter to provide real pension reform. Here are some of the highlights: (1) contribution rates for active employees will "float" in accordance with the SF Retirement System's (SFERS) funding status, but can never rise so far as to break an individual employee financially and, conversely, can decrease as SFERS improves its actuarial health, (2) a second tier is created for new employees with pension caps and an increase in the retirement age to 58 for public safety workers (65, for non-public safety workers); and (3) contributions will be required from both current and future employees to a retiree health care trust fund.

These adjustments are far more reasonable than what Jeff Adachi contemplates taking to San Francisco's voters in the fall, and the choice for the voters should be clear: support a negotiated agreement which the City and its unions hammered out together in good faith rather than back a renegade measure that was never part of the collective bargaining process. To my mind, the law on this subject is almost of less importance than the moral imperative: it's far better from a practical as well as an ethical perspective to solve problems working together than by ramming a one-sided solution down the other party's throat.

Sadly, the latter is the approach that San Jose's Mayor Reed seems bent on taking and his moral stature declines

proportionately. Despite the San Jose POA's demonstrated track record of consistently working with the City to confront whatever fiscal challenge may lie ahead, Mayor Reed has sidestepped the negotiation process and proposed the unilateral implementa-

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tion — by voter fiat — of draconian changes to *current* workers' benefits. The list of takeaways is jaw dropping in both size and severity but here are some of the worst of the worst: slashing the accrual rate to 1.5% per year of service, increasing the retirement age to 60 for public safety and 65 for all other employees, and cutting the 3% COLA down to 1% (including the COLA received by already-retired employees).

In one fell swoop Mayor Reed joins the likes of Governors Scott Walker of Wisconsin and Chris Christie of New Jersey who have made names for themselves by championing the dismantling of benefits won by public

workers to a degree that makes similar efforts pale in comparison. As the *NY Times* opined, "[I]n what may become a test-case with national implications, Reed is asserting that public employees have no 'vested rights' to the specific terms of their pension plans and benefits going forward."

Such a proposition is more than a little legally dubious, and the SJPOA, along with the other San Jose unions, is preparing for the legal battle sure to come should the City Council decide to place Reed's measure on the ballot and it ultimately wins approval by the voters in November. The tragedy, of course, is that such a legal battle need not occur if Reed were to follow the example laid out for him by his San Francisco counterparts.

But that would involve collaboration and cooperation which just doesn't seem to be part of Reed's style at the moment. He'd rather pick a fight over pension benefits than sit down personally with his City's unions, as did Mayor Lee in San Francisco, along with other civic leaders and entrepreneurs such as Warren Hellman, to attempt to find a mutual course out of San Jose's fiscal mess. And because of such a mindset, Mayor Reed is that much smaller a man and San Jose that much smaller a city.

*"Roll the Union On..."*

# Minutes of the May 18, 2011 SFPOA Board Meeting\*

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Valdez called the meeting to order at 1210 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance.
2. Secretary Montoya conducted the roll of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.
3. Rep. Sorgie (Co. G) made a motion to accept the minutes from the April 2011 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Rep. Laval (Tac) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
4. The Executive Board met with the City earlier in the day to discuss concessions. The meeting ended with the POA Executive Board advising the City that they are not willing to ask the members for any further concessions.
5. President Delagnes talked about the future of DROP. There are currently 120 members in DROP and an additional 275 members
6. President Delagnes continues to meet with the City and other labor leaders with regards to a November Charter Amendment addressing pensions.
7. Chief Suhr addressed the Board of Directors and a standing room only group of members (this month's meeting was held at the HOJ 6th floor auditorium). Chief Suhr thanked all those in attendance for their hard work and continued

have had their interview with the Retirement System with the probability of entering DROP. President Delagnes sent a letter to Mayor Lee and the Board of Supervisors outlining why DROP should be renewed or minimally extended. When DROP is put on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for action, President Delagnes will appear before the Board of Supervisors and give an oral argument as to why DROP should continue.

support. The Chief then briefed the members on his mandate from the City to cut 10 million dollars from his budget. The Chief has been able to reduce that figure to 9 million dollars by restructuring the Command Staff. The Chief talked about different scenarios as to how the budget shortfall could be closed. The Chief also talked about future plans which include station visits, new technology and seeking grant money, just to name a few.

Expense Recap Sheet. Treasurer Halloran talked about significant line items which has the POA approximately \$250,000.00 currently under budget.

10. Meeting adjourned at 1430 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.

8. After Chief Suhr finished addressing the Board of Directors and attending members, members had a round table discussion talking about concerns and future ideas.

9. Treasurer Halloran handed out a printed copy of the Monthly

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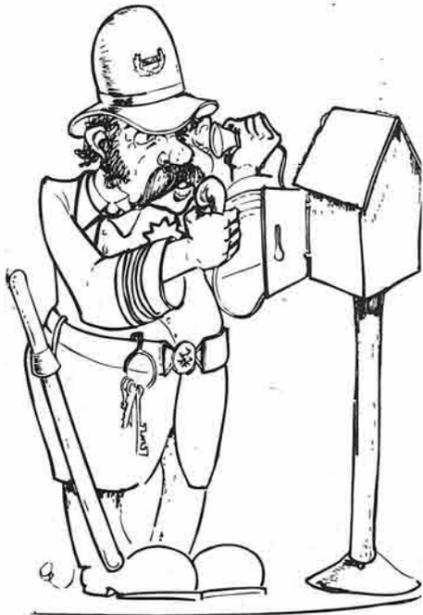
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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



**...New Chief:**

**Greg Suhr** (one of our own) has been installed as our new Chief of Police. It is incumbent on every one of us to help make his tenure successful. If Greg succeeds then we succeed and the efforts to bring outsiders in to run the department will cease...Good luck Chief Suhr I'm sure you will bring some "fun" back into the job because we know that you care about all the City communities, department and us...

**...Another Chief:**

Congratulations to retired Lt. **David Oberhoffer** who has been selected as the Chief of the McFarland California Police Department. Dave can be reached at [doberhoffer@mcfarlandcity.org](mailto:doberhoffer@mcfarlandcity.org)...

**...Births:**

Northern Station's **Patrick and Sara Griffin** welcomed their second child **Patrick Timothy Griffin Jr.** 6 lbs, 14 ounces 19 inches on November 24, 2010 at 0004 hours. Two-year-old big sister **Brooke**, is very thrilled with her new brother. Grandparents retired SFPD Range master **Mickey and Ann Griffin** and Uncle **Sean**, Investigations/GTF have been leading the family celebrations.

Bayview Station's **Christopher Creed** and his lovely wife **Andrea Creed**, Technology proudly announce the birth of their first child, **Jacqueline Pearl Creed** 7 lbs 2 ounces 20 inches on May 11, 2011 at 0923 hours.

Retired Grandparents **Henry and Pat Friedlander** welcome their second granddaughter **Abigail Suzanne Krause**, born May 10th. Parents living in San Diego are **Emily and Brian Krause**, and big sister, **Sophia**, will be two-years-old at the end of June. Congratulations to all and may life bring you all the best...

**...In Mourning:**

This past December Airport Bureau K-9 Officer **Terence Carey** lost his partner K-9 **Bobby** the handsome black lab that had captured the hearts and minds of all that he worked with since arriving at the Airport Bureau in



May of 1997. Bobby had a varied and illustrious career working the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, the 2002 World Series at then Pac Bell Park, 2007 All-Star Game, 49er games, dignitary details and countless warrant searches. Bobby enjoyed camping, swimming and amusing himself by tossing his ball into the air and catching it. Diagnosed with cancer in 2006 he continued to work for two years before retiring to Terry's home where his end of watch came on Sunday December 12, 2010. A great detection K-9 with a friendly disposition who always wanted to be petted and craved attention will be sorely missed...

**...Wedding Bells:**

On May 11, 2011 Sgt. **Lou Perez**, Property, and **Joy Pabalan** exchanged vows in Angeles City, Philippines. Congratulations and best wishes...

**...Economic Change in the Air?**

The daily dire economic news that has inundated us for the last several years seems to be ebbing. Recently the State of California reported additional revenues which immediately led to **Governor Jerry Brown** revising his budget by restoring funding to education. Locally we are also experiencing some hopeful signs. Revenues are up and the Retirement System is reported earnings for the fiscal year to date at 23.5 % this is on top of last years audited earnings of 12.55%. The last couple of years economically and politically (Pension Reform) have been a rerun of the late 1970's but then the tide turned but what did not happen was that we did not learn from our mistakes. Let's hope that this time we don't make the same mistake. That's why studying history and capturing institutional memory is so important for any entity either private or public...

**...Co. K Reunion Dinner:**

Attention all active and retired,

currently assigned and formerly assigned, and all Hit & Run personnel in the same categories. There will be a Traffic Company reunion on June 29, 2011. Details are still in the works, but contact **Jordon Hom** for more info. He can be reached at 415-553-9601. See you all there!



**...Out to Pasture:**

On Friday May 27th Mounted Unit members **Hawk** and **Hunter** were formally retired when their horse shoes were nailed to the door frame of Lefty O'Douls Restaurant in a ceremony hosted by the Union Square Merchants. Both mounts are being put out to pasture in Sonoma. The ceremony was so successful and moving that a new tradition has been born. —Whenever any SFPD mount is retired a hanging of a horse shoe at Lefty's will take place. — Chief Greg Suhr initiated and presided over the inaugural ceremony and we look forward to another later this summer... retiree Hunter ridden by Officer **Carol Scatena** started service in 2000 and is 18 years of age, Hawk ridden by Sgt **Bob Totah** entered service in 1998 and is retiring at age 25. Big thank you to Mounted Unit Officers **Matt Castagnola** and **Jeff Roth** for coordinating the ceremony logistics. Visit Ch's 2, 4, 5, 7 & 11 websites for coverage of the ceremony...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to [alfrmsf@aol.com](mailto:alfrmsf@aol.com), faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to **Around the Department**, 800 Bryant St., 2nd Floor, SE, CA 94103.

## 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](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).

**Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events**

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	Pacific Rod & Gun Club 520 John Muir Drive, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 <a href="mailto:larry175@ix.netcom.com">larry175@ix.netcom.com</a>
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Hall of Justice, Room 150, (Traffic Co. Assembly Room)	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Joe Reilly (415) 681-3660 <a href="mailto:woaasfpolice@gmail.com">woaasfpolice@gmail.com</a>
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	War Memorial Building 410 Van Ness Ave., SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Greg Corrales (415) 759-1076
POA Board of Directors Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, Noon	POA Office (415) 861-5060
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Reyna Kuk (415) 681-5949
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730 – 1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

**Specially Scheduled Events**

Retirement Dinner Honoring Lt. Neville Gittens	Hilton Hotel 760 Kearny St., SF	Friday, June 10, 2011 6:00 PM	Lyn Tomioka (415) 913-8421
Promotional Dinner for: Mike Biel; Mikail Ali; Valerie Agard; Troy Dangerfield; Christine Martinez; and Milanda Moore	Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave, So. SF	June 24, 2011 6:00 PM	Valerie Matthews (415) 850-5813
Strend Fitness Challenge Fundraiser for Wounded US Troops	Treasure Island Gym, TI	Saturday, June 25, 2011 800 AM	<a href="mailto:ghillie8@msn.com">ghillie8@msn.com</a>
Retirement Party Honoring Dan O'Shea	TBA	Friday, July 8, 2011 Time TBA	Pending
Memorial Golf Tournament In memory of Off. Dave Chetcuti	Green Hills Country Club 500 Ludeman Lane, Millbrae, CA	Monday, July 11, 2011 10:00 AM	Millbrae POA (650) 259-2473
SF Giants' Law Enforcement Appreciation Night	AT&T Park, SF	Friday, July 22, 2011 7:10 PM	Bob Guinan (415) 861-5060
2011 Ironman/Ironwoman Competition	HOJ Gym, 5th Floor	Wednesday, September 14, 2011 9:00 AM	Ed Yu (415) 850-5094



# POLICE-FIRE Post 456 NEWS



By Greg Corrales

*"The 30th day of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village, and hamlet churchyard in the land."*

— General Order No. 11,  
General John A. Logan, May 5, 1868

The divisions caused by the Civil War prevented Decoration Day, long since called Memorial Day, from being universally accepted until WWI. Today, the problem is an apathetic public. After the Civil War, most American families had a personal connection to a death in uniform. Now, only a handful do. The holiday's commercialization in 1968, when its observation was changed to the last Monday in May, minimized its true meaning, also.

"Few Americans are touched personally by the ongoing conflicts overseas," editorialized *The Washington Times*. "The vast majority have no direct contact with the war in any form, much less knowing someone who fell."

Yet it is exactly in wartime that Memorial Day is most poignant. This is especially so because less than 1% of the population is bearing the burden. A survey taken among military families revealed that 94% felt disconnected from the larger society, feeling that their sacrifices are unappreciated.

Remembering is vital. "Memory is the key to the character not only of a person, but a country," Kathy Roth-Douquet, a Marine wife and founder of Blue Star Families, wrote in *USA Today*. "Memory is necessary for both historic and moral understanding."

That we are remembering a special class of citizen on Memorial Day goes without saying. Since time immemorial, Western societies have canonized warriors who sacrificed their lives. In his column in *VFW*, VFW National Commander Richard L. Eubank asked, "Exactly what makes up the character of those willing to sacrifice their lives in battle?"

Ancient Athenian statesman Pericles described them in making a plea to honor the dead who had faced the vast armies of Persia on the plains of Greece. "...In the face of death they resolved to rely upon themselves alone," he said. "And when the moment came, they were minded to resist and suffer, rather than to fly and save their lives; they ran away from the word dishonor; but on the battle field their feet stood fast, and in an instant, at the height of their fortune, they passed away from the scene, not of their fear, but of their glory."

These words apply equally to the

Americans who have died in Afghanistan, Iraq, and in my war, Vietnam, and to those that preceded them dating back to the Revolutionary War. As our society drifts further away from the realities of war, it is necessary to remind the public of what the tiny minority does for the vast majority. That is what Memorial Day is really all about.

A van packed with illegal immigrants, all wearing military digital cammies, hoped to cross a border checkpoint March 14 east of San Diego. But two U.S. Border Patrol agents, both former Marines, were suspicious and posed a surprise question: "When is the Marine Corps' birthday?" The driver didn't answer. When asked for an "oorah," none of the passengers responded. Agents arrested 13 men and two suspected smugglers.

On January 10, Bill Bower, 93, the last Doolittle Raid pilot, died at his home in Boulder, Colorado. He was one of the 79 airmen who flew on the 16 Army Air Force B-25s on that history-making raid on April 18, 1942. He took off from the *USS Hornet* for the 600-mile journey to Japan. After bombing Yokohama, Bower's plane headed for China. Engine failure caused the crew to bail out of the *Werewolf*, but Chinese villagers rescued all of them. Bower went on to make the Air Force his career until retiring in 1966. Only five Doolittle Raiders (crewmen) remain alive.

U.S. troops in Afghanistan are using a brand-new weapon that experts are calling "a game-changer." The XM25 is a rifle-sized, shoulder-fired grenade launcher that uses "smart" ammo: grenades embedded with microchips that allow U.S. forces to home in on the enemy. As *The American Legion Magazine* reports, the XM25's smart grenades can search out and target an enemy "even when the enemy is hidden behind walls or other cover." The XM25 fires 25 mm shells up to 2,300 feet. Troops can program the shells to burst at a specific distance and height. The XM25 has been described as "300 percent more effective than current weapons at the squad level."

Police-Fire Post 456 would like every veteran in the SFPD and SFFD to become members of the post. If interested, please contact me at Mission Station at 558-5455 or at [greg.corrales@sfgov.org](mailto:greg.corrales@sfgov.org). The post meets on the second Tuesday of every month at 1800 hours. Meetings are held at the War Memorial Veterans Building, 401 Van Ness Avenue, Room 214. Refreshments are served at the conclusion of Legion Business.

## Please Help Defeat SB -9: Early Release of Cop Killers

*To my fellow law enforcement family:*

My son Larry Lasater of the Pittsburg Police Department was murdered in the line of duty in April of 2005. One of his killers received the death penalty: the other killer was sentenced to life without possibly of parole because the crimes were committed four days before his eighteenth birthday. That sentence is in jeopardy because of pending legislation SB9 which is being heard before the appropriations committee on May 2nd at 11 :00 a.m.

Please contact your state senator and assembly person and **urge them to vote NO on SB9**. There are approximately 262 juvenile offenders, seven of them who murdered law enforcement officers:

Officer Louis Pompei of Glendora Police Department, Officer Daniel Bessant of Oceanside Police Department, CHP Sgt. Thomas Steiner, Sacramento County Deputy Vu Nguyen and my son. An eighth offender beat his probation officer to death at a juvenile detention center.

SB9 would allow these murderers who killed when they were 16 or 17 to file a petition for new sentencing hearings to have their sentence reduced to 25 years to life. As the law is written, all of them would be eligible to petition for this modification. Although the killers murdered our loved ones and devastated our lives, it is members of the California State Legislator that are now harming us. The teen killers would be given **five opportunities at new sentencing hearings**, each one forcing the victims to relive the horrific murders of our loved ones over and over.

Thus far, I have researched 191 of these cases. Many involve multiple murder victims. Many involve multiple attempted murders of other victims. The ages of the victims range from two-years-old to a blind 90 year-old great-grandmother. At least four of these offenders have been convicted of attempted murder of other inmates while incarcerated; one has been convicted of murdering another inmate while serving his sentence.

Legislators speak of giving these "youth" a second chance. We don't get a second chance. While they advocate for cop killers over cops and murderers over victims, we victims continue to suffer daily.

**I beg you: Do not let them re-victimize us. Stand up for your fallen brothers and their families and help to defeat SB9. Urge your legislators to vote No on SB9 and pass the word.** I can be reached at [phyllisloya@yahoo.com](mailto:phyllisloya@yahoo.com). Thank you for your help.

*In solidarity and friendship,  
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# This and That...

By Kevin Martin,  
SFPOA Vice President

## The Eagles soar...

Congratulations to Officer Rob Fung of Northern Station swing watch. Rob is among the most successful varsity baseball coaches in the history of George Washington High School. On Thursday, May 12, 2011, Coach Rob Fung led the Washington Eagles to San Francisco's Academic Athletic Association Championship Crown by defeating Balboa High School 4-1 at AT&T Park. This season marked Rob's 18th season as baseball coach at Washington and his teams have been incredibly successful having led his teams to section title games in seventeen of his eighteen years and taking the city title five times!

The Washington Eagles were a



Coach Rob Fung with the championship trophy.

dominant 14-0 going into the title game and displayed the numbers to support their great play. The team batting average was .306, the base runners stole a very impressive 109 bases in 116 attempts, and the pitching staff's earned run average was 3.37!

Even more impressive is Fung and the varsity team's contribution to a very impressive high school sports program. With the Baseball Championship victory, the Eagles became the first school in San Francisco history to win an AAA Championship in football, boys' basketball, and baseball in the same year since the AAA of San Francisco was established in 1924 — 1925.

(Note: I found that record very interesting as I was sure that though Saint Ignatius had never enjoyed much such success in its athletic programs — especially during the troubled Delagnes years at S.I. — I was almost positive that Sacred Heart High School in its Golden Age of athletic city dominance had achieved that feat many times over...hmmm.)

The Balboa Pirates took an early 1-0

lead in the championship game but Washington overcame that obstacle scoring single runs in the bottom of the third and fourth and then plating two insurance runs in the sixth as pitcher Dane Van Guchte shut down the Buc's the rest of the way with help from relief pitcher Chris Hau in the seventh and final inning paving the way to the city crown.

After the game, Coach Fung met with the press and exclaimed, "The first word that comes to mind is that it's just crazy! It's history, it's never been done, and this is something that no one will ever take away from this group."

Our very warmest congratulations to Coach Rob Fung, the City Champion Washington Eagles in varsity baseball and all the student athletes and coaching staffs of the Washington High School championship teams this year!

It should be noted that many graduates of Washington High School have gone on to very successful careers in the SFPD, including former varsity quarterback Captain Keith Sanford; the recently promoted Commander Rich Correia; former varsity basketball standout and inductee into the SFPOA Sports Hall of Fame, Captain Ann Mannix of Northern Station; and the recently retired Eddie Chow, a great, great basketball player in his own right who was not too long ago inducted into the San Francisco High School Sports Hall of Fame as well as the SFPOA Sports Hall of Fame.

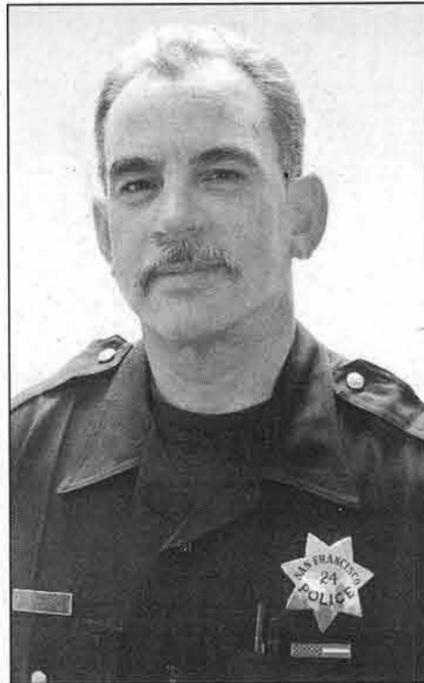
The San Francisco Police Department has very close ties to the students and alumni of Washington High School, which has a long and storied history in San Francisco, and we look forward to continuing our wonderful relationship for many years to come.

## SFPD Baseball Benefits Fire Burn Institute...

On Sunday, June 26, 2011 the San Francisco Police Baseball team, the SFPD "Blues" will play the Sacramento Fire Department in a charity baseball game benefiting the Fire Burn Institute of Sacramento. The game will be played at Raley Field in Sacramento with an approximate starting time of 4:40 pm.

Through the created partnership of the Sacramento River Cats, the Sacramento Fire Department, and the San Francisco Police Department the following goals will have been achieved during this very special event: Generate awareness for Burn Institute on a large public scale; Support a fundraising event with proceeds going to the Fire Burn Institute and provide opportunities to recruit and recognize volunteers and donors.

The day's event will also include a Sacramento River Cats vs. Reno Aces baseball game starting at 1:05 PM. The Sacramento River Cats Baseball Team is a minor league affiliate with the Oakland A's Baseball Club.



The S.F.P.D. Blues is a great baseball team comprised of the following SFPD members: Captain/Coach Pablo Ossio; Rob Fung; Dan Rosaia; Phil Gordon; Jon Rocklin; Jimmy Trail; Ryan Seto; Josh Kumli; Greg Buhagiar; Mike Hara and last but certainly not least, the Pride of the U.S. Navy, "The Great" Steve "I love Notre Dame" Pamatto.

Please consider coming out and supporting this great team made up of some equally great guys for a very worthy cause.

For further information regarding tickets and other features for this very special and worthy event, please contact the Sacramento River Cats, Sgt. Pablo Ossio of the Airport Traffic Bureau, or any member of the S.F.P.D. Blues. GO BLUES!

## Doodling Googler ...

The POA also offers warm and heart-felt congratulations to seven-year-old Matteo Lopez of South San Francisco, his parents Rudy and Maria, and his extremely proud uncle, Officer Jose Lopez of Mission Station. On May 19, 2011, Matteo was proclaimed the national winner of the "2011 Doodle-4-Google" contest, beating out over 107,000 artwork contestants from across the country.

Matteo is a second-grader at Monte Verde Elementary School where he is an outstanding student and an excellent representative for his school and his family.

Over five million votes were cast nationwide for this very prestigious artwork contest. Matteo and his family are very grateful for all the votes and support offered by members of the SFPOA, which was overwhelming!

Prior to getting to the national finals of this contest, Matteo placed first in the state of California earning him a spot as one of the 40 regional finalists, which was quite an achievement in its own right!

As a result of winning this contest, Matteo's doodle was on Google's home page all day, May 20, 2011; His school will receive a \$25,000 technology grant for a computer lab, and Matteo will receive a \$15,000 academic scholarship to the school of his choice.

Matteo's artwork will be on display along with 40 other pieces of artwork by other contestants at the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art on Howard Street from May 20 through July 19, 2011.

Matteo's schedule has been a very busy one of late. He took a trip to New York City to appear on the nationally televised "Today" show. On Wednesday, May 25, 2011, Matteo was honored in his hometown's council meeting as South San Francisco Mayor Kevin Mullin presented Matteo with a key to the city as well as a certificate of recognition for his outstanding achievement. The Mayor was very complimentary of Matteo and congratulated him on an outstanding effort.

The POA is very proud of Matteo's accomplishment and we offer our best wishes for a great and promising future for an outstanding young man.

## UCSF visit...

A very special thanks and a tip of the hat to officers Gary Constantine, Cezar Perez, and Alexander Lentz of Southern Station who graciously volunteered their time on Wednesday, May 11, 2011 to visit some wonderful children at UCSF on our monthly POA visit. Gary and Cezar are old hands as they have made several visits, while Alex was a very welcomed first time visitor. It was great to have a couple of veteran officers join with a newer member of the department to bring smiles to the faces of children and their parents and families.

I am always so very grateful for the efforts of our members when it comes to visiting the youngsters at UCSF. There can be no greater joy than to bring comfort, warmth and joy to an infirmed child and their parents.

Some of our members have had their own children in similar situations to many of the children we visit and in turn are very supportive of other parents and families as they know first hand the fears and difficulties of these situations.

Gary, Cezar, and Alex did a great job and were on the very top of their game when visiting the children. Thanks again guys for an outstanding job well done!



Gary Constantine during the May 11 UCSF visit.

## TTF Reunion...

Friday, April 1, 2011 marked the 20th anniversary of the Tenderloin Task Force/Tenderloin Station Reunion

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held at the Parc 55 Wyndham Union Square Hotel in downtown San Francisco. It was a great event and was very well attended by "rats" young and old. A capacity crowd filled the room as current and former members of the TTF gathered to share some great stories and memories associated with the Tenderloin Station.

A veritable "Who's Who" attended this historic event, and the attendee's were treated and regaled with outstanding offerings from some of the finest that our department has ever had. The featured speaker of the evening was the very first Commanding Officer of the TTF, Captain George Kowalski, a great man and leader and certainly one of the greatest cops this department has ever seen. The retired Captain spent several minutes recounting some of the events during his time at the helm. Also on hand to entertain the throng of guests with their thoughts and words were retired Lieutenant Michael McNeil; Retired Lieutenant Tom Carew; Captain Croce "Al" Casciato, (former commanding officer of Tenderloin Station) and current Commanding Officer of Tenderloin Station, Captain Joe "Big Red" Garrity.

Dominic Panina, one of the funniest members of the department along with the recently retired Mark "the exploding head" McDonough were the outstanding masters of Ceremonies for the nights event.

Also in attendance were special guests of the POA, Robin Schneider (wife of deceased Sgt. Kurt Schneider of TTF) and their lovely daughter, Ashley.

Both Kurt and the beloved Sgt. Keny Sugrue were both fondly remembered as being outstanding members of the vaunted unit.

It was on Saturday, April 1st, 1991 when the S.F.P.D. changed the configuration of the Central Police District and essentially took the 1-car sector of Central Station and converted it into its own police district. We originally operated out of the fifth floor of the Hall of Justice where beat men and women would walk from the Hall to their beats through the Southern Police District. By the end of the 1991, our collective unit made more than 5,000 arrests! There was some outstanding police work being done by really great cops who were led by true leaders. It was a great time and we had some real characters on board...Tony "Daddy T" LaRocca; Jose "Nido" Pucbill; Greg Breslin; Guy Pursley; Larry Barsetti; Steve Hutzler; Jimmy Miller and my trusted partner for sometime, Jerry DeFilippo were only a few of the very colorful characters who made up our unit. Those names have now been replaced by the likes of Kevin Lyons; Brian Philpott; Joe McCloskey, Mike Cesari as well as Brian and Irene Mi-

chaud. (Irene is a much nicer person and a much better baseball fan than her counterpart who still has the unmitigated gall of being a Red Sox fan!) How does she do it?

A truly great time was had by all in attendance thanks in great part to the wonderful efforts of Kim and Jerry D'Arcy; John Centurioni, the aforementioned Joe McCloskey, and "The Great" Larry Chan who did a masterful job in planning and arranging the event. Thank you all very much for a wonderful evening.

**More outstanding Achievements...**

Congratulations are in order for young Matteo Porcedda, a senior at Sequoia High School in Redwood City who has overcome tremendous adversity to become one of the state's premier high school wrestlers and an outstanding academic student-athlete. Matteo is the grandson of Sgt. Ronald Vernali, S.F.P.D. who retired from our department after a stellar career in 1995.

Matteo began wrestling in his freshman year after encouragement from a friend. Matteo soon found his niche on the wrestling mat and his success in wrestling carried over into the other facets of his life. Academically, Matteo made great strides in the classroom attributing his scholastic success to the discipline and focus he developed while wrestling.

During his sophomore year, Matteo's father, Ignazio, was diagnosed with amyotrophic lateral sclerosis (ALS) a highly debilitating motor neuron disease also known as Lou Geri's disease. Ignazio was given eight weeks to live.

The terrible news was indeed quite a shock to the family and really threw a wrench into Matteo's wrestling regimen. Matteo's father was against his son giving up a sport he knew Matteo had gravitated to and strongly encouraged him to continue with his sport.

As Ignazio's condition became more difficult, Matteo's independence and sense of home responsibility grew. He began working harder than ever to keep his grades up and improve as an athlete.

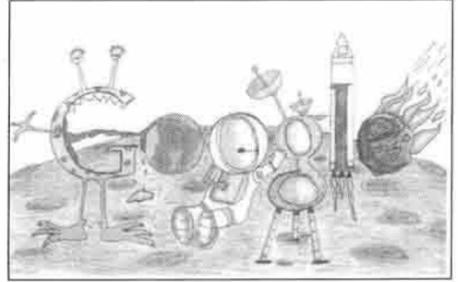
As a junior at Sequoia High, Matteo was named one of the top twelve wrestlers in the 189-pound weight class during the Central Coast Section championships.

Matteo also became a mentor to younger students and to one student in particular. On a river rafting trip, Matteo developed a special relationship with this student. "I met this one kid and I knew he had a lot of heart but he didn't know where to direct all his energy and all his motivation. And I felt he had a lot of potential"

Matteo's coach and Vice-Principal Mike Kuliga could not have found a better mentor for the younger student.

**Hello Officer Kevin Martin,**

On behalf of my family and Officer Jose Lopez we would like to thank the San Francisco Police Officers Association, their families and friends who voted for my sons' Matteo Lopez drawing in the Doodle 4 Google contest. On May 19 Google



made the announcement that Matteo was the 2011 Doodle 4 Google national winner beating out over 107,000 contestants from across the country. My family and I are extremely proud of him, and I think you should be too as we could not have done it without the support of the San Francisco Police Officers Association community; so our most sincere gratitude to each and every one of you who voted for Space Life. There were 5 million votes total and with the support of the San Francisco Police Officers Association Matteo received an overwhelming amount of votes to make him one the four finalist and ultimately becoming National winner.

As the Doodle 4 Google winner Matteo's doodle was on Google's homepage all day May 20, his school will receive a \$25,000 technology grant for a computer lab, and Matteo will get a \$15,000 scholarship for a school of his choice. In addition, Matteo was invited to appear on the Today Show May 20, and the doodles by all 40 finalists will be on display at SFMOMA in San Francisco from May 20 through July 19. Again, we would like to thank you all for your support.

Sincerely,

Matteo, Maria and Rudy Lopez

If you would like to see Matteo's interview on the Today show here is the link:

[http://digitallife.today.com/\\_news/2011/05/20/6676677-doodle-4-google-winner-matteo-lopez-7](http://digitallife.today.com/_news/2011/05/20/6676677-doodle-4-google-winner-matteo-lopez-7)

"He's a genuine kid," Kuliga said. "He's humble and he's nice and he's sweet, but he's also real good at being firm...He took the kid from being very close to being expelled and has been setting up meetings with the student and his teachers so Matteo can work out what the student needs to do."

As a senior, Matteo chose to wrestle in the 171-pound class and again found great success. He finished as runner-up in the Peninsula Athletic League to 171-pound champion Calvin Nicholls of South San Francisco who went on to take the Central Coast Section title.

Matteo finished his senior year as a semi-finalist in the CCS finals by upsetting and defeating the third seed Nick Alspaugh of Serra High School and by defeating fourth seeded Omar Ortega of St. Francis High School in Mountain View.

Matteo credits both his mother and father for his inspiration. "My mom's always been there. I really want to thank her for that."

Academically, Matteo has main-

tained a 4.2 GPA and has been accepted into 12 of the 13 colleges and universities for which he has applied. After much consideration Matteo has settled on U.C. Berkeley as his future school but is yet to declare a major.

There is no doubt in my mind that Matteo will do just fine in his future endeavors. The success he has enjoyed to this point in his life will continue to flourish well into his future.

On behalf of the S.F.P.O.A., I want to extend my warmest congratulations to Matteo and his family and wish them all the best in all areas of their lives.

I recently had the great pleasure to meet Matteo's mother and found her to be very pleasant and engaging with a warm friendly smile. There is no doubt that Mrs. Porcedda is as proud of her son as is her husband.

Okay guys, that's it for this month. God Bless all of you, your families and loved ones. Be safe out there and take care of each other.

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## Suicide Another Danger Faced by Cops

By Brian Cahill

Sunday, May 22, 2011

My son John took his life in December 2008. He was a police officer for 19 years. He was a loving father. He was my first born. He was my rock.

When my son died, I learned about cops and suicide. I learned that the very characteristics that make a good cop can be lethal when that cop gets depressed. Good cops are highly functioning, are used to bringing control out of chaos and are willing to risk everything during a critical incident because they know the incident will come to closure.

My son had been through a painful divorce and did not feel he was functioning well in any aspect of his life. He did not feel he could control the chaos in his life. And he thought his problems, the multiple "critical incidents" he was encountering, would never come to an end. He was wrong on all three counts, but I know that is how he felt. I think that is when he decided to take control and bring things to an end. I think he felt that all of us who loved him and needed him would be better off if he were gone. He was wrong. He was so wrong.

Two years later, I am still grieving the loss of my son. I will be for the rest of my life. We were very close. We talked a lot about his situation and his depression. He was seeing a counselor, and he seemed to be doing all the right things to get through. Until the last year of his life, he was one of the most secure and vibrant human beings I knew. I realize now that my perception of who he was precluded me from seeing that he was capable of taking his life. I cannot say with certainty that, had I understood this "profile" of cops and depression and suicide, I could have stopped him. But I wish I had had the knowledge and the opportunity to try.

My son shot himself on a trail in the Santa Cruz Mountains. Whenever I sink into my own depression and horror triggered by that nightmare image, my wife reminds me that "his soul never touched the ground." I believe that.

My son was one of two San Jose police officers who committed suicide that year. The California Highway Patrol lost 13 officers to suicide between 2005 and 2007. The San Francisco Police Department has lost three officers in the last year. According to the National Police Suicide Foundation, more than 400 officers take their lives every year.

I do not know if SFPD and other police departments are doing everything they should to prevent suicides among their officers. And I am not qualified to tell them what their policy should be or how they should train. But I am qualified to tell every cop on the job to pay attention to this issue, for your own good and for that of your fellow officers. I am qualified to tell every father and mother of a cop, every wife and partner of a cop, every brother and sister of a cop, every close friend of a cop to pay close attention to this issue. I might not be completely objective, but I believe that if this could happen to my son, it could happen to any police officer.

The SFPD has begun to address this issue in its advanced officer training program. The department also has a strong peer support program. The Highway Patrol has developed a comprehensive approach to suicide awareness and prevention. San Jose Police Department has developed a suicide prevention policy and a department-wide, mandatory training program. Officers who are dealing with serious depression can come in and get help, have the situation treated confidentially, without the risk of losing their gun and their badge. A dozen cops have gotten help and have been able to stay on the job. I hope all police departments are or soon will be taking this approach. I hope the culture of "tough it out, don't show weakness" is changing.

Police work is incredibly challenging and stressful, not just physically dangerous but also fraught with conflict and controversy. Cops are not perfect. We know there can be errors in judgment, in some cases violations of the public trust or abuse. But the great majority of men and women who wear the uniform do their job extremely well and at times take great risks. Like many first responders, they constantly have to figure out how to achieve the necessary balance between the pressures and realities of their job and their responsibilities and needs when they are not on the job.

We who benefit from their protecting and serving us, especially those of us who know cops and whose loved ones are cops, have a clear moral obligation to do all we can to protect and serve them.

*Brian Cahill is former executive director of Catholic Charities in San Francisco.*

## Helping Our Own

The following members of our law enforcement family need our help:

### Frankie Shouldice

*Frankie is the 12-year old son of Inspector Ronan Shouldice of CSI. Frankie is battling leukemia. A "Friends of Frankie Shouldice" account has been established at the SFPCU #1373520*

— Marty Halloran

### Madeline Cashion

Dear SFPOA —

*I am five years old and I have cancer. It's called embryonal rhabdomyosarcoma. I had a surgery to take out a big owie from my tummy. Now, I am taking medicine through my tubbies to get the rest of the owie out of my tummy. The medicine is called chemotherapy and it makes my hair fall out. I am in treatment for 46 weeks to get rid of my cancer. I will kick the owie's booty!*

*Thanks for caring!*

— Madeline Claire Cashion

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*Robin is a Parking Control Officer from the Airport Bureau and has been accepted into the Catastrophic Illness Program. She is in need of immediate donations of time. Donations should be submitted on Form F2006b — "Employee." Robin may receive donations of either SP or VA. Please send all original forms to the behavioral science unit for processing.*

— Marty Halloran

### Linda Moore – Asst. District Attorney

*Linda Moore has been off work undergoing another grueling round chemotherapy. She ran out of SP & VAC in February, but still has several more months of chemo. Her ID number is 001638. You can reach Linda at this email address: lmooresfada@gmail.com*

—Linda Allen, Assistant District Attorney (415) 553-1211

### Family of Lance Heivilin

*SFPD Director (Non-Sworn) Lance Heivilin, formerly with the Mesa PD, lost a valiant fight with cancer. He was just 37, and leaves a wife and children. A fund has been established for the family at the SF Police Credit Union, Acct. #1377238.*

— Marty Halloran

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# Guardians of the City

By Liane Corrales

## PROCLAMATION

"The federal troops, the members of the regular police force, and all special police officers have been authorized by me to KILL any and all persons found engaged in looting or in the commission of any other crime."

— Mayor Schmitz, April 18, 1906

On April 18, 2011, the City of San Francisco shook again at 0513 hours at the site of the historical Lotta's Fountain. The ground shook on this brisk San Francisco morning from the wailing sirens of the police cars and fire engines that were present for the annual commemoration of the 1906 earthquake and fire.

Following the sirens, there was a moment of silence in honor of all the San Franciscans who perished that morning from falling buildings or the raging fire. Then, as we do every year, the mayor, the police chief, and the fire chief placed a wreath on Lotta's Fountain.

Although there are still three known survivors, only Mr. William Del Monte was able to participate that morning. Mr. Del Monte is 105-years-young and is a very charming, native San Franciscan. His family came from Italy to open the famous Fior D' Italia Restaurant, and he was a tiny baby when the Great Quake hit.

After the ceremony at Lotta's Fountain, we proceeded to the Gold Fire Hydrant at 19th & Church Streets. This magical fire hydrant is the hydrant credited with saving the City that flaming morning. As we do every year, different people, representing different causes, squirt a spot of gold paint onto the hydrant in honor of someone or something. Then-Chief of Police Jeff Godown took his first spray at the hydrant in honor of the San Francisco Police Department (I informed him that this made him an official San Franciscan!).

We then traveled to Lefty O'Doul's for our annual breakfast, where we were able to chat a bit with Mr. Del

## PROCLAMATION BY THE MAYOR

The Federal Troops, the members of the Regular Police Force and all Special Police Officers have been authorized by me to KILL any and all persons found engaged in Looting or in the Commission of Any Other Crime.

I have directed all the Gas and Electric Lighting Co.'s not to turn on Gas or Electricity until I order them to do so. You may therefore expect the city to remain in darkness for an indefinite time.

I request all citizens to remain at home from darkness until daylight every night until order is restored.

I WARN all Citizens of the danger of fire from Damaged or Destroyed Chimneys, Broken or Leaking Gas Pipes or Fixtures, or any like cause.

**E. E. SCHMITZ, Mayor**

Dated: April 18, 1906.

Monte, and various authors and historians. (Included in this group were authors James Dalessandro and Carl Nolte who wrote *1906* and *The San Francisco Century: A City Rises from the Ruins of the 1906 Earthquake and Fire*, respectively).

I want to remind my police family that we are in the process of building a police, fire, sheriff, EMS museum named "Guardians of the City," to honor the crime fighters since the Barbary Coast days, and the firefighters who saved our City that day, and continue to do so.

I would also like to acknowledge our hard working committee, SFPD Captain Al Casciato, SFFD Firefighter Paul Barry, retired Fire Captain James Lee, Deputy Sheriff Mike Anderson, and museum curator Jaime O'Keefe. Remember, we have only to look to our SFPD patch to see the Phoenix rising out of the ashes of the 1906 fire to sense the power of our history.

In closing I want to honor Officer Max Fenner who died in the line of duty when the earthquake struck, pushing a young mother out of the way of a crumbling building.

# Blind Babies Foundation Beeper Egg Hunt

By Mark Hernandez, Central Station

With the generous support of the SFPOA, Blind Babies Foundation held it's annual Beeper Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 16th, at Midtown Terrace Playground. The SFPOA was this year's leading sponsor of the event. The

weather cooperated and the families served by Blind Babies Foundation enjoyed games, face painting, entertainment, and lunch. As always, the highlight of the day for the visually impaired children was the egg hunt. BBF sends its thanks to the SFPOA for helping to make it all happen!



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*Gala Celebration*

# Kiss My Assets (KMA) Investment Club Celebrates Its \$800,000 Portfolio

By Mike Hebel, Club Member

On May 3, 2011 the Kiss My Assets (KMA) Investment Club members met, with their spouses/partners, at Morton's Steakhouse (SF's premier steak house at 400 Post Street) to commemorate and applaud another milestone. It was an all-time high attendance with 44 persons enjoying themselves. The club felt bountiful — for the first time it provided an open bar for its partners. Its portfolio had just exceeded \$850,451 in value. It was a joyous prosperity dinner. The wonderful location was selected by Neville Gittens, Glenn Sylvester, and Leroy Lindo, the club's ministers of entertainment.

The 29 partners, active and retired SFPD members, toasted each other for having the patience and endurance to remain together since December 1996. The club is now in its 14th year. It was formed with the three "E's" as its foundation — education, entertainment, and enrichment — and over the years, this is exactly what the Club has done. It has diligently studied stocks, equity trusts, exchange traded funds, and mutual funds, invested wisely — stayed the course — and celebrated each \$100,000 advance.



City and Mike Hebel, George and Kay Gulbengay

Like most clubs and individual investors, KMA saw its portfolio erode during the dot com crash of 2000–2002. Its portfolio reached an all time high (\$296,000) in April 2000; thereafter, it declined to \$206,000 in October of 2001. Then it began a steady climb to \$681,000 in October 2007 and then experienced another significant decline, in the Great Recession of 2007-09, to \$331,300 in March 2009. Thereafter, it began a quick recovery to over \$800,000 in early April -2010.

At this Gala celebration, the KMA club re- issued a **friendly challenge** to the other police officer club, the Star Performers. The Star Performers Investment Club had recently held its gala \$800,000 portfolio celebration in March 2011 at the Park Chalet Garden Restaurant at the Great Highway. Star Performers was formed in August 1995 — 16 months before the KMA club. KMA stated that it would reach a one million dollar portfolio in less investment time than Star Performers. Let the contest continue!

KMA meets the first Tuesday of each month at noon at the Police Officers' Association's Board Room. At its typical monthly meeting, the Club will review its equity portfolio, its partners' capital accounts, and any significant events affecting its holdings. Partners review and present reports on individual stocks and mutual funds — both those presently owned and those under consideration. Buy and sell decisions are then made. The partners usually invest about \$5,000 each month.

The partners are already making plans for their \$900,000 celebration. A very special gala for its first million-dollar portfolio is under active consideration (perhaps a cruise to Alaska or in the Mediterranean Sea). The partners are committed to remain with the Club for the long term.



**Top Ten Holdings**

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- Schlumberger .....3.45%
- PepsiCo .....3.38%
- Claymore BRIC .....3.37%

**Investment Process**

The KMA Investment Club is affiliated with the National Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC) — a national educational organization of over 8,000 US investment clubs. The Club invests monthly, reinvests all dividends, looks primarily for growth companies that are "best of the breed", and seeks a broad diversification of industries and company sizes.

The Club relies on Value Line, Standard and Poor's, and Morning Star for its research. Also, members subscribe to the *Wall Street Journal*, *Barron's*, *Money Magazine*, *Kiplinger's Personal Finance Magazine*, *Forbes*, *Fortune*, and the NAIC monthly publication *Better Investing*.

Its investment credo includes: (1) buy good companies at fair prices and hold them for a long time, (2) favor companies that pay dividends and have a history of annually raising that dividend, (3) invest in companies with great management, demonstrable competitive advantages, and with favor balance sheet characteristics (cash generation, return on shareholders equity), and (4) look around the globe for investment opportunities including emerging countries with their enhanced growth

opportunities.

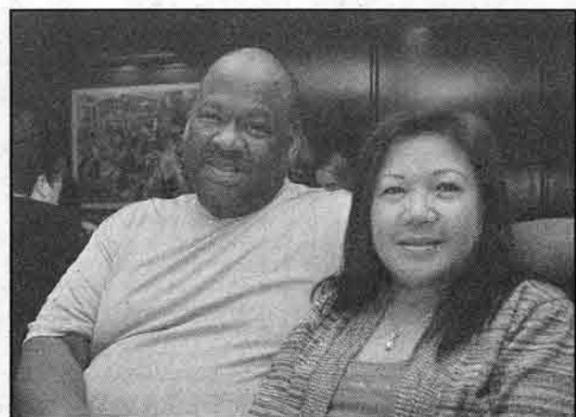
Like many investment clubs, KMA struggles with "when to sell." It continues to refine its sell discipline.

In January 2007 the Kiss My Assets Investment Club forecast that the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJI) would hit a new high in 2007 and may very well cross the 14,000 boundary by late-2007. The club was right. The DJI hit 14,164 in October 2007. The Club then experienced the "Great Recession" with the DJI falling to 6,926 in early March 2009. The Club believes that the 14,164 DJI will again be reached before 2015.

**KMA Investment Club's Partners**

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- Joseph Toomey
- Julie Yee

The club's partnership agreement allows for up to 30 members. It is currently has 29. If interested, please contact Mike Hebel (861-0211) who maintains the waiting list.



Glenn Sylvester and his wife, Nida.



Farrell Suslow with Mike Hebel.

**Submitting Obituaries and Memorial Tributes**

Any member may submit a separate memorial tribute to a deceased member. Any such piece will not appear in the matrix, but will be placed in the Mail section, or, with prior approval of the editor, as a sidebar piece. The *Journal* will also accept and publish in the Mail section short letters about a deceased member written by a person in the immediate family. However, the *Journal* will not reprint obituaries or photos that were published in any other print media, web site, or Internet blog.

**Deaths**

The POA Journal was notified\* of the recent deaths of the following SFPD members, non-sworn employees (n/s), or affiliated persons:

Name of Deceased	Date of Death	Age	Status	Notification by
Thomas Callen	May 18, 2011	87	Retired SFPD	M. Ortelle
Thomas Dempsey	May 17, 2011	86	Retired SFPD	R. Shine
Peter Dito	May 3, 2011	82	Retired SFPD	M. Ortelle

\*Notifications are made by a POA member, family member, or other reliable source. The POA Journal believes the information to be true and correct, however the staff or employees of the SFPOA make no official confirmation.



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VIA FACSIMILE AND U.S. MAIL

The Honorable Edwin Lee  
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The Honorable David Chiu  
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RE: Pending Vote on Deferred Retirement Option Program

Dear Mayor Lee, Board of Supervisors President David Chiu, and Members of the San Francisco Board of Supervisors:

A decision critical to public safety in San Francisco is about to be placed before the Board of Supervisors: the future of the Police Department's Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP). As you are no doubt aware, the City Charter requires that DROP "be submitted to the Board of Supervisors, and the Board shall determine by majority vote whether the Program shall be renewed." (City Charter Sec. A8.909(b)). In anticipation of that vote, I would like to bring to your attention several crucial factors that I believe merit your serious consideration in deciding the fate of DROP.

First and foremost, the Board of Supervisors must understand the profound consequences to police staffing levels if DROP is discontinued. The San Francisco Retirement Board projects that more than 250 officers have met with representatives of the Retirement System (SFERS) in preparation for entering DROP by June 30, 2011, **if the program is ended**. This number is in addition to the approximately 120 officers currently in DROP who will be leaving sometime in the next 1-3 years. And these numbers obviously do not take into account the additional 150 officers whom SFERS projects will be lost through normal attrition over the next three years.

Such numbers mean that we stand to lose up to 520 officers between now and 2014. The impact such a loss will have on the citizens of San Francisco and their level of public safety is obvious – especially in light of the fact that the City has not committed to one police academy class for fiscal year 2011-12. Further, it should not be forgotten that the City Charter mandates a police force of "no fewer than 1971 full duty sworn officers." (City Charter Section 4.127). Given the lamentable fact that we are already 146 officers below the Charter mandate, another 520 officers on top of that makes the City's present violation of its own Charter all the more egregious.

Moreover, it is far from clear that DROP has not been cost neutral. As City Controller Ben Rosenfield acknowledges in his April 15th memorandum on the subject, the increase or decrease in the City's cost over the first three years of DROP's existence "is difficult to state with certainty" given "the difficulty in quantifying DROP's impact, in isolation from all other changes, on police officers' retirement behavior."

Such lack of "certainty" has been aggravated by SFERS's failure to provide any data concerning police officers' "retirement behavior" even though we have expressly requested such data several times – both myself personally and our actuary, Thomas Lowman of Bolton Partners, LLP, a noted actuarial firm that has substantial experience in analyzing DROP programs nationwide. The response to only our most recent of several requests for data that might throw some light on officers' retirement behavior was SFERS Director Gary Amelio's written statement that SFERS is "not able to provide the data requested." This is simply unacceptable in light of the gravity of the potential ramifications which a less-than-accurate analysis of DROP's cost impact may have on the Supervisors' pending decision.

Moreover, the methodology utilized by SFERS's actuary, Cheiron, in analyzing the cost effects of DROP is highly questionable. I am enclosing for your review a memorandum prepared by Mr. Lowman in his attempts to clarify precisely what Cheiron did. This memo, while technical in nature, will give you some idea of the weaknesses in Cheiron's study. Here is a summary of the main points:

- In their April 2011 study, Cheiron struggled to determine a cost by using three different scenarios. It would have been clearer and more accurate, if they had provided one simple and understandable answer.
- Cheiron's assumptions about retirement behavior prior to the inception of DROP appear to be severely flawed. For example, Cheiron assumes that pre-DROP, there existed only a 12% chance that a police officer who had reached the age of 55 and had worked for the City for thirty years would in fact have retired at that point. You will recall that the intent of DROP was to induce officers to work longer for the City than otherwise would have been the case and thus save the City and SFERS the cost of replacing officers. It would be no surprise that DROP actually cost the City and SFERS additional money if, prior to DROP's inception, only 12% of officers were actually retiring upon reaching the minimum age and maximum years of service needed for a full retirement benefit. But such an assumption appears dubious. Here, SFERS's refusal to provide any data on retirement behavior prevents us from knowing whether Cheiron's assumptions bear any relation to the reality of pre-DROP retirement behavior.
- Cheiron appears to have omitted savings potentially gleaned from not having to replace veteran officers who elect to remain in City service rather than retire due to DROP. Known as "replacement cost savings," these are crucial to any cost study of DROP that one might rely on with reasonable certainty. Cheiron appears to have omitted such potential savings from its analysis by confusing the notion of the City's actual contribution rate (necessary to fund SFERS) with such contributions expressed as a percentage of payroll (which would necessarily include DROP participants). Cheiron's calculation of the City's actual contribution rate assumes that the City must contribute everything needed to fund an employee's retirement benefits between the first day an employee is hired and the date they enter DROP, even though benefits are funded over the life of an employee's entire career. Such a flawed assumption would obviously increase the cost to the City. **Moreover, such a flawed assumption would have shown the City's contribution rate to have increased even if DROP had in fact cost absolutely nothing.**

Perhaps most telling of all is Cheiron's admission on the very first page of its April 2011 analysis that "the data gathered after just two and one half years of experience is not sufficient to determine long-term changes in retirement behavior due to DROP with a high degree of certainty." For the San Francisco Board of Supervisors to abolish DROP given such an indeterminate analysis – especially in light of the potentially devastating impacts on police staffing, as outlined above – would appear to be a far cry from responsible public policy. We urge the Board to consider extending DROP by at least another eighteen months in order to achieve a more accurate picture of whether the program has in fact been "cost neutral."

Very truly yours,

  
Gary Delagnes  
SFPOA President

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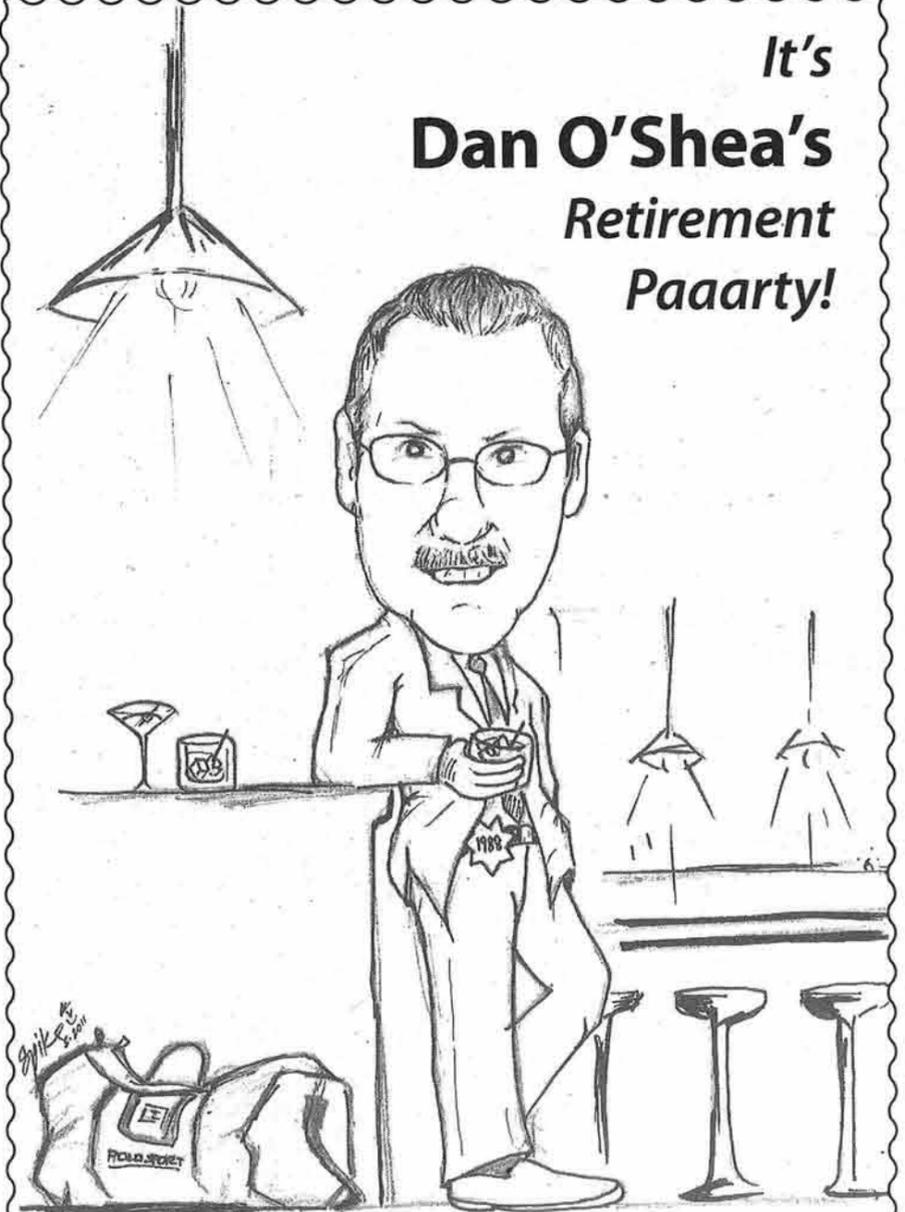
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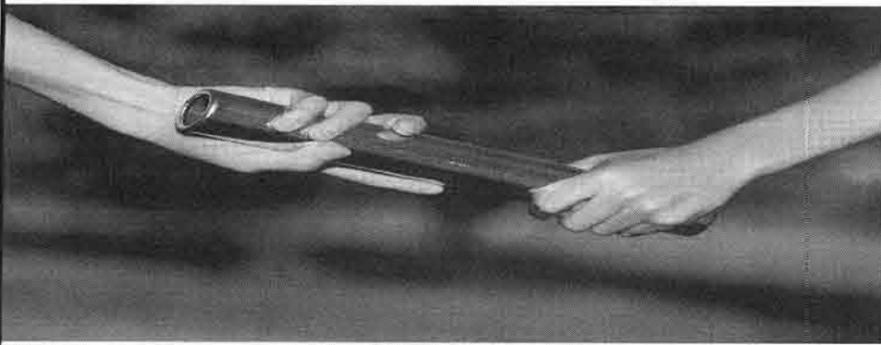
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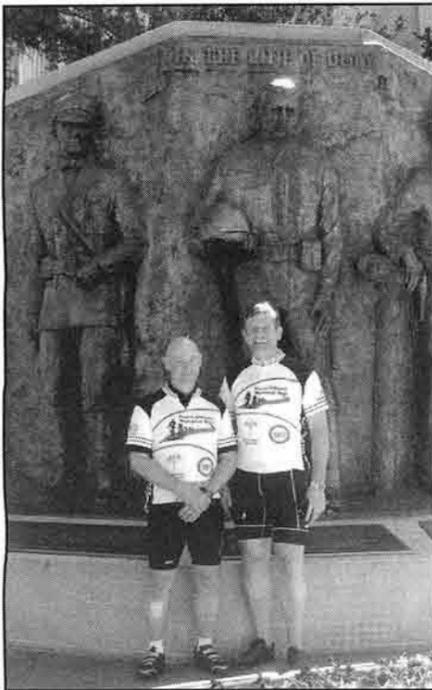


# Cycling in the 2011 Peace Officers' Memorial Ride

By Malcolm Anderson

On April 26, 2011 nineteen intrepid souls from seven different police agencies from all over California arrived in Bakersfield in anticipation of the first annual California Peace Officers' Memorial ride. The ride was the brainchild of retired Los Angeles Sheriff's Department Deputy Chuck Johnson. Johnson, an avid bike rider has participated in the ride that supports the National Peace Officers' Memorial in Washington D.C. and thought that California deserved its own memorial ride.

As you might imagine the logistics alone for an undertaking like this are overwhelming, but with the help of his lovely wife, Corkey and a small group of other retired LASD officers, Chuck Johnson managed to pull it off. Route selection, mileage per day, rest stops, rider support, publicity, hotels, all handled with aplomb.



Officer Duncan Gilles of Bayview Station, SFPD and Sgt. Malcolm Anderson, Southern Station, SFPD at the Police Officers' memorial in Sacramento.

The goal of the ride was to raise money to support the upkeep and maintenance of the Police Officers' Memorial in Sacramento and to raise awareness about Police Officers killed in the line of duty. To this end each rider had to raise a minimum of \$500 dollars to participate, and the ride's route stopped at several other memorials that commemorated the fallen in places like Kern County, Minkler and Rippon California. Towns that though smaller than San Francisco, nevertheless still boast proud and hardworking police officers, who live with the reality that every shift could be their last.

Day one, April 27, daybreak, a clear and cold (40 degrees) morning, and not much wind. The riders assemble at the Kern County Sheriff's office where Sheriff Donny Youngblood greeted an enthusiastic group of riders ready to take on the challenge of an approximately 350 mile ride from Bakersfield to Sacramento. We stopped to pay honor to the Kern County Memorial to the fallen, and then we were off.

This first leg, the longest of the ride was scheduled for 135 miles, ending in Fresno. We rode through the scenic valley farmland, passing orange groves, table grape and wine grape fields, as well as alfalfa and cattle ranches. The riders kept in formation and stopped at local businesses, fire

stations, and police stations. One of the most moving moments of the day happened after a brief stop at the Reedley Police Department when we paused at a small but heartfelt memorial to two fallen officers (Deputy Joel B. Wahlenmaier of Fresno County and Officer Javier Bejar from Reedley Police Department) tragically killed last year in Minkler. The group rolled into Fresno after dark; tired and a little sore but looking forward to another day of riding and feeling buoyed by the warm receptions we had at every stop.

Day two, April 28 began with more cold clear weather but the bicycle gods chose to challenge us with a brisk headwind that made the going tough. There was more of the beautiful valley farm land and one could not help notice that there was a lot of water in the rivers, irrigation ditches and culverts. One of our scheduled stops was actually underwater but a surprised gas station attendant provided a nice rest stop and bathroom break. We ate lunch at the Madera Memorial Park where the temperature was warming but still comfortable. The final rest stop found us enjoying the hospitality of the Le Grand County Fire Department, where we met two of the firemen's kids who helped serve water to the tired riders. A final push and we arrived at our second overnight stop, Merced, California. This made for a total of 72 miles on the second day.

Day Three, April 29 dawned clear and cold, but the wind was bad. Riders faced sustained headwinds all day of 20 to 40 MPH. The group closed ranks, and tucked in behind a support vehicle and proceeded to grind out the mileage, one difficult mile after another. Several riders suffered some flats and other minor breakdowns, but everyone pulled together and the support staff in chase vehicles helped pick up and repair the problems. A stop in Denair California, found us enjoying the hospitality of the Tulare County Fire Station. It was here that we picked up a Police Motorcycle escort lead by elements of the Modesto Police Department and the Stanislaw County Sheriff's Department. The escort was a godsend as it allowed riders to keep moving and made the fight with the wind seem just a bit easier.

Lunch was hosted at the Modesto Police Department where we broke bread with the widow of a Modesto Police Officer who was recently killed in an on duty traffic accident. The pain of her loss was still fresh and moved us all to keep on going no matter the difficulty. After lunch the Modesto Police escorted the riders out of town, again into a vicious head wind. Our next brief stop was at Rippon California where we came upon yet another memorial to another fallen California Police officer. The modest memorial to Rippon Police Officer Bob Wingett, who was feloniously killed in April of 2007 reminded us of the loss that



19 riders from seven different police agencies in California await the start in Bakersfield of the first annual California Peace Officers' Memorial ride.

PHOTO BY JANINE BOCCIARDI

## Proclamation

City and County of San Francisco

*WHEREAS*, the City and County of San Francisco traditionally honors those that have made significant and remarkable contributions to the vitality of our City, and the local, state and federal law enforcement officers who serve and protect us are role models of distinguished excellence committed to making a positive difference in the lives of all San Franciscans; and

*WHEREAS*, we proudly pay tribute to the courage and dedication of our law enforcement officers who make significant contributions to the quality of life in San Francisco; and

*WHEREAS*, our law enforcement officers provide excellent service to our community in order to protect life and property, prevent crime and reduce the fear of those who work, live and visit our City; and

*WHEREAS*, today we honor those who serve and have served with distinction, especially those who have given their lives in the line of duty; now

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### NATIONAL PEACE OFFICERS MEMORIAL DAY

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*Edwin M. Lee*  
Edwin M. Lee  
Mayor

so many agencies and families have to bear with alarming frequency in California. Our ride next took us through Manteca and ultimately on into Stockton, where we were escorted to our hotel by the Stockton Police Department. We logged 77 miles on day three for a total of 284 miles so far.

Two of the ride's principle sponsors, Aaron Straussner and Julie Sherman of Straussner and Sherman Law Firm in Van Nuys hosted a great dinner for the riders and support staff, which made for a great end to a great, but difficult day three.

Day four, April 30 found the riders looking forward to the final leg of the ride, and the final push into Sacramento. The morning was cool and windy but nowhere near the wind of day three. The riders pushed through Thornton (where we were hosted by Thornton Fire) and then through Elk Grove where we stopped for a quick lunch break. The last leg of day four found us on the American River Trail, which follows the American river through a sheltered but winding path, all the way into Old Town Sacramento. We linked up with CHP motor officers

who escorted the saddle sore riders into Sacramento past the steps of the Capitol and onto the California Police Officers' Memorial plaza. The ride had covered a total of 344 miles and raised over \$20,000 dollars thanks to the efforts of the riders and the generous donations of many, many friends and family members of the Law Enforcement community. Our own San Francisco Police Officer's Association contributed \$500 to the cause.

The ceremonial check made to the Police Officers' Memorial was graciously accepted by Wayne Quint, the President of the Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation, and the names of participants in the ride, as well as their agencies' names were read at the press conference.

The ride was over, but the struggle continues. For every Police Officer who suits up on the midnight watch, for every family who has lost a dad or a husband or wife, for every community that grieves for a fallen hero, the struggle is all too real. We the riders of the first annual California Police Officers' Memorial ride, salute you, God bless and stay safe.

# California Police Officers' Memorial

By Sgt. Larry Chan  
Ingleside Station

This is the 7th year I have participated with the ceremonies involved with the California Peace Officers' Memorial as a member the San Francisco Police Department and the SF Irish Pipers Band. Let me take this opportunity to say it has been a privilege and an honor to help play a part, in paying homage to the brave men and woman, that pay the ultimate sacrifice every year to protect and serve the Citizens of our great state of California. Even though it was Kamala Harris and Gavin Newsom who spoke for the fallen, I had to remember, it was not about those two elected officials, but about Honoring our Fallen Law Enforcement Heroes.

Recognition should be given to all of the proud band members that make the pilgrimage every year. Each member represents active, retired or are related to police and fire.

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### And if you ever wondered, Why the Bagpipes?

The tradition of bagpipes played at fire department and police department funerals in the United States goes back over one hundred fifty years. When the Irish and Scottish immigrated to this country, they brought many of

their traditions with them. One of these was the bagpipe, often played at Celtic weddings, funerals and ceilis (dances).

It wasn't until the great potato famine and massive Irish immigration to the East Coast of the United States that the tradition of the pipes really took hold in the fire department. In the 1800's, Irish immigrants faced massive discrimination. Factories and shops had signs reading "NINA" — No Irish Need Apply. The only jobs they could get were the ones no one else wanted — jobs that were dirty, dangerous, or both — firefighters and police officers. It was not an uncommon event to have several firefighters killed at a working fire. The Irish firefighters' funerals were typical of all Irish funerals — the pipes were played. It was somehow okay for a hardened firefighter to cry at the sound of pipes when his dignity would not let him weep for a fallen comrade.

Those who have been to funerals when bagpipes play, know how haunting and mournful the sound of the pipes can be. Before too long, families and friends of non-Irish firefighters began asking for the piper to play for these fallen heroes. The pipes add a special air and dignity to the solemn occasion. Associated with cities such as Boston, New York, Philadelphia, and Chicago, pipe bands representing both fire and police often have more than 60 uniformed playing members. They are also traditionally known as Emerald Societies after Ireland — the Emerald Isle. Many bands wear traditional Scottish dress while others wear the simpler Irish uniform. All members wear the kilt and tunic, whether it is a Scottish clan tartan or Irish single color kilt.

Today, the tradition is universal and not just for the Irish or Scottish. The pipes have come to be a distinguishing feature of a fallen hero's funeral.





## POA MAIL



Dear SFPOA —

Our family can't thank you enough for allowing the use of the Mounted Police Honor Guard and the Solo Motorcycle escort for Kevin's Funeral.

These units made Kevin's funeral so special and dignified, and we are so very grateful.

Thank you, too, for the beautiful wreath placed along side the casket. Somehow, a simple "thank you" hardly seems adequate to express our enormous appreciation.

Most sincerely,  
**Jeannie, Davitt,  
 and Christine Mullen**

Dear POA —

Captain Lum and Taraval Station thank you for sponsoring our table at the "Sunset By the Bay" fundraiser. Your generosity continues to help us support Sunset Youth Services.

Sincerely,  
**Judy Riggle  
 Taraval Station**

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for your generous donation of \$2,000 for the Nick Birco Scholarship and Bryan Tuvera Fellowship Awards.

In 2006, after the in the line of duty deaths of San Francisco Police Officers Nick Birco, Bryan Tuvera and Seattle Police Officer Joselito Barber, an association for Filipino-American law enforcement officers was conceived, an organization not for profit but for charitable purposes.

One of FALEO's main objectives was to give education awards to students interested in the field of law enforcement in honor of Police Of-

ficers Birco, Tuvera and Barber.

Your donation has fulfilled that goal and acknowledges your support in FALEO. This year, FALEO provided three Nick Birco Scholarship and four Bryan Tuvera Fellowship Awards to deserving students and law enforcement employees.

Again thank you for your generosity and support.

**Glenn Sylvester, President  
 Rich Alves, Vice President  
 Filipino-American  
 Law Enforcement Officers**

Dear POA —

I am writing to thank you for your generous donation (\$2,500) to the annual San Francisco Police and Firefighters "Guns and Hoses" Charity Tennis Challenge. This event will benefit the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund and the San Francisco Firefighters' Toy Program.

As you know, the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund is a non-profit organization that assist law enforcement families that have suffered a catastrophic event. Without the generosity of donors, we would be unable to accomplish our mission of helping families in crisis.

Should you need our tax identification number, it is 91-2006597. If I can provide you with any additional information about our organization, please let me know.

Thank you again for your continued support.

Sincerely,  
**Marilyn Rosekind  
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*The SF Examiner ran an editorial piece extremely critical of the DROP Program on Monday, 5/02/11, recommending termination of the process. The below was submitted as my response to their comments:*

May 3, 2011  
**San Francisco Examiner  
 c/o Letters to the Editor**

I had the opportunity to review your editorial criticizing the Deferred Retirement Option Program (DROP) and I disagree with your findings and recommendation.

DROP is a program designed to allow the more experienced members of our Police Department to extend their service to the citizens of San Francisco resulting in a mutual exchange — a personal commitment by the officers with a benefit in return.

We championed the DROP option as a way of taking a proactive role in providing sufficient law enforcement coverage in light of what could be an overwhelming number of retirements of San Francisco police officers which we anticipate in the coming years.

However, since you have recommended terminating the DROP program, I would hope that you might have an alternative plan to deal with the impending personnel shortage. If, as so forcefully stated in your editorial, you want to "recruit a new generation of young police" then you might want to get started. You are years away from testing, training, and hoping that the "new generation" will serve San Francisco as a career rather than move to another agency when the opportunity arises.

And, if we do lose this alternative to resolving our staffing problems, then we will still have to come up with other solutions, because officer-safety can never be compromised.

**Gary Delagnes, President  
 San Francisco Police Officers' Association**

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for your generous gift of \$500 to the Wounded Warrior Project. I cannot thank you enough for your support of the truly deserving thousands of men and women who have been wounded in our current military conflicts.

Our work begins at the bedside of our severely injured servicemen and women as they undergo treatment and rehabilitation. It is hard to anticipate or imagine what challenges these returning brave men and women will have to face in 2011.

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WWP is dedicated to assisting this new generation of severely injured heroes. These men and women who have served with honor deserve our support. Again, I cannot thank you enough for your support.

Sincerely,  
**Steven Nardizzi  
 Executive Director  
 Wounded Warrior Project**

Dear SFPOA —

On behalf of the Board of Directors, thank you for your participation in the Family House 30th Anniversary Celebration at AT&T Park. We are grateful for your dona-

tion of \$500. Your commitment to Family House and the families we serve makes it possible for us to keep our doors open free of charge every night of the year.

The event committee and volunteers did a fabulous job putting together an unforgettable and successful event that raised over \$125,000 for Family House. 425 people celebrated in style on the orange carpet, swinging in the batting cages, "hanging out" in the dugout and enjoying a delicious dinner with our kids, families and Lou Seal. The goal at Family House is to continue to make a difference in the lives of families whose children are experiencing life threatening illnesses by providing care, comfort and community that's cost free. With the help of donations from people like you we will continue to provide a safe place for our families during their child's treatment at UCSF Benioff Children's Hospital.

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# Graduating Debt Free: Parents Selecting Investment Options on Financing a Child's College Education

By Edwin K. Stephens,  
The Stephens Group

*What greater or better gift can we offer the republic than to teach and instruct our youth?*  
— Cicero

*Education commences at the mother's knee, and every word spoken within hear-say of little children tends toward the formation of character.*  
— Hosea Ballou

Will the sacrifice of saving and investing for a child's college education be outweighed by developing a well-educated person, and ultimately eliminating long-term college debt?

**Answer: Definitely, yes. If a parent and/or guardian develops a sound and consistent investment strategy early in a child's life to finance his formal education, one can minimize or eliminate college debt through wise financial planning.**

### College Planning Begins at Birth

June is a special month in the lives of many American families. Weddings, high school and college graduations are significant social events and defining rights of passage for many families.

For many parents, the culmination of their life's efforts is to be present at their child's college graduation. However, the path to finance and educate a child in today's economy is becoming increasingly challenging and often difficult. A parent who has a new born today must immediately begin to establish an investment and/or financial plan that will allow them to educate their child from grades kindergarten through high school, and ultimately college.

Given the increasing costs of a formal education, a child's college education savings plan now begins at birth. Parents, grandparents, aunts, uncles and extended family members can all contribute toward a child's college fund.

In 2010, the College Board noted that nearly half (47 percent) of all full-time undergraduate college students attended a four-year public college that has published charges of less than \$9,000 per year for tuition and fees. At the other end of the spectrum are private four-year colleges that cost \$35,000 or more yearly in tuition and fees. These higher-priced colleges sometimes have bigger endowments and more grant aid available — which may mean that you can get more financial help to attend the institution. Finally, public two-year junior colleges charge, on average \$2,713 per year in tuition and fees.

### A Competitive Society Requires Higher Education

Investing in a college education



is usually a smart investment, and money well spent. Employment numbers indicate that a college degree is worth the investment. On 8/10/10, Mr. Lee Bierer of the *Chicago Tribune's* McClatchy News wrote an article entitled, "Is a four-year college degree worth the cost?" In that article, Mr. Bierer noted, in February 2010, the unemployment rate among those with at least a bachelor's degree was 5 percent, compared to 15.6 percent for those with a high school diploma.

The United States Census Bureau report's, "over an adult's working life, high school graduates can expect, on average, to earn \$1.2 million; those with a bachelor's degree, \$2.1 million; and people with a master's degree, \$2.5 million."

### How Much You Have to Invest

The College Board noted by 2020, a parent could pay as much as **\$287,000**

Years until student begins college	Projected total 4-year cost		Monthly savings required	
	Public	Private	Public	Private
3	\$74,169	\$159,862	\$801	\$1,726
5	\$81,772	\$176,248	\$607	\$1,308
7	\$90,153	\$194,313	\$490	\$885
9	\$99,394	\$214,230	\$411	\$885
11	\$109,582	\$236,189	\$353	\$762
13	\$120,814	\$260,398	\$310	\$668
15	\$133,198	\$287,089	\$276	\$594

at a private institution and **\$133,000** at a public one for a child's four-year college education. Therefore, the sooner you develop a highly focused college investment strategy that is designed to accumulate the amount you will need for tuition, the less strain college costs will place on the family budget when a child enrolls. However, it is important to start saving right away.

The mutual fund company, T. Rowe Price Associates, Inc. put together the estimated numbers below that give you a sense of costs of a four-year

college education, including tuition, room and board, books, and transportation, and the monthly investments required to pay for them. The calculations assume a 5% annual increase in college costs, an 8% annual pretax investment return, and no additional investments or earnings once the student enrolls. The return does not reflect the performance of any specific investment.

Also, as a part of your long-term investment strategy, you will want to investigate the various tax breaks that the federal government provides for higher education expenses.

### Financing a Vocational or Technical Education

Despite society's push to provide a college education for children, still, college is not for everyone. About 80 percent of students ranking in the bottom quarter of their high school class will probably not get a bachelor's degree, or even a two-year associate's degree.

The Bureau of Labor Statistics notes, many students would be better off being directed to short-term vocational and career training. Of the 30 fastest-growing jobs in the United States in the next decade, only seven typically require a bachelor's degree. The remaining 23 include registered nurses, home health aides, store clerks and customer service representatives. Nobody wants to reduce expectations for high school students, or tell them that they cannot make it in a four-year college.

However, encouraging a student to truthfully evaluate their readiness for college — academically and finan-

escalating costs of a college education being unsustainable.

Dr. Lataif noted that the number of American students graduating from high school increased from 2.4 million in 1990 to 3.3 million in 2009. However, that number is not expected to grow further for the next 10 years; in fact, for the next several years, the number of high school graduates in the United States will drop. Therefore, Professor Lataif stated that this is not to deny the importance of a college education, but the new demographic exacerbates the student preparation problem for universities.

Professor Lataif noted that happily, free market capitalism abhors a vacuum, so the increasing cost of education has inevitably given rise to alternatives, including a new, for-profit college industry. There are today 2 million students enrolled in institutions like the University of Phoenix, Corinthian, Kaplan and DeVry University. There are reportedly 5.5 million students, or nearly 30% of all higher education students, enrolled in at least one online class.

Dr. Lataif concluded that in today's knowledge economy, if America does not make a rigorous, high-quality, affordable education available to more of its population, our quality of life will erode as will our place in the world. And the important, leading-edge academic research undertaken in America's top universities will not occur if the universities fail to develop a survivable business model.

It is the opinion of this writer that a sound and viable investment strategy for a child's college, technical and/or vocational training must begin sooner rather than later. The importance of investing in a child's personal growth and development through education cannot and should not be short-changed. It is a parent's responsibility to prepare their child for society. The greatest gift that a parent can give to their child is the ability to compete in a world with a quality education, and to ideally have little or no personal debt upon graduation.

For more sound investment advice, visit Edwin Stephens' web site, at [www.policeone.com/columnists/Edwin-Stephens/](http://www.policeone.com/columnists/Edwin-Stephens/)

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# Facing 10th Straight Deficit, San Jose Looks to Declare Financial Emergency

From The Associated Press, May 14

SAN JOSE, CA — San Jose's mayor says the city must declare a state of fiscal emergency in the face of skyrocketing pension costs and the planned layoffs of hundreds of municipal workers, including police officers and firefighters, to close a \$115 million budget deficit.

Mayor Chuck Reed on Friday also introduced a sweeping pension-reform plan that he hopes to put before voters in November, the San Jose Mercury News reports. The proposal would raise retirement ages and significantly reduce benefits.

Reed said the reforms would stabilize the Silicon Valley city's finances as it grapples its 10th straight deficit. Without the changes, San Jose might

be forced to cut its 4,200-person workforce to 1,600 within five years, the two-term Democratic mayor warned.

The city's annual retirement costs have ballooned from \$63 million in 2000 to \$250 million this year.

Retirement costs account for about half of the budget deficit for the coming fiscal year, Reed said. To offset that fiscal burden, the city will likely be forced to eliminate 195 sworn police positions and 64 firefighter positions, in addition to other painful cuts, he said.

The San Jose firefighters' union and three other unions already have signed deals with the city to cut their total compensation by 10 percent, while the police union has offered a temporary 10-percent pay cut and its own reduced-pension proposal.

But Reed said negotiations with the city's employee unions have not yielded "anything near the savings that we need," the Mercury News reports.

Yolanda Cruz, president of the city's largest union, the Municipal Employees' Federation, said the unions aren't responsible for the current fiscal woes. Union workers have offered "significant give backs" to help the budget crisis—concessions the city rejected, she said.

"Taking a page from the Governor Scott Walker playbook, Reed has again chosen to blame workers in order to deflect attention away years of mismanaged spending by city leadership," Cruz said in a statement Friday, referring to Wisconsin's Republican governor, who sparked outrage earlier this year by stripping public unions of most of their bargaining rights.

Firefighters' union president Robert Sapien was also critical of Reed's pension proposal, labeling it "a tool

for this mayor to drive his political agenda."

Reed said he wasn't happy about the idea of cutting the benefits of "dedicated, hard-working" city employees.

"But we need to act now to protect the solvency of our retirement funds," he said in a statement. "If we don't, our employees and retirees won't have security in their senior years."

Reed said he will seek the City Council's blessing on May 24 to declare a state of fiscal emergency and prepare ballot language. His proposal already has been endorsed by Vice Mayor Madison Nguyen and council members Sam Liccardo and Rose Herrera.

There is currently no statewide election planned for November, but Gov. Jerry Brown has indicated he may call a special election to vote on extending taxes. Even if he doesn't, the city could fund its own local election to vote on pension reform.

## Arizona Police Get More Legal Protections

From The Arizona Republic, May 3

Arizona police officers accused of misconduct will soon have more protection.

Gov. Jan Brewer has signed six bills, backed by police unions, that spell out procedures for internal investigations.

The new laws give whistle-blower protections to officers who report wrongdoing and ensure fired officers who are reinstated by outside panels receive full back pay.

Union presidents will now be able to ask an oversight board to investigate internal matters if their agency has failed to do so or if they disagree with their department's findings. And, in most cases, internal inquiries should be wrapped up within four months.

One of the new laws also requires that officers accused of wrongdoing must be informed of punishments doled out in similar cases.

The Republican-sponsored legislation follows last year's adoption of Arizona's "just cause" law, which bars excessive police discipline and requires that it be based on a "preponderance of evidence."

Police-union leaders say they promoted this year's bills after a series of actions by police administrators that they viewed as unjust.

One example offered is the case of Richard Chrisman, a Phoenix officer indicted last fall on charges of second-degree murder in the shooting of a domestic-violence suspect.

The Phoenix Law Enforcement Association blasted then-Chief Jack Harris for launching the officer's termination process before his criminal trial.

Chrisman has since been fired, and his trial is set to begin in June.

"The legislature heard the needs for the street-level officer, and they responded in kind very favorably," said Brian Livingston, executive director of the Arizona Police Association.

Police unions weren't asking for anything more than the due process an arrested citizen receives, said Larry A. Lopez, president of the Arizona Conference of Police and Sheriffs.

"Just because we wear uniforms,

we're not relegated to a watered-down version of constitutional rights," said Lopez, a Tucson officer.

But police chiefs and experts have urged caution. They say a careful balance must be maintained.

Most police officers are good employees, but some aren't, said Mike Frazier of the Arizona Association of Chiefs of Police.

"Adding so many rules sometimes makes it difficult to do the right thing, and you have to ask yourself: 'Is the eventual loser the community?'" said Frazier, police chief in Surprise.

Hubert Williams, president of the Washington, D.C.-based Police Foundation, has said laws that impact the inner workings of a department can hamper a police chief's discretion.

"They can limit the police chief's ability to get the facts on officers who are deemed to be acting inappropriately," said Williams, a former Newark, N.J., chief.

The Arizona bills changed significantly throughout the process.

In one bill's original form, police-union presidents could have gone directly to the Arizona Peace Officer Standards and Training Board, which provides oversight to state police agencies, to request an investigation.

The board's executive director raised concerns, saying his agency didn't have the resources to do that.

In the version of the bill signed by Brewer, union leaders must first give their own agency a chance to review the likely controversial matter.

Arizona Sen. Linda Gray, R-Phoenix, who sponsored two of the bills, said police chiefs and union leaders agreed on most of the legislation that moved forward.

But an amendment that added whistle-blower protections didn't get support from police leaders.

The chiefs group wanted more time to assess its impact, but the bill moved ahead.

"If officers find somebody is doing something wrong, they should be able to report that without fear of reprisal," Gray said.

## City Manager Unnerved By Police Union's Offer to Buy House Next Door

From The Record, May 18

STOCKTON, CA — The police union has twice made offers on a foreclosed home next door to Stockton City Manager Bob Deis, a move Deis calls deliberate harassment.

"This is right out of 1930s Chicago, hardball union politics and games," Deis said. "Their behavior is getting increasingly outrageous."

The home - a 1,400-square-foot house on North Country Club Boulevard - is listed at \$126,000, a relative bargain for the neighborhood. Its value has declined considerably since its last sale, in 2007, for \$250,000. Deis said the house has been vacant for months.

Officer Steve Leonesio, the president of the Stockton Police Officers Association, said the union's interest is purely business.

"We're just trying to diversify our investments," Leonesio said.

Leonesio, who also lives off Country Club Boulevard but west of Pershing Avenue, said he noticed the house on his daily drive through the neighborhood. Leonesio said he knew the home next door belongs to Deis. The union's first offer, a cash bid short of the asking price, was rejected. A second offer is still under consideration.

Deis said he learned about the union's offers from Police Chief Blair Ulring. Deis said Leonesio's insistence that the offers are not intended to unsettle him is disingenuous.

Ulring said he didn't know what the union intended, but he heard it was intending to flip the house.

"I certainly don't think during contentious negotiations that it was a wise decision," he said. "These are intelligent and educated men and women, and they knew exactly the effect it would have."

Deis said the offer for a home next to his was no accident. "One only has to do an easy math calculation: the numerator is one, the denominator is the

number of homes for sale in Stockton." The answer, Deis said, is the chance the union would bid on a home next door to his by pure coincidence.

Leonesio said if the union's offer is accepted, the home would make a good rental, possibly to families in need whose rent the union would subsidize. It could also be rented to young officers or to officers who lose their homes when their wages are cut.

In June, when Deis arrived in Stockton, the relationship between city leaders and the police union was tense. Leonesio said then he was hoping that would change for the better. It didn't.

The city's projected budget deficit has grown in the past few weeks, from \$34 million to \$37 million. Both projections are based on a worst-case scenario that assumes the city loses all extant labor disputes. Since last week, the police union has made two substantial concession offers to the city, both including permanent restructuring of pension and medical benefits in return for a contract extension and a guarantee that preserves their original contract should the city declare bankruptcy. The city said Tuesday the latest offer was still under consideration.

Deis said he did not believe his relationship with the union was unsalvageable. But the behavior of the union's leaders, including Leonesio, he called "thuggery" and "increasingly aberrant."

"To the extent that the board endorsed this, the relationship has been impaired because of this aberrant behavior affecting my wife and my home," he said.

Leonesio said the union's actions are being misinterpreted.

"I think it's childish on his part to say that, or even think it," he said.

Leonesio said the union doesn't own any other properties but is looking at a few. Among other investments the union is considering, Leonesio said, is a plan to buy up as many as 200 billboards in Stockton.

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# Los Angeles City Council Approves Budget Cuts to Police, Fire and Parks

From *The Los Angeles Times*, May 19

LOS ANGELES, CA — The Los Angeles City Council passed a \$6.9 billion budget Wednesday, closing a \$336-million revenue shortfall by eliminating police overtime pay and shutting down some fire engine teams — but avoiding employee layoffs.

Unlike state lawmakers, who recently found their budget deficit eased by an unexpected \$6.6-billion influx of tax receipts, revenue projections in Los Angeles remain flat. The budget cuts approved on a 15-0 council vote were less agonizing than in recent years, when officials slashed thousands of jobs and imposed citywide furloughs.

That was partly due to past layoffs, along with an assortment of concessions from city workers negotiated earlier this year, City Council President Eric Garcetti said. He praised his colleagues for resisting the urge to balance the city's books through borrowing, which was a component of Mayor An-

tonio Villaraigosa's proposed budget.

"This was a budget that wasn't balanced on a shoestring, on chewing gum, on imaginary money and unrealized receipts," Garcetti said.

That said, the budget does contain some cuts that have not yet been detailed.

For example, of the roughly \$120 million in budget cuts to the Los Angeles Police Department, it saddles the LAPD with a \$41-million shortfall that officials say they don't yet know how they will close.

The department saw its budget reduced by \$80 million thanks to the council's elimination of overtime pay for cops. The mayor's proposed budget called for the LAPD to find an additional \$20 million in cuts. But on Wednesday, that figure more than doubled when the council rejected a proposal to save \$21 million with police furloughs and directed the department to come up with an equivalent savings on its own.

"This additional budget hole makes things much more difficult," LAPD Chief Charlie Beck said. He said the department's ability to close the \$41-million gap rests largely on whether city negotiators can extract sufficient savings from the police union.

Paul M. Weber, president of the Police Protective League, criticized the decision to add to the LAPD's budget shortfall.

"Everyone wants to talk about how public safety is job number one, but then they're all too willing to set a budget that less than fully funds the police," Weber said.

In another cut to public safety, the council also approved a controversial Fire Department redeployment plan, which calls for trucks or ambulances at about one-fourth of the city's 106 fire stations to be put out of service.

But in a concession to the firefighters union, the council voted against permanently cutting 318 staff positions, which the redeployment plan had also called for.

The council also shifted \$7 million from fire salary accounts to pay for other department needs. That figure is expected to be offset by money the city hopes to save in seeking concessions during ongoing contract negotia-

tions with the United Firefighters of Los Angeles.

The budget deliberations lasted nine hours, with a 15-minute lunch break for sandwiches and fruit. Discussion over the Fire Department plan was occasionally contentious, with several council members complaining about cuts at fire stations in their districts.

Wednesday's cuts included a 10% reduction to homelessness programs and a more than 6% cut to graffiti removal programs.

The city's system of neighborhood councils and the City Council itself had their budgets reduced 10%.

And the Recreation and Parks Department saw its budget effectively cut by \$19 million when the council voted for reductions and a requirement that it pay for its use of some city services, such as water and trash pickup.

After the vote, Councilman Bernard C. Parks said he hoped to find ways to restore some money to the parks budget later this year.

The council did more than cut — it restored some services that had been stripped during last year's budget crisis. It approved a 20% increase in money for pothole repairs, for example, and it restored Monday library hours.

## Firefighter Fired for Facebook Comments

From *The Boston Globe*, May 27

BOURNE, MA — Bourne firefighter Richard Doherty said he repeatedly complained about poor workplace conditions at the department only to see town officials ignore his gripes. So he flipped on a computer, logged into his Facebook page, and vented to his 40 friends.

Soon after, town officials fired him in a letter that accused him of making inflammatory statements not only against his superiors and colleagues but also against gay people. Now, Doherty, a 16-year veteran who said his comments were taken out of context, is alleging that officials violated his First Amendment rights. Yesterday, his lawyers filed a complaint in US District Court, seeking his job back, back pay, and other damages.

"They basically threw a whole bunch of nonsense to the wall and wanted to see what stuck," said Doherty, who served as vice president of his local firefighters' union until last September. "I embarrassed them as a union representative bringing up honest safety issues, and they didn't want to correct them."

Town Administrator Thomas Guerino said the dismissal was valid. "His termination was very thoughtfully considered," he said yesterday.

The complaint underscores changing dynamics in the workplace brought on by the popularity of social-networking websites.

In February, a private ambulance service in Connecticut that fired an employee for posting negative comments about her boss on Facebook reached a settlement with the worker. The agreement came after the National Labor Relations Board said the company's violated the employees' right to discuss workplace conditions with others.

Earlier this month, the organization issued a complaint against a Buffalo nonprofit organization, alleging it

unlawfully discharged five employees for criticizing working conditions on Facebook.

Employers are right to be concerned about how an employee's on-line statements could hurt a company or organization's image, said Seth Borden, a New York labor lawyer.

"Printed words always have more of an impact [than spoken words]. They have duration to them," he said.

Public employees have more protection under the Constitution to speak out, but they are also limited by what they can say if employers can show that their comments severely compromised how they do their jobs, said Sarah Wunsch staff attorney for the American Civil Liberties Union of Massachusetts.

Doherty, 47, said he had complained about mandatory overtime shifts and problems with the department's ventilation system, which union officials said was causing medical problems for employees.

He said he had set his Facebook setting so that only his friends, most of them other firefighters outside Bourne, would be able to read his postings and perhaps give him advice.

"It was just a mechanism for venting," he said. "We would compare notes." But in February, a hearing officer found that Doherty had violated town rules that prohibit obscene language and rude conduct against any town employee. In a written decision announcing Doherty's dismissal, Guerino said that the firefighter's use of expletives against other employees, including a police official and the deputy fire chief, could have compromised public safety.

Officials said Doherty posted a gay slur that reflected discrimination and undermined his ability to serve the public.

Doherty acknowledged the term was off-color, but denied using hateful speech and said he directed the term at a friend as an inside joke.

## Houston's County Considering Privatizing Jails

From *The Houston Chronicle*, April 18

HARRIS COUNTY, TX — Harris County Commissioners Court will consider a proposal to study privatizing the Harris County Jail, the state's largest lockup, with nearly 10,000 inmates.

The suggestion comes from Commissioner Steve Radack, who said the item is a way for the county to examine all ways of cutting costs as budget cuts take hold and scores of county workers are laid off.

"We need to look at trying to save taxpayers' money and try to see if there's a cheaper way of operating the Harris County jails," he said. "I think the best way to do that is to put the request for proposals out on the street to see who's interested and what their proposals are."

### No proposal on table

The resulting ideas could result in a limited contract — for food or medical services, for instance — or total privatization, Radack said.

State law allows commissioners courts to privatize jail operations. In most Texas counties, the court needs written approval of the sheriff to do so. However, in counties with a population of 2.8 million or more, including Harris, the sheriff does not need to approve if the contract meets or exceeds standards set by the state Commission on Jail Standards.

"I have no idea what their thoughts or proposals may be," Sheriff Adrian Garcia said. "There's no proposal at the table currently. When a proposal does come forward, I'll take a look at it, I'll study it to see if it really does make sense, if it does save the taxpayers money without putting them in harm's way. But I've already demonstrated that I do look at saving the taxpayers money."

County Judge Ed Emmett said it

never hurts to seek efficiencies, but said he has reservations about the proposal.

"I wouldn't be in favor of moving forward at all until somebody comes forward and says, 'This is why privatization would be good,' and gives me some concrete examples," Emmett said. "Clearly, it would be a massive change that would be undertaken neither lightly nor quickly. ... It's one thing to say we're going to privatize a jail in a very small rural setting, but to talk about a jail like ours, where not only is it a jail but it's currently the largest mental health facility in the state of Texas — this is a large undertaking."

Radack suggested seeking privatization proposals last fall during a meeting at which he and Commissioner Jerry Eversole berated Garcia for not sending overflow inmates to the cheapest available jails in other Texas counties and Louisiana. Garcia later had his powers to negotiate these overflow contracts stripped.

### Political suspicions

Radack disputed the idea that his proposal stems from his wariness of Garcia, whom he often has criticized and who bested Radack's friend and incumbent Sheriff Tommy Thomas in 2008.

Radack, a Republican, has spoken about privatization in the past and may be sincere raising the issue now, said Rice University political scientist Bob Stein. But the private sector has been pulling away from prisons, said Stein, who has written on privatization and government.

That makes an attempt to raise the Democratic sheriff's visibility well before the 2012 election a better explanation, he said. "What he's really saying is, 'People, start thinking about county sheriff, it's an important office,'" Stein said.

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# With 2 Homicides a Week and Budget Shortfall, Oakland Looks to Cuts In Homicide Unit

From The New York Times, May 14

OAKLAND, CA — The Oakland Police Department, reeling from budget cuts, is planning an organizational overhaul that will push more officers onto the streets, but could undermine its ability to investigate murders and other serious offenses at a time when the homicide rate is soaring.

The changes involve disbanding the Criminal Investigation Division and consolidating the division's individual units, including homicide and assault, into a new major crimes unit in which officers will be responsible for investigating a variety of offenses.

It was unclear how many of the division's 40 to 45 officers would be assigned to that unit; the rest would be put on patrol, officials said. The O.P.D. currently has just nine homicide investigators.

The restructuring, to be phased in over the next few months, represents

the latest hard choice for a department that has lost more than 150 officers to layoffs and attrition over the past two years. Officials said the move was necessary to ensure that the O.P.D. would continue to have enough officers to respond to 911 calls.

But they acknowledged there was a tradeoff: the restructuring is likely to limit the department's ability to investigate some major crimes. The city had 35 homicides in the first 18 weeks of 2011.

"As we look to provide better customer service on the front end, some of our other priorities will have to drop off, just by sheer volume and demands for service," Assistant Police Chief Howard A. Jordan said.

Dom Arotzarena, president of the Oakland Police Officer's Association, said department officials briefed the union on the move for the first time last week.

"They are going to totally change

investigations," said Mr. Arotzarena, a former homicide detective. "And I don't necessarily think it's going to be good. They are virtually giving up on investigations for burglary and any kind of theft."

Mr. Arotzarena added: "It's not like we're Fremont; we're Oakland. People are getting killed here."

Mr. Jordan said that the O.P.D. remained committed to investigations and that the reorganization would provide additional support. Under the new system, he said, four-officer teams will investigate major crimes.

Mr. Jordan said the O.P.D. modeled the changes after restructuring in cities like Sacramento and San Diego, where police departments have also been hard hit by budget crises.

The violent-crime rate for Oakland (population 391,000) is nearly double that of Sacramento (466,500) and more than three times that of San Diego (1.3 million), according to a 2010

survey conducted by the O.P.D.

Shootings are so common in Oakland — there were 16 over a seven-day period this month — that the department no longer issues a news release unless a homicide occurs.

Jon M. Shane, a former police captain who is now an associate professor at John Jay College of Criminal Justice in New York, said other police departments were going through similar restructurings.

Such efforts can ultimately make the departments more efficient, Mr. Shane said. "I believe this is forcing police departments to be a whole lot smarter in the way they approach crime," he said. "They can't just throw cops at the problem."

But he said the measures often created more work, as investigators were forced to take on a multiplicity of crimes.

# Private Ambulance Companies Redouble Efforts to Convince Cities to Hire Them In Lieu of Firefighters

From Reuters, April 17

For-profit ambulance companies present American communities with an offer that's hard to refuse these days.

They will take over 911 emergency rescue service at little or no charge to cash-short cities and counties and promise to bring down labor costs spent on public employees.

But leaders of this growing industry face an unusual business obstacle: Sooty firefighters, who are among the most potent symbols of American trustworthiness and selfless valor.

For the men and women in fire departments, this is no drill. With fewer fires to fight as building codes have improved, providing emergency medical service has become a big part of what they do.

The upshot has been numerous clashes pitting private players against fire chiefs and the influential union, the International Association of Fire Fighters.

The biggest U.S. private ambulance provider, American Medical Response, has been engaged in a particularly fierce battle with firefighter unions around Las Vegas. It's gotten so rough that a company general manager there was recently recorded describing a plan to make the North Las Vegas

union chief look like "an absolute a--hole."

And while AMR president Mark Bruning called that choice of words "unacceptable" in a Reuters interview, the company notes in its regulatory filings that in many communities, its most important competitors are the local fire departments, which have expanded into emergency ambulance service "and do not wish to give up their franchises to a private competitor."

The battle over who should answer the call for 911 comes as AMR, smaller rival Rural/Metro Corp. and others in the sector are growing fast. Ambulance providers make their money primarily by billing government healthcare programs, private insurers or patients for the rides.

Facing stiff budget restraints and more than usual anti-tax fervor among voters, state and local governments are under pressure to turn more services over to private industry. At the same time, an aging U.S. population is expected to need more ambulance care in the coming years.

Private ambulance companies are growing at a time when public-sector unions are under broad assault, epitomized by recent moves by the state of Wisconsin to strip the collective

bargaining power of public-employee unions. The controversial Wisconsin law excludes firefighter unions, but a similar measure in Ohio extends to almost all state employees.

Tensions with firefighters aren't the industry's sole problem. A Federal Bureau of Investigation raid on a Rural/Metro office and a Department of Justice inquiry also loom.

Last month, the U.S. government sued Rural/Metro, joining an Alabama lawsuit brought by a former company employee who contends the company filed bogus reimbursement claims with U.S. healthcare programs Medicare and Medicaid for transporting dialysis patients when it was not medically necessary.

Such accusations raise questions about whether some private ambulance fleets could cost taxpayers in other, less obvious ways — a charge denied by the industry. Rural/Metro, in response to the Alabama case, said it maintains "a very comprehensive compliance program" and intends to defend itself in the lawsuit.

Big investors are undaunted, and U.S. buyout shops are jumping into the sector. AMR's parent, Emergency Medical Services Corp, and Rural/Metro Corp, both recently signed deals to be bought by private equity firms. Clayton Dubilier & Rice is buying EMS Corp for about \$3 billion, while Warburg Pincus is paying about \$438 million for Rural/Metro.

Rural Metro's largest shareholder is another ambulance company: Europe's Falck A/S. Falck has acquired emergency service companies in southern California and the East Coast.

Falck also is expanding in other regions, including Latin America. Falck's largest shareholder, investment firm Nordic Capital, has said it hopes the company could have an initial public offering as soon as this year.

In the United States, an estimated 40 million ambulance trips a year are handled by public entities, private pro-

viders, hospitals and volunteers -- or sometimes a combination. In total, at least \$14 billion is spent each year on U.S. ambulance trips.

EMS is a relatively young field. It began to come of age in the 1960s, when nonphysicians were trained in emergency care.

From the beginning, there has been private involvement. The for-profit ambulance industry largely grew out of the funeral home business, which used to carry sick or injured people to hospitals in hearses.

Some of the companies have been around for a long time. Rural/Metro, founded in 1948, began as a private fire protection company and still earns about 15 percent of its revenue from fire services. Falck dates to 1906, when its founder established the first rescue service in Denmark.

Like Rural/Metro, Falck says it has had little problem working side by side with public-sector firefighters, though all the major private players in the industry say they are careful to go into communities where they are wanted and stress that ambulance providers are governed by strict regulations.

"You cannot just take a truck and show up tomorrow and run 911 systems," said Michael DiMino, president and chief executive of Scottsdale, Arizona-based Rural/Metro.

The 19-year-old AMR, based in Greenwood Village, Colorado, has had the most notable tensions with local fire services. In North Las Vegas, the fire department usually arrives first on an emergency call, and hands over patients to AMR for transport to the hospital.

While people on both sides describe positive relations among private-sector emergency workers and firefighters in the field, the union branches in Southern Nevada run a Twitter feed devoted to the company's safety record: @LateFor911. An attempt by the fire department to take over AMR functions stalled in North Las Vegas last year.

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### Chicago Investigating Officers Who Viewed Reports On Case Involving Fellow Officer

From The Chicago Sun-Times, April 23  
CHICAGO, IL – More than 1,000 Chicago police officers could face discipline for viewing the arrest reports of two fellow cops accused of sexually assaulting a North Side woman.

Police department officials said Saturday they are investigating why so many officers accessed the arrest reports, and said the officers could face disciplinary action. The police union, however, says the officers did nothing wrong.

Last month, two Town Hall district officers were stripped of their police powers amid allegations they had sex with an intoxicated woman in her home and in a police SUV while on-duty. A third officer was also stripped of his powers soon after the alleged March 30th incident.

According to a memo sent department-wide Wednesday by the Internal Affairs unit, accessing the electronic report constituted "misuse of department equipment." The memo warned that "access of information for personal or other reasons is strictly prohibited."

The memo said officers had ac-

cessed and printed the reports "without reason or authorization to do so." It recommended that those officers receive a written reprimand that would stay on their personnel record for a year.

On Saturday, police spokeswoman Lt. Maureen Biggane confirmed "the Internal Affairs Division is looking into the matter, including who accessed the reports and for what purpose."

Biggane said it was unclear how many officers were involved. Police sources said it was more than 1,000.

But Fraternal Order of Police spokesman Pat Camden said there was nothing wrong with looking at reports unless the reports were printed and distributed to the media.

"Police officers use those computers on a daily basis, looking at various arrest reports," he said. "It's just a basic part of the job and it's not misuse of department equipment." Camden said the department could have blocked access to the reports, but didn't.

Camden said he's never seen such a threat of "blanket disciplinary action."

## The Big 3-0!



By Lewis Fong  
Honda Unit

On 05/11/11, SFPD Class 144 celebrated their 30th Anniversary, at the SF Giants game at AT&T Park. Out of the 40+ recruits that entered on May, 11 1981, 22 are still in the department. Special thanks to Brian Ogawa and Kurt Bruneman for putting the event together.

Our class would like to thank our Academy Tac Staff of Billy Morrow, Barbara Jackson, Mickey Griffin, and Mike Lewis, for molding us into the Officers we are today. Also, we thank the SFPOA Executive Board, for keeping us around a few extra years through the DROP Program.

Live long and prosper...



Pictured (in the Giants' luxury suite): Robert Castillo, Mike Fernandez, Mike Lewis, Ed Santos, Steve Roche, Joe Nannery, Jim Kelly, Mike Niland, Brian Ogawa, Jeff Roth, Steve Ravella, Kurt Bruneman, Sam Martin, Dennis Chew, Mike Favetti, Rich Daniele, Denis O'Leary, and Lewis Fong.  
Not pictured-Linda Chen. 144th members unable to attend: Bob Armanino, Jim Colonico, Don Ciardella, Al Hom, Mike Koltzoff, and Brian Perry.

### BALEAF News

## Law Enforcement Day with the Giants

By Robin Matthews

Greetings one and all. I wanted to let everyone know that I went to the POA today and learned that the Giants tickets for the Law Enforcement Day on Friday, July 22nd have arrived there as of this past Tuesday and are available for sale. Ticket prices this year will be \$28.00, and can be obtained at

the POA Building at 802 Bryant Street in the City. Any checks written for tickets should be made out to the S.F. Giants. The Giants gave us a block of 1,000 tickets this year, so we've got the potential to receive another nice check for BALEAF this year if we're able to sell them all.

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Please mention you are part of the Law Enforcement Group. Tickets can also be purchased directly from the SFPOA Office at 800 Bryant St. (after May 15th).

**Tickets \$28 each**

**Seats are located on the view level starting behind home plate. Purchase tickets early for best location !!!**

Ticket price includes a souvenir t-shirt and a hosted pre-game Tailgate party at the Mariposa Yacht Club @ 3 pm  
More Information to follow

**Proceeds from ticket sales to benefit the California Peace Officers' Memorial and the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund**

## BALEAF: Day at the Races

On April 16, 2011, the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) co-sponsored its first charitable event with Golden Gate Fields. BALEAF would like to thank everyone who contributed and participated in making the "Day at the Races" a tremendous success for both BALEAF and our very kind hosts, Golden Gate Fields. Golden Gate Fields is a spectacular venue with panoramic views of the Golden Gate Bridge and San Francisco Bay, and their racetrack is breathtaking. The entire venue was

filled with excitement, entertainment, and family-friendly activities. With your participation and contributions, BALEAF hopes to continue this fundraiser for many more years to come, so BALEAF can continue to assist the law enforcement community. As part of the event, Golden Gate Fields dedicated a horse race to BALEAF.

The picture below shows the BALEAF Board of Directors with the winning jockey of the race, Mr. Francisco Duran.



Shown in this picture (from left to right) are: Mr. Kenneth E. Ramirez Duran, Director; Ms. Marilyn Rosekind, Director and former BALEAF President; Ms. Robin Matthews, BALEAF Treasurer; Mr. Francisco Duran, Golden Gate Fields Jockey; Ms. Jo-Ellen Radetich, BALEAF President; Ms. Kelly Blackwell-Garcia, BALEAF Vice President; and, Ms. Mary Dunnigan, BALEAF Executive Director.

# Sports



## NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Congrats To Washington High Coach Rob Fung

**C**HECK IT OUT: I want to acknowledge Rob Fung (Northern Station) on coaching his Washington Eagles baseball team to a high school championship victory over Balboa High School by a score of 4-1 on Thurs. May 12th. The game was played at A. T. & T. Park after the Giants played their game vs the Arizona Diamondbacks, and it gave Washington the triple crown as they also won titles in football and boys basketball earlier in the 2010/2011 school term.

This was a satisfying victory for Fung as his team suffered a tough championship loss to Galileo by a score of 5-4 a year ago. This is the fourth AAA crown for Washington as they've been in the title game 16 out of the last 17 seasons under Coach Fung, and they've more often been the "bridesmaid rather than the bride." Check out the photos on this same sports page for that special day and I once again want to congratulate Rob on his success.

### Department Softball

As of the printing of this column, softball playoffs are underway with A



Coach Rob Fung signaling strategy to his team.

and B Division teams battling it out toward their respective championships. In the A Division, the first round had the Mission Diablos easily defeating Southern Station by a score of 17-6. They go on to play the Northern Bulldogs in the semi-final to see who goes to the championship game which will have already taken place at Silver Terrace on Thurs. June 2nd. The other first round playoff game had the Bayview Pit Bulls winning on forfeit against TAC which is a very sad situation when a team can only come up with six players for a playoff game. Bayview will go on to play the Park Islanders for a shot at the championship game. Good luck to those teams involved.

In the B Division, I don't have the details of how they got there but it will be the Tenderloin Rats playing Ingleside Station in the other championship game that will have already taken place also at Silver Terrace on June 2nd. This will be the second time that the Rats have been to the final and it would be their first championship ever if they can go on and win the game. Ingleside is in the B Division championship game more often than not as they're good at "sandbagging" to stay in the lower division. I still say good luck to both teams.

What will also have taken place on Thurs. June 2nd in the evening is the annual Softball Banquet which

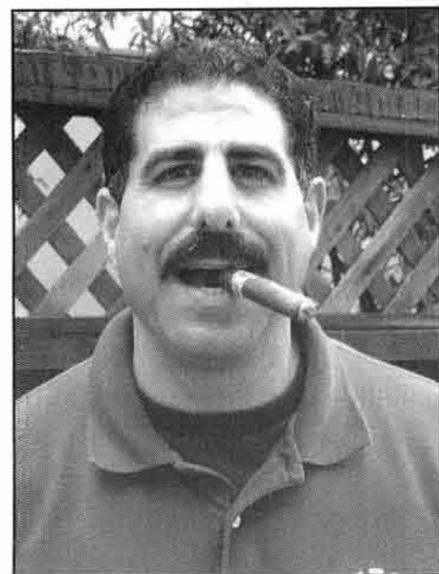
will feature the trophies for the top teams as well as awards for longevity, manager-of-the-year, most inspirational, and MVP. The event will have been held at Ron Dumont's City Forest Lodge on Laguna Honda and next month's Journal will hopefully have the list of awards as well as pictures from that night.

### This And That

Besides the Western States Police/Fire Games taking place the second week of June down in Ontario, Ca, the SF Workers Childrens Welfare Fund Tournament is taking place on Sat June 18th at Moscone Playground in the Marina district. This event is taking place to raise funds for abused and neglected children in The City. A co-ed team representing the SFPD will be put together by Glenn Ortega as he always does and they should be very competitive as usual.

Law Enforcement Appreciation Night is taking place at A.T. & T. Park the night of the Giants vs Brewers game on Friday July 22nd. Tickets can be obtained at the POA or groups over twenty-five directly from the Giants. Check out the flyer with more details in this same sports section.

This year's Isaac Espinoza Memorial Softball Tournament will be run by Kevin Worrell and Marc Marquez as usual and will be taking place the



weekend of Aug. 27th. The location of the tourney is the Westlake Softball Complex in Daly City so contact either Worrell at Central Station (nights) or Marquez at Southern Station (also nights) if you want to enter a team.

The Emerald Society (BAYLEES) will be having their annual golf tourney on Mon. Sept.19th at the Lake Merced Golf Club in Daly City, It's going to be run by Brian Philpott (TTF) and Ed Carew (Central Station) with a noon check in time and a 195.00 entry fee. Start saving your money and getting your foursome together as this is a very fun and popular event.



Washington High School's San Francisco 2011 AAA High School Championship team.



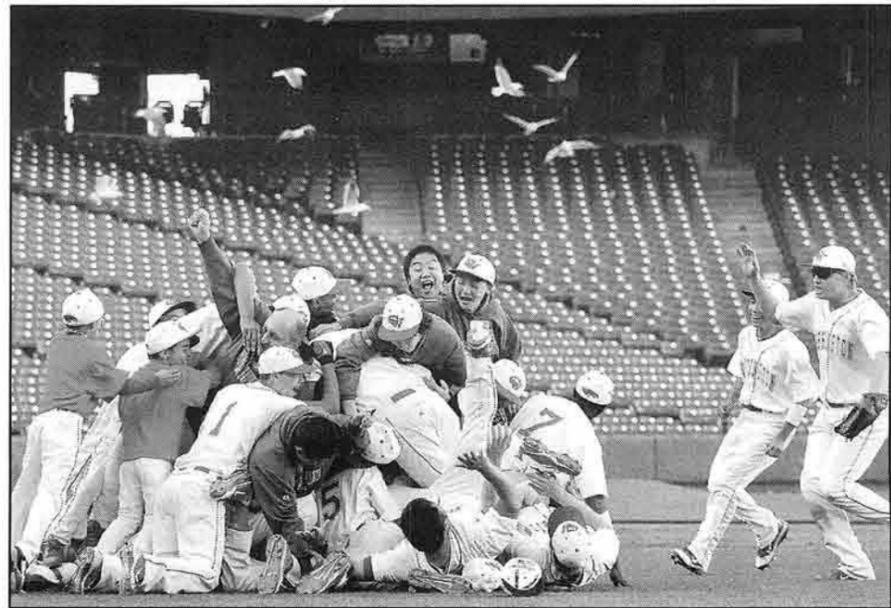
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The team piles up in the middle of the diamond after the last out is made.

# 4th Annual Swat Fitness Challenge

**Staff Report**

On 05/12/11 Ofc. Manalang (Taraval Station) and Ofc. Valdez (POA Sergeant At Arms) participated in the 4th Annual Swat Fitness Challenge in San Leandro. Representing San Francisco Police Department Special Operations Group, Ofc. Manalang and Valdez placed third in the competition. The Challenge:

**Event 1:** Each team, complete 200 push-ups, 200 sit-ups and 400 box jumps. Only one member can be working at a time. In pairs, lift and flip tire 25 ft, cone to cone. This is a times event.

**Event 2:** Cross fit style event announced at start. (Carry 225 lbs. as many times as you can 50 ft. in 10 minutes. Up and back counts as one movement. Only three members can be touching the ground during the event).

**Event 3:** Hike from entrance, gate at Boulders to the Lake Chabot Boat

House. Any course of travel is okay and this is a timed event.

**Event 4:** All four members climb into a row boat and row around the island at the west end of the lake. This is a timed event and the clock starts when the boat leaves the dock and stops when it bumps the dock after the trip.

**Event 5:** Approximate 8 mile hike from boat house to San Leandro Side of the Lake. The hike needs to be done traveling counter clock wise around the lake. This is a timed event and must be completed by all members of each team.

**Event 6:** Bulls-eye course at the San Leandro PD range. Three magazines containing 10 rounds per magazine (no time limit). Two of the magazines will be shot at 10 yards and the third will be shot at 15 yards.

Next year Ofc. Manalang and Ofc. Valdez, vow to take 1st.



From left to right: Joe Valdez, Nathan Manalang, Josh Ramos Cross Fit Fitness Instructor.

# Basketball Awards Presented At Izzy's Steakhouse

**By Steve Coleman**

The basketball banquet took place in early May at Izzy's Steakhouse in the Northern district. There was a nice turnout and it seemed like everyone had a great time. I'd like to thank my brother, Kevin Coleman (Northern) for organizing the dinner. During the dinner, I had the pleasure of handing out the MVP, Rookie of the Year, Hoops Legend Award and five 1st team All SFPD awards. The awards were chosen in collaboration with the Commissioner, the two referees that officiated the games, along with coaches and players throughout the league.

**MVP: Tommy Moran (Northern)**

It's no surprise that two of the last three teams Tommy has played on have won the league championship (Bayview '08-'09 and Northern '10-'11). Tommy's unselfish play and team first attitude have been key factors in his teams' success.

**Rookie of the Year: Craig Perry (TTF)**

Craig definitely had a solid first year. His speed and athleticism may help lead the Rats to the playoffs next year.

**Hoops League Award: Carl Bryant**

Carl played in the league at a high level for many years with his nice shooting touch and dominating defense. Not only has Carl been an outstanding player, but he's been a great sportsman. I've always looked forward to playing against Carl's teams because of how much fun he makes the game.

**1st Team All SFPD**

**Trent Cross (CHP)** Trent is a virtual lock every year, again leading the league in scoring.

**Quoc Do (Task Force)** This former league MVP had a nice year, leading the league in three-pointers made.

**John Pigford (850/TAC)** In John's first year, he tied for the league lead in three-pointers made. John was a pest on defense and a force on the offensive side of the ball.

**Nate Chew (Ingleside)** Nate is extremely athletic and really lets the game come to him; doesn't force anything. He continues to become better and better every year.

**Brian Guiney (Northern)** Brian was like a robot stuck on automatic during some games, set not to miss. Brian's shooting and strong inside presence helped the Bulldogs win their championship.

# Letter to Sports Editor

*Rob Fung of Northern Station forwards this unique opportunity.*

The Sacramento River Cats invite the Sacramento Fire Department and the San Francisco Police Department to build a partnership by a baseball scrimmage to benefit the Fire Burn Institute.



Through this partnership the River Cats, Sacramento Fire Department and the San Francisco Police Department will achieve the following goals:

- Generate awareness for Burn Institute on a large, public scale.
- Support a fundraising event with proceeds going to the Fire Burn Institute.
- Provide opportunities to recruit and recognize volunteers and donors.

The River Cats will include the following elements:

- Game date: Sunday, June 26th 2011 vs. Reno Aces @ 1:05pm.
- A ballgame played by the Sacramento Fire Department and the San Francisco Police Department following the River Cats game, on Raley Field approximately starting at 4:40 p.m.
- The River Cats will provide Gold Rush tickets as a fundraising opportunity.

Other promotional opportunities for this night may include (based on availability)

- Matrix Board: A welcome message will be put up during the game.
- Concourse Table: An information table on our concourse that will allow you to promote the Fire Burn Institute and provide information to guests.
- Announcement: A special an-

nouncement will be read over the PA system to promote the Fire Burn Institute table.

- First Pitch: An opportunity to have one of your employees, volunteers or donors throw out the 1st pitch.
- 7th Innings Stretch: A maximum of 10 individuals will go onto the field to lead in "Take Me Out to the Ballgame."
- In addition to the above day-of-game activities, the River Cats will offer the following marketing assistance:
- Promote the Partnership: The River Cats will create a flyer to help promote the event.
- Planning Assistance: The River Cats staff will have an in house representative to facilitate all marketing and logistical aspects of the event.

In order to fulfill the above mentioned partnership, the River Cats propose the following seating packages and commitments:

- Reserve 200 Gold Rush seats at \$10 per ticket. Sold at face value, this generates a \$5 per ticket fundraising opportunity for Fire Burn Institute. (Number of seats can be adjusted until final payment).
- Selling 500 tickets or more, results in \$6 per ticket fundraising opportunity for Fire Burn Institute.
- Processing fee: \$5.50
- Deposit due: \$250
- Final payment due: Monday, June 6th.

I look forward to working with you this season, and building a strong partnership.

*Best Regards,*

**Samantha Bottari**

Group Events Account Executive  
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The River Cats would like to offer the following rewards for increased ticket sales:

Prize	Ticket Level
River Cats Champion hat	300 tickets
River Cats Champion hat	
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River Cats Champion hat	
2 Senate box Tickets	500 tickets
\$50 gift card	
River Cats Champion hat	
4 Solon Club Tickets	600 tickets
\$50 gift card	
River Cats Champion hat	
4 Dugout Tickets to the game of your choice	
pre-game meet and greet with players	700 tickets
\$50 gift card	
River Cats Champion hat/T-Shirt	
A nightly suite	800 tickets
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# The Loons Nest Report

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

## Anzore the Master at Monterey

Each spring brings the golf world two of the most exciting events in the sport with both events being played at two of golf's most desirable locations.

The P.G.A. brings us the Masters Championship from Augusta, Georgia and this is followed by the Loons Nest Golf Club's Spring Championship at Monterey. The 2011 trip to the Monterey Peninsula marks our 20th trip to this world-renowned golf destination where we have played so many fine courses. This year's trip produced the most outstanding round of tournament golf played in the history of Loons Nest golf.

The two-day event opened at the Blackhorse Golf Course at Fort Ord. The Blackhorse course and its sister course Bayonet are two of the toughest tracks on the Monterey Peninsula. The Blackhorse course has a slope of 126 from the regular tees and 141 from the back tees. This course was originally designed by General Edwin Carns (U.S. Army), and features rolling, multi-level greens and oak leaf sand traps.

As the Loons approached the first tee there was low hanging morning fog that lifted and dropped several times through the front nine; but, it eventually cleared giving the Loons blue skies for the back nine. Leading the attack on the front side was Ed Anzore whose last victory was at the 2010 Summer Classic at Paradise Valley. Anzore picked up birdies on the fourth and sixth holes and was two under par going into the seventh hole. Ed then ran into three bogies and finished the front at one over par thirty-seven.



The defending Spring Champion Greg Kane was the only player close to Anzore on the front, as he posted a score of forty strokes on the front (which included a birdie on the seventh hole). As Kane moved to the back nine holes, he kicked his game into high gear making a strong run at Anzore.

Kane played the back nine in even par thirty-six, picking up a birdie on the seventeenth hole and one bogie, as he finished with a round of seventy-six.

As Anzore made the turn he continued to master the tough greens that frustrated so many players; Ed completed his round with no three-putt greens!! Anzore picked up birdies on the twelfth and sixteenth holes and one bogie, as he finished the back nine with a one under par thirty-seven. Anzore would finish the day with an even par round of seventy-two. Kane sat four strokes behind in second place at seventy-six, and Glenn Mar and Mike Siebert shared third place with rounds of eighty-six.

After the completion of the first round the Loons made the short trip to Monterey's Fisherman's Wharf, where we made our yearly stop at Café Fina for a night of food and beverages. Host Roxanne once again put together a great night

for the Loons with generous appetizers and a fine meal, and the Loons all appeared to be in good humor.

The second day saw the Loons taking a ride out Carmel Valley Road to the Rancho Canada golf complex. We played the Rancho Canada West Course, which was designed by Robert Dean Putnam. Our last visits to this Carmel Valley track were in 1997 and 2004. The skies were filled with low laying rain clouds and it was a warm, muggy morning. In the early part of the day we had two short periods of light drizzle that cleared to a nice day, and the Loon's luck once again held out.

On the front side at Rancho Canada, Ed Anzore was the only player to break forty, as he made the turn at thirty-nine strokes. Kane remained in the hunt with a front side of forty strokes and Steve Morimoto at forty-one strokes.

Making the run for home, Kane ran into three double bogies on the backside for a forty-three and a total of eighty-six strokes. Morimoto made a big charge, as he fired an even par side of thirty-five, which included a birdie on the thirteenth hole. Steve finished with a seventy-six, as he was the medalist for the day. Anzore picked up a birdie on the seventeenth hole as he played the back nine in thirty-eight strokes for a round of seventy-seven. Mar, Joaquin Borrromeo and Ed Garcia each posted back nine scores of thirty-eight as the course played tough through the day.

As the dust settled Ed Anzore was the Spring Champion with a two-day total of 149, followed by Kane at 159, and Steve Morimoto at 163.

In first flight low net play there was a tight battle between Borrromeo and Scott Biggs. The two players entered the second round in a dead heat in net play and the match came down to the last hole at Rancho Canada.

The eighteenth hole is a 347-yard par four hole and Borrromeo made par while Biggs posted a bogie five, and that was the difference. In 2010 Borrromeo picked up two first place awards in

second flight play in his rookie year and now is making his mark in first flight play.

In second flight low gross play Mike Siebert blew the field away with a two-day score of 171, leaving him ten strokes ahead of Scafani at 181. Siebert and Scafani each posted rounds of eighty-six at Black Horse, but Siebert fired an eighty-five at Rancho Canada, including a forty-one on the final nine.

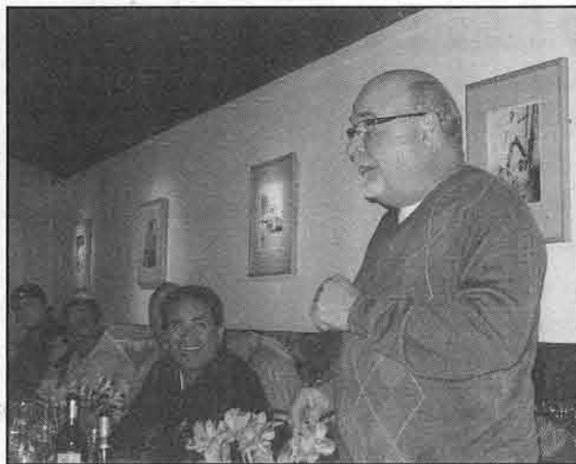
Second flight low net was dominated by Eric Tapang, as he finished eleven strokes ahead of Kitt Crenshaw. Tapang started the second day with a strong lead, but ran into a disastrous opening hole at Rancho Canada. Tapang rallied back with four pars through his round and took first place, leaving Kitt in second place.

The Long Drive winners for the event were Tom Hanacek and Joaquin Borrromeo. Hanacek ripped a drive of 274 yards through the cool fog at Black Horse to take the prize. Borrromeo unloaded a crushing blow at Rancho Canada of 302 yards through heavy, moist air. This was a real display of power off the tee.

Anzore's even par round at Blackhorse sent the staff at the Loons Nest Archives to work, as this appeared to be the finest tournament round shot by a Loon member. In 1997, Mike Renteria posted a one under par round at Blue Rock Springs in Vallejo. The slope at Blue Rock Springs is 120 from the regular tees. The slope at the much tougher Blackhorse is 126 from the white tees. Taking these factors into consideration, the staff members were of the opinion that Anzore's round at Blackhorse stands as the best round of Loon tournament history. Who knows what the future may hold and how long this round will stand up as the best?



Anzore surprised with cake honoring his recent retirement.



John Newlin shares words of wisdom.



Wismer enjoys Café Fina hospitality.



Borrromeo, Neeson & Vernengo.



Morimoto, Fischer & Mar.



Hanacek, Anzore, Garcia & Schmolke.

# History and Nostalgia: SF's Baseball Roots



**1948-49 SFPD Baseball Team**

Front row (left to right): Bob Wentworth, John Cavalli (Capt.) John Meehan, Ed Huegle (trainer), Roy Mort, Gene Gibbons, Frank Martinez.  
 Back row (left to right): Bob Mucci, Charlie Sandoval, Ed Sarraille, Tom Ryan, Herb Morey  
 Bat boys (left to right): Unidentified, Tom Gibbons

San Francisco has a rich history with baseball. The semi-pro teams of the mid-twentieth century were legendary, and many pro players were plucked from these teams by roving bands of big-league scouts who followed the city-wide competitions each spring and summer. The SFPD had no shortage of former semi-pro players in its ranks through those years, and the baseball teams fielded by the SFPD and the SFFD are still among the best teams to ever have represented those departments. Some of the best photos are of the teams that played at San Quentin prison!



**SFPD Baseball Team, circa 1956**

Front row (left to right): Pete Maloney (ss), Frank Carozzi, Tommy Callen (2b), Captain Dan Kiely, Gene Gibbons (mgr), John Cavalli  
 Back row (left to right): Tom Patee (p), Russ Woods (c), Ray Canepa (cf), Jim Page (p), George Effisimo (1b), Tim Reardon (c)  
 Bat boys (left to right): Steve Cavalli, Tommy Gibbons

Now there is a great web site that has archived that rich sports history. It is called "the Good Old Sand Lot Days" and can be visited at [www.goodoldsandlotdays.com](http://www.goodoldsandlotdays.com). Once on the site, one can search by region, team, or player. I suggest clicking on the San Francisco link, but don't do so if you don't have a couple of extra hours to spare, because you won't be able to pull yourself away from the hundreds of old photos and local newspaper clippings. It's a grand-slam historical resource. —Ed.

## Loons Nest Scoreboard Spring Championship at Monterey

Player	Black Horse	Rancho Canada	Gross	Net
Anzore	72	77	149	141
Kane	76	83	159	145
Morimoto	87	76	163	149
Mar	86	82	168	159
Biggs	87	83	170	144
Borromeo	90	81	171	143
Siebert	86	85	171	156
Hanacek	89	85	174	148
Vernengo	92	84	176	156
Valentini	90	88	178	156
Schmolke	89	91	180	152
Garcia	95	86	181	157
Scafani	86	95	181	159
Milligan	93	88	181	151
Guiney	91	95	186	164
Neeson	93	93	186	158
Fischer	97	91	188	158
Taylor	92	96	188	162
Turduci	103	89	192	170
Crenshaw	104	92	196	160
Edison	96	102	198	166
Wismer	105	93	198	177
Williams	104	98	202	180
Dudley	105	99	204	166
Tapang	109	96	205	149
Johnson	109	96	205	185
Newlin	105	101	206	184
Bronfeld	108	107	215	184
Torrise	121	108	229	171

**Long Drive Winner at Black Horse**  
T. Hanacek 271 yards

**Long Drive Winner Rancho Canada**  
J. Borromeo 302 yards

### Close to Hole Winners

#### Black Horse

Hole #2 Hanacek 20'4"	Hole #5 Schmolke 5'2"
Hole #15 Johnson 7'9"	Hole #17 Morimoto 1'8"

#### Rancho Canada, West Course

Hole #3 Borromeo 16'9"	Hole #7 Siebert 27'5"
Hole #11 Taylor 10'1"	Hole #16 Milligan 11'2"

## 2nd Annual STREND Fitness Challenge And Fundraiser for Wounded Troops

**Saturday June 25th 0800-1100 Hours**  
**Treasure Island Gym, Treasure Island**

Mark Lundin of Co. F is organizing a fitness competition to raise money for troops wounded in Iraq and Afghanistan. The competition format is simple: In the space of 15 minutes, do one set of max reps on bench press, pull ups, seated military press, chin ups and bar dips. You'll have approximately 2-2½ minutes rest between lifts. Following that, you'll run 3 miles in your best time. Your final ranking will be based on the total number of repetitions divided by your run time.

The competition is open to both males and females in either the Open or Basic Divisions (shown below) and you can compete either as an individual representative for your station or unit or as part of a two-person team. All competitors will receive a STREND T shirt and a certificate reflecting their ranking in the final results.

Discipline	Open	Basic
Bench Press	Body Weight	60% Of Body Weight
Pull Ups	Body Weight	Modified
Military Press	50% Of Body Weight	30% Of Body Weight
Chin Ups	Body Weight	Modified
Bar Dips	Body Weight	Modified
Run	3 Miles	3 Miles

### Male Standards

Discipline	Open	Basic
Bench Press	60% Of Body Weight	40% Of Body Weight
Pull Ups	Body Weight	Modified
Military Press	30% Of Body Weight	20% Of Body Weight
Chin Ups	Body Weight	Modified
Bar Dips	Body Weight	Modified
Run	3 Miles	3 Miles

### Female Standards

Register for the event by making an online donation (\$40 suggested) to either [www.woundedwarriorproject.org](http://www.woundedwarriorproject.org) or [www.homesforourtroops.org](http://www.homesforourtroops.org). Once you receive an e-mail acknowledgement of your tax-deductible donation from either organization, forward that e-mail to Mark Lundin at [ghillie8@msn.com](mailto:ghillie8@msn.com) and he'll add you to the list of competitors.

For more information on the competition format go to [www.strend.com](http://www.strend.com). For more information on this particular event, e-mail Mark Lundin at [ghillie8@msn.com](mailto:ghillie8@msn.com).

## 2011 Ironman / Ironwoman Competition

WHEN: WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2011  
 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.

1. TEAM OPEN (5 persons, either sex , from the same unit)
2. TEAM SENIOR (5 persons, either sex, 40 and over, from the same unit)
3. MIXED DOUBLES (male/female, split the events, one does 2, partner does remaining 3)
4. IRONMAN OPEN (any age. all five events)
5. IRONMAN SENIOR (40 and over)
6. IRONMAN SENIOR/MASTERS (50 and over)
7. IRONWOMAN OPEN (any age. all five events)
8. IRONWOMAN SENIOR (40 and over)
9. IRONMAN 200 LB AND OVER OPEN (Clydesdale) (any age, all five events)
10. 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 100 reps: 88 reps, 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 225 lb: 23 reps Dave Maron, 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, K.Dempsey, (CIU). N.Manalang (Co.I). J.Obidi (Co.D).*

### 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: 139 sit-ups, J.Kumli, (GTF), N.Yuen, (Co.H).*

### 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: 850 pts, J.Kurchner (Co.C).*

### 5th EVENT — 4.7 MILE LAKE MERCED RACE — 1000+ POINTS

Start/Finish at the Lake Merced Range parking lot. 27 minutes-1000 points. Subtract 1 point for each second over 27 minutes for men and 30 minutes for women. *Last year's best time: 28:12, Sean Griffin, GTF.*

### 2011 Ironman/Ironwoman Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Unit/Agency: \_\_\_\_\_

Class/es Competing In \_\_\_\_\_

Team Name (If Applicable) \_\_\_\_\_

Team Members	Event	T-Shirt Size
1. _____	_____	_____
2. _____	_____	_____
3. _____	_____	_____
4. _____	_____	_____
5. _____	_____	_____

Entry fees: \$20.00 Per participant regardless of number of categories. (This includes your 2011 Ironman muscle t-shirt, catered lunch, and awards.

Please complete the above information and send it to Sgt. Eddy Yu at the GTF. Cellphone (415) 850-5094



## San Mateo Athletic Club Bench Press Competition Honoring Gina Tringale

Women: 65 lbs as many reps as possible in 60 min

Men: 135 lbs as many reps as possible in 60 min

Age brackets: 18-29 | 30-39 | 40-49 | 50-older

Entry fee: \$10 members | \$20 non-members

(Proceeds to Benefit Peninsula Family Services)

Dates and Times TBD Based on Registration

Register at the San Mateo Athletic Club

at [smac.fitness@smccd.edu](mailto:smac.fitness@smccd.edu) or call: 650.378-7373

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## 1st Annual Dave Chetcuti Memorial Golf Tournament



Gather friends, family and colleagues to join the Millbrae Police Officers Association for a fun day of golf, supporting the Northern California Chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors.

Monday, July 11, 2011  
 Green Hills Country Club

500 Ludeman Lane, Millbrae

10:00 am Check-In

Continental Breakfast, Putting Green and Range Open

12:00 pm Shotgun Start

Post Tournament Dinner: Silent Auction & Awards Presentation

Format: Four Person Scramble  
 Putting Challenge • Longest Drive\*  
 Closest to the Pin • Hole-in-One

Cost \$175/golfer, \$700/foursome

Includes 18 holes of golf, riding cart, lunch, dinner & tee prizes

Registration Info: Visit <http://mpoa.golfregistrations.com>  
 or call (650) 259-2473

Early Registration: Enter promotion code EARLY to save \$20/golfer, offer limited for first 20 golfers

Golf attire required, i.e., collared shirts and slacks.  
 No steel spikes are allowed on the course.

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Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca, Chief's Office

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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!

"Words that sound like May..."

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| CAY | JAY | PAY |
| DAY | KAY | RAY |
| FAY | LAY | SAY |
| GAY | MAY |     |

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**2004 HARLEY DAVIDSON (FXSTD)** Softail Deuce, Fuel Injected, Vance & Hines Pipes, Windshield, Extra Chrome, Leather Saddlebags, Harley Stage One download, Sissy bar, Impact Blue Color, 14,000 trouble free miles, all maintenance & ownership papers in hand. Sale priced at 2K under KBB at \$10,000. Email [chezshea@sbcglobal.net](mailto:chezshea@sbcglobal.net) for pictures or call Mick at (707) 481-2520

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# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson, SFPOA

Once again on the 2000 block of Mission Street where Officer Mike Moody, Officer Matt Kenney, Officer Robert Greiner, Officer Craig Tiffe, and Officer Eric Reboli are investigating a narcotics transaction. They arrest several individuals and later locate their vehicle. A subsequent search of the car revealed several plastic bags full of narcotics as well as a large caliber firearm and 2 assault weapons with extended magazines commonly referred to as "street sweepers."

These same officers were monitoring the many people who were congregating around a makeshift shrine dedicated to a young man who had been killed in the Mission District the evening before. Their attention was suddenly drawn to a car driving by occupied by several individuals wearing the wrong 'color' for the neighborhood playing very loud music in a disrespectful manner for what was taking place. The officers knew that these individuals were trying to aggravate the crowd. A brief contact ensued and, as a result, the 2 occupants of the car and their loaded gun were removed from the area.



Officer Ajay Singh and Officer Raymond Padmore were conducting Muni Fare inspections at 3rd and Williams. One individual who left the bus without proof of fare tried to ignore the officers. The officers detained him at which time he initiated a violent struggle trying to get away. There was a reason he wanted to leave the area and that was because of the loaded gun he had stuck in his waistband . . . not to mention the narcotics he was also carrying. Officer Michelle Primiano and Officer Jonathon Lucchetti soon arrived as back-up to assist putting the felon in custody.



It's 11:20 p.m. on a Muni bus near Columbus and Kearny where a young man is listening to music on his earphones and couldn't hear the threats apparently being made by the man who sat next to him. What the young man could see was the handle of a gun the suspect had hidden under his coat. The suspect eventually left the bus empty-handed with our passenger following, dialing 9-1-1. Officer Jared Harris and Officer Danilo Cruz responded and captured the suspect who was actually carrying a fully-loaded rifle.



When the car drove by them at a high rate of speed on the Lower Great Highway Officer Jasmine Suguitan and Officer Keent Chu thought something was up. It was. The driver's blood/alcohol level . . . Just to show how wasted this guy was, when asked if he had been drinking he forgot the standard reply, "Only 2 beers, officer." and admitted downing "6 beers and 2 shots of Hennessy" — and he was still probably hedging on that response since he blew a .26. And then, to complicate matters, the driver asks the officers to secure his backpack left in the trunk of his car, forgetting that the trunk is where he had secured an assault rifle, 3 high-capacity magazines, and several handguns, one of which was modified for a silencer.



And Officer Mari Shepard noticed a woman on the unit block of Jones Street who looked very familiar. Mari suddenly realized the woman was the suspect she had just seen on a wanted bulletin for attempted murder who was considered armed and dangerous... not any more.



Officer Oscar Barcena and Officer Curtis Nakano were called to a domestic violence incident in the Park District where the suspect was reportedly armed with a handgun. When they got there the suspect had barricaded himself in the bathroom of the residence. Officer Pat Burke, Officer Ed Hunt, Officer Mike Madrieres, Officer Frank Machado, Officer John Andrews, and Officer Dave Brandt responded as back-up. Good thing they did. The suspect came out and put up a tremendous struggle trying to get to any one of the 8 handguns, the assault rifle, or any of the 3 shotguns he had in his residence all loaded and ready to go.



Police work always has the potential for danger but it can also be extremely gratifying when you have the opportunity to help those who just can't help themselves . . .

Officer Christina Hayes and Officer Donn Peterson had that chance when they came across 2 young women at Polk and Pine Streets. The youngest, 16, was a runaway from Santa Clara County and had been put

out on the street by her 'boyfriend.' Both women wanted to change their lives but were still being scrutinized by their pimps who just happened to drive by. The 2 suspects were detained and it turned out that one was on parole and the other was on federal probation for crimes against children . . .

And, on the other side of town, in the Mission District, Officer Martin Covarrubias and Officer Glenn Brakel found two 16-year old girls who were also 'working' the 20th and Capp Street area as prostitutes and who wanted to turn their lives around. A subsequent investigation with Sergeant Arlin Vanderbilt taking the lead, put 3 more suspects who had been taking advantage of the young women in custody for several felony charges.

Even worse, if you can imagine, Officer Jared Lovrin and Officer Robert Trujillo were conducting a vice crime operation in the Mission District when they ran across a young woman who was soliciting. Turned out she was only 13-years old. Officer Lovrin and Officer Trujillo then set their sights on capturing the individual(s) responsible for this and did an outstanding investigation which lead to the incrimination of 2 suspects who are now in custody.



Officer Courtney Smith came across an individual who had apparently decided to end it all by climbing to the top of a 5-story building threatening to jump. Once Officer Smith ar-

ranged for medical units to respond he climbed to the roof and immediately established a rapport with the suicidal subject. It took a great deal of time but Officer Smith finally convinced the man to change his mind.

Another individual was found by Officer Brian Michaud and Officer Irene Michaud sitting on the ledge of the roof of 701 Market Street threatening to jump. Brian and Irene immediately made contact with the man and tried to settle him down until they could get a hostage negotiator and a Spanish-speaking officer. Officer Craig Canton responded as the crisis negotiator and Officer Carlos Recinos served as translator. It took over an hour of an extremely tense back-and-forth conversation with the man they were trying to save as he threatened to jump several times. The officers finally convinced him to accept their help.



But Sergeant Renota Martinez and Officer Kelly Paul were on the scene just in time to protect one of the most defenseless of all — they were driving by Cameron Way in the Double Rock Housing Projects when they saw an individual strike a small puppy with his fist. As though that wasn't enough the poor excuse for a human then picked the injured animal up and threw him like a baseball across the street. Renota and Kelly were all over this action in a second. They discovered the defenseless puppy had been brutalized for some time so they made sure he was in protective custody and then they 'threw' a felony on the suspect.

## San Francisco's Avoid The 8 Named Best Multi-Jurisdictional Police Campaign In California

Monterey County's Avoid the 18 Takes Second Place

Avoid the 8, San Francisco's law enforcement crackdown on drunk driving, has been named best multi-jurisdictional effort in the state for 2010 by the California Law Enforcement Challenge.

The announcement by the California Highway Patrol and the state's Office of Traffic Safety, sponsors of the competition, lauded the crackdown on its officer training, policies, public information, officer recognition, enforcement and results.

There are 40 similar countywide crackdowns in California, all sponsored by OTS through the National Highway Traffic Safety Administration. The Avoid campaigns are the largest funded statewide crackdowns in the United States, according to NHTSA.

"This first-place award is a tribute to our skilled and determined officers from all jurisdictions in San Francisco," said San Francisco Police traffic Capt. Al Casciato, founder and chairman of Avoid the 8. "We also extend our thanks to the news media for helping us get the word out that drunk driving kills."



Second place went to Avoid the 18 in Monterey, Santa Barbara's Avoid the 12 campaign won third. Jan Ford of Palo Alto is public information director for all three multi-jurisdictional category winners.

Captain Al Casciato, commander of SFPD's Traffic Company, shown near Union Square, today announced that Avoid the 8, San Francisco's multi-jurisdictional crackdown on drunk drivers, has been named best in the state by the California Law Enforcement Challenge.

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