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### President's Message

## Old Backroom Brawler Returns to the Fray Paul Chignell Accepts POA Staff Position

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

When Steve Johnson decided to retire just weeks after Kevin Martin stepped away, I knew that losing these two great men would deal a devastating blow to our legal defense team. For years, Steve and Kevin had represented our officers through every phase of the disciplinary process. My initial thoughts were that both of these veteran rep's would be nearly impossible to replace.

Nonetheless, I considered potential replacements among the active and retired POA rosters. Potential replacements needed to have the same dedication, commitment, and experience that both Kevin and Steve had exhibited. There are many, many members with dedication and commitment, but persons with extensive experience in officer representation are much less common.

In the end, I kept coming back to one name: Paul Chignell.

Most everyone knows recently re-

tired Captain Paul Chignell. Many of our members have worked under his command at such assignments as Bayview, Taraval, and Ingleside Stations. Many others served under him when he was a Lieutenant in various investigative details in the Bureau. Retirees and the handful of senior actives still around know him from his decades of work as a POA executive officer and representative.

Several of us on the executive board decided to approach Paul and offer him the job. We were far from certain that Paul would even entertain the notion of returning to the POA pressure cooker. After all, he had just retired after a very distinguished police career, and he is a dedicated family man who we knew was looking forward to spending more time with his friends and loved ones. It is also well known that Paul and I have not always seen eye-to-eye on POA affairs. We have each held fast to differences of opinion on a host of issues, and there have been times over the past 20 years when little love had been lost between us.

But love and respect are two entirely different matters. There has never been a time in my career when I have not held my on-again-off-again political foe in the utmost respect. After all, Paul had been very actively involved in POA affairs for nearly a decade before I even entered the police department. I knew then — and certainly appreci-



ate now — that Paul is one of the most knowledgeable people in the state of California when it comes to the rights of police officers. Paul wrote the book, and he is one of the persons most responsible for the enacting of the 1970s landmark legislation entitled the *California Peace Officer Bill of Rights*. I have learned a lot from Paul over the years just by osmosis. I have learned as much — and perhaps more — by being his political rival rather than his ally. He is passionate and he is dynamic, and he knows politics as well as anyone who has ever gaveled a POA meeting. Read any of the old articles written by Paul in the 70s and 80s (such as the archive piece re-printed below) and you will quickly see that no one has stood more steadfastly for POA members than has Paul Chignell.

Despite the aforementioned differences, there is one area of POA busi-

ness on which we have never taken opposing sides. That area is the legal and administrative representation of our members. Both Paul and I agree that every member is entitled to the best possible representation. I believe it was that argument revisited on Paul by VP Halloran and me that finally convinced him to accept our offer to head the POA Legal Defense Team.

Paul knows well the extent of time and effort a commitment of this magnitude would entail. He did not immediately agree. I'm guessing in his mind it was Paul mumbling to himself. "Been there, done that..." But, as I said, Paul does not want to see a single member dangling without a safety net. Right now, he is the best possible person to provide that security.

The membership is very fortunate to have Paul back on-board. He is the only person I know who can adequately fill the void left by Steve Johnson. I have also asked him to mentor and groom younger officers to continue the fight for the police union movement, a role he readily agreed to assume. Like me, he sees great urgency in the need to train and prepare the next generation of POA leadership. His guidance will lend substantially to that effort.

Paul will take over as director of our legal defense team effective February 1st, and he will closely monitor all discipline issues that affect our membership. Welcome back, Paul!



New Legal Defense Coordinator, Paul Chignell, addressed the board at the January 23 meeting.

### From the Archive

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## SHAMEFUL PROSECUTION ENDED

by Paul Chignell, VP

### FIVE SF COPS CLEARED

Ex-District Attorney Joseph Freitas has not been forgotten by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association. The remnants of his inept regime lost another major battle against the POA during the week of April 28.

POA Attorneys Stephen Bley and James Preovokas led the way in advocating dismissal of all charges against motorcycle officers Harvey Harrison, Harold Winkler, Peter Libert, Lee McVeigh and James Gallagher. Municipal Court Judge Charles Egan Goff refused to hold any of the officers to answer on charges of embezzlement and misappropriation of public funds.

Another chapter was written in the dismal record of police officers being charged by the San Francisco District Attorney. In the last four years under two administrations, police officers have been charged with felony offenses and exonerated after a waste of taxpayers' money. Craig Piro, Robert Rodriguez, Stephen Ventners, Dennis O'Brien, Andrew Citizen, Dennis McCaffrey, Walter Martinovich, Johnnie Flannigan, Jim Gallagher, Lee McVeigh, Peter Libert, Harold Winkler and Harvey Harrison were all victims of prosecutorial abuse. They were all exonerated.

### MARR CASE ON APPEAL

The only case in recent memory that ended in a conviction was the Daniel Marr case. But that prosecution involved a misdemeanor conviction and is currently on appeal. Without jeopardizing the appeal, the grounds are quite strong and a reversal is expected based upon major prosecutorial abuse during discovery proceedings.

### BLEY STAR COUNSEL

Stephen Bruce Bley, POA house counsel, has been magnificent in defending the rights of police officers against the machinations of prosecutors bent on putting police officers behind bars. Mr. Bley, an Assistant District Attorney under former D.A. John J. Ferdon, has refused to back down and cut deals with the San Francisco District Attorney. He has fought the abuse of prosecutorial discretion and won in the court room. Mr. Bley is fully aware of the political nature of many of the prosecutions launched by the San Francisco District Attorney. It takes courage to represent police officers in a city like San Francisco where political pressure groups despise the men and women who protect the public peace. Stephen Bley possesses that courage.

### COPS TREATED DIFFERENTLY

Why were thirteen San Francisco police officers charged with felonies exonerated after time-consuming hearings? How does this record compare with the general population? If you are a working police officer you know that the common criminal is "cut loose" a lot easier than a police officer.

The celebrated police cases involve weeks of preparation with every case going to hearing or trial. Why? Let's ask that simple question again. Why?

Why is a cop treated differently than the child molester, the armed robber, the heroin dealer, or the other scum walking the streets of San



# Minutes of the January 23, 2013 SFPOA Board Meeting\*

1. Sergeant-At-Arms Valdez called the meeting to order at 1200 hours and led the Pledge of Allegiance.

2. Parliamentarian Hebel gave the oath of office to the newly elected/appointed Board Members.

3. Secretary Montoya conducted the roll call of the Board of Directors and Executive Board.

4. President Delagnes acknowledged and thanked those leaving the Board of Directors for their combined years of service and dedication to the POA and its members.

5. President Delagnes introduced Retired Captain Paul Chignell who was recently hired by the Executive Board to fill the position of POA Legal Defense Administrator. Paul will be replacing Steve Johnson who retired after decades of service at the POA serving its members at all levels of representation.

6. Captain Joe McFadden who is the Chair of the POA Election Committee addressed the Board of Directors. Chairman McFadden discussed the recent election and the results. Chairman McFadden opened the presentation to any questions or concerns regarding the recent election or election issues in general. There were no ques-
- tions or concerns brought forward by the Board or any member who was present.

7. Officer Mike Amoroso (Co E) gave a presentation regarding the upcoming Police Unity Tour. The Police Unity Tour encompasses a 300 mile bike ride from New Jersey to Washington DC. Monies raised during the event help fund the National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation. This year four SFPOA Members have committed to participate in the bike ride. Mike is seeking financial assistance from the SFPOA for the Police Unity Tour.

8. Rep. Sorgie (Co G) made a motion to approve the minutes from the December 2012 Board Meeting. Motion was seconded by Rep. Flaherty (Co E) and passed unanimously by voice vote without opposition.

9. President Delagnes sent out a recent e-mail blast to the membership updating the members on the state of the union. President Delagnes further announced that Health Care costs seem to be at the forefront of ongoing conversations which are occurring throughout the nation.

10. President Delagnes announced that

- due to members completing the DROP Program, we stand to lose 100-150 members to retirement in the near future.

11. President Delagnes announced that based on language in Proposition C, members' retirement contribution will likely increase from 10.5% to 11% on 7-1-13. The increase is due to the cost sharing agreement between the City and the Unions which deal with the Health of the Retirement System and the Cities cost to fund the SFERS.

12. President Delagnes announced that the POA continues to meet with the City and the Department regarding P-1 issues. Included during these meetings are discussions that are specific to Q-35 Assistant Inspectors (transfer rights, LWLP, seniority clarification). The next meeting is scheduled for 1-24-13 at the POA.

13. President Delagnes announced that almost a decade later, Inspector Brian Olcomendy will have his name added to the national memorial wall in Washington DC for officers killed in the line of duty.

14. Vice President Halloran welcomed and congratulated each of the newly elected/appointed Board Members.

15. Vice President Halloran talked about prior and ongoing involvement and financial support for the Police Unity Tour and the National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation. Vice President Halloran reminded senior Board Members and educated newer Board Members with regards to the POA's \$100,000.00 commitment to the National Law Enforcement Memorial Foundation. About 6 years ago the POA agreed to a \$100,000.00 donation that was to be distributed at the rate of \$10,000.00 per year for 10 years. The POA's commitment was inline with similar sized police and sheriff unions.
16. Vice President Halloran talked about a member who was unable to take the recent Sergeant's test due to the member being deployed overseas. The member was not notified by the department with regards to the test and the testing dates. As the result of thorough research which included federal law, the member will be allowed to take the test prior to the adoption of the list on 2-1-13.

17. Vice President Halloran addressed a concern over the rent that is being paid by AT&T. The rent collected from AT&T is deposited into the POA general fund.

18. Captain Sharon Ferrigno who is an elected member of the HSS Board, addressed the Board of Directors with regards to health care costs. Captain Ferrigno discussed that health care costs continue to rise at the HSS Board is exploring all options with regards to this issue. Captain Ferrigno will keep the membership apprized as discussions continue.



Elected Health Service representative Captain Sharon Ferrigno discusses health coverage options with the board.

19. Newly elected Board Member Sean Frost (Inv) who is also the Chair of the POA Blood Drive Committee announced that the next POA blood drive will occur at the POA on 2-27-13. As the date nears a POA Bulletin will be released reminding

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## An Important Word About the Current Level of POA Membership Amongst Employees in the Bargaining Unit

There are currently 2,061 in our bargaining unit. Of these, 2016 are dues-paying members of the POA.

Like every labor association, the POA strives for 100% membership. At our current rate of 98.8%, we are doing a good job. But as public employee unions, like the POA, continue to come under attack for the level of our wages and benefits, the concepts of strength in numbers and unity of purpose have never been more important. We must continue to try to persuade those who have yet to join, or chosen not to join the POA, to join or reconsider. To that end, on November 1, 2012 the POA wrote to each non-member requesting that he/she join the POA.

Bear in mind that the POA represents all employees in the bargaining unit—members and non-members—with respect to their working conditions. It brings grievances when non-members' contract rights are violated and it negotiates the same increases for all employees, regardless of their membership status. The POA takes these statutory obligations seriously and has always abided by them.

But it is important to note that the POA is a private organization. We have rules that govern the relationship between the association and its members which are contained in our bylaws.

The following individuals are part of the bargaining unit represented by the POA, but have chosen not to join the POA. We are publishing their names to confirm to POA members that these individuals **do not have voting rights in POA matters, should not participate in POA events, are not entitled to POA representation at disciplinary hearings, and should not be privy to confidential POA communications.**

The necessity for raising these points and for publishing the names below became apparent when, at a recent POA Board Meeting, some directors were not aware of who, amongst bargaining unit members at their stations or divisions, are members and who are not.

Guillermo Amigo	Juan Gomez	Shelley Ross-Bell
Victor Arrebollo	Tammy Halley	Christopher G. Smith
Mike Bolte	Candette Hilder	Nancie Stockwell
Alane Baca	Nathan Holmes	Daniel Sui
Ann-Marie Bower	Gregory Hui	Ellina Teper
Nick Bryant	Michael Jamison	Antonette Valenzuela
John Carroll	Paramjit Kaur	Kevin Whitfield
Randall Ching	Bud Massey	William Whitfield
Joseph Clemons	James McAllister	Rickey Williams
Lucy Clemons	Milanda Moore	Craig Wilson
Clifford Cook	Phillip Papale	Jane Wong
James Custer	Lois Perillo	Herbert Yee
Baron Darnell	Judith Peters	Julie Yee
Romeo DelaVega	Steven Ratto	Dino Zografos
Matthew Elseth	Oliver Reich	

*The publishing of these names became mandatory when, at the January 23, 2013 Board Of Directors Meeting, a motion was made by Representative Lyons, seconded by Representative Rodgers, that non-member names be posted in the February issue of the POA Journal. On the roll call vote, the motion passed 30 to 5.*

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members of the date, time and location. As always refreshments are provided by the POA.

20. President Delagnes asked the Board of Directors to encourage non-members to consider joining the association.
21. Rep. Lyons (Co J) made a motion that non-members will have their names alphabetically listed in the February edition of the POA Journal. Motion was seconded by Rep. Rodgers (Co D). The results of a roll call vote were 30 yes and 5 no. Motion carried.
22. Treasurer Stansbury talked about the current POA financials and his position on the SFERS Board.
23. Treasurer Stansbury gave a presentation on the current status of the POA building located at 800 Bryant St. In 2003 the property was purchased for \$3,000,000.00 and has a current market value of over \$5,000,000.00. Treasurer Stansbury talked about the current mortgage payment in relation to monies collected in rent from the SFPCU, Subway and AT&T. Treasurer Stansbury provided different scenarios with regards to the paying off the roughly 1.9 million dollar mortgage or refinancing the property at these historic low interest rates.
24. Treasurer Stansbury made a motion to refinance the mortgage for the building at 800 Bryant St. Vice President Halloran seconded the motion which passed unanimously by voice vote without opposition.
25. Secretary Montoya made a motion to donate \$2500.00 to the upcoming Police Unity Tour which falls inline with prior donations. Motion was seconded by Rep. Madsen (TAC) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
26. Rep. Pena (Co E) made a motion to donate \$2500.00 towards the Northern Police Station Gym. Motion was seconded by Rep. Covarrubias (Co D) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
27. Rep. Covarrubias (Co D) made a motion to donate \$2500.00 towards the Mission Police Station Gym. Motion was seconded by Rep. Flaherty (Co E) and passed by voice vote without opposition.



POA Parliamentarian, Mike Hebel, administers oath to the 11 recently elected board representatives.

28. Rep. Moylan (TTF) made a motion to donate \$2500.00 towards the Tenderloin Police Station Gym. Motion was seconded by Rep. Pena (Co E) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
29. Rep. Kato (Co I) made a motion to donate \$2500.00 towards the Taraval Police Station Gym. Motion was seconded by Rep. Sorgie (Co G) and passed by voice vote without opposition.
30. Treasurer Stansbury provided each Board Member with a copy of the monthly expense recap sheet.
31. As to follow the pre-designated Station Gym Fund schedule, the aforementioned stations received monies for their gym. Based on the aforementioned requests, all gym fund monies for the year have been exhausted.
32. Meeting adjourned at 1435 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Tony Montoya**  
POA Secretary

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call							
January 23, 2013							
Vote 1				Vote 1			
President	Gary Delagnes	P	Y	Co. G	Chris Breen	P	N
Vice President	Marty Halloran	P	Y		Dean Sorgie	P	Y
Secretary	Tony Montoya	P	Y	Co. H	Larry Chan	P	N
Treasurer	Brian Stansbury	P	Y		Frank Pereira	P	Y
Sergeant-At-Arms				Co. I	Russ Gordon	P	Y
	Joseph Valdez	P	Y		Jody Kato	P	Y
Editor	Ray Shine	P		Co. J	Kevin Lyons	P	Y
Co. A	Ed Browne	P	Y		Kevin Moylan	P	Y
	John Van Koll	P		Co. K	Harold Vance	P	Y
Co. B	Larry Bertrand	P	Y		Steve Landi	P	N
	Danny Miller	P	Y	Hdqtr.	John Evans	P	Y
Co. C	Duncan Gilles	P	Y		Raphael Rockwell	P	Y
	Chris Schaffer	P	Y	Tactical	Mark Madsen	P	Y
Co. D	Martin Covarrubias	P	N		Pete Schlegle	P	Y
	Matt Rodgers	P	Y	Invest.	Sean Frost	P	Y
Co. E	Tim Flaherty	P	Y		Dan Silver	P	Y
	Jesus Peña	P	Y	Airport	Val Kirwan	P	Y
Co. F	Paget Mitchell	P	N		Reynaldo Serrano	P	Y
	Kevin Rector	P	Y	Retired	Ray Allen	P	Y

## 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, 1:45 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
<b>POA Board of Directors Meeting</b>	<b>POA Building</b>	<b>Third Wed. of Every Month, Noon</b>	<b>POA Office (415) 861-5060</b>
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
Meeting. First Responders Peer Support (Not AA)	St. Andrews Church 1600 Santa Lucia Ave., San Bruno	Tuesdays 7 – 8:30 PM	Greg Collaco (650) 455-2840

### Specially Scheduled Events

International Police Assn Brunch Region #9	San Rafael Joe's Restaurant 931 Fourth Street, San Rafael	February 3, 2013 11:00 AM	Gary Larsen <a href="mailto:bpd109r@comcast.net">bpd109r@comcast.net</a>
MMOC Annual Cioppino Feed	San Jose POA Hall 1151 N. 4th St., San Jose, CA	Saturday, March 2, 2013 5:00 pm	Rich Bailey (408) 316-6114
St. Patrick's Parade & Festival	Market Street, San Francisco	Saturday, March 16, 2013 11:30 am.	<a href="http://www.saintpatricksdaysf.com">www.saintpatricksdaysf.com</a>



# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid ASSOCIATION

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January 8, 2013

The monthly meeting of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association for January was called to order by President Mark McDonough on Tuesday, January 8, 2013 at 1:46 p.m. in Room 150 at the Hall of Justice.

**Roll Call of Officers:**

President Mark McDonough, Vice-President Robert Mattox, Secretary Joe Reilly, Treasurer Dean Taylor, Trustees John Centurioni, Sally Foster, John Keane and Al Luenow were present. Trustee Harold Vance was excused. President McDonough opened the meeting with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Installation of Officers:**

President McDonough administered the oath of office to the incoming officers and trustees for 2013: President Bob Mattox, vice President Al Luenow, returning Secretary Joe Reilly and returning Trustee John Centurioni. President Mc Donough then turned the meeting over to the new President, Bob Mattox. President Mattox thanked past President McDonough for his service. President Mattox asked past President McDonough to temporarily take the Trustee seat vacated by vice President Luenow. Trustee Vance will be sworn in at the next meeting.

**Approval of the minutes of the December 2012 meeting:**

A motion made by Luenow, seconded by Centurioni, to approve the December minutes passed without objection.

**Receiving applications for new members, suspensions and reinstatements:**

Secretary Joe Reilly reported to the

Trustees that the following members have been delinquent in payment of their dues for a period exceeding one year: Louie Benavidez, Stanislav Brat-chikov, Paramut Kaur, Pavel Khmar-sky, Jason Lai, Maria Peregrina, Craig Perry, Jonathan Pigford, Joseph Reyes, Daniel Rosiak, Monica Fields, Mark Gallegos, Laurel Hall, Marta McDow-ell, Bruce Meadors, Gerard Neybert, Dennis Quigley, Robert Sanchez, Daniel Toomey.

Per Article III, Section 4 of the Association's Constitution, President Mattox asked for a motion to drop those persons so delinquent from the membership rolls. A motion by McDonough, seconded by Foster to remove them from membership passed without objection. As of this date, the persons named above are no longer entitled to benefits of the Association. The Secretary will notify each of them by mail at their last known address.

Secretary Reilly commented that those dropped from the membership rolls today may be able to rejoin the Association with the approval of the Trustees after paying back dues and late fees.

**Communications and Bills:**

Dean Taylor presented the Treasurer's report and requested approval for payment of expenses, including a benefit payment. Secretary Reilly reported that the Association received a memorial donation from Kamla Nambiar (\$100.00) in memory of Joan Luzzi. Treasurer Dean Taylor requested permission to have our accountants prepare a necessary response to an "Economic Census" required by the US Department of Labor. A motion by Keane seconded by Centurioni

to approve payment passed without objection.

**Report of the Trustees:**

The Association received notice of one member death this past month:

**Patrick K. Simmons**, 88 years, 78th Academy Class, Star #258.

A native of Daly City, Patrick graduated from Lowell High School and served in the U.S. Navy during World War II. He was a manager for Brinks Armored Car Service before being appointed to the SFPD in February, 1955. His fist assignment was to Park Station followed by a transfer to Mission in 1956. Beginning in 1961 he served at Southern. In1968, he transferred to the Identification Bureau and was promoted to Sergeant in 1970. Patrick remained in the ID Bureau until 1981 when he transferred to Vice Crimes, from where he retired the following year. He received a First Grade Meritorious (Gold) Medal of Valor in 1958 for his role in apprehending and arresting two armed suspects who had robbed the patrons of a tavern and fired at the officers during their attempted escape.

**Unfinished Business:**

Our investment managers at Abbott-Downing (Wells Fargo) requested to attend the February meeting to make the year end 2012 report. Secretary Reilly reported that the bills for dues to be mailed to retired members were being prepared. President Mattox discussed the need for review and updating of the Association's Constitution and By-laws. Treasurer Dean Taylor commented on the anticipated large shift of members from active to retired status and the need to update member files.

**New Business:**

President Mattox appointed past President McDonough to temporarily fill the vacant Trustee seat. Secretary Joe Reilly reported that the WOOA would be speaking to the incoming Academy Class in early February.

**Good of the Association:**

If you are a Widows and Orphans member whose dues are deducted from your paycheck and are retiring soon, or if you have retired in the last year, please remember that payroll deductions for dues stop once you are retired. Dues payments are not deducted from retirement checks. (Automatic payment through the credit union is not affected) Please contact the Association for instructions on maintaining your membership. Members can contact the Association at woasfpolice@gmail.com in addition to the Association's voice mail phone number (415) 681-3660, or speak to any one of the Association officers.

Please contact the Association in order to update your beneficiary status. The WOOA can send you the form via e-mail. In general, any change to your beneficiary designation must be notarized unless it is witnessed by one of the Association Officers or Trustees.

**Adjournment:**

President Mattox set the next meeting for Tuesday, February 12, 2013 at 1:45 p.m. in Room 150 at the Hall of Justice. A moment of silence was observed for all our deceased members. The meeting was adjourned at 2:44 p.m.

Fraternally,  
Joe Reilly, Secretary

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## Retirements

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

- **Officer Michael Androvich #893** from Medical Liaison
- **Deputy Chief Kevin Cashman #936** from Operations Bureau
- **Lieutenant Edmund Cota #357** from Tenderloin Station
- **Deputy Chief James Dudley #1946** from Operations Bureau
- **Inspector Bruce Fairbairn #679** from Medical Liaison
- **Officer Timothy Gibson #1752** from Richmond Station
- **Inspector Spencer Gregory #986** from Crime Scene Investigations
- **Officer Roy Heavey #4004** from Airport Field Operations
- **Sergeant Clifford Java #795** from Airport Field Operations
- **Officer David Kucia #640** from Airport Bureau
- **Officer James McGrath #375** from Central Station
- **Inspector Raymond Ragona #1216** from Professional Standards Unit
- **Inspector Kenneth Stocker #1186** from Operations Bureau
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Treasurer’s Message

The Retirement Board

By Brian Stansbury,  
SFPOA Treasurer

Out of each and every paycheck, we contribute 10.5% of our salary to the pension system, which is formally known as the San Francisco Employees’ Retirement System (SFERS). This deduction is a real line item on our paychecks. Look for RPTX POL N.

For years, our contribution rate has been set at a fixed percentage of our salary. Then pension reform happened. In July, the percentage we pay into the pension system is expected to go up.

Every pay period, there are approximately 28,000 city employees that have money taken out of their paychecks and deposited into our pension system. But it’s not just the employees who pay into the system. The City of San Francisco contributes as well. Once the money is deposited into our pension system, it’s invested in a variety of assets, including stocks, bonds, private equity, venture capital, and real estate. The success of these investments is the primary factor that determines the financial health of our pension system.

In 2007, our pension system was at its peak with \$17.0 billion of investments. One year later, in 2008, the financial markets went into a tailspin. By 2009 our investments had fallen in value to \$11.9 billion. Our investments had lost 30% of their value and our pension system faced a serious shortfall. In order to make up the shortfall, the City started paying more into the pension system. This is what prompted the calls for pension reform. The argument began to take shape that if the city had to pay more into the pension system, so should all of the employees.

In 2011, the voters of San Francisco passed Proposition C. Beginning July 1, 2013, Proposition C governs how much we have to pay into the pension system. The percentage we pay will now fluctuate, based on how much the City has to pay into the pension system. In essence, when the invest-

ments in our pension system do well, the City doesn’t have to make up the shortfall and we pay less.

So what does this have to do with the Retirement Board?

The Retirement Board oversees our pension system and has the final say on investment decisions. The board is composed of 3 mayoral appointees, 1 representative from the Board of Supervisors, and 3 elected members. In September 2012, I became one of the elected members, with your help. One very important note: investments go through multiple layers of screening by SFERS staff and outside consultants before they come before the Retirement Board for a decision.

Next month, the actuaries will present the Retirement Board with its recommendations on how much the City has to pay into the pension system. Plug this number into Proposition C and it will tell you if our contribution rate goes up or down. I will let you know when I know.

Despite potential near term increases in our contribution rate, the investments in our pension system have recovered to over \$16.0 billion in value. That’s good news.

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San Francisco Police Officers Association  
Election Results

POA Board of Directors Station Representatives

<b>Mission Station</b>	<b>Ingleside Station</b>
Matt Rodgers - 58	Larry Chan - 70
Martin Covarrubias - 40	Frank Pereira - 60
Kevin Healy - 30	James Trail - 36
	Crispin Jones - 23
<b>Park Station</b>	<b>Airport Bureau</b>
Kevin Rector - 59	Rey Serrano - 96
Paget Mitchell - 58	Val Kirwan - 70
Ed Hunt - 15	Mark Trieweller - 41

Thank you for your participation

From the Archive

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Francisco? Hopefully, the people in charge of the District Attorney’s office can give us an answer.

Why are “DA refuses to prosecute”, “charge dismissed in the interests of justice”, “insufficient evidence”, terms that are not applied to police cases. It’s strange that the San Francisco District Attorney’s office cannot recognize that these cases are not prosecutable but juries and magistrates in this city are fully aware of the shoddy nature of these prosecutions

CRITICISM QUESTIONED

Some members of the District Attorney’s office do not appreciate criticism of their operation or their colleagues. However, the criticism and questioning of the operation of the District Attorney’s office will not abate from these quarters. We are all aware that the vast majority of the Assistant District Attorneys are hardworking, dedicated, professional prosecutors who work well with members of the San Francisco Police Department.

However, there are some members of that office who need to be watched carefully. The individuals who are responsible and have been responsible for the prosecution of police officers on bogus, trumped up charges must be identified and removed from their positions. Any citizen, whether police officer or not, deserves to have the prosecution branch of their government beyond reproach. We are certainly aware of the standards that police officers are held to; the other members of the criminal justice system who serve the public must meet the same criteria.

The next time you see Harold Winkler, Harvey Harrison, Andrew Citizen or Craig Piro, as them about their ordeal.

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# Helping Our Own

## Children of Cullen Cahill

A fund has been established at the San Francisco Police Credit Union for Officer Cullen Cahill's children for their college education. The account number is 1382907-S2. If you are a SFPCU member, you can transfer from your account directly into the account number listed above. This can be done online at <http://www.sfpcu.org> or by calling 800-222-1391.

Checks can be mailed to:  
SF Police Credit Union, Main Office  
2550 Irving Street  
San Francisco, CA 94122

## Welsh Family Fund

As all of you know, they have been struck with a great tragedy of losing both parents. We feel compelled to support and to help Phil's three children; William, Phil and Caroline. We are asking for donations towards this offering for the kids. No amount is too small to the San Francisco Police Credit Union college fund.

—Lisa Corry and Linda Delahunty

Donations for Phil's Children's college fund can be made at:  
**San Francisco Police Credit Union**  
RE: Phillip Welsh children's college fund  
P.O. Box 22219  
San Francisco, CA 94122-0219

## Westbrook Children Fund

A fund has been established at the San Francisco Police Credit Union for Officer Thomas Westbrook's children. The account number is 1373377-S1. If you are a SFPCU member, you can transfer from your account directly into the account number listed above. Checks can be mailed to:

SF Police Credit Union  
Main Office  
2550 Irving Street  
San Francisco, CA 94122  
SF Police Credit Union  
802 Bryant Street  
San Francisco, CA 94103

## Officer Evan Remedios

Evan has been entered into the Catastrophic Illness Program. He is in immediate need of hours. He can accept hours of SP or VA, in 8-hour increments. His recipient number is 001764. Contact the POA for forms. Forms are also on the POA website.

— Joe Valdez

## Sergeant Josh Phillips

Josh has been accepted into the Catastrophic Illness Program. He is out of time and in immediate need of hours. He can accept them in 8-hour increments of SP or VA. Donation forms are available at the POA or the Behavioral Science Unit. He is CIP #001773.

— Kevin Martin

## Officer Mike Androvich – CIP Recipient

Mike Androvich, Ingleside Station, has been accepted into the Catastrophic Illness Program (Recipient #001765) and is in immediate need of time. He can accept donated SP or VA in 8-hour increments. Please contact BSU for donation information at (415) 837-0875.

— Kevin Martin

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

## Children of CHP Officer Ken Youngstrom

Slain in the line of duty in September 2012, Officer Youngstrom was a married father of four. Two Bay Area banks have set up accounts to benefit his family:

- At any Wells Fargo Bank branch, tellers will accept donations for the Kenyon Marc Youngstrom Children's Benefit Memorial fund.
- At any Mechanics Bank branch, mention the officer's name to the teller and direct that funds be contributed to the trust account in his name. Checks payable to "For Benefit of Officer Kenyon Youngstrom" can also be mailed to Mechanics Bank, 1350 N. Main St., Walnut Creek, Calif., 94596.

## 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

**UPDATE:**  
**Ronan Shouldice is in need of donated vacation time to help him attend to Frankie. Contact the Catastrophic Illness Program 415-837-0875.**

## Daughter of Dispatcher Corie Portlock

Corie has been a dispatcher for over 18 years. Now, her 17 year old daughter, Kamani, is being treated for cancer. Corie has been in the CIP program. She is now out of time and is going without a paycheck and has asked for the Police Department's help. Her recipient number is #001711 and can accept donations of vacation time in 8-hour increments.

— Kevin Martin

## Officer Michelle Alvis

Officer Alvis was accepted into the Catastrophic Illness Program-Family Member to care for her 7-year old son, Matthew, who was diagnosed with eye cancer. He must have radiation and chemotherapy for a year. She is out of time and can only accept vacation hours in 8-hour increments. Her Recipient number is 001740. You can access a donation form on our website (CIP FM Donor form) or pick up a form at the POA.

## Malcolm A. Norris Trust Fund

Officer Micah Norris (Bayview Station) and his fiancée Cindy Cardoza tragically lost their two-year old son Malcolm in a terrible accident. A relief fund has been established at the SF Police Credit Union, by the POA, to assist the family with their financial needs. That fund is SF POA Community Service-Malcolm A. Norris Trust Fund with the account #1352553.

## Amanda Amoroso

Amanda Amoroso, daughter of Officer Mike Amoroso of Co. E, Northern Station, is battling cancer. Officer Mike Amoroso has been accepted into the Catastrophic Illness Program FM. He is in need of hours. Only vacation hours can be donated in 8-hour increments on CIP-FM donation form, his number is 001705. Please contact the Behavioral Science Unit at (415) 837-0875 or the POA at (415) 861-5060 for donation forms. Financial donations can be made directly to The Amanda Amoroso Relief Fund at the SF Police Credit Union, Acct #1378496 – Kevin Martin

# A Request from One of Our Fallen Family Members

By Sergeant Ron Banta  
Tactical Company, Canine Unit

Recently, one of our own, Officer Thomas Westbrook #165, Tenderloin Station, was unexpectedly taken from us. Thomas was above all a family man, but to us as a San Francisco police officer, was a partner, a backup, a station keeper, an FTO, a role model, and everything else needed to be to get the job done. Mr. Westbrook was calm and reserved, but direct and forceful when required. When "Westerbrook" arrived, you knew you were in good hands wrapped in leather gloves.


Jennifer Westbrook, Thomas' wife, told us that as soon as he passed, everybody told her a good Westbrook story, or told her that Officer Westbrook taught them something important to them, or that he took care of them when he didn't have to. It was an emotional time and Jennifer remembers all the good feelings and love but cannot recall all of the stories or memories. Nobody could.

The Westbrook family is calling a "10-25" and we, the San Francisco Police Department, the SF Police Officers Association and former and current Tenderloin Rats will respond Code-3 to her call whether authorized or not. Jennifer is requesting that everybody that gave her a good or bad Westbrook story, to please tell her all of those stories again. She needs to hear them and her children need to know that their dad wasn't just some police officer, but a solid cop.

Please take the time and type up an email and send it to me at [ron2251@yahoo.com](mailto:ron2251@yahoo.com). I will print all of them up and deliver it to Jennifer.

On behalf of the Westbrook family, thank you for your time and effort.

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# Chief's Corner

Has it really been 18 years between Super Bowls here in the City of Saint Francis? Hard to believe but our Forty Niners claimed their 5th Super Bowl victory (against no losses) after a posting league best 13-3 regular '94 season. As it turned out, it would be Steve Young's first and only Super Bowl Championship. A 49-26 (the score wasn't even that close) shellacking of the San Diego Chargers at Joe Robbie Stadium in Miami. After five Super Bowl wins, the Super Bowl Parade down Market Street had almost become commonplace in San Francisco.

Why do I mention this? Because the way officers put the post-NFC Championship Plan into motion you'd have thought that they worked all five prior NFC post-Championship game celebrations. From those in Command down to the Officer on the street, everyone was active and engaged. The result was an almost "without event" event. We're going to need to be even more active and engaged if things turn out the way we want after the Super Bowl as the post-game celebration will be tremendous and the Super Bowl Parade figures to be at least as big as The World Series Parade was...and that was HUGE!

World Series and Super Bowl Championships and Championship Celebrations are nice problems to have here in San Francisco, and the SFPD should take every opportunity to showcase the best Police Department in action at every big event we get...which, based on our recent successes, should be annually. By the time this article is out, the Super Bowl could quite well have been played and we will have already contended with the post-game celebration that comes with becoming only the second team in NFL history to boast six Lombardi Trophies. I have no doubt, in advance, as to how you all will perform. You all have been calm, cool, and engaging under the most challenging of circumstances. How do I know this? – because we work major events as well as any Police Department in the world. With a little bit of luck, the NFL will select San Francisco as the host city for the 2016 Super Bowl and we'll be able to be the first team to ever play in the Super Bowl as the home team. We'd also be the first cops to work such an event(s). Hold a good thought that it comes to pass. GO NINERS!

Let me close with a cool story no one could have imagined. Towards the end of the 49er-Packers Playoff Game, a photographer from Santa Rosa collapsed on the northwest corner of the field near the end zone. He had had a severe life threatening heart attack. "Rock Med" went to work immediately rendering life saving and he was ultimately transported "Code 3", escorted by SF's Finest, to SFGH, where they were able to stabilize him and save his life. The coincidence....the "Rock Med" medic, Gabe Stirnus, that administered CPR was the partner of Officer Steve Gritsch (the officer who administered life saving CPR to "Baby Nash" in the Bayview last December saving that newborn's life) when they worked together at Bennett Valley Firefighter/Paramedics. Talk about two guys who know what they're doing and know when to do it. Count that as two lives saved by quick thinking first responders that we are lucky to have here in SF. Doesn't get much better than that.

Take Care and Be Safe Out There  
Oro En Paz Fierro En Guerra  
Greg Suhr  
Chief of Police, San Francisco Police Department



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SAN FRANCISCO DEPARTMENT  
OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT  
Anne Kronenberg  
Executive Director

Date: December 25, 2012

To: **Jolynn Darnauer**, Public Safety Dispatcher

From: Florian Taylor, Employee Recognition Coordinator

Re: Communications Dispatcher of the Month — January 2013

The Department of Emergency Management has selected you as **Communications Dispatcher of the Month** for January 2013. You were selected based on a commendation received acknowledging your excellence during a medical call.

On November 20, 2012, you received a call from a mother reporting that her 5-week-old infant was unconscious, had ineffective breathing, and was turning blue. You immediately sent the call for service.

You gave instructions according to protocol. You directed the mother to turn the infant onto its back and check for food or vomit. You gave further instructions to open the baby's airway and check for breathing. It was determined that the baby was not breathing. You immediately began giving CPR instruction consisting of repeated 2 quick breaths and 2 finger compressions. This process continued until medical responders arrived on scene to take over, and shortly after the infant was transported Code 3 to SFGH.

You handled this call with the utmost care and professionalism. Your demeanor was calm and controlled, while providing the infant's parents with life-saving techniques to revive their child. This is another example of the excellent service you provide day after day.

Jolynn, for being selected Dispatcher of the Month we are able to offer the following:

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cc: Cecile Solo — Operations Manager  
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POLICE-FIRE  
Post 456  
News

By Greg Corrales

*"Any coward can sit in his house and criticize a pilot for flying into a mountain in a fog. But I would rather, by far, die on a mountainside than in bed. What kind of man would live where there is no daring? Is life is so dear that we should blame men for dying in adventure? Is there a better way to die?"*


— Charles Augustus Lindbergh

As I was glancing through the obits lately, a picture of an attractive young woman wearing a Marine Corps uniform caught my eye. The obit revealed, in part, "A longtime resident of San Francisco passed away peacefully, at the age of 89. Dorothy was born in Sacramento and grew up in Galt. She graduated from Galt Joint Union High School in 1941, and she joined the United States Marine Corps Women's Reserve in 1943. She served her country proudly and attained the rank of Staff Sergeant before being honorably discharged in 1946." Semper Fidelis, Dorothy. Rest in Peace.

Reading Dorothy's obituary reminded me, once again, of how under-represented women veterans are in the San Francisco Police-Fire Post of the American Legion. I know that there are many female veterans in the police, sheriff, and fire departments. We would like very much to add them to our membership. Yearly dues for our post are \$40.00. We pay a per capita fee to the national organization and to the 8th District of \$24.50. Since we are halfway through the Legion year, any veteran (female or male) who would like to join the post can do so by sending me a check for \$25.00, made out to "American Legion, Post 456," at Park Station. Please include your contact information. I can also be contacted at [gc1207@comcast.net](mailto:gc1207@comcast.net).

A Missouri builder has been sentenced to 87 months in federal prison after pleading guilty to charges related to receiving \$7.4 million in contracts by falsely claiming to be a disabled veteran and war hero. Warren K. Parker spent six months on active duty in the Missouri National Guard, never left the state on military assignment and had no service-connected disability, but claimed to be a disabled Vietnam veteran. Parker, prosecuted as part of a government crackdown on false claims to get contracts set aside for veterans, not only claimed to have served in Vietnam, but also claimed to have earned three Silver Stars and three Purple hearts. One of the items he forfeited to the government is his self-published "Book of Death," filled with details about the sniper kills he claimed to have made during service in Vietnam. The value of the book is undetermined, but it is likely to fall far short of satisfying his \$6.8 million debt to the government.

Good News! A group of military veterans is headed toward better retirement benefits: working dogs. Under a bipartisan agreement, Congress has authorized a privately funded initiative to provide lifetime veterinary care for military working dogs if no suitable adoption is available. Retired dogs could be transferred to the Air Force's 341st Training Squadron at Joint Base San Antonio-Lackland,



Texas, to live out their lives if they cannot be adopted.

Authorities say a Marine recruit has been arrested after he allegedly dashed across a runway at a nearby San Diego airport. U-T San Diego newspaper reported that a control tower employee at Lindbergh Field reported seeing a man running across a runway toward a gate shortly before 6:30 a.m. on 17 January. San Diego International Airport spokeswoman Diana Lucero said the man was seen getting into a janitor's van, apparently to hide, but police arrived within minutes. Authorities say the man apparently bolted from the neighboring Marine Corps Recruit Depot. He was turned over to military police. I'm going to go way out on a limb now, but I'm going to suggest that this guy is almost certainly not Marine Corps material.

A new study in the journal *Neuroepidemiology* asserts that sarin and other nerve agents could have landed on US troops during Operation Desert Storm. By studying wind patterns, weather reports, and intelligence assessments, authors James Tuite and Dr. Robert Haley say fallout from the coalition bombing January 18-19, 1991, of Iraqi chemical weapons facilities fell on service members staged in Saudi Arabia before the war's ground assault. Other scientists and the Pentagon have long said chemical weapons could not have affected troops. This reminds me a great deal of the assurances they gave us for years that the Agent Orange they sprayed us with couldn't possibly harm us.

Of course, every time I think about being sprayed with Agent Orange, I now think about the contaminated water I drank at Camp Lejeune for thirteen months! The Marine Corps acknowledges that as many as 800,000 Marines, family members, and civilians drank, swam, and showered in Camp Lejeune's toxin-laden water, the largest exposure of its kind in the nation. For more information on this serious issue one can go to the following websites:

[clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater/index.aspx](http://clnr.hqi.usmc.mil/clwater/index.aspx) — The Marine Corps website on Camp Lejeune contamination allows people to sign up for information updates.

[tftptf.com](http://tftptf.com) — The Few, The Proud, The Forgotten has a comprehensive timeline of the Camp Lejeune contamination, as well as government source documents.

[semperfialwaysfaithful.com](http://semperfialwaysfaithful.com) — The documentary "Semper Fi: Always Faithful" examines the Camp Lejeune contamination from the viewpoint of Marines and their families.

[www.atsdr.cdc.gov](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov) — The Agency for Toxic Substances and Disease Registry has posted information on its work at Camp Lejeune.

Please say a prayer for our men and women who are serving our country in harm's way. Also remember San Francisco Police-Fire Post 456 member Frank Kovach, who has transferred to Post Everlasting! Rest in Peace, Frank.





During the course of our careers, we sometimes forget our history. Many things are distant memories, many things we live with every day, and we still forget. As an example, I ask you, how many pockets do we have in our uniform pants? The answer is 7. Two in back, 2 in front, 2 flashlight pockets on either side, and the little coin pocket right below the belt line on the right side. I know many of you are looking for it right now. I keep a map of the Great Lakes there in case I get lost.

Then there is the radio call-sign KMA 438. Many of us have heard it only when Dispatch reads an all-broadcast, such as regarding the retirement of an active member. At the end of the broadcast we will hear, “*San Francisco Police Department KMA 438.*” Please allow me to give you a little history about the history of our call sign.

In the 1940s, the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) assigned designators for law enforcement to use to distinguish themselves from all the other agencies. Every police department had to apply for a license/designator and was assigned one by the FCC. Back then radio communications were on an AM band and were receiving only, no two-way radio (except, of course, for Dick Tracy). The FCC required an all-broadcast every half hour for all agencies with an FCC license, with the addition of Morse Code broadcast to follow. This allowed the FCC to know who was using their license. If there was no use after a certain time period of time, the call-sign (band width) would be given to another entity. Hence we had “This is the San Francisco Police Department, KMA 438.” The “K” is a west coast identifier. The majority, but not all radio and television identifiers west of the Mississippi started with a K, and east of the Mississippi started with a W, KRON, WNEW etc. The “MA” portion was chosen at random. Moving ahead a couple of years, the Department of Justice (DOJ) assigned City and County identifiers, which became our ORI (originating agency). You see these in your CLETS returns. SFPD is 3801(City), SFSD is 3800 (County) etc. The correlation between KMA 438 and our 3801 is a huge co-inkie-dink. The DOJ did not relate these numbers to the FCC calls signs. It just happened that way.

We have come a long way from AM radios, VHF, UHF to 800 megahertz. A long way from the old Motorola “brick” radios; telephone car radios and the 400-megahertz system. Case in point, in the City of Berkeley in the early 1960s, there used to be a system of lights in the downtown area set up

near the traffic signal lights. A switch-board at Police headquarters was used to activate the light system. When the lights flashed in a certain sequence, it signaled the beat officer or all officers to call into headquarters, on a landline or call box. Imagine that, no smart phones.

Well, that’s the short history of KMA 438. I thank Ms. Lisa Hoffmann at D.E.M. and Mr. Preston Thomson of Northern California APCO International for some of this information.

We have better equipment, more modern, but we are still the SFPD and will always be here. KMA 438! So, with that in mind, on a monthly “all”-----

**And Now For What’s Happening**

In the course of Police work it is a rarity that we as law enforcement professionals can directly save a life. However, when called upon to do so the men and woman of the S.F.P.D. always do so.

As I am sure many of you already know the tale of “Bayview baby,” for the story was all over the news, I am eager to give you the short version here.

**Bayview District, midnight watch** — On a cold winter’s night in the Bayview, in a corridor plagued with drugs and violence, Officers **Lyons** and **Shablinskiy** were flagged down by a citizen. This citizen told the officers that a woman had just given birth to a baby boy ON THE SIDEWALK, handed the baby to over and walked away. Additionally, the citizen informed the officers that the baby appeared to be in distress and was possibly not breathing. At this time Officers **Gritsch** and **Cloud** arrived on the scene. Officer Lyons knew that Officer Gritsch had prior medical training as an EMT. Knowing that they had to act fast to save this baby’s life, and thinking out of the box, Officers Gritsch and Cloud took the baby into their Patrol car. While Officer Gritsch performed emergency medical life saving techniques, Officer Cloud drove safely, Code-3, to San Francisco General Hospital. Allow me to skip to the only bright point of this tragic story. At the hospital, an ambulance driver approached the Officers Cloud and Gritsch and commended them for an amazing job. Additionally, the officers were informed, the baby had survived. The ambulance driver informed the officers that, if not for their quick action, the short life of this innocent baby may have turned out differently.

Officers **Polovina**, **Roman**, **Ozol**, **Lee**, **Faye**, **Alvarenga** and **Barnes** all contributed to this investigation,

which concluded in the arrest of the “mother” who abandoned her baby. With Inspector **Keane** taking over this investigation, we are all confident that justice will prevail in this Christmas tale. Amazing teamwork and dedication to the community are just some of the infinitesimal accolades we can bestow on these officers. A life saved!

**Bayview District, midnight watch** — Officers **Bartley** and **Skaug** see an individual riding his bicycle on the sidewalk, a violation of the law. The officers decide to stop this individual for further investigation. It should be noted that our Tour De France competitor was ginourmous (a bifurcation of enormous and gigantic). At 6 foot 3 inches and over 200 pounds this fellow was rather uncooperative with our officers’ requests to stop, and thought he could cycle away. He decided to attempt to flee from the scene for an unknown reason. That is not going to happen. Officers Bartley and Skaug caught up to our bicyclist and the fight was on. We have radios, bad guys don’t; with a quick call for help, Officers Barranco and Camilosa arrived and quickly subdued this violent criminal. Could he have had a gun on him, had a felony warrant for his arrest? This violent fight in which it took four Officers to handcuff and arrest our bicyclist was over an attempt to flee for having over 4 grams of methamphetamines on his person. Well, you can make the attempt to run, but more times then not — BOOKED!

**Day watch, Taraval District** — Officer **Laffey** responds to a report of a commercial burglary. While en-route, numerous citizens call in a detailed description of our suspect, who was carrying a surfboard and a wet suit. Officer Laffey quickly surmises that the victim of this burglary was — guess what — a surf shop. Putting the

description out on the air other officers respond to the scene. Officer **Elzey**, **King** and State Parole Agent **Chew** (who was in the area) set out to apprehend our felonious surfer. Jeepers, walking down the street, right near the ocean, is our hero, still with board and wet suit in hand. More likely than not, dreaming of *Point Break*. Our suspect looks right at Officer Laffey and makes his break, running away. The suspect did not get far and was apprehended. Due a to thorough investigation, numerous witnesses were located and put our surfer breaking into the surf shop and fleeing the scene. Well, you can make the attempt to run, but more times than not — BOOKED!

It should be noted that one witness saw the suspect stabbing a pumpkin with a cane before entering the surf shop. Sorry, the pumpkin did not survive and the suspect was not charged with cruelty to gourds.

**Swing watch, Southern District** — Officer **Ruetti** and Officer **Eatia** were on patrol when Officer Ruetti recognized a gentleman in the area of 7th and Market. This fine citizen was placed on a crime alerts by Sergeant **Oliver** weeks before. This maniac had allegedly pistol-whipped a young woman with a fake pistol in order to steal her iPhone. Officer Ruetti, had viewed this crime alert, recognized the suspect, and was on the hunt. Ruetti notified Oliver who gave him the green light for an arrest. The suspect was placed into custody. Maybe the suspect thought with the passage of time, we would forget; more times then not — BOOKED!

That’s it for this month. If **anyone** comes across good police work, please send the report or Captain’s Comp to me at Co I. Be safe!

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# Update on Long-Term Care Insurance

CalPers is one such company. The Sacramento Bee reported two months ago that a CalPers subcommittee recommended an 85% to 89% increase in the premiums for those who have their policy. Last month the board approved it, according to the Bee. It may work out that CalPers will offer to continue

Lastly, the handwriting is on the wall. Health care costs are rising significantly, and so have the premiums for LTCi. Transamerica and John Hancock just raised their rates by over 30% in many cases, and Genworth intends to raise their rates possibly in this quarter. If you are on the fence, the time to act is now. And it is better to get it younger while you still can rather than older when medical conditions might occur and prevent you from getting it at all. Insurance nerds will tell you that money doesn't buy long-term care insurance...health does. Money just pays for it.

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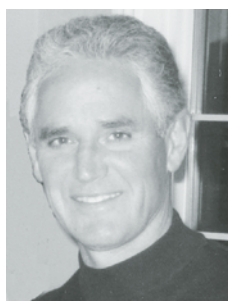
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# UCSF Children’s Hospital Visits Continue Under New Coordinator

## Kevin Martin passes baton to Brian Kneuker



After Kevin Martin retired late last year, Officer Brian Kneuker of Southern Station stepped up and assumed the role of coordinating the monthly UCSF hospital visits. These visits to the bedsides and game rooms of the Benioff Children’s Hospital by uniformed members of the SFPD lend moments of distraction and fun to some very ill children and their distressed families.

This group of photos is a mix of shots taken at two separate visits by members of Southern and Central stations. We’re sorry we don’t have a little more information in this issue, but the photos do speak for themselves, as do the smiles and expressions on these valiant kids and selfless officers.

Brian and the POA are grateful to the men and women who volunteered a couple of hours to visit with these kids last December and January. To participate in a monthly visit to the Benioff Children’s Hospital at UCSF, contact Officer Brian Kneuker at Southern Station.





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# Jasper and Carlow go back to School

By Ray Shine,  
Editor

This group of photos show SFPD Officers Bob Byrne and Kirk Edison showing off their K-9 Narcotic dogs to a class of children at the Lone Mountain Children’s Center. The two dogs,

an all-brown Boykin Spaniel named Jasper, and a brown and white English Springer Spaniel named Carlow, are specially trained to search and detect drugs and illegal narcotics, but also must be child-friendly and have approachable dispositions.

As plain-clothes Narcotics officers,

Jasper’s handler, Bob, and Carlow’s handler, Kirk, use the dogs to search autos, homes, cruise ships, airplanes, persons, luggage, or just about any place or thing suspected of concealing contraband. (Or, as Officer Byrne explained to the kids, “some really bad stuff.”) Each dog can use his ex-

traordinary sense of smell to search and detect any amount of drugs or money, and can even pick up the scent through sealed plastic baggies. The dogs’ only reward for a big bust? A common tennis ball to gently mouth and claim as his own.



Attentive children watch Jasper search a park bench for some “really bad stuff.”



Following the demonstration, the kids were allowed to meet and pet Carlow and Jasper.



Officers Byrne and Edison talk about their dogs to a class of pre-schoolers.



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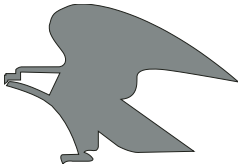
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**Dear Brothers and Sisters —**  
Midway through last year, I was diagnosed with a catastrophic illness. When this occurs, there are a lot of things to think and worry about, like your family and career, to mention a few. I was contacted by Kevin Martin of the POA and he advised me to get in touch with the catastrophic illness Program, at the BSU.

I called the BSU and was helped by Pat Burley, who put my worries at ease, got me signed up for assistance. Both Kevin Martin and Pat Burley were always there to answer our many calls about this and that, always making time from their busy schedule to talk with us.

The best part of this was the many donations made to the Catastrophic Illness Program in my name, it left me feeling proud and strong, just what I need to fight my way back to health. My family and I, want to personally thank each and every one of you that donated out of the goodness of your heart, I will never forget this show of support.

*God bless and be safe out there,*  
**Mike “DROID” Androvich**

**To All Board of Directors and Members:**  
On behalf of my son and daughter-in-law, Kevin and Kimberly Byrne, and my grandson, Gregory Byrne, who also has desires of becoming a San Francisco Police Officer, I want to thank the Association for the beautiful floral display sent in the name of the SFPOA to the Memorial Service for my granddaughter, Alyssa Byrne, on January 12, 2013, at Casa Grande High School in Petaluma, CA.

Though many floral arrangements were present, yours by far out shined the others, and was appreciated by all family members, friends of our family, and the hundreds of persons who attended.

It is hoped that her accidental death at the age of nineteen years while attending a concert at South Shore Lake Tahoe will be a reminder to all teenagers and young adults that they always have a “buddy” when they go out of their own known environment.

I’d like to give special appreciation to Officers Joe Marte, Co. A, and SFPOA VP Marty Halloran for suggesting and providing this floral arrangement, respectively. Your tribute made me feel extremely proud to still be a retired member of the SFPOA and a retired member of the San Francisco Police Department.

*Sincerely,*  
**Michael L. Byrne,**  
*Ret. Inspector*  
*SFPD Homicide Detail*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
I am writing this letter to express our deepest gratitude for your generous donation to our Boys and Girls Soccer Program. As you already know, athletic programs throughout the state have been hit hard by budget cuts. Most schools must meet their monetary challenges by means

of fundraising, pay to play fees, facility rentals, gate fees and donations.

The athletic program at Westmoor is very lucky to have such a caring and helpful organization that is willing to provide funding for our student-athletes. Once again I want to thank the SFPOA Community Service Board for everything you have done for us, this year as well as last year. You truly are a special organization that cares deeply about kids.

*Sincerely,*  
**Anthony R. Matelli**  
*Athletic Director, Physical Education*  
*Teacher Westmoor High School*

**Dear POA —**  
I wanted to thank you and the POA Board for your expression of sympathy upon the passing of my mom.

Mom (Peg) a native daughter of the City met dad (Micky) while he was stationed at the Presidio of San Francisco. They were married and raised their family in the City. Mom and Dad were big supporters of the SFPD.

They both loved to read the POA Notebook (Journal) and kept up on happenings within the Department. Dad would get particularly frustrated by accounts of the “politics” of policing in the City and frequently remarked, “I don’t know how you and your friends can do that job!” Mom just liked to see what was happening within the Association and the Department and was thrilled to see mention of one of her nephews (Tom and Steve Mulkeen) or one of our many friends in the articles and “Close Encounters.”

Mom and Dad felt part of the SFPD family and we appreciate the Association’s floral arrangement that not only brightened the room, but also the spirits of our family and helped to bring back many good memories for me.

*Sincerely,*  
**Michael Andraychak**  
*Media Relations*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
I would like to offer my sincerest condolences to the Welsh family. We are deeply saddened by the sudden loss.

On behalf of SF Police Credit Union, we have deposited \$1,000 that can be applied to the children’s college fund. I hope our donation can help William, Phil and Caroline in some way, when they continue their educational pursuits.

With deepest sympathy, their family and friends are in my prayers.

*Sincerely,*  
**Mike Sordelli**  
*President/CEO*  
*SFPCU*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
Thank you for the beautiful flowers on St. Anne’s altar for Mike’s funeral. My family is so grateful for the Widows’ and Orphans’ Fund. It was a tremendous help.

You are appreciated. Thank you from all of Mike Nevin’s Family

**Kathleen Nevin**

**Dear SFPOA —**  
Thank you so much for the beautiful floral arrangement. Scotty was so proud to be a member of the SFPD.

*Sincerely,*  
**The Family of**  
**Horace “Scotty” Young**

**Dear POA —**  
Thank you for my gifts. I really appreciate them. I’m 12 years old and in the 7th grade. Thank you for all you have done for me.

Stay safe.

*Merry Christmas! God bless!,*  
**Isabella [Espinoza]**

**Dear POA —**  
Thank you for the present. I appreciate your generosity during the holiday season. Happy New Year!

**Melissa Olcomendy**

**Dear POA —**  
Thank you for the gift and for thinking of our family during the holiday season.

**Frank Olcomendy**

**Dear POA —**  
Thank you for thinking of me during the holiday season. I appreciate your generosity. Stay safe and have a happy 2013.

*Thanks again!*  
**Kristen Olcomendy**

**Dear POA —**  
To everyone who joined Taraval Station in remembering and honoring Off. Bryan Tuvera on Dec. 22 and Dec. 23, thank you.

**Judy Riggle**

**Dear POA —**  
On behalf of the Retired Employees of the City and County of San Francisco, I want to express our heartfelt appreciation for the contribution made by San Francisco POA to our annual holiday party.

When we analyze the erosion of the benefits received by our retirees who have been retired the longest, we realize that the small gifts made to our eldest members at the holiday season mean more every year. The fellowship provided to them at our holiday party is a tremendous opportunity to rekindle old friendships and look forward to the holiday season.

Your steadfast support through the years makes this event not only possible but also joyous.

Your sponsorship was acknowledged in the program for the party and in our newsletter. Our members know clearly who supports them every year!

*Sincerely,*  
**Susan H. Blomberg, President**  
*Retired Employees of the City and County of San Francisco*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
On behalf of the Board of Directors, students, and staff at Mission Language and Vocational School, Inc. (ML VS), thank you and San Francisco Police Officer’s Association for sponsoring ML VS’ workforce development programs. We could not have had such a successful event without your support!

*Sincerely,*  
**Rosario Anaya, Executive Director**  
*Mission Language and Vocational School, Inc.*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
Many thanks for your support of IOA’s 26th annual Cable Car Caroling event which took place on Sunday December 9,2012. Ten Cable Cars filled with 300 plus carolers brought cheer, song and goodwill to the seniors of the San Francisco Bay area. About forty senior facilities and personal residences were visited by the attendees of this heartwarming event.

IOA is dedicated to enhancing the lives of seniors living in the San Francisco Bay area and it is through your continued support that IOA will continue to perform this mission.

We send our best for a happy holiday season with special wishes for a happy and healthy new year!

*Sincerely,*  
**J. Thomas Briody, MHSc**  
*President & CEO*

**Dear SFPOA —**  
Thank you for your generous support of my birthday fundraiser on December 13.

Your support promotes my work as a member of the San Francisco Democratic County Central Committee. The DCCC focuses on grassroots organizing, voter outreach, voter registration, fundraising for and endorsements of Democratic candidates. With your help, we can make our City a better place to live and work.

I wish you all a happy holiday season and all the best for the New Year. Thank you again for your support!

*Best regards,*  
**Malia Cohen**

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# “Kiss My Assets” (KMA) Investment Club Celebrates Its \$1,000,000 Portfolio

By Mike Hebel, Club Member

On Wednesday, January 2, 2013 the Kiss My Assets (KMA) Investment Club achieved a goal — extraordinarily uncommon for investment clubs — a portfolio valued in excess of a million dollars (close of market valuation of \$1,008,171). The partners are now planning a 7-day summer cruise to celebrate this stupendous achievement.

At their meeting of January 8, 2013 the 30 partners, active and retired SFPD members, congratulated each other for having the patience and endurance to remain together since November 1996. The club is now in its 16th 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.

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 \$1,000,000 on January 2, 2013.

At this January membership meeting, the KMA club announced that it had won the *friendly challenge* to the other police officer club, the Star Performers Investment Club. 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. It did!

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 committed to remain with the Club for the long term.

Top Ten Holdings	
Home Depot.....	4.41 %
Wells Fargo Bank.....	4.19 %
Emerging Markets ETF .....	3.99 %
Apple .....	3.94 %
Franklin Resources.....	3.73 %
McDonalds.....	3.47 %
Varian Medical Systems .....	3.43 %
Pfizer .....	3.41 %
Johnson and Johnson .....	3.33 %
Schlumberger .....	3.22 %

**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 it 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 by early March 2009. The Club believes that the 14,164 DJI all-time high will again be reached and exceeded in 2013.

**KMA Investment Club’s Partners**

Michael Brady  
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Julie Yee

The club’s partnership agreement allows for up to 30 members. It is currently has 30. If interested to be placed on its membership wait-list, please contact partner Mike Hebel (861-0211) who maintains the waiting list.

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# Police Union Upset That Internal Investigators Won't Arrest Complainants Wanted on Warrants

NEW ORLEANS, LA — A local police union is upset that the NOPD's internal affairs unit won't jail people with outstanding arrest warrants when those people come in to file complaints against officers. But police brass say doing so would discourage some folks with valid complaints from filing them.

In a letter sent on Wednesday to NOPD Public Integrity Bureau Chief Arlinda Westbrook, Fraternal Order of Police lawyer Donovan Livaccari writes that failing to arrest anyone wanted on a warrant would constitute neglect of duty for an officer on patrol. The policy wrongly creates one set of standards for internal investigators and another for cops on the street, he said.

"Neither the law or the rules and regulations of the police department are being applied fairly or consistently," Livaccari added. "The message that is being sent ... is, at best, confusing."

NOPD spokeswoman Remi Braden issued a response to Livaccari's missive on Friday, stating that it is not the department's policy "to check the records of complainants to determine if they are wanted."

She added: "It is critical that the people of New Orleans know that we encourage them to come forward and

lodge complaints if they believe they are justified. Those complaints will be investigated, and appropriate action (will be) taken."

Raymond Burkart III, an FOP lawyer and spokesman, said Livaccari sent the message after learning that public integrity investigators either didn't verify whether complainants had outstanding warrants, or knew they did and didn't execute them. Livaccari wrote in his letter that he reviewed relevant law and procedures and did not find any provisions allowing "special dispensation for wanted subjects who wish to make complaints on police officers."

Burkart said: "A warrant is not a request. It's not an invitation. It's a court order, and it's mandatory."

Livaccari's letter requested clarification on NOPD's policy on whether officers should:

- check the wanted status of people either filing PIB complaints or alleging that they are witnesses to them
- take law enforcement action against any complainants or witnesses who are wanted on warrants
- act against complainants or witnesses who voluntarily admit to illegal activities that haven't been or are

in the process of being investigated

- act against people who lie in complaints.

Braden said the department's position against checking PIB complainants' criminal records is part of NOPD's focus on improving its relationship with city residents. "This partnership is vital in the department's efforts to better serve the public," she said.

Burkart isn't buying it. "What they're saying is, 'We're not going

to enforce the law evenly and impartially,'" he said. "That's not right when you're telling the officers you have to enforce the law evenly and impartially."

*From The Times-Picayune*  
*The post Police Union Upset That Internal Investigators Won't Arrest Complainants Wanted On Warrants appeared first on Labor Relations Information System.*

## Prosecutor's Online Posts Have New Orleans Police Union Looking to Reopen Consent Decree Case

A scandal spawned by a federal prosecutor's anonymous posts on NOLA.com, the Times-Picayune website, has poisoned a sweeping agreement to clean up the city's troubled police department, a group representing rank-and-file New Orleans police officers argued in a court filing Friday. In the filing, the Police Association of New Orleans asked U.S. District Judge Susie Morgan to let the group intervene in the court-supervised consent decree between the Justice Department and the city.

Morgan rejected the same request in August, but PANO urged her to reconsider in light of revelations about the online activities of a prosecutor who helped negotiate the agreement. Former Assistant U.S. Attorney Sal Perricone resigned in March after acknowledging he criticized judges and politicians and commented on cases, including the consent decree, in anonymous posts on NOLA.com. "The NOPD will never change if left to its own devices," one of his posts said. "It's a corrupt culture which has existed for years."

PANO argues that Perricone's comments prove the federal government can't adequately represent the police officers' interests in implementing the reforms. "The attitude, demeanor and beliefs displayed by such a high ranking member of the Department of Justice negotiation team undermines the entire negotiation process and justifiably show that (PANO's) interest cannot be, and has not been, adequately protected by either the (federal government) or (the city)," the group's lawyer wrote.

Former U.S. Attorney Jim Letten resigned in December after a second supervisor in his office, Jan Mann, admitted she also posted anonymous comments on NOLA.com. Mann retired last month.

Perricone played a key role in negotiating the consent decree for the U.S. Attorney's Office prior to his resignation.

Among his posts, Perricone took swipes at Mayor Mitch Landrieu and police Superintendent Ronal Serpas, accusing them of lagging over the consent decree.

Under one NOLA.com story about a frog that was found to have the world's smallest vertebrae, Perricone quipped: "Maybe we can convince him to be police superintendent. It is abundantly clear that larger vertebrates can't do the job."

He made the comment under the online alias "Henry L. Mencken 1951," one of several pseudonyms he used for his online barbs.

Just before Perricone resigned, Landrieu wondered aloud if the postings had "poisoned" the talks over the consent decree. Landrieu called the flap "a hiccup in the process." City and Justice Department finalized the agreement in July.

Morgan heard testimony about the consent decree during a "fairness hearing" in September but she hasn't decided whether to approve the reforms. She has scheduled a status conference in the case for Jan. 11. Earlier, she rejected pleas from PANO, the Fraternal Order of Police, Independent Police Monitor Susan Hutson and citizens group Community United for Change to gain a seat at the table.

The agreement, spelled out in a 124-page document, would require the Police Department to overhaul its policies and procedures for use of force, training, interrogations, searches and arrests, recruitment and supervision. It would resolve the Justice Department's allegations that New Orleans police officers have engaged in a pattern of discriminatory and unconstitutional activity.

*From The New Orleans Times-Picayune*  
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# San Francisco's Dangerous Policy on Unlicensed Drivers

By Debra J. Saunders,  
www.townhall.com  
Forwarded to the Journal by  
Rene LaPrevotte

U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement officials detained Roberto Galo on Wednesday morning. Galo is a legal immigrant but an unlicensed driver who, on Nov. 16, 2010, took a left turn at Harrison and 16th streets in San Francisco. His car struck law student Drew Rosenberg. Witnesses later testified that Galo then backed over Rosenberg, who died.

The law student's father, Don Rosenberg of Westlake Village, Calif., has been waging a crusade ever since. He's angry at San Francisco's policy, announced by then-Mayor Gavin Newsom in 2009, that shielded unlicensed drivers from an automatic 30-day impoundment of their vehicles. He's furious that Galo was able to retrieve his Chevy the day after police stopped him for driving the wrong way on a street and without a license. That's the car Galo drove into Drew

# Camden Council Votes To Disband Police Department

CAMDEN, NJ — Days after the state Civil Service Commission's approval of the city's plan to lay off its entire police force, Camden City Council Friday morning voted to put that plan into action, moving another step closer toward a new countywide police department.

While the vote was unanimous, Councilman Brian Coleman has suggested he may change his vote to "no," according to the city clerk's office Friday afternoon. Coleman has previously spoken out against the layoffs, as well as the plan to replace the 265-officer police department with county department with a metro division, calling it "union busting."

Members of the Camden Fraternal Order of Police attended the meeting, but made no verbal protests before or after the vote. Camden FOP President John Williamson released a statement prior to the 10 a.m. council meeting reaffirming the union's opposition to the plan.

“The process to replace the Camden city police force has been an ongoing battle for two years, and it has lacked transparency and was conceived to achieve a political solution,” read the statement. “The mere fact Mayor [Dana] Redd, Police Chief [Scott] Thomson and Freeholder Director Lou Cappelli continue to defy Camden City Council member Brian Coleman’s formal request to obtain important financial documents, in itself, is reason enough to halt this process.”

Speaking after the meeting, Williamson stated the FOP intends to file litigation in the coming days in a last-chance effort to stop the layoffs, set to begin April 30. The FOP had previously tried to but the plan on a voting ballot, but that effort was blocked in court.

However, county and city officials have stated it's the lack of funding needed in order to maintain the current police department — let alone expand it — that led them to pursue the countywide solution.

Officials plan to establish a 400-officer metro division to patrol the city, using roughly the same police budget — approximately \$65 million in salary and operations costs — by axing fringe benefits within the current union contract.

The 400 metro division officers would be supported by an estimated 100 civilian personnel, according to proponents of the plan.

*From The South Jersey Times*

Rosenberg. He's enraged at the judge who reduced a felony manslaughter charge against Galo to a misdemeanor. He can't believe that Galo served only 43 days for the crime.

"My wife and I really didn't care if he was sentenced to a day," Rosenberg told me in November. "Our focus became: Convict him of the two misdemeanors, and deport him. That's a worse punishment than whether he spends a couple of months in jail." Rosenberg has spent months contacting politicians to push the system to act. On Wednesday, ICE did.

"We took him into custody. We're holding him without bond. We have basically filed the paperwork to initiate removal proceedings," ICE spokeswoman Virginia Kice told me. "ICE doesn't have the authority to unilaterally deport someone."

Me? I get no joy in learning of Galo's fate. His children will suffer, and they didn't do anything to deserve it.

Galo, however, did screw up. He endangered the general public. As a legal immigrant with temporary protective status, he was eligible to apply for a driver's license. He didn't get one. While he was trying to retain legal residency, he flouted California law by driving without a license. He got

caught, and he did it again. Someone died.

Unlicensed driving is not a victimless crime. A recent Department of Motor Vehicles study found that unlicensed drivers are nearly three times as likely as licensed drivers to cause fatal crashes. They're likelier to flee the scene of a crash -- which makes them more dangerous.

"This nonsense has to stop," Rosenberg told me. He is appalled that San Francisco City Hall has gone out of its way to tell illegal immigrants, who cannot apply for a California license, and also all unlicensed drivers that they can get behind the wheel and get cited by police and not lose their car.

Consider the message that Newsom and then-police Chief (now the district attorney) George Gascon sent when they announced in 2009 that they were behind a policy to allow unlicensed drivers pulled over by police — presumably for a reason — to call friends, who could drive away their cars to avoid an impound.

San Francisco banned Happy Meals with toys, for health reasons. Newsom pushed a measure that prohibited pharmacies from selling cigarettes, for health reasons. Yet Newsom bestowed his blessing on unlicensed driving,


ignoring the clear risk.

When Gascon charged a bicyclist with felony vehicular manslaughter for speeding through an intersection and killing Sutchi Hui, 71, a press release announced: "This incident could have been avoided and we can do better as a city to avoid these tragic consequences. In order to preserve our diverse transit community, everyone has to follow the rules of the road."


Gascon also intoned: "This tragic death caused by a bicyclist illustrates the worst-case scenario when traffic laws are not obeyed."

Gascon's office charged Galo with felony manslaughter. Good. But that happened after he announced the free pass for unlicensed drivers with licensed friends. I called his office to see whether he now advocates an end to the impound-lite policy. No answer. Ditto from Mayor Ed Lee's operation.

Jessica Vaughan of the pro-enforcement Center for Immigration Studies believes that ICE acted in part because the Rosenbergs pushed to see Galo face consequences for recklessly taking their son's life. How many fatal crashes have there been, Vaughan wonders, that garnered no press coverage, no outrage and no serious consequences?




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# IAWP 2013 Awards Program is Now Open for Nominations

By Robin Matthews, Retired SFPD  
IAWP 3rd Vice President

Greetings! The International Association of Women Police (IAWP) is now accepting nominations for their annual international awards program. The purpose of the awards are to recognize women officers who, by their overall service and accomplishments throughout their careers, have distinguished themselves in areas of leadership, community service, mentoring and excellence in performance. Only supervisors or a higher-level management official can nominate women police officers (licensed and commissioned) in those categories.

The criteria for the award categories are as follows:

**Excellence in Performance Award:** Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself through superior attention to duty or outstanding investigative effort, which leads to the identification, location or arrest of a major criminal or criminal activity.

**Mary Jo Blahowski Leadership Award:** Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself by superior accomplishments or continuing, long term involvement, using leadership skills that encompass, but are not limited to, problem solving, planning, organizational, communication and/or administrative which make a significant contribution within the agency or the law enforcement mission.

**Mentoring Award:** Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself with her support and assistance to women in law enforcement, development of programs or policies favorable to women, or serving on committees or organizations that review women's issues.

**Medal of Valor Award:** An act of bravery or heroism, at risk of her own personal safety or in the face of great danger, is a distinct profile where there is bravery, heroism, or risk taken by

the officer. The incident, event, or act is unmistakable in ascertaining that the officer was facing great danger and displayed heroic actions above performance elements experienced in the police profession. These profiles and elements are such that even the mere explanation is evident that the actions went above and beyond the call of duty.

**Community Service Award:** Awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself by superior accomplishments through developing, designing, or implementing programs involving communities, which includes neighborhoods, school, community meetings, and businesses.

**Officer of the Year Award:** Awarded to an officer who, by her overall service and accomplishments throughout her career, distinguishes herself in the areas of leadership, community service, mentoring, and excellence in performance.

**Civilian Achievement Award:** Awarded for outstanding achievement by a civilian women that has gone above and beyond to support, promote and enhance the criminal justice profession.

**The deadline for receipt of nominations is March 21, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. Eastern Standard Time. The Awards Program nominations MUST be submitted online electronically.** Visit the website at <http://www.iawp.org/awardsform.htm> for the online nomination form. The awards are highly competitive, and are a prestigious form of international recognition for women police officers and civilian employees. I encourage all supervisors to consider submitting a woman under your command for one of these awards. How awesome would it be for one of our members to once again win one of these awards! Submit those nominations today!

# Vote for Maria Oropeza for the Police Credit Union Supervisory Committee

Election: January 15 – February 15, 2013



## Maria Oropeza

I am a candidate for the Supervisory Committee of the San Francisco Police Credit Union and I am asking for your vote. Ballots will be mailed out soon and the election will take place from January 15th through February 15th, 2013. Here are a few facts about me:

- Native San Franciscan
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- Member of the SFPD for 28 years
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  - Narcotics
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  - Academy
  - Chief's Office
- Member of the SFPD Hostage Negotiator Team, Critical Incident Response Team and a Peer Counselor
- Past President of the LPOA (National Latino Peace Officers Association SF Chapter)
- Extensive volunteer work in the community

I am the only candidate that is a member of the San Francisco Police Department. And of our ten elected positions, there is only one currently active SFPD member. The Credit Union was founded by San Francisco Police Officers for San Francisco Police Officers back in 1953, but over the years we have grown a lot and now serve all first responders and their families.

To this position, I bring leadership skills from other positions I have held, both inside and outside the Department and from my work experiences. Those of you who know me well know that I am committed to what I do, I always do my best and I will do what is right.

I am being endorsed by the **San Francisco Police Officers Association, Veteran Police Officers Association, National Non-Partisan Latino Peace Officers Association, Officers for Justice, Asian Police Officers Association and Pride Alliance.** I hope you will join some of my other endorsers listed below by voting for me.

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Thank you in advance for supporting my candidacy for the Supervisory Committee.

Maria J. Oropeza

## K-9 handler slain during burglary call

# POA Mourns Death of Galt PD Officer

The men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association extend sympathy and condolences to the family, friends, and co-workers of Galt, California Police Officer Kevin Tonn. Officer Tonn was shot and killed on January 15, 2013 while responding to a burglary call. He was 35. A veteran of the United States Army, Officer Galt had worked for the Galt PD for nearly four years. At the time of his death he was a K-9 handler.

The Galt POA has established a Memorial Fund at this address: Officer Kevin Tonn Memorial Fund, c/o Farmers & Merchants Bank 1200 "C" Street, Galt, CA 95632



## 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
Robert Cardinale	January 11, 2013	64	Retired SFPD	C. Bates
Harry W. Getchell	January 24, 2013	98	Retired SFPD	M. Ortelle
Frank Kovach	January 20, 2013	87	Retired SFPD	M. Ortelle
Joseph Meehan	January 2013	Unk	Retired SFPD	R. LaPrevotte
Gerald L. Miller	January 15, 2013	82	Former SFPD	R. LaPrevotte
John Portoni	January 10, 2013	63	Retired SFPD	M. Ortelle
Patrick Simmons	December 27, 2012	86	Retired SFPD	R. LaPrevotte
Horace "Scotty" Young	December 31, 2012	82	Retired SFPD	C. Bates

\*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.

## 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.



Book Reviews

— by Dennis Bianchi

# Can't Quit You, Baby

By Ellen Douglas  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

This book, written in 1988, was recommended to me by a fine author in her own right, Robb Forman Dew, with whom I had the great fortune of becoming friends. Ms. Dew, in turn, was friends of Ellen Douglas and suggested that I should read something by her. Although Ms. Dew dislikes the title she said she thought this was Ms. Douglas' best book. Ellen Douglas is the pen name of Josephine Ayres Haxton. Shortly after I tracked down the book through the Internet, Ms. Douglas died at the age of 91. I felt doubly obligated to read her at that point, particularly after reading a very laudatory obituary of her in The New York Times this past November. She is considered to be the equal of Southern writers Eudora Welty and Flannery O'Connor. She was a fine writer and a great storyteller.

To address Ms. Dew's complaint about the title and, at the same time, give the reader some insight of the title's origin, it is the title of a blues tune written by Willie Dixon in 1965. I found that listening to the tune helped me understand the book better as I'm sure Ms. Douglas had used the title with that in mind. Willie Dixon sings, "I can't quit you, baby, but I got to put you down a little while."

There are two protagonists: Cornelia O'Kelly, a well-off white woman living in a small Mississippi town and her housekeeper/maid named Tweet Carrier, a poor, black wily woman. They have known one another for approximately fifteen years, working in Cornelia's kitchen and trading stories of their lives. This isn't, however, just two women reminiscing about the "good old days." This is a story filled with folks who will use guile as a weapon to keep others in their "place" and their private demons concealed. Cornelia's mother ruled the home when Cornelia was a child with such ferocity that Cornelia married a United States Army pilot just to get away. The specter of her mother is seemingly always in the back of her mind. Tweet's father abandoned her as a child and she was raised by her grandfather. The father makes a return in hopes of having whatever property or money left from the grandfather's death bequeathed to him. Discover-

ing his father had disowned him and left everything to Tweet, he resorts to arson and thievery and Tweet finds herself a husband, not for love, but for protection. Both women grow into their roles as wives but the psychological scars remain, and as time goes by, both women learn to rely on one another for not just solace but direction.

For the first sixty pages the reader gets the impression that the South of William Faulkner had not disappeared. The language is languid and filled with drawls and country expressions. But as the book progresses in time and the Viet Nam War becomes an issue the tempo and mood pick up dramatically, and so does the language. The Southern genteel language of the previous era gives way to more than one f-bomb and open discussion of sex.

Cornelia's husband, John, dies of a stroke while they are on an airplane. She had become sure that John had been unfaithful to her in recent times. After his death, when she realizes she was wrong, she tries to deal with the guilt through her friendship with Tweet. Tweet's married life takes a few violent turns and as the book comes to its conclusion the two women clash. Tweet has been injured and Cornelia has shown up to Tweet's home to help in her rehabilitation. The clash leads to a clearing of their minds and a restoring of their relationship.

The author has an odd twist in this story, as she will frequently direct her comments to the reader, almost as a Greek chorus in the theater. In lesser qualified hands this would be annoying, but Ms. Douglas makes it work perfectly. Toward the end of the novel she addresses the reader thus: "Do you recall that a long time ago I wrote, 'I want to remember that every act in a human life has layer upon enfolded layer not only of imagining, but of circumstances beneath it'?...I think I am the one who cannot acknowledge or express the complexity of all those layers of circumstance and imagining — in all our lives." Ms. Douglas is, no doubt, speaking honestly about her feelings of failure to express all of the complexity but she made a more than valiant effort. She wrote of human feelings and failings that we all share. And I'm very happy that I shared her thoughts by reading *Can't Quit You, Baby*.

# Tenth of December

By George Saunders  
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

George Saunders' name carries a great deal of weight in literary circles, especially his collections of short stories. His examination of American life in his hundreds of stories is frequently compared to Raymond Carver, but that might be a bit of a stretch as Carver is spoken of almost mythically. He has been referred to as a modern Mark Twain, and that might be more than a stretch with the exception of his ability to amuse the reader while writing about very serious matters. But when Mr. Saunders comes out with a new collection and all the big media outlets begin prompting readers to buy this book the temptation is too great to not buy it, to not be part of a book referred to as his "most honest, accessible and moving collection yet." The stories vary and I enjoyed many of them, but I found the hype to be misleading.

There are two stories, "Victory Lap," which begins the collection, and "Tenth of December," which is last, that have positive and redeeming conclusions, particularly the title piece.

There are two stories, "Victory Lap," which begins the collection, and "Tenth of December," which is last, that have positive and redeeming conclusions, particularly the title piece. In "Victory Lap" a boy witnesses the attempted abduction of the girl next door and is faced with a vexing choice: Does the boy ignore what he sees, or override years of smothering advice



Dennis Bianchi from his parents and act? And in the "Tenth of December" a middle-aged cancer patient walks into the woods to commit suicide, only to encounter a troubled young boy who, over the course of a fateful and anxiety-filled morning, gives the dying man a final chance to recall who he really is. The story is a frank examination of imagination, memory, and loss.

But the other stories are much darker, much more depressing. "Puppy" is a story that can aggravate, even infuriate and leaves the reader in that state of mind. I hesitated about continuing with the others. And when I came to "Escape from Spiderhead" I did put the book down for several days. I'm not a fan of science fiction, and even if I did enjoy it I believe I would have found this story beyond comprehension. It read like a 1960s drug-induced nightmare.

I talked myself into reading a few more, one of the pleasures and benefits of a collection of short stories, and found more urban, modern angst. Mr. Saunders may be the literary salon darling of the current age but he left me with the feeling that he is an acquired taste, although at time he can be funny at times, even hilarious. The story "Al Roosten" is written from the perspective of a man who lives most of his life in a delusion of self-worth and cleverness, but always returns in his mind to the many times he refers to as "ass fries." And "Exhortation" is a managerial memo that slowly creeps into a diatribe that reveals way too much about what the memo-writer really feels, resulting in several laugh-out-loud moments. But on the whole I found much of the book to be too experimental and depressing for my tastes. The title piece, however, is a jewel, but it speaks volumes that the focus of the high-light story is a man dying of cancer. It was selected as one of the year's "Best Short Stories of 2012."

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## Long-Term Investing

# USA's Economic Realities 2013: On the Brink of the Fiscal Cliff and Other Dangers

By Edwin K. Stephens,  
The Stephens Group

*Anger is momentary madness, so control your passion or it will control you. — Horace*

*A little rebellion now and then...is medicine necessary for the sound health of government. — Thomas Jefferson, Letter to Madison*

Will Congress agree on a broad deficit-reduction package to raise the debt ceiling or risk a default on our federal debt?

**Issue:** Conservative Republican activist want deep spending cuts in domestic social programs.

Liberal Democrats vehemently oppose any changes to Social Security or Medicare.

**Answer:** Probably not. There will not be a broad deficit-reduction package passed by Congress in order to raise the debt ceiling. At best, there will be minor compromises by both Democrats and Republicans that will not solve our nation's long-term structural debt problems, but legislation will pass to keep the government from shutting down.

### Economic Deal or No Deal

On January 1, 2013, the United States Senate and House of Representatives voted to avoid the nation from going over the "fiscal cliff." In short, the fiscal cliff would require Congress to act by December 31, otherwise tax rates for all Americans would snap sharply higher, back to pre-2001 levels, and two days later, \$109 billion in automatic spending cuts would start to take effect.

In "Cliff Notes: Thoughts on the Partial Fiscal Cliff Resolution," Mr. Jim McCaughan, Chief Executive Officer, Principal Global Investors and Mr. Bob Baur, Chief Global Economist, Principal Global Investors noted that;

**While the government's solution fell short of the grand bargain that many wanted, there were some notable achievements. Congress resolved tax policy uncertainty and likely avoided a tax-induced recession. Middle-income earners have more certainty about their tax situation, and may be more apt to boost consumption with that knowledge in their pocket. This would, in turn, be good for businesses, which could ramp up output to meet that renewed demand. Also, small businesses have less to worry about from estate taxes.**



In short, the two financial company executives surmised that United States business profits have been robust and balance sheets continue to be strong. Interest rates are at an all time low and lending standards are easing. The outlook for the United States economy for 2013 may have gotten better with the improving recovery in China and lower odds of a calamity in Europe.

### Higher Taxes and No Spending Cuts

On 1/1/13, major tax law changes were passed in Congress. As a result of the fiscal cliff deal the top marginal tax rate was raised to 39.6% and the top estate tax rate was hiked to 40%. While the Bush-era tax cuts were preserved permanently for individuals with taxable incomes of \$400,000 or less and couples with incomes of \$450,000 or less, the payroll tax holiday came to an end. The Alternative Minimum Tax was permanently patched, long-term jobless benefits were extended through the end of the year, and dividend and capital gains taxes were given a new 20% ceiling.

On 1/10/13, President Barack Obama nominated Jack Lew, former White House Chief of Staff to replace Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner as treasury secretary. Mr. Jim Kuhnhehn, Associated Press business writer noted that Jack Lew is a premier federal budget expert and former director of the Office of Management and Budget. Mr. Lew as treasury secretary would assume the post in time for the administration to tangle anew over a confluence of three looming fiscal deadlines—raising the \$16.4 trillion federal borrowing limit, averting automatic spending cuts to defense and domestic programs, and renewing a congressional resolution

that has been keeping the government operating.

It is noted that these three fiscal issues, if unresolved, would have a far greater negative effect on the economy than the "fiscal cliff" policy that Congress agreed to enact on January 1, 2013. On 1/6/13, Ms. Anne Flaherty, Associated Press stated that Republicans said that they were willing to raise the debt ceiling but insist any increase must be paired with significant savings from Medicare, Medicaid and other government benefit programs. President Barack Obama has said that he is willing to consider spending cuts separately but that he will not bargain over the government's borrowing authority.

### Americans Dilemma, Shared Fiscal Sacrifice?

On 12/31/12, the government reached its \$16.4 trillion borrowing limit but has avoided default by using cash from pension and other funds it administers, money that will eventually be replaced. Treasury Secretary Timothy Geithner has said his ability to use such bookkeeping measures will be exhausted by early March, 2013 or sooner.

According to an Associated Press-GfK poll conducted from January 10 to 14, 53 percent of Americans say that if the debt limit is not extended and the U.S. defaults, the country will face a major economic crisis. Separately, Republican officials said that GOP lawmakers may seek a short-term extension of the debt limit, thus avoiding a default as early as next month by the U.S. Treasury while they try to negotiate spending cuts with President Barack Obama over the next few months.

The Associated Press poll's findings echo many economists' warnings that failure to raise the debt ceiling and the resulting, unprecedented federal default would risk wounding the world economy because many interest rates are pegged to the trustworthiness of the United States to pay its debts. When asked which political path to follow, 39 percent of poll respondents support the insistence of House Speaker John Boehner, R-Ohio, and Senate Minority Leader Mitch McConnell, R-Ky., that deep spending cuts be attached to any measure increasing the debt ceiling. That figure is more than the 30 percent who back President Obama's demand that borrowing authority be raised quickly and not entwined with a bitter fight over trimming the budget.

The survey was conducted as the two parties prepare for a debt-limit battle that is likely to dominate the next two months in the nation's capital. The fight is sure to underscore partisan differences over how to curb federal deficits that have surpassed \$1 trillion dollars for four straight years. President Obama insists that besides spending cuts there should be more tax increases on the wealthy, which the Republican Party opposes.

Despite the slight edge people give the GOP's debt limit path, the survey showed President Obama with some advantages as he begins his second term. Fifty-four (54%) percent approve of how he is handling his job, a figure that has changed little over the past year. This is more than triple Congress' 17 percent approval rating, which edged down 6 percentage points since early December, before the two sides' "fiscal cliff" fight ended with Republicans largely accepting President Obama's demand to raise taxes on the country's highest earners.

Democrats also have a slight 41 percent to 36 percent advantage over Republicans as the party more trusted to handle the economy. When it comes to finding savings to balance the budget, nearly half prefer cutting government services as the GOP wants, 3 in 10 would rather increase taxes and about 1 in 10 would do both. The percentage backing cuts in federal services has dropped 13 percentage points since the spring of 2011, while the number supporting tax cuts has changed little.

### Singing the 2013 Blues

It appears that the United States economy is recovering. And, both the government and private sectors are becoming more efficient in their quest to manage and grow jobs for all citizens. However, the decisions on how our country will go forward is both diverse and at times, problematic. But it is the belief that Americans are exceptional people and that we will overcome any and all obstacles put before us and that our best, not our worse attributes will prevail to form a more perfect Union.

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# Sports



## Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Department Softball Information

CHECK IT OUT: Talking to softball commissioner Kevin Worrell recently, I was reminded that the SF Police softball season is just around the corner with games scheduled to start the third week of March. It's a 10 game season and the games will once again be on Wednesdays and Thursdays with a 9:30am start time unless pre-arranged by the managers. The ten week regular season schedule will run through the third week of May with the last week of May set aside for make-up games. The playoffs will be the first week of June and the A and B Championship games will be played on Thursday June 13th at Silver Terrace. The banquet will take place that evening at City Forest Lodge so start marking your calendars.

As far as the league set-up, it will be one division of approximately thirteen teams. The top six teams in the standings will be playing in the A Division playoffs while the next six



teams will battle it out toward the B Division championship. The ranking in the standings will be determined by a new point system that **Commish Worrell** came up with: 2 points for a win, 0 for a loss. 1 for a forfeit or non completed game. Example: Team 1 is 7-3 and played all ten games with a point total of 14; Team 2 is 7-2 with a non completed game with a point total of 13. Team 3 is 7-3 with 1 point lost on a forfeit for a point total of 13. Tie breakers for teams that never went "head to head" during the season will be determined by run differential.

The fields for the league will be

Silver Terrace, Jackson 1 and 2, Rossi 1 (the large diamond), and Westlake 1 and 2. The pitch count will start at a 1-ball and 1-strike count to speed things along and for the first time the pitchers will be held to standard softball requirements during the regular season. That means pitches need to be between 6 and 12 feet or will be considered illegal and according to Mission Diablo **Glenn Ortega**, "**Marc Marquez** won't be able to get away with the illegal pitches he's been throwing all these years".

As far as bats are concerned, it is still a wooden bat league and Worrell recommends getting bats from either Baseballsavings.com, Brettbros.com, Superior Bat Company (east coast), or Goetz Brothers (Redwood City). The league fees are \$325.00 with balls not included, and he encourages team managers to seek out sponsorships from a business in their district. The balls to be used should be 50 or 52 core, with 275 or 300lbs of compression — these are not "restrictive flight" balls.

The projected teams in the league are as follows: the Northern Bull Dogs, the Mission Diablos, the Bayview Pit-bulls, the Park Islanders/VRT team, Daly City PD, the Sheriffs(SFSO), the

Tenderloin Rats, the Airport Checkers, Ingleside Station, the Taraval/TAC team, Southern Station, the Mission Chiuauas making a comeback?) and of course the Central Diners.

Speaking of the Central Diners, there's a lot of pressure for them to win the A Division championship. Apparently, a couple of "loud talkers" on their team have been expressing a lot of confidence that they will in fact have no problem going all the way. It started with **Scott Biggs** (new addition?) when he mouthed off at a recent gathering about how Central will run away with the league. That was according to Worrell. I personally witnessed **John Ferrando** letting his over confident feelings be heard at the Lake Merced Range also recently when he claimed: "Central will win the whole thing and you can quote me on that. We're so stacked; I don't see how we can lose." Well John, here I am quoting you on that subject. Good luck to the Diners as well as to all the teams in the league this year.

That's all for now....at the writing of this column, the Super Bowl is a week away so Go Niners!...otherwise, stay well and safe and so, see ya next month....

## Department Hoops Update

By Steve Coleman,  
Bayview Station

I heard through the rumor mill there have been teams practicing on their days off. There have been three weeks of games played since returning from Christmas vacation, and the games have felt different. The games are being played at a faster pace, and the scores of games have been rising. It took a few weeks, but players around the league are finally in "game shape".

The Bayview Pit Bulls have jumped out to a 4-0 start this season, and seem to be getting better each week. The Pit Bulls seem to be coming together at the right time and will become more dangerous with the return of "all-leaguer" **Craig Perry**. The improved team chemistry is reflected in the scores, winning games this season by an average margin of twenty one points.

The Northern Bulldogs, two time defending champions, are keeping pace at 4-1. Northern has played close games this year, but they have not been dominating like in past years. Northern squeaked by the Mission Diablos a couple of weeks ago. In that game, Mission rookie **Eddy Barrientos** connected on a deep three pointer to tie the game with twelve seconds remaining. On the same play, Mission bruiser **Rich Ruiz** was called for a foul when he tried to get inside position in case of a missed shot. **Mike Horan**, who was leveled with that foul, went to the foul line to seal the game for Northern. After missed free throws, reigning league MVP **Brian Guiney**

grabbed the offensive board and was fouled and was put on the line. Guiney connected on a free throw, which gave the Bulldogs a 39-38 advantage. Mission had an opportunity to win the game, but the swarming Bulldog defense wouldn't allow the Diablos to get a shot off in time.

Two teams that have been playing close games all season long are Task Force and VRT. It seems both teams are in every game until the final moments, but have been coming up short. In the match-up of Task Force vs VRT, **Mike Palma** hit a fifteen footer from the free throw line in the closing seconds to win the game for VRT. Task Force was energized by the re-emergence of **Quoc Do**, but missed the presence of Rookie of the Year candidate **Dave O'Keefe's**.

In another instant classic, Ingleside Station edged the Central Diners in double overtime. Central, who played with only four players, had a chance to win the game in regulation. With the game tied at 58-58 and five seconds on the clock, league veteran **Mikey Costello** drove hard to the basket. There was a lot of contact on the drive, but no foul was called and the game was forced into overtime. With one second remaining in the first overtime and Central ahead 66-64, a dead ball foul was called, which gave Ingleside a chance to tie the game shooting free throws. **Nate Chew** hit both free throws for Ingleside, which sent the game into a second overtime. Ingleside pulled away in the second overtime to win the game. The Central Diners, with only four players, gave Ingleside

a scare. TTF is another team that has had tough luck on their side the past few weeks. **Captain Shane Herbert** has been leading the charge, hitting timely three pointers to keep the games close, but the young TTF squad has ultimately fell short.

I want to announce that the Golden State Warriors will once again host Law Enforcement Night at the Oakland Coliseum Arena. More information will be announced when available. There is a basketball tournament with local law enforcement agencies that precedes the Warriors game. Our SFPD basketball team has always had a strong showing, making it to the championship gave every year. SFPD and Oakland PD have squared off in

SFPD Basketball Standings				
as of 1/24				
Team	W	L	PCT.	GB
Bayview	4	0	1.000	—
Northern	4	1	.800	½
Mission	3	2	.600	1 ½
Central	2	2	.500	2
Ingleside	2	1	.666	2 ½
Daly City	1	3	.250	3
TTF	1	3	.250	3
VRT	1	3	.250	3
Task Force	1	4	.200	3 ½

the past few tournament finals, with OPD edging SFPD by one basket every game. We've also had strong numbers at our barbecue following the tournament. Let's have another strong showing this season.

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# The Loons Nest Report

By Ed Garcia, Retired SFPD

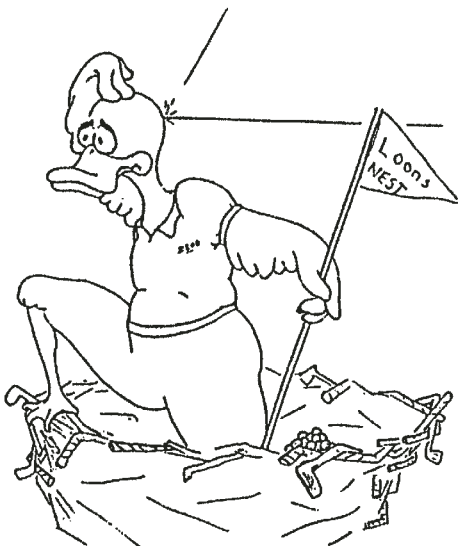
## Bruce Lorin Wins Holiday Classic to Finish Great Season

### Greg Lim Scores HOLE-IN-ONE

The Loons Nest Golf Club brought its 27th season to an end at the Rooster Run Golf Club on December 13th and it was an exciting day. Bruce Lorin took his third championship of the season, as he has been on fire. Bruce started the season with a second place finish in the two-man event at the Roddy Ranch Golf Club in January while teamed with partner Steve Morimoto. Bruce went on to win the Summer Golf Classic at Peacock Gap with a sub-par round of seventy in July. Lorin finished his season with a third victory at the Holiday Classic played at Rooster Run in Sonoma County.

The season closer also saw more drama with a Hole-in-One scored by Loon Greg Lim. Greg picked up his ACE on the 8th hole, a challenging par three. Greg was more than happy to buy cocktails for forty-eight fellow Loons. This was the second Hole-in-One scored in a Loon event this season. Steve Morimoto opened the season with an ACE at Roddy Ranch in January. Lim's ACE brings the Loon total of tournament Hole-in-Ones to four. Joe Allegro picked up an ACE at Rancho Canada(West Course) in Carmel in our 1995 Spring Championship, and Ed Anzore had one of his multiple Hole-in-Ones at Pacific Grove Golf Links. The Monterey area has produced so many exciting moments in Loon history.

The Holiday Classic event was blessed with good weather. We had one of two dry days in the week and



would play under blues skies with minimal wind. First flight low gross play saw a four-way battle through the day. Bruce Lorin and Steve Morimoto both posted even par scores of thirty-six on the front nine, followed by Tom O'Connor at thirty-seven, Both Pat Armitage and John Wyman ended up shooting thirty-eights.

Lorin and Morimoto each had two birdies on the front side as they made the turn for the home stretch. On the back nine holes, Lorin, Armitage and O'Connor each had thirty-eight strokes, which were scores also matched by Harry Pearson and Tim Brophy. Morimoto was in the hunt, but double bogies on twelve and fourteen set him back. Steve did finish with his third birdie of the day on the eighteenth.

Lorin finished with a score of seventy-four, leaving him one stroke ahead of O'Connor at seventy-five. Pat Armitage took third low gross with a round of seventy-six.

In first flight low net, local Petaluma favorite John Wyman took first place with a net score of sixty-eight. Wyman picked up birdies on the sixth and seventeenth holes in route to his first place finish. Second low net went to Scott Lutticken with a net sixty-nine, while birdying the eighth hole. Steve



“Ace” Lim and Award Winning Loons — Greg Lim, seated. Standing, left to right: Hanley, Wismer, Morimoto, O'Connor, Sullivan and Lutticken

Morimoto took third low net with a net score of seventy stokes. Steve's playing partner Tim Brophy matched Morimoto's seventy; but, the tiebreaker went to Morimoto, who birdied the eighteenth to Brophy's par.

Second flight low gross play saw Tenderloin's John Greenwood take first place with a two-stroke victory over Roy Sullivan. Greenwood and Sullivan had a very colorful battle, as they were both assaulted by snowmen twice in the round. The difference was Greenwood's birdies on the third and fifth holes. Matt Hanley cruised into third place with a score of ninety, which included a birdie on the seventeenth hole.

Second flight low net saw a tight battle between Mike Mahoney and Rob Daniele. Mahoney had a one-stroke lead over Daniele after the front nine. Daniele caught Mahoney on the fifteenth hole after both men ran into snowmen on the fourteenth hole. Both players finished with net scores of seventy-three; but, Mahoney's par on the final hole gave him the tiebreaker, which left Daniele in second place. Earl Wismer and Ray Calo each had net scores of seventy-four. The tiebreaker went to Wismer because Calo played sixteen good holes of golf, but then got smacked by two snowmen on the back nine.

The Long Drive Champion for the day was Tom O'Connor who pounded a drive of two hundred and seventy-four yards through the cold winter air. Tom also won the Long Drive contest at the Club Championship at Paradise Valley.

The first place winners in “close-to-the-hole” contests were Greg Lim with his ACE, along with John Greenwood, Steve Tacchini and Joe Finigin. The second place finishers were Dave Kranci, Scott Lutticken, Jere Williams and Dave Fontana.

After the completion of play and an awards ceremony at the course, many of the Loons took a short ride to the Traxx Bar and Grill in Petaluma for cocktails and a buffet dinner arranged by Loon Hospitality Director John Wyman. The Loons said goodbye to a Loon season that had many highlights and not a drop of rain. Lets hope we are as fortunate on our 2013 campaign.

### 2012 Season in Review

Two Man, Best Ball Championship  
Roddy Ranch Golf Club  
**Ching-Kranci 61**

Spring Championship at Monterey  
Laguna Seca Golf Ranch  
& Del Monte Golf Club  
**Dave Kranci 78-82 = 160**

Palm Desert Adventure II  
Indian Wells G.C.  
& Desert Willow G.C.  
**Ed Anzore Medallist**  
Summer Golf Classic

## Loons Nest Scoreboard

Player	Gross Score	Net Score
Lorin	74	69
O'Connor	75	69
Armitage	76	72
Morimoto	78	70
Brophy	79	70
Lim	81	72
Wyman	81	68
Taylor	82	71
Pearson	82	76
Kranci	83	75
Mar	83	80
Lutticken	84	69
McMillan	85	74
Parry	85	73
Fontana	86	74
Garcia	86	75
Greenwood	87	62
Lee	89	80
Schmolke	89	77
Siebert	89	74
Sullivan	89	73
Chang	90	78
Finigan	90	75
Hanley	90	73
Mahoney, M.	90	73
Vernengo	91	82
Watts	92	72
Wismer	92	74
Borromeo	93	80
Johnson	95	75
Daniele	96	73
Fischer	97	82
Roche	97	86
Roth	97	86
Williams	97	74
Allegro	98	82
Calo	98	70
Kilgariff	99	80
Sorgie	99	86
Newlin	100	78
Clemons	101	76
Tacchini	101	77
Dito	104	78
Flynn	104	80
Tapang	106	77
Boyett	111	85
Trierweiler	112	89

### Long Drive Winner

Tom O'Connor 274 yards

### Close to Hole Winners

Hole # 6		
1st	Greenwood	8'4"
2nd	Kranci	8'6"
Hole # 8		
1st	Lim	ACE
2nd	Lutticken	8'10"
Hole # 11		
1st	Tacchini	6'4"
2nd	Williams	10'6"
Hole # 15		
1st	Finigin	4'2"
2nd	Fontana	4'3"

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Word Search

*Created by Officer Michelangelo Apodaca, Airport Bureau*

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

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

*This month’s word find contains one letter, two letter, three letter words, etc., increasing along up to fifteen letter words! See if you can find them all. One clue...the ONLY letter that you’ll find in the grid that ISN’T part of any of the listed words is the letter ‘Q’. Good Luck!*

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# Law Enforcement Torch Run Polar Plunge 2013

By Ray Padmore,  
Chief's Office

February 23rd, 2013 will mark the fourth annual Law Enforcement Torch Run Sponsored Polar Plunge benefiting Special Olympics Northern California. If you are unfamiliar with this event, permit me to provide some insight: The Polar Plunge is a unique event designed to raise much needed funds for Special Olympic Athletes around Northern California.

The Polar Plunge is a family event

consisting this year of the following:

- 5K Fun Run/Walk beginning (0900 hours) at Aquatic Park with a scenic route through the Marina and Back to Aquatic Park. It will be a great event for the entire family. Bring the strollers and the kids for a leisurely walk/run along one of San Francisco's most picturesque areas. You can register online or on event day.
- The Polar Plunge Challenges the adventuresome, courageous, and fun loving person to plunge into the San Francisco Bay all for a very

worthy cause. Sign up on line, and send the link to your friends and family members for sponsorship — it's easy and if you are on face book, it makes it even easier to reach out to all of your friends...


- There will be games, face painting, a small petting zoo, police vehicle static displays, jump houses, raffles, and lots of prizes.
- District Stations and Officers will be recognized for the most funds raised and most participants in each of the events.

All registered participants will be treated to a great meal, fun, music, and entertainment. Let's make this the best year ever for our Athletes, all funds raised will allow our Special Olympic Athletes from San Francisco to Attend year round sporting activities at no cost to them.


Please join the San Francisco Police Department Command Staff and members of our Department as we raise funds to benefit all of our Special Olympic Athletes.....looking forward to seeing you at Aquatic Park!

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- San Francisco Medical Examiner
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**Aquatic Park, San Francisco, February 23**

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