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## Tenderloin Task Force: From a Basement, to the Streets

By Paul Chignell  
Tenderloin Police Station

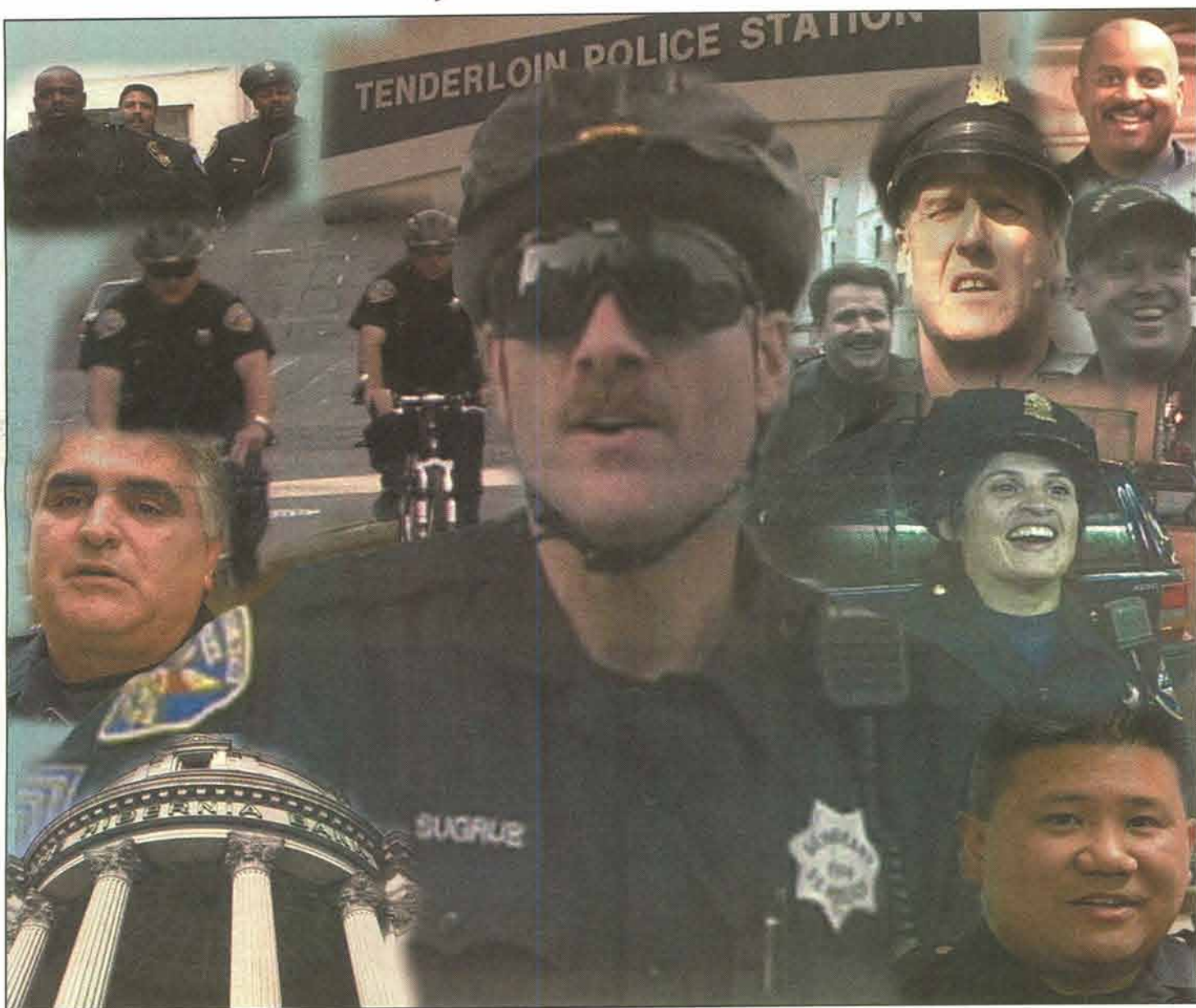
The ninety sworn San Francisco Police Officers assigned to the Tenderloin Task Force truly represent the City's Finest. Despite trying conditions, this group of men and women serve the residents and visitors of San Francisco's Tenderloin district with dedication and professionalism.

After nine years in their "temporary" quarters — the basement of the old Hibernia Bank at #1 Jones Street, these officers moved as a body into their new station at 301 Eddy Street. While the new facility might be state-of-the-art, the traditional values of the hard-working police officers will not change.

Both officers and the community are excited about having a full-service police facility. That enthusiasm was eventually factored directly into the planning of the new station.

Initially, there was no community room in the floor plan. However, officers of the Task Force insisted. Virtually every other police station in the city has a place to bring the officers and the community together on a regular basis. The TTF'ers wanted a similar resource, and they advocated for it before the powers-to-be.

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POA Public Affairs

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Chris Cunnie

This issue of the POA Journal celebrates the opening of the new Tenderloin Police Station and the fine complement of men and women who work there. The opening of the facility at 301 Eddy Street clearly elevates the Tenderloin Task Force to a full-fledged, full-service police house serving a distinct district.

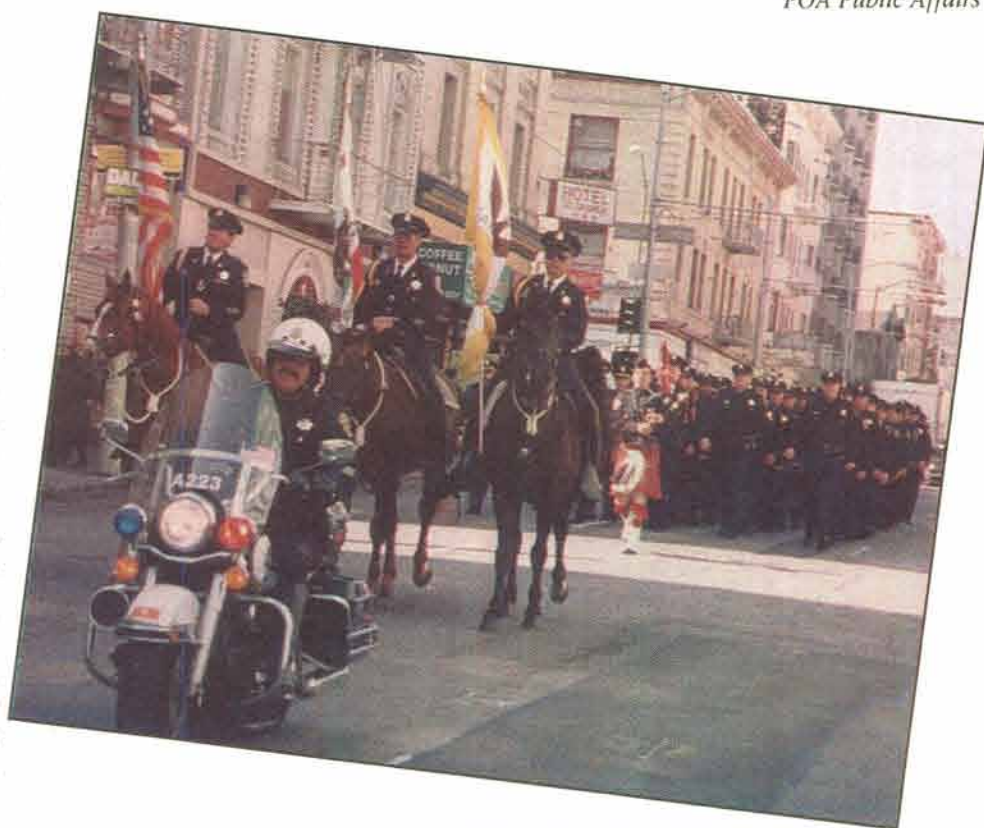


But, to play on an old saying, we can take the cops out of the Task Force, but we can't take the Task Force out of the cops. As you'll read on the pages that follow, the breed of officer serving this unique corner of San Francisco are distinctive for their dedication to this hot zone of crime, renewal, disassociation, resolve, and determined, bright hope. The new building — the thing,

the constructed, polished place — is not the essence of the Task Force. Rather it is the people that walk in and out of its doors, officers and residents alike, who will use this place at the corner of Eddy and Jones as a common center, a bridge, a gateway to horizons at once shared and forbidden.

The officers and the building are to be used as a community resource in a community flush with resourceful and resilient inhabitants. Our officers will help wherever and whenever they can. Despite the history, despite the blight, the district has a good future. The TTF will play a leading role in the journey that all the people of the Tenderloin will be taking.

The SFPOA congratulates the men and women of the Tenderloin Police Station, and wishes them all a safe adventure. To the people of the neighborhoods also goes our best wishes, and our assurance, that you are being policed by San Francisco's Finest.



The TTF marching in formation down Eddy Street from "temporary" basement facility to their permanent new station house.



## WIDOWS AND ORPHANS Aid Association

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Joe Garrity at 2:05 PM, September 13, 2000, in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Garrity.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President Garrity, Vice President Fontana, Trustees Jeffery, Crosat and Aguiar. Excused Kemmitt, Kurpinsky. Treasurer Sturken and Secretary Hurley. Also Jr. Past President Hardeman and Past President and Secretary Mc Kee.

**MINUTES OF THE AUGUST MEETING:** Motion by Jeffery and seconded by Hardeman that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you note from Cathie Mullan and a donation from Adelene Bragg in memory of her son Allyn.

**BILLS:** Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion by Jeffery and seconded by Mc Kee that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Bruce Bain of the Bank of America introduced Mr. Michael Harrington who will be taking over the job held by Gary Joe. Bank of America is down sizing and Gary Joe was let go. The Trustees will be looking closely at the manner our account is handled and possibly will entertain other Institutions to handle our account in the near future.

**APPLICATION FOR NEW MEMBERS:**

195th Recruit Class: Jeffery Aloise, Christopher Anderson, Lauro Baca 111, Rommel Baldovino, Matthew Baizarini, James Barber, Todd Burks, Andrea Calahane, Leonard Caldera, Jeffery Chang, Theresa Conway, Michael Costello, Christopher Damonte, Kevin Edison, Sean Griffin, Clayton Harmston, Julian Hermosura, Leeanne Haung, Victor Hul, John Keesor, Micliael Loos, Ken McDonald, William McCarthy, Michael Montero, Mike Murphy jr., Elmer Najarro, Alexa O'Brien, Darryl Rodgers, Robert Royer, Joseph Viglizzo, Joel Walter, Michael Wolf.

196th Recruit Class: Michael Amoroso, Eric Batchelder, Leehan Deleon, Ferdinand Dimapasoc, Chad Hunt, Pauler In, Robert Kellogg, Jose Macias, Armando Maracha, Melvin Mauna, Anthony Nelson, Reginald Scott, Jacqueline Selinger, Kenneth Tan, Luis Tillan, Lisa Torres, and Kenneth Weems.

**SUSPENSIONS AND REINSTATEMENTS:** Reinstated: Lisa Frazer (she was dropped in error over problem with payroll deduction.) Ricardo Labrado and Wesley Carter are reinstated after payment of back dues. Dropped from the rolls of membership for not completing their Probationary period. Article 111, Section 3 of the by-laws. Victor Lee, David Pigott and Sandford Taylor.

**THE FOLLOWING DEATHS WERE REPORTED:**

**RALPH C. HECKMANN.** Ralph was born in Crockett, California. He moved

to San Francisco and grew up in the Richmond District, attending Commerce High. He worked as a motorman before entering the Police Academy in 1939. He worked in the Traffic Bureau for a few years before he resigned in good standing in 1944. He was hired as the chief security officer for Sears in Arizona. He later moved back to the bay area and ran the Security at the Sears Stores on the Peninsula. Ralph was 85 at the time of his death.

**JOHN H. MINDERMAN.** John was born in San Francisco, and grew up South of Market. He attended Lick High School. He worked as a clerk before entering the Police Academy in 1928. He worked fixed post detail for several years, then the Solo Motorcycle detail. On his promotion to Sergeant he was assigned to the Cab. Detail. John was proud to claim and emphasized that he was a "Peace" Officer. He made very few arrests, however, on one occasion he booked a cab driver and had the cab driver, who he just arrested, drive him to the station to be booked. He was the type of guy who could tell you to go to hell, and you would look forward to the trip. He beat the system, passing away at 97.

**MERVYN C. CHIOINO.** Mervyn was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission, where he attended Mission High. He was employed as a ship-fitter before entering the Police Academy in 1941. He was assigned to Taraval, Northern, Central, Mission, Park and Richmond. He was appointed Sergeant in 1948. He was awarded a Gold Medal of Valor for the arrest of an insane man who shot and wounded a fellow officer. Also, a Silver medal for the arrest a suspect who shot two people. Mervyn died at his home in Sonoma at the age of 84.

**JAMES ARTHUR MULLAN** Jim was born in Watsonville, Calif. He grew up in the Mission and Attended Mission High School. He served in the Army during WWII. He entered the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Park, then to Central. In 1950 he was called back to the Army, and served his country in Korea. In 1953 he went back to the "Big Apple" Then to Park, and then to Southern. He worked the BSS detail, before being assigned to the Bureau of Inspectors. He worked the Fraud Detail and was considered a expert in the field. He was awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor for the arrest of a 187 suspect. Jim retired in 1975 and went to work for the old Hibernia Bank. Jim passed away in San Francisco. He was 77 years old.

**GOOD OF THE ASSOCIATION** A moment of silence was held for our departed members.

**ADJOURNMENT** President Garrity reminded the Trustees that we will be at the Police Academy for the 198th Recruit Class, on Oct. 3 at 0930 hrs. Also our next meeting will be Wednesday October 18, 2000 at 2PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3:15 PM.

Faternally,  
Mark Hurley, Secretary.

## A POA Salute to America's Veterans

By Chris Cunnie,  
President

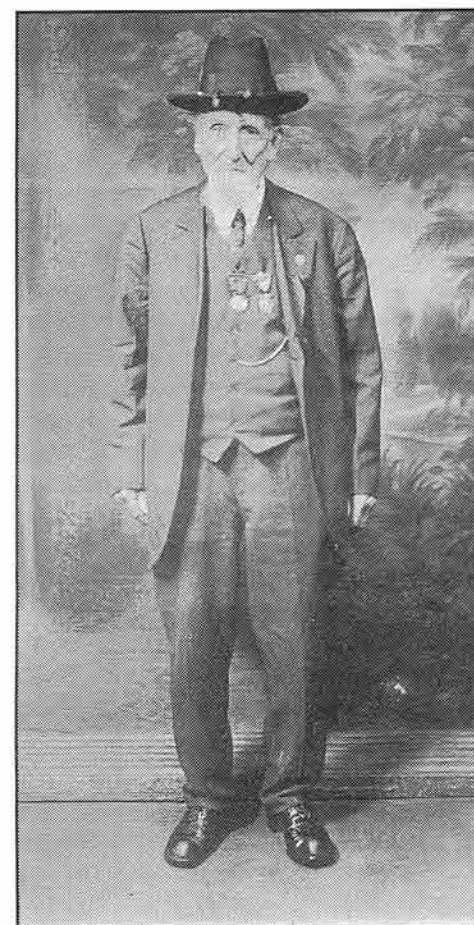
November 11th is Veteran's Day. Squeezed in between Halloween and Thanksgiving, Veteran's Day seems to slip past the media frenzy afforded the other holidays.

Police officers and military veterans share some common and noble characteristics: sacrifice; dedication; sense of duty. Cops serve a regional public. Our military men and women serve our entire nation. Personal danger, risk, and malignant fate are threads common in both types of public service.

Police officers frequently complain that they are unappreciated by the people they serve. Many officers have the perception that all of their personal sacrifice — the long, late hours, rotating days-off, mid-winter vacations, exposure to death, disease, and human sadness, etc. — are undervalued by the public.

So, on this special day of the year, it is appropriate for the POA — an organization of people who serve and sacrifice for others — to acknowledge the same selfless deeds of all the men and women who have served in the military over the last several generations. As a band of public servants, we should be the very first to tip our hats to America's military veterans.

Many of our members are veterans. Of them, we should all be particularly proud. All of us have veterans in our families, and our neighborhoods, and



Veteran Geo. W. Simmons, 94 years old — an old Campaigner — of Hayes Valley, San Francisco, Calif. Taken in 1924

our workplace. Next time you cross paths with any of them, take a moment to reach out and thank them. Let them know that they are in your thoughts, and that you appreciate the freedom and security that each has help provide.

*The San Francisco Police Officers' Association mourns the loss of the men and women killed while serving aboard the USS Cole in the Persian Gulf.*

*The Navy destroyer was hit by a terrorist attack on Thursday, October 12, 2000.*

*But for the gallant struggle to save their ship, more lives would have been lost in the cowardly attack on our Naval forces serving in the Middle East.*

*The POA extends condolences to the shipmates, families, and friends of the fallen sailors.*

—Chris Cunnie,  
President, San Francisco Police Officers' Association

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Call the Secretary to join at  
(415) 731-4765,



or write to us at  
P.O. Box 22046, SF 94122.

The Veteran POA has 982 members. Stay in touch!



# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato



## Births:

**M**ike and Pegge Deely, Northern Station, proudly announce two additions to their family. On June 23, 2000 Pegge gave birth to **Jack Thomas Deely**, 10 lbs. 4 oz. Recently they proudly welcomed 5 year old **Justina Kathleen** to the family. —On August 2, 2000 at 1410 hours **Leo and Barbara Pierini**, FRET, welcomed their first child, **Sophia Marina Pierini**, 7 lbs. 11 ozs. 19 1/2 inches, to the SOD/FRET family. —**Erick and Gloria Solares**, Northern Station welcomed their second child August 5, 2000. **Erick Anthony Solares** 8 lbs. 4 ozs. 22 inches joined big sister **Monica**, age 7, as mom and dad's pride and joy. **Monica and Erick** welcomed two cousins two days later as twins for **Delmi and Jose Jimenez**, Mission Station, made their debut on August 7, 2000. First to arrive at 1739 hours was **Diego Alejandro Jimenez**, 6 lbs. 4 ozs. 19 1/2 inches. Three and one-half hours later at 2057 hours, **Yasmin leilani Jimenez** 6 lbs 12.5 ozs. 20 inches was born. Mom and L'il ones are doing fine while dad is ecstatic at having one of each as his first born. All the cousins made their arrivals at Kaiser, San Francisco. —**Dave and Holly Parry**, Richmond Station, proudly announce the birth of their first child, **Grayson David Parry**, 8 lbs. 14 oz. 22 inches, born September 8, 2000, 0908 hours at Peninsula Hospital, Burlingame. Thrilled with the birth, Dave and Holly decided to buy a daily 3-lottery ticket for Grayson using 908 as the three numbers. Well, L'IL Mr. Lucky, aka Grayson now has \$675.00 in his account. —**Bob and Sharon Ford**, Park Station welcomed their second child, **Julia Rose Ford** 7 lbs. 7 oz. 19 inches on October 9, 2000 0825 hours at Sequoia Hospital, Redwood City. Big Sister, **Taylor**, 2 years, is very excited and helping out. Congratulations to all and our best wishes for the future...

## ...Elegant Nuptial:

Inspector **Shelley Lee Ross**, Background Investigations, and the Hon. **Gary L. Bell**, Richmond City Council/President, CEO of Cooperative Center Federal Credit Union, were wed on August 25, 2000. The couple exchanged marital vows during a formal and posh double ring ceremony officiated by SFPD Chaplain **Dr. James McCray Jr.** at the San Mateo Marriott Hotel. Congratulations, we wish you a world of happiness...

## 30/40:

Recently, KQED ran a special on the 30/40 program that is being tested by researcher, **Ron Healy**, in the state of Indiana. Thirty-Forty means work thirty hours and get paid for forty. The study, which is taking place at

Metro Plastics, focuses on the productivity of workers while measuring the quality of their personal lives. The concept is not new. In the 1960's and early 70's those assigned to SFPD communications worked a six-hour day while being paid for eight. The system was designed after a similar one was developed in Jacksonville, Florida due to officers beginning to burn out at a high rate. Time to revisit the concept?...

## ...Wish Upon a Star:

The Combined Charity Campaign is in full swing. The one charity that has no administrative costs and assures that all the monies go to granting terminally ill children their last wish is **Wish Upon a Star**. Last year we raised over \$27,000 and hope to surpass that amount this year. So, please select **Wish Upon a Star** (PO Box 4000, Visalia Ca 93278 1-800-821-6805) as your donor choice for the upcoming year. Contact **Rene LaPrevotte**, Co.K or **Greg Corrales**, Hit and Run for complete details...

## ...Nacho Mania:

Over two hundred persons attended the last **Nacho Mania**, which honored SFPD dispatchers. So much fun was had by all that **Nacho Martinez**, Ingelside Station, has agreed to organize an encore by throwing a Christmas bash. Those interested in helping Mr. Mania can contact him at Ingelside (553-1603) or via e-mail, [nachomania@webtv.net](mailto:nachomania@webtv.net)...

## ...Richmond Annex:

Southern Station Officers are beginning to wonder if 6th Street, between Market and Folsom Streets, really isn't part of the City of Richmond. Seems that a large majority of those arrested, victimized and witnesses claim Richmond, California residency. Interesting...

## ...Within earshot:

Sometimes when officers carry on conversations within earshot of the public those conversations can be misconstrued or misinterpreted by those listening. The public interprets a discussion about a crime scene as being calloused or heartless. Remember that those who are observers do not always understand the shield we put up to get the job done. So while riding BART, Muni, or GG Transit, don't discuss the job...

## ...How we are viewed:

Out on the campaign trail for Props. C (misc retirement upgrade) and E (retiree health premiums) I'm getting quite an education. In one forum, some businesspersons described San Francisco as having too many Kingdoms all working against each other — going in

different directions. They perceived the run arounds they suffered as being the fault of the city employees trying to assist them. We, the employees, are penalized for the conflicting policies and power struggle, which are occurring between departments. I point this out because the current ballot propositions are not the last that will affect us. In the next few years Charter Amendments impacting health and retirement benefits will undoubtedly arise. **Just keeping up with PERS is a job on its own.** The campaign must be ongoing. Start campaigning now. Treat each public encounter as a potential vote...

## ...Contract:

POA President **Chris Cunnie** came across the following quote while doing research for the upcoming contract negotiations. "Definition of a Scab" *Sheet Metal Workers' Journal* -- Vol. XXXIV -- 1929 -- excerpt from a conspiracy trail held in England. "A 'scab' is to his trade is what a traitor is to his country and although both may be useful in troublesome times, they are detested by all when peace returns; so, when the help is needed, the 'scab' is the last to contribute assistance and the first to grasp the benefit he never labored to secure. He cares only for himself. He sees not beyond the extent of the day, and for the monetary consideration he would betray friends, family and country; in short, he first sells the journeyman and is himself afterward sold in turn by his employer, and at last he is despised and deserted by all." — At contract time there are those who help themselves and those who help the entire group...

## ...Best Wishes:

Retirement and Promotional events are occurring so often that most calendars are full. It is almost impossible to get to them all. Therefore, Congratulations to all who have been promoted and best wishes for long and healthy retirements to all who have moved on...

## ...Parking:

The traffic situation in the City seems to be getting worse and worse. The why is simple. too many vehicles and people and not enough space. Some of

those retiring confess that they would have stuck around longer if it wasn't for the commute and lack of parking. What to do? Those who commute and have assigned parking spaces really cannot appreciate the frustration of those who must hunt on the streets because public transit is not an alternative. So who will address the issue? Reduce the frustration? Is there a hero in the making? **Questions and no answers.** There I go again...

## ...Trucks:

**Jerry Robbins**, Department of Parking and Traffic is researching what to do about the problem of double-parked delivery trucks. Should deliveries be banned between 7 AM and 7 PM as they are in New York? Should fines be doubled, tripled? Another challenge that does not have an easy answer. If you have an idea send it to Jerry via department mail...

## ...Bum Scoop:

Mayor, **Willie Brown**, dedicated the new Tenderloin Station on October 6. During his remarks he made the statement that the first officers assigned came there reluctantly. He was not well briefed. The command was formed by volunteers. Those first assigned came willingly. They came to help the residents of the Tenderloin and with so many of the residents present for the dedication, we missed a golden opportunity to tell them that they were definitely cared about...

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## 119th Recruit Class 30th Reunion

By **Henry Freidlander**  
Airport Bureau

Preliminary efforts are underway to hold a 30th anniversary dinner for the 119th Recruit Class. Anyone interested in helping put a reunion together, please contact me at the Airport Bureau. Pass the word to all our former classmates, resigned, retired, or active.



**Frank Falzon**  
(Retired S.F.P.D., Homicide)  
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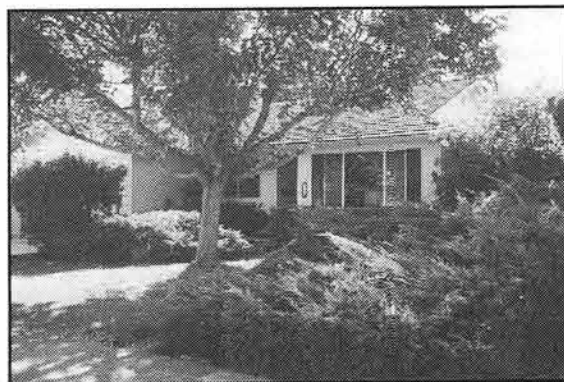
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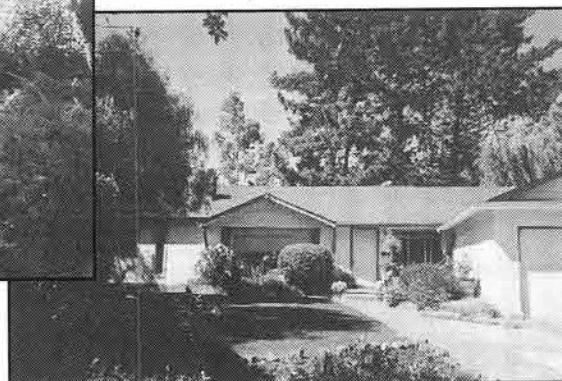
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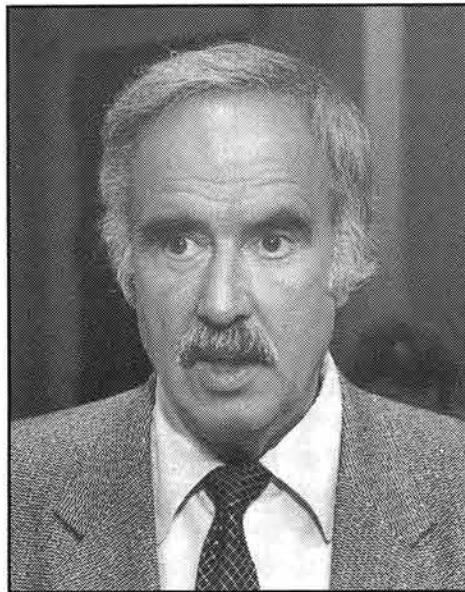
# Binding Arbitration Law Signed by Governor Davis

by Chris Cunnie,  
SFPOA President

Our State Senator and President Pro Tem of the Senate, John Burton, has succeeded for the first time in our state's history in enacting a statewide binding arbitration bill. SB 402 was recently signed by Gray Davis and will become law January 1, 2001.

SB 402 was introduced early in 1999 and successfully passed several committees as it went through a grueling legislative process that didn't end until August of this year. The reason for the extraordinary timeline was because of difficult negotiations over the scope of what would be arbitrable. Senator Burton's bill set forth a broad scope, similar to what we have here in San Francisco and what also exists in jurisdictions such as Vallejo, San Jose and Oakland. Senator Burton defines "scope" as "wages, hours, and other terms and conditions of employment."

In the end, Governor Gray Davis said that at this early juncture he personally favored only economic issues. He stated that he was very much aware that twenty-one jurisdictions, including San Francisco, have broader scopes



Senator John Burton

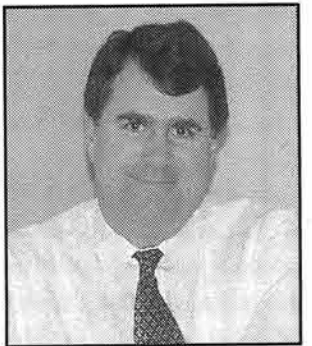
and he said he would protect these jurisdictions from any attempts to reduce their scope of what is arbitrable. More importantly, he clarified that SB 402 is "a floor, not a ceiling."

SB 402 protects the POA's right to collectively bargain for economic issues. It does not affect our Charter-mandated right to bargain on non-economic issues.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Tom Shawyer  
POA Secretary

POA Board of Directors' Meeting  
POA Building, September 20, 2000



### Roll Call and Attendance

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	John Evans		
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		Val Kirwan	
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Co. J	Kyle Ching		Mark Obrochta
Co. K	Theresa San Giacomo		
	John Flaherty	Ben McAlister	
Muni	Tim Gibson		
	Bob Johnston		
Tac	Matt Castagnola		
	Mike Favetti		
Narcotics		Lynne Atkinson	
Invest.	Brian Olcembendy		
	Rich Struckman		
	Jim Balovich		
HQ			Glenn Sylvester
			Sheila Jackson
SFO	Bob Belt		
		Mike Chandra	
Retired	Gale Wright		

### Motions and Votes

1. Proposal: It is the position of the SFPOA Board of Directors to Support Yes on Proposition K and No on Proposition L.  
Motion: Rosko (Co. A); 2nd: Gibson (Muni)  
Motion passed unanimously

2. Proposal: The Board should donate \$250 to sponsor a POA team in the 09/29 American Heart Association Corporate Walk.  
Motion: Chris Cunnie; 2nd by Martinez, (Co. F)  
Motion passed unanimously

The next meeting will be at the POA building, 510 7th Street, on November 15, 2000 at 1300 hours. Contact your district or unit representative for a copy of the agenda. Attend the meetings. It's your POA.



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## TREASURER'S CORNER

By Jack Minkel



POA Treasurer Jack Minkel  
(Not available for adoption)

Last month, I spoke about the plans we have for a new POA building. I also asked for as much feedback on the building project as I could get. I was a little disappointed in that I received only a brief few comments. I don't mean to be barking at the membership, but I want to reiterate how important your input is. Please take a moment to read about our plan, then contact your unit representative with your comments. Thank you.

As you know, we are razing both of our buildings on the corner of 7th and Bryant streets. In their place, we will erect a new, state-of-the-art office build-

ing that will be the new home of the POA, and will include commercial rental space.

We are in the final planning stages, and the final cost will be dependent upon how your input directs us to configure the new building. With this input we can finalize the planning.

Our present office building is seriously dilapidated. It needs a new roof, major wiring up-grades, and plumbing work. The retrofitting costs to bring the current building up to ADA and earthquake codes are prohibitive. It will be more cost effective to erect a new, state of the art structure that includes our POA offices and meeting rooms, but also commercial space that we can lease out to generate rental income.

Surveys (like the one printed below) will be distributed to each member by the station rep. Please take a moment to respond to the survey, then return it to your unit or station representative.

Another alternative is to contact one of the persons on the Building Committee, either in person, by phone, or mail to the POA. The Building Committee members are: Jack Minkel, Gary Delagnes, John Flaherty, Mike Favetti, Steve Murphy, and Ray Shine.

### Possible Functions To Be Included In The New Building

- Administrative Offices
- Training Room
- Members' Lounge
- Multi-purpose Room
- Catering-Warming Kitchen and Serving area
- Outdoor Patio/garden area
- Library/Media Center
- Car Parking

## PET CORNER

By Deborah Braden,  
Background Investigations

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Name: Theodore  
ID: 127712  
Age: 3 years  
Sex: Male  
Description:

Theodore is a Rottweiler. He is a big boy with a heart of gold. He loves people and craves attention. He is just waiting to be your Best Friend!



Name: Tucker  
ID: 127774  
Age: 9 months  
Sex: Male  
Description:

Tucker is a Golden Retriever. He loves to get and give kisses. Tucker is a large dog with lots of love to give. Have you had your love today?



Name: Kate  
ID: 127575  
Age: 5 years  
Sex: Female  
Description: Kate is a spayed pit bull mix. She's blonde with black markings and has a lovely profile. She's wonderful and quiet and knows sit and several commands, is receptive and eager to please. Kate comes with a special blessing from Grace Cathedral.

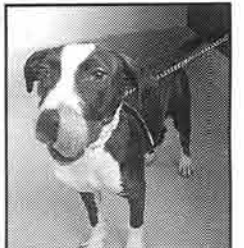


Name: Corbin  
ID: 127886  
Age: 3 years  
Sex: Male  
Description:

Corbin is a Chihuahua Mix. His big ears are always standing at attention. He is a gentle and loving but a bit shy at first. He needs someone who he can trust and that will love him forever.



Name: Molly  
ID: 127685  
Age: 4 months  
Sex: Female  
Description: Molly is a brindle and white pit bull. She's a sweet and spritely little girl, frisky and fun. She's full of love and is ready to come home with you today!



Name: Sheba  
ID: A127219  
Age: 8 months  
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Description:

Sheba is a female 8 month Dalmation with lovely brown spots. This little queenie is a very regal. She comes when called, knows sit and basic commands, is playful and still calm. What a sweet little girl.



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## OCC investigator who played by the rules

# POA Mourns Death of Pam Moy

By Ray Shine  
Editor

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association mourns the death and old and sincere friend of police officers and of this association, Ms. Pamela Moy. Pam died September 21, 2000. She was 56.

Pam was a retired investigator for the Office of Citizen Complaints. She was a trustworthy, fair, and uncompromising force in an office that is often perceived by officers as having a biased, anti-cop agenda. Pam consented to an interview for the POA Notebook shortly after her retirement. While some expected a scathing expose of the OCC and its inner-workings, Pam remained even-handed and truthful, and may have helped convince some that the watchdog agency was not the clandestine ogre it was thought to be.

Pam was a demonstrative and re-

spectful friend of police officers, but was particularly empathetic to the demands and trials of ordinary street cops. During the cancelled watches and mandatory 12-hour days following the Rodney King riots, Pam made several trips to the POA office to deliver fresh fruit, sandwiches, salads, and other provisions for squads of tired and hungry line officers.

"Pam was one of the most professional, and certainly one of the most fair, investigators in the office." remarked long-time POA representative Steve Johnson. "I had hoped she would have been moved further along in the hierarchy, but it didn't happen."

On behalf of the entire membership, I extend our condolences and sorrow to the family and friends of Pam Moy. Her passing leaves a hole in all our lives, as well as in the integrity of the concept of police civilian review.

# Get POA Bulletins By Email

By Tom Feledy, POA Webmaster  
(Tom@sfpoa.org)

For the past year, we've been experimenting with sending POA Bulletins via the internet, to active and retired members. The feedback has been positive, and now we want to offer this service to all of our members, and clean up our mailing list in the process.

The advantages of subscribing to the POA email Bulletin service are obvious — get your own copies of important Bulletins on such issues as promotions, benefits, or retirement issues, in the comfort of your own home, or on the road. You get POA Bulletins as soon as they are published, and no longer have to worry about trying to find them in the middle of a busy district station or office.

For retired members, this is the only way to get POA Bulletins, as the cost of mailing paper copies to homes is prohibitive. While the Journal covers most important issues, the internet avoids the Postal system, delivering Bulletins much faster.

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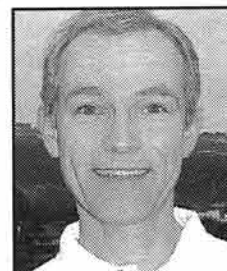
plan to do this every year, to make sure we aren't sending Bulletins to the wrong addresses, or to folks who don't want to get them anymore. If we don't get an email from you, we can't keep you on the list.

## Retired Members:

The Association feels the internet has tremendous potential for keeping in touch with retired members. In fact, our retired members are among the most enthusiastic supporters of the new email Bulletins.

## Testimonials and Retirement Dinners:

If you are scheduling an event to honor an active or retiring member, send an email to Bulletins@sfpoa.org, with all the details. We will transmit the information to all the members signed up for the Bulletin email service. In the past, retired members would rarely hear about such events, unless they happened to visit a station or the Hall, and saw a testimonial flyer posted on a bulletin board. The POA Bulletin email service can get the word out much more reliably, and help ensure a better turn-out for your event!



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## Santa Claus Wears Blue

# Volunteers, Toys, & Donations Needed!

By Lt. Mike Slade  
Executive Director, Operation Dream

Starting Monday, November 27th, the SFPD Operation Dream Holiday Toy Patrol will begin their 7th Annual Christmas Toy Drive Campaign. This annual campaign allows Officers from several district Police Stations to become Santa Claus — providing gifts for underprivileged children, who otherwise would not know the joys of the Holiday Season.

Last year, with the help of San Francisco's Finest, we were able to provide over 22,000 toys to children and their families, through the generous donations of the public. This public exposure along with the warm compliments we receive shows the City that we are leaders in the area of Community Policing.

Some of the programs that have benefited from Operation Dream are the SFPOA Hospital Christmas Program, Mission Station's Christmas Program, Taraval Station's Christmas Toy Program, The Ashanti Aids Project, Glide Memorial, St. Anthony's, Children of Public Housing, single moms & dads, adoption agencies, and the list goes on & on.

We are asking for any Officers or Civilians to lend a hand and help make this year's campaign an even greater success, as we will need volunteers for all of these upcoming Operation Dream events:

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### Thursday, 11/30/00

Toy Collection at the Powell and Civic Center BART Stations from 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. & 3 p.m. to 6 p.m.

### Saturday, 12/2/00

Toy Collection at Union Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Wednesday, 12/06/00

Toy Collection at Union Square from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### Sunday, 12/10/00

Toy Collection at the SF 49er Game at 3COM Park from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Delivery of toys to those in need occurring between Saturday, December 16th and Saturday, December 23rd, 2000.

If you would like to donate your time and effort, please contact Officer Charles McCullar, Officer Michael Jamison, or myself at: 415-671-3156.

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By Mark Hawthorne  
Chair, Blood Committee

Yes, it is that time of year again when merriment begins and we begin to ring out the old and bring in the new. We celebrate Christian, Jewish, and other religious and non-religious events marking the calendar. Let us all take time out to give others an opportunity to celebrate special events this time of year. Those people who you help, in all likelihood, will not know who you are, only that something you provided helped them. I am talking about the ritual and participation in the



**S.F.P.D. December Blood Drive.** As many of you know, the blood drive benefits hundreds of people, either directly or indirectly. Generally, we receive around 100 pints of blood at the one-day drive. For a department with over two thousand members, and hundreds of friends and acquaintances, we should be able to hit the two hundred-pint mark without breaking a sweat. Let's give it a whirl this December and see what we can do. I have given personal invitations to many dignitaries in hopes that they will become part of our December ritual. I

know many of the reasons why many of you are, shall we say, reluctant to give. To that I can only say, needles only hurt if you think they will; The lunch generously provided by the S.F.P.O.A. is only fattening if you eat a steady diet of it; If you have time to come to work, you have time to work into your schedule to drop a pint, which, depending on the crowd takes an average of 45 to 60 minutes. Besides, you can come and visit with me, as I will be there from sun up to well after sundown.

You can also come by to say hello to the command staff who donate regularly and are counting heads and faces. If this will be your first time,

we will have counselors available for the squeamish. All in all, it is a good time for all and a reunion for many. I look forward to seeing many of you there. Don't forget to say hello.

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## Frequently asked questions

# FAQ's about the 800 MHz System

By Sergeant Greg Yee  
Emergency Communications  
Department

Q. Treasure Island - Can TTF units hear radio traffic on Treasure Island?

A. Yes

Q. Will there be coverage in the BART tube and platforms?

A. Regular talk-groups will not transmit or receive on the BART platforms or in the tube. Officers will most likely need to use the mutual aid talk-group (C8) to communicate within the BART system. The mutual aid protocols have not yet been established.

Q. Can officers use their radios in the Muni Metro?

A. Yes - Officers can use their designated talk-group in Muni Metro. There will be some noise in the transmission due to the noise created by the trains in motion.

Q. Is there an ECD protocol for the EMERGENCY alert on non-monitored "B" bank talk-groups?

A. The Communications Supervisor will monitor emergency button activations on the B-Bank.

Q. Can an officer talk over/step on another officer who is transmitting?

A. Yes. As with the current system, the ability to step on another transmission is dependent upon radio signal strength and other factors.

Q. Does an officer who pushes their EMERGENCY button lock out other officers in the talk-group?

A. No - All officers in the talk-group with the emergency will be able to talk on the talk-group.

Q. On what Channel do we normally run 10-28's and 10-29's?

A. Use your assigned secondary talk-group AKA service channel (i.e.: Central Station = Talk-group A2) or Station Service = Talk-group A13 (Replaces PIC 6).

Q. What auxiliary channel do we use for surveillance operations at station levels?

A. Police Direct Talk-around - Talk-group C14 or C15 (similar to PIC 12) not monitored or recorded. CLEMARS/FMARS Mutual Aid chan-

nels should not be used for surveillance or routine communications.

Q. What are the Station Service talk-groups - A13 and A14?

A. These talk groups replace PIC 6.

Q. What are the spare talk-groups A9, A10, and A12?

A. These are spare talk-groups that can be activated if needed. Spare talk-groups are turned off when not in use.

Q. Why did the radios work so poorly during the July 2000 training exercise on Treasure Island?

A. While using the C Bank, some radios were on DIRECT and some radios were on REPEATER. The double-nipple button on the side of the radio controls the direct/repeater selection on the new radios. While on the C Bank, C1 Mutual Aid talk-group, if you key the mic and you hear "hang time" then you are on the repeater. If you key the mic and there is no "hang time" you are on direct.

The only way to check this is to do a radio check with all officers involved prior to deployment. The Mutual Aid talk-groups are for mutual aid purposes, and not for everyday intercom communications.

Q. What is the secure switch, and what does encrypted transmissions mean?

A. Radios will receive encrypted calls without enabling the secure switch, but to transmit in secure (encrypted), you will need to enable the switch. A secure talk-group is an encrypted channel that scrambles your transmission against unwanted eavesdroppers. Encrypted talk-groups are only available for specialized units. FOB patrol radios are not encrypted.

Q. What does "trunked" mean?

A. On face value, a trunked system appears to work the same as a conventional radio system. However, there are significant differences in concept, application and versatility. In conventional radio, talk groups are a collection of radios configured to operate on one channel. Personnel working in specific areas or assignments are assigned to channels. The channels are not shared. For example, when a surveillance unit has its own channel that they only use 10% of the time,

ber of users. Radio requests are assigned to a channel by a system controller. It uses computer (digital) technology to make more effective use of radio channels/talk groups in a "pool" arrangement. Radio channels are assigned to a talk group only for the moment of a transmission and then return to the pool for reassignment. In a trunked system, the special need talk group would not get an entire channel that it might only use 10% of the time. Instead, it uses one of the pool channels when it needs it, and the other 90% of the time the channel is available for others to use.

Q. Why do we need the monitor feature if we are trunked?

A. You do not need the monitor feature.

Q. If the radio emergency button is pushed, will Dispatch know immediately what unit has an emergency?

A. As long as you have been entered into CAD via People Soft HRMS. If you have not been entered, only your radio number identifier will appear on the Motorola radio screen.

Q. Isn't the 800 MHz system already outdated?

A. There is a growing misconception that the 900 MHz frequency band has replaced 800 MHz systems for public safety radio communications. While this frequency is suited for pager and some wireless communications, the 900 MHz band does not support the data and voice communications needs of a public safety radio system.

Questions regarding the 800 MHz system can be directed to Lt. Tom Del Torre at

415-558-3834 or Sgt. Greg Yee at 415-558-3829.



The ordeal of launching a new technology is a familiar problem for the SFPD. Here, the "new" Department switchboard is transitioned into operation at the old Hall of Justice back in 1922. (Note dual-purpose "hat rack" in corner of room.)

this equates to an empty channel 90% of the time. When the need for a new talk group arises within this type of system, the only way to provide for the new need is to attempt to obtain new frequencies to build new channels. If new frequencies cannot be obtained the need cannot be met.

Trunked radio systems are the automatic sharing of a communications path or paths between a large num-

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# New 800 MHz System May Suit SF Better Than it Did Portland

By Ray Shine  
Editor

In the September issue of the POA Journal, I ran an a story downloaded from an internet police news service about the troubles Portland, Oregon was experiencing with their new 800 MHz communications system. The gist of that article was that Oregon OSHA had fined the city of Portland for several unsafe conditions found in their new emergency services radio system. That system is similar to the one the City and County of San Francisco is poised to transition to, so I felt that it was a timely and relevant story.

**Del Torre will not permit the transition to move forward if major glitches are not resolved**

Shortly after the Journal was distributed, I received a phone call from Lt. Tom Del Torre, the lead SFPD coordinator for the 800 MHz transition. He took issue with our reprinting the Portland story because he felt that, by doing so, we had falsely implied that the San Francisco system would be as fraught with bugs and inadequacies as the Oregon system.

Lieutenant Del Torre's position was that the two systems have very little in common, other than the fact that the same company manufactures the hardware. He insisted that any other comparison is misleading and unfair, and substantially detracts from the dedicated effort that he and others have made trying to provide our officers with a reliable, first-class radio system.

He may be right about that.

Other key points that he argued are:

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That he and his principle assistant, Sgt. Greg Yee, have spent an exhaustive amount of time over-seeing the testing and re-testing of the SF system in an effort to identify and correct bugs. Tests have been ongoing for more than a year, and have taken place in a variety of locales, and under every practical condition.

The San Francisco system will absolutely utilize the critical orange emergency button. Neither he, nor any of the police brass, will consent to a "policy issue" that prohibits its use.

To the extent that his influence allows, Del Torre will not permit the transition to move forward if major glitches are not resolved. That is absolutely his position in regards to all officer safety concerns.

The SF system has several more layers of sophisticated software than the Portland system (Translation—we're probably spending more on the necessary operating programs).

I know that Lt. Del Torre and Sgt. Yee have made reasonable efforts to keep the POA updated about the transition process. Both men appeared before the POA Board of Directors at the July meeting. They patiently fielded all questions from that body, and did their best to allay as many of the officers' concerns as possible. It was my opinion then—and remains so today—that they were doing as much as they could to ensure that our officers are provided with a state-of-the-art, safe and effective emergency communications system. To the extent that I know both gentlemen, I would expect nothing less.

I have invited Lt. Del Torre to forward more updates about the new system. I will print all that he or others provide, but I remain convinced that the Portland story was noteworthy and relevant to the concerns of our members.

To date, I have no adverse reports about the San Francisco 800 MHz system. I trust things are going well, and that the people in charge do have the officers' best interests in mind. Nonetheless, if any significant reports develop, I will not hesitate to publish them. The same applies to comments and concerns of our members.

## 800 MHz system

# Straight Talk about Our New Radio Communications

By Sergeant Greg Yee,  
Emergency Communications  
Department

In last month's Journal, I read the article regarding the deficiencies of the 800 MHz radio system that was implemented in Portland, Oregon. It is unfortunate that such a system exists, but most of that is due to Portland's policy, and the design of their system.

Although Motorola hardware is a part of Portland's and San Francisco's 800 MHz radio system, there are some vast differences between the two applications.

For instance, the City of Portland decided not to use the orange "emergency" button, and created a policy not to activate it on the officers' radios. In San Francisco, we will be using the orange emergency button. Once properly scheduled in the new HRMS system, when an officer depresses their orange emergency button, their unit identifier and current "run" will immediately appear on the dispatcher's monitor. In addition to a visual notification, dispatchers will also receive an audible alert tone. Our orange emergency button activation will notify the dispatcher even if there is active radio traffic on your talkgroup.

Just as a note, the orange emergency button will only work on the "A" and "B" bank talkgroups on our radios. It will not work on the "C" bank talkgroups because the "C" bank is used for mutual aid or direct talk-around without the use of the normal transmitters and receivers throughout the City.

In regards to bad coverage areas in the City, has anyone listened to PIC-3 lately? With the 800 MHz system, officers will notice improved coverage. Officers assigned to the Field Operations Bureau have been testing these 800 MHz radios. Testing has been done in conjunction with Station personnel who have identified known problem spots in their respective districts. Some areas that coverage have improved are: Sunnydale, Lower Sunset, Kiska Road, Broad and Plymouth, Hall of Justice

garage, the Presidio, Muni Metro tunnel (West Portal to Embarcadero), the financial district, and the Embarcadero.

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As with any radio system, you will experience some "dead" spots. Some of the "dead" spots are underground areas such as Civic Center garage, Union Square garage, St. Francis Hotel basement, certain areas of the Moscone Center, and the Marriott loading dock.

The 800 MHz system is up and running. If you have a concern, I recommend that you take a portable radio or use a mobile radio in a radio car and talk to another officer in the Department. You can compare your Sabre's performance with an 800 MHz radio. It's a substantial improvement.

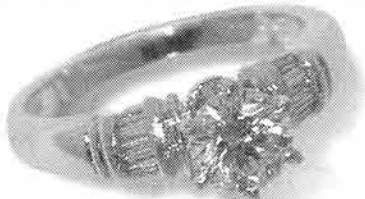
The last portion of the Portland article referred to the amount of users on the system. Bottom line, they had too many departments and agencies on the system. I do not foresee San Francisco adding any additional users/outside agencies.

Since May of 2000, Lt. Tom Del Torre and I have been assigned to the Emergency Communications Department (ECD) and we are looking after the best interests of the members of the San Francisco Police Department. If there are any questions, comments, or concerns regarding the 800 MHz radio system, please feel free to give us a call at

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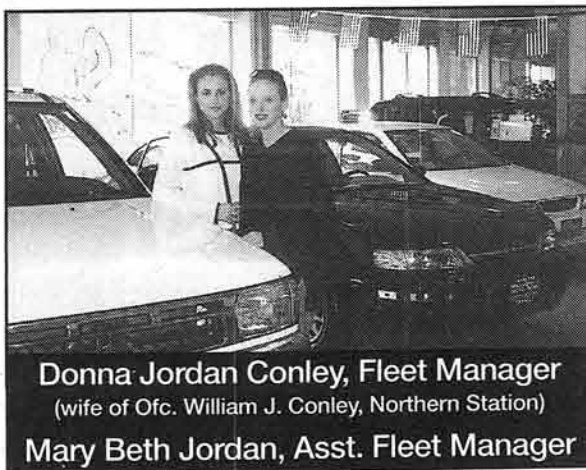


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## San Francisco Fellowship of Christian Peace Officers

By Daniel Hampton

### Relationships

I pray your relationships within your own family are close and loving. With the hustle and bustle of daily life all of us have to take time to foster closeness with each member in the family. Of course, much time and effort must be concentrated on our spouses. They will remain with us when all our children leave the nest (home) and become independent. For myself, I like to help my wife by shopping for all the food, cooking the majority of dinners, putting the dishes away in the dishwasher, etc. This past September, we celebrated our 25th wedding anniversary. We went away for the weekend and enjoyed going out to eat, walking in the shopping district, swimming and using the Jacuzzi in the hotel. We just enjoyed being with each other. We capped off the weekend by going to the Curran Theatre and attending the play *Les Miserables*. What a great time we had, Truly, she is my best friend.

My daughter has been pretty busy with her life. Now that she is 19 years of age her calendar has been quite busy. She also has a great boy friend that ministers with her helping high school teenagers at the Church on Wednesdays and Sundays. The Youth Pastor has made both of them team leader for the high school teens. So getting dates with my daughter has been difficult to arrange. She's employed at our Church and is an aide for pre-school children, she attended summer college courses, she takes bible courses at Church with her boy friend twice a week, and now for the fall semester she's taking a full load of units in college. Well, I was still able to take her out to her favorite restaurant, then on another date I took her out for lunch and went to see *Les Miserables* at the Curran Theatre, and late October, we will see the play, *Stomp*. She loves

musicals and I enjoy taking her to see them. She still enjoys going out with her dad.

My son is 16 years old and is quite a responsible young man. I enjoyed this summer with him driving him to all the outings and parties he had with his friends who attend his high school or attend the youth group at Church. I have taken the time to know his intimate friends, which helps us feel safer when he goes out with them. I enjoy taking him to the golf range and Cypress to play a round, taking him to the shotgun range to shoot clays at Morgan Hill, going with him to the gymnasium for workouts, and going for long drives with him for practice. Yeah, this past summer was great. Now that fall has arrived he has been busy playing varsity football for his high school. We are attending his games and enjoy supporting his and the team's effort on the field. The nighttime games under the lights are a thrill for all that attend. I know he enjoys our support for all his activities.

I know all of you are quite busy with your own children's activities. Your involvement shows your love and concern for them. You will never regret taking the time to be involved with their activities. They will see you have put the family first place on your priority list and not your job and friends. Your children will love you for this and you will always be a friend to each of them. This is what God and His Son Jesus Christ has called you to be as parents. Father God; help each of us to be intimately involved with the development of our children. Let us be there for them in the activities that give them self worth and recognition for their achievements. Help us Father, as we show our children that we want a working relationship with each of them, that they also need to have an intimate relationship with You and Your Son Jesus Christ Our Lord. Amen.

Officer Paul Lozada will be our featured guest speaker on Wednesday, December 13, 2000. Paul has received numerous awards from the Department for his acts of bravery during the course and performance of his duties. Please watch for his flyer!

## Angels In Action

By Rene LaPrevotte  
Solos

Several years ago, then 10-year old Morgan Harvey and her mother, Connie, noted that it just didn't seem right that Morgan had birthday gifts that hadn't been used since the day they were unwrapped, not while so many kids in San Francisco were in need of even the most basic joys in life.

Morgan and her mom decided that, instead of receiving gifts that would go unused, the Harveys would found "Angels In Action". Nine of Morgan's schoolmates at The Hamlin School constituted the charter core of girls, aged 9 and 10-years old. They told their parents that they wanted cash gifts that would be donated to a charity of the girls' choosing.

To further their fundraising endeavors, the girls held lemonade sales and other events to help bolster their charitable bank account. One of the girls sold a keepsake bracelet given to her by a relative who had purchased the bracelet in Africa. She donated the entire \$200 she received for the bracelet to the fund. Through the selfless charity of these very special young ladies, they have raised \$4,745.03.

Recently, I received a call from Mrs. Harvey who told me that the Angels In Action had decided to donate one thousand dollars to "California Law Enforcement's Wish Upon A Star Foundation." I met with the "Angels" at the Harvey home on Lake Street. Prior to the donation presentation, I sat in on their board meeting. The "Angels" discussed ways to raise money for their fund. I have to tell you, I have attended board meetings with adults that weren't as professional as the meeting conducted by these young

ladies. After the meeting, the Angels In Action gobbled-up several pizzas, then each of the ten girls autographed a new, 100 dollar bill and gave it to me as a donation to be used for a less fortunate child through the Wish Upon A Star Foundation.

Mrs. Harvey told me that the "Angels In Action" has become so popular that several other schools are starting charters, proving that not all our kids are self-centered and greedy. Good luck to these angels in their future charitable endeavors.

### Combined Charities

Speaking of generosity, you know that the City and County of San Francisco's annual "Combined Charities Campaign" is just around the corner. I am unabashedly asking for your consideration when it comes time to sign-up for that payroll-deducted donation. The Wish Upon A Star Foundation is known to most members through articles printed here in the SFPOA Journal.

One major benefit of pledging to Wish Upon A Star is that the only paid staff in the entire organization is the Executive Director, and one office worker. The entire Board of Directors are volunteers, and ninety-percent of what's taken-in goes to the kids for which it was donated. Very few "Big Time Charities" can say that, not with some siphoning up to 90% of the money received for "expenses".

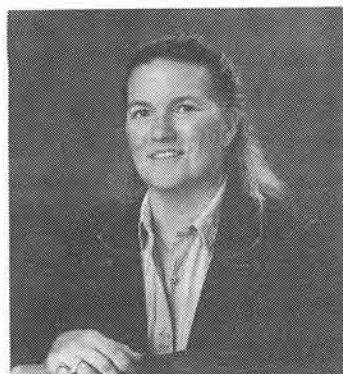
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# Tenderloin Task Force: From a Basement, to the Streets

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Today, the TTF Community Room is in place and ready for the convening of those vital neighborhood meetings that are so intrinsic to positive police-community relations.

## Community

We hear a lot of lip service about "community" in America. Some extol that word, but really don't know its true meaning. The officers of the TTF no it well. The whole notion of "community" is the driving force behind their effectiveness.

For many observers, the Tenderloin is a crime ridden bastion of drug dealers and predators. But, Tenderloin officers have a much more accurate picture in mind. To them, the Tenderloin is home to thousands of decent, law-abiding people. The diverse population includes pensioners, a large elderly population, families and, to the delight of most, children — lots of bright, well-mannered young people with dreams and aspirations all their own.

Many of the neighborhood's families are from Asian cultures, and the area is rich with a diverse mix of businesses, restaurants, and entertainment spots. Other significant community segments are the service providers and business people. The Tenderloin is home to some of the city's major high-rise hotels, theaters, and convention facilities.

The officers of the Task Force have developed important relationships with all of the groups that have a stake in the quality of life in the Tenderloin. Police could not operate effectively without responding to the concerns of groups and individuals in order to resolve conflicts and vexing issues. The officers of the Task Force realize that there are a number of strategies used in reducing and preventing crime, including social agency intervention, as well as traditional law enforcement practices.

## The Extra Mile

The police officers who work in the Tenderloin do so because they choose to. Virtually every man and woman working at the Tenderloin Task Force requested the assignment. Very few choose to leave.

There is a collective bond between the TTF officers and the Tenderloin community. The police work that they do in this small but densely populated area — bounded by Geary, Larkin, Market, and Grant streets — is among of the most critical and challenging in all of San Francisco.

I have observed, again and again, the officers going that extra mile to serve their TTF neighbors. On a daily basis, acting with compassion, and motivated by their inherent need to help others, the officers aid children in need, get folks into rehabilitation, and provide food and assistance to people who have — through no fault of their own — fallen on hard times.

It is difficult to laud the deeds of any particular officer, because all of the TTF'ers apply unique and effective attributes to their style of policing. Yet, there are individual officers with stand-out qualities who epitomize most TTF personnel. By mentioning a few of them, I can vividly portray the benchmark to which all Task Force members measure.

Gary Peachey, of the swing shift, goes that extra mile when he counsels youngsters who are on the verge of entering a life of gang activity.

John Centurioni goes that extra mile every day, taking inebriates to facilities that may help them turn their lives around.

Tim Foley and Irene Huey, along with others, go that extra mile by channeling troubled youth into boxing programs.

Darren Nocetti, Eddie Hagan, Rich O'Reilly, Mark Obrochta, Michael Lee, Dean Ries and Alvin Yee respond effectively day in and day out to requests from petitioners about rampant drug dealing on their streets.

Bob Ramos has been working the



Some of the TTF holders of a Medal of Valor.

patrol wagon at the Tenderloin for nine years — and I mean working. He is a "wagon master" in the traditional sense. He defuses situations every week with prisoners awaiting transfer to the Hall of Justice. Using his own money, he provides food and beverages to prisoners who request them. Bob demonstrates through his actions tremendous humanity, and a humble sense of dedication and duty.

These are just a few of the officers going that extra mile. There are scores of other examples from virtually all of the officers assigned to the Task Force.

## Traditional Law Enforcement

Of course, there is crime in the Tenderloin. That is inevitable for a community that has such disproportionately high number of parolees and other offenders dumped onto its streets. From drug trafficking to strong-arm robberies, TTF officers are kept busy responding to, and attempting to prevent, a myriad of street crime.

The San Francisco Police Department rewards officers who are involved in high risk and dangerous incidents that could readily result in injury to the officer — or that could even claim his or her life. Since 1991, sixty-two (62) gold, silver, or bronze Medals of Valor, the department's most prestigious commendations, have been awarded to officers from the Task Force. One hundred fifty-four (154) Police Commission commendations, life saving, and meritorious awards and have also been handed out to TTF officers

over the last nine years. Lastly, thousands of Captain's Complimentary awards have been written to officers of the Task Force for outstanding felony arrests.

It is important to note that even with the high volume of arrests — in fact the highest per capita in the entire City — the use of force by TTF officers effecting an arrest is quite low. Police Academy experts recently completed a staff analysis of the overall use of force at the Tenderloin unit. They were amazed at the inordinately low number of arrests that required application of force.

## Future Of The Task Force

It is incumbent upon our leaders to ensure that the new Task Force station is properly maintained, and to provide the officers assigned to it with the necessary resources to keep it a vital community asset.

The Tenderloin is home to many basic resource centers. The Glide Memorial Church, St. Anthony's Dining Room, and a myriad of other private, secular, and civic agencies regularly feed, house, provide care, and transition people into jobs. These agencies and their clients deserve a professional, empathetic police presence, one commensurate with their needs, and that will provide the services unique to this diverse community.

The people of the Tenderloin are vulnerable. They, as well as legions of tourists, daily commuters, and others, deserve protection from the criminal, safe streets, and secure neighborhoods. The business community, from the Hilton Hotel and Union Square merchants, to the small business owners, also deserve a full-service police facility.

The men and women officers of the Task Force will continue to provide them all with the highest level of service and dedication.

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Fledgling unit quickly entrenched

# T.T.F. In the Beginning

By Gile Pursley  
Tenderloin Police Station

In 1991, Chief Willis Casey established a Task Force to address an extremely high crime rate in a very small area of San Francisco known as the Tenderloin. He delegated the responsibility to Lieutenant Mike McNeill, whose job it became to organize the Task Force. Sergeant Larry Barsetti assisted Lt. McNeill with the paperwork, equipment, and supplies needed for such a Unit. Six additional sergeants were picked for the Task Force. These eight individuals reviewed the transfer requests of over one hundred officers and put together a list of sixty names submitted to the Chief. As usual, the administration revised this list slightly so as not to severely deplete the district stations of their quality personnel.

On March 30th, 1991, Capt. George Kowalski, Lieutenants Mike McNeill and Tom Carew, seven sergeants, and forty-eight hand-picked officers on extended loan, and twelve probationary officers met for the first time as a unit in the Traffic Auditorium. I was among those making acquaintances of one another, renewing old friendships and establishing new ones.

We conducted our first watch sign-up, and determined the working partnerships in a few hours. Then, as Cap-

Operation Order written, by Lt. McNeill and Capt. Kowalski:

"By order of Willis Casey, Chief of Police, the Tenderloin Task Force is given the responsibility to pro-actively deal with crime and order-maintenance problems, reducing crime as perceived by the public."

Since that date, the members of the Tenderloin Task Force have actively attacked crime, far beyond the extended loan date. Every year since its



TTFers grab a quick lunch.

conception, the Task Force has decreased the overall crime in the Tenderloin, and will continue to do so.

The members of the Tenderloin Task Force are no better than officers at other district stations. But, they perform their duties under more adverse conditions than elsewhere. During the nine years they were housed in the basement of the old Hibernia Bank, personnel assigned to the TTF were plagued with a variety of workplace maladies. Now in their new quarters, problems of limited parking, damage to personal vehicles, lack of proper holding areas for prisoners, no separation from prisoners and officers; and the constant exposure to diseases and needles will be adequately addressed.

Of the original members of the Tenderloin Task Force, eighteen received transfers to specialized assignments, and fourteen left as a result of promotions. Four of the latter returned as sergeants. Ten members have re-



Lockers inside an old vault.



Files in boiler room.

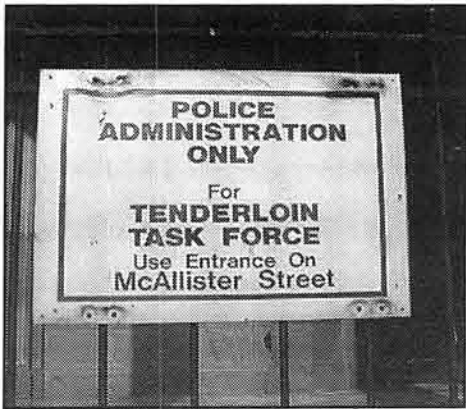
tain Kowalski released everyone so that he and his staff could complete the final paperwork, we realized just what we had gotten into as many of the officers requested radios so they could get out on their new beats.

Joe Garrity, travelling along 6th Street, didn't even get to the Tenderloin before he made the fledgling unit's very first arrest.

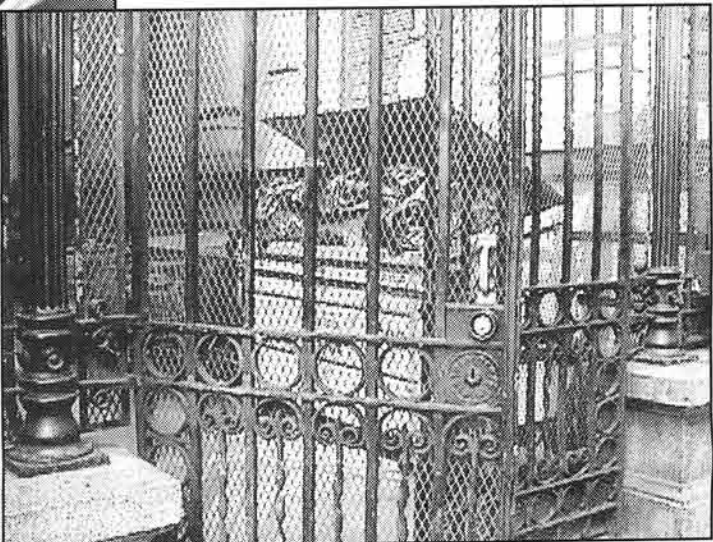
The Tenderloin Task Force officially hit the streets on April Fool's Day, 1991. The Mission as stated in the

mained and are still actively working in the Tenderloin. They are:

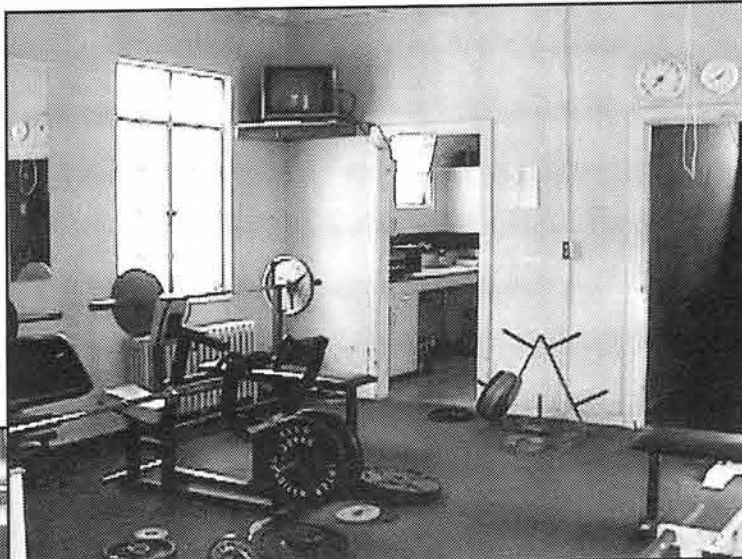
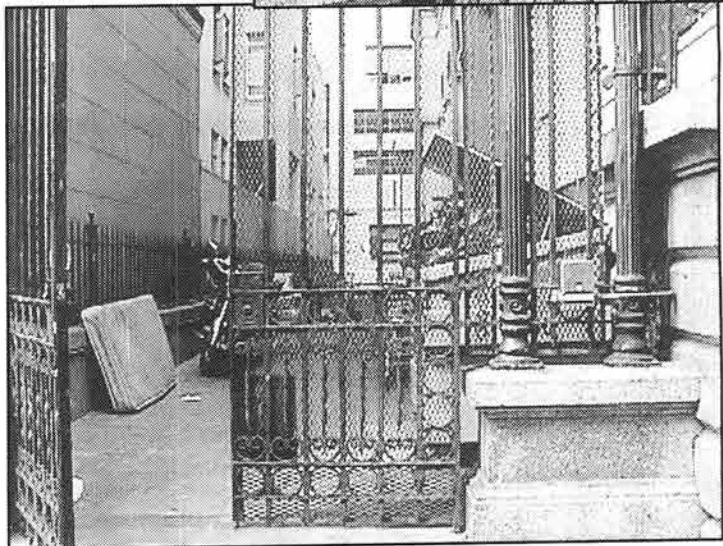
Sergeants Bill Bush and Gile Pursley, Officers John Centurioni, Tim Flaherty, George Fogarty, Tony LaRocca, Bob Ramos, Mark Shea, Miquel Torres, and Tad Yamaguchi (only member originally transferred to the TTF)



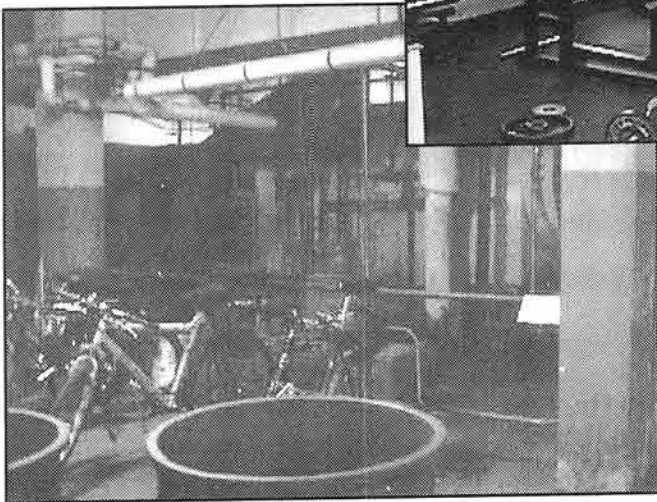
TTF was located in the basement of the old Hibernia Bank.



Entering the old building amid old mattresses and garbage.

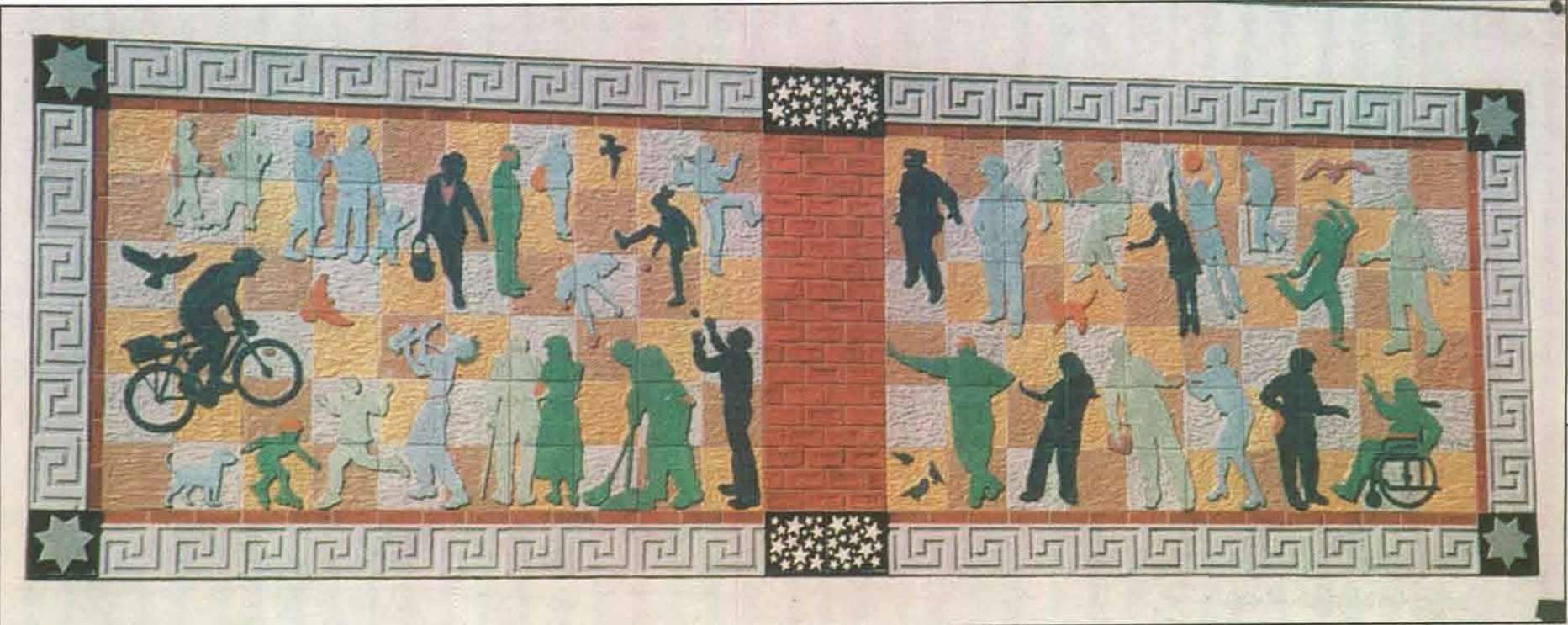


Weight room/kitchen.



Boiler room/bike storage.





Mosaic mural that adorns the Jones Street wall of new Tenderloin Police Station.



Tad Yamaguchi and Mario Busalacchi helped bring it all together at the new station.



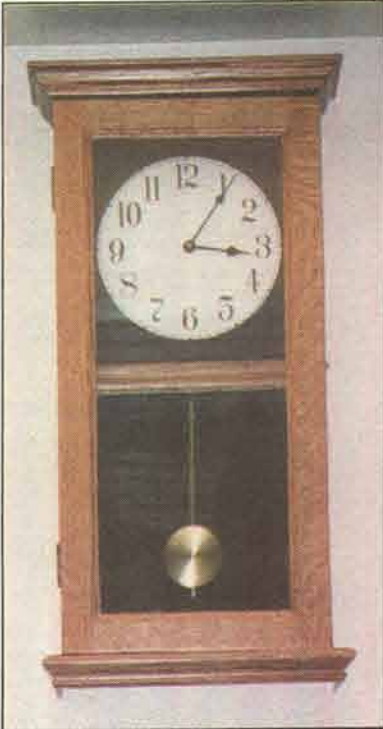
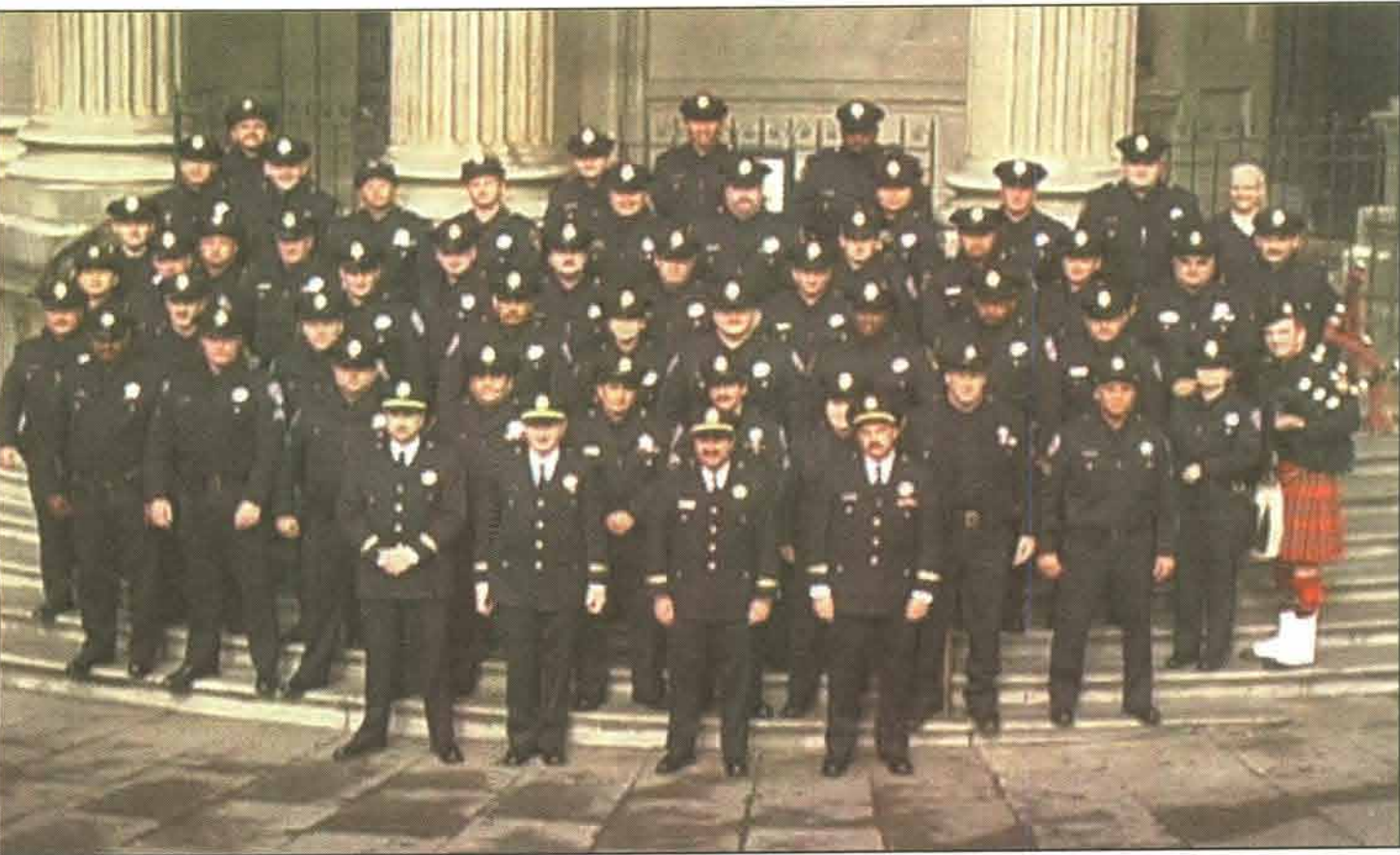
Shawn Jackson moving in.



POA President Chris Cumie with Sandy Sugrue at opening ceremonies.



First flag hoist over the new Station.



The Station Clock. Hand-built by Officer Ralph Shoenstein and presented as a housewarming gift to his pals at the TTF.



# The Opening Ceremony

Staff report

In a civic ceremony on October 5, 2000, the new Tenderloin Police Station was officially opened. Mayor Willie Brown, several Police Commissioners, Chief Fred Lau and the entire command staff, and several community leaders participated in the well-attended event.

The ceremony started with an impressive entrance of the Task Force officers marching east on Eddy Street in rank formation, led by a single piper, a mounted color guard, and Solo escort.

An open house was hosted by the Tenderloin officers following the ribbon cutting. Neighbors and friends were invited inside to check out the new station. However, the first watch to actually fall in for duty in the new facility did not do so until the following day at 1400 hours.



Mayor Willie Brown addresses the crowd.



Tenderloin Police



Monsignor Heaney giving the invocation.

Father Floyd Lotito of St. Anthony's, speaking at the opening ceremony



Reverend Cecil Williams welcomes the TTF officers to their new home.



Police Commissioner Connie Perry.



TTF approaches the new station to standing ovation of neighbors and friends.





## Talk is cheap in the heart of the 'Loin

# Deeds of TTF Officers Speak Louder than Words

By Tim Foley  
Tenderloin Police Station

The Tenderloin Task Force has always been a unit with a highly motivated group of committed officers at its core. These officers have chosen to develop and maintain a close, cohesive relationship with the community they serve and of which they are members. A true spirit of cooperation and partnership has been encouraged and cultivated which has brought the TTF to be thought of as a member of the community and not just a government bureaucracy.

The Officers of the TTF work in the Tenderloin Neighborhood located in the heart of downtown San Francisco. It is one of the most densely populated areas in the city. The 25,000 residents, 51% of whom survive on incomes below the poverty level, including 5,000 children and 7,000 senior citizens. The Tenderloin district is one of the poorest areas in the city, and has the highest crime rate. Health issues are a major concern as the tuberculosis rate in the Tenderloin is the highest of any community in the United States. Everyday the men and women of the TTF enter their community keeping in mind the line from the SFPD statement of purpose which states, "We care about the quality of life in the city's neighborhoods and believe that our service must answer their needs."

Following the lead of the late Sergeant Ken Sugrue, who pioneered and pushed the community policing concept to new heights in the Tenderloin and throughout the department, the current members of the TTF carry on the traditions of enthusiastic, dedicated, and unselfish community involvement. Officers of the TTF have been at the forefront of many creative and proactive approaches to control crime, and to develop stronger relations with their community partners.

Focusing on areas identified cooperatively with our community partners, such as Adopt-A-Block and Tenderloin Community on Patrol, members of the TTF have developed a variety of successful enforcement programs to thwart criminal activity. Working closely with their community partners, specialized department units, various state and federal agencies, the District Attorney's office, and other city agencies, members of the TTF have made an all out effort to improve the conditions for those living in the area.

The robbery decoy operations have been very effective in returning violent criminals to prison.

The Vice decoy operation has all but eliminated a once-thriving prostitution stronghold in the neighborhood.

Narcotic enforcement activities —

ranging from undercover buy/busts and surveillance, to high profile enforcement actions — has put numerous drug dealers behind bars.

The Quality of Life enforcement programs focus on a multitude of minor yet annoying criminal violations, substance abuse problems, and other health and safety issues.

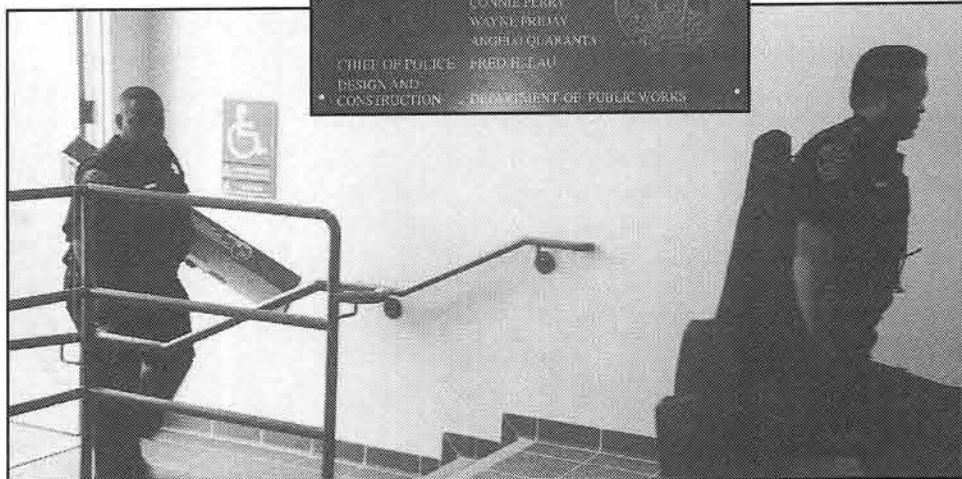
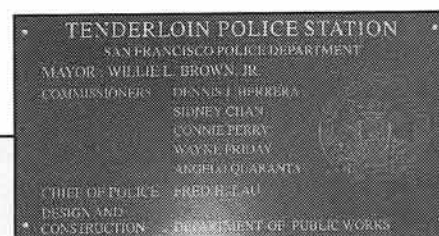
Members of the TTF frequently volunteer and go beyond the call when the community needs them most. Members of the TTF often share the responsibility for planning and organizing community events, and donating time and money so that the event will be a success.

The multicultural Tenderloin Juneteenth Celebration, and the Sgt. Sugrue Tenderloin Games, are two such examples. Renamed in 1999 to honor Sgt. Ken Sugrue, the Tenderloin games attract many of the 5,000 children residing in the neighborhood. This week-long event involves officers from the TTF who unselfishly donate their time to ensure that the games are successful.

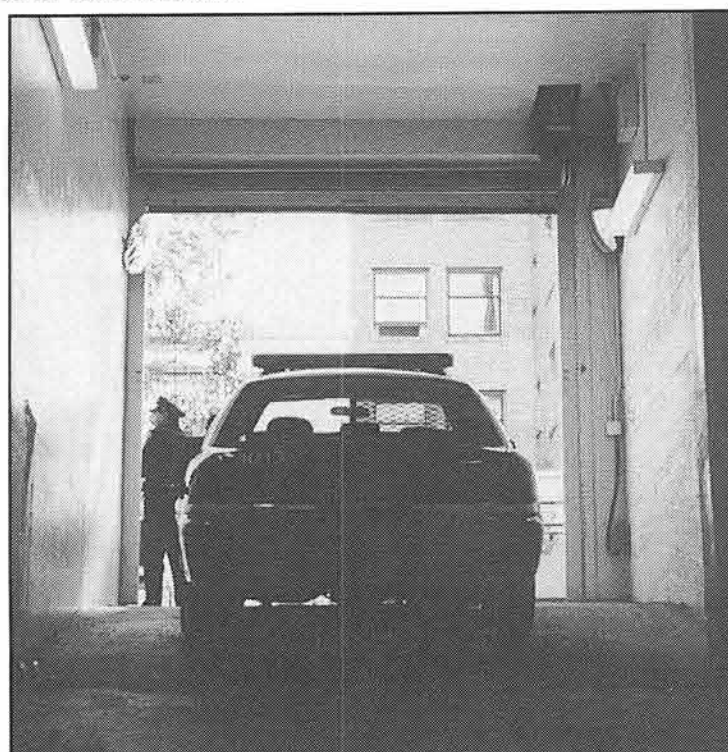
Members of the TTF also participate in weekly meetings with "at-risk youth" to work out various concerns revolving around life in the Tenderloin. As a result of these meetings a boxing program evolved through the YMCA, and a site for a youth center is currently in development.

During the holiday season, officers from the TTF escort Tenderloin youth on their trick-or-treat rounds, and serve meals to those less fortunate at St. Anthony's or Glide Memorial Methodist Church.

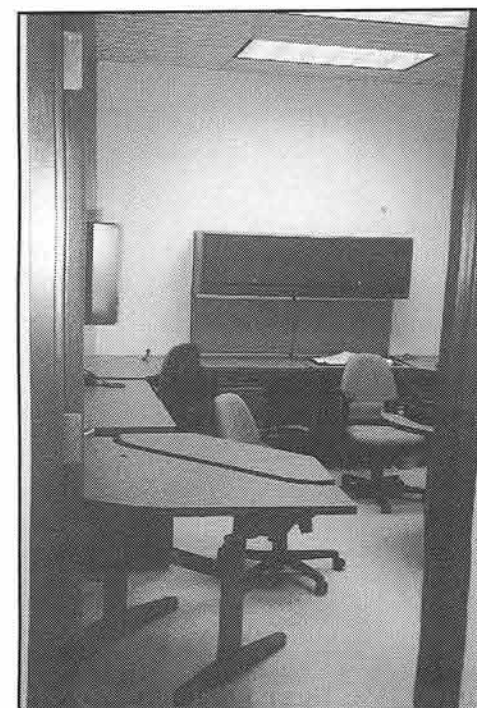
The members of the TTF have developed a strong bond with the community they protect and serve. This trusting and cooperative relationship has assisted the Tenderloin community in reducing crime, establishing a degree of stability, and enabled a revitalization of the area. The TTF traditions of community involvement, enthusiasm, dedication, caring, and hard work will continue as we transition to our new station in the heart of the Tenderloin district.



Front entrance sans garbage dumpster.



Driving out of new garage: no where to go but up.



Sergeant's office.



Ample basement parking.

## Let's Not Forget Kenny

By Andrew Cohen  
POA Public Affairs Office

Although I had not been in the department for very long before he passed away, I can certainly comment on the impact that Sgt. Kenny Sugrue had on my career and on my life.

It was due to Kenny's remarkable compassion for everyone that opened my eyes to the beauty of the Tenderloin and the people who call it home.

It was because of Kenny's ability to listen to others that introduced me to the raw power of an open mind and taught me to treat all people with fairness and understanding.

It was Kenny's continuous passion for making a difference that encouraged me to do what I felt was right and important, and not to be discouraged from what others might say (and there were plenty of them).

Sergeant Kenny Sugrue was a great Police Officer, a great husband, father and friend. His impact on the community was obviously large and appreciated. What he believed in, and worked

so hard to accomplish inside and outside of the Tenderloin is, and always will be remembered. Kenny's Tenderloin Games — which is held annually at the Tenderloin's Children Play-ground — has become an important part of Tenderloin tradition.

In an effort to keep this event supported, along with the upkeep of the Sgt. Kenny Sugrue Boeddeker Park Children's Play Area, a memorial fund in his name was opened at the Police Credit Union.

Because Kenny was so supportive in my efforts to complete my first "Powder" CD, I contributed the net proceeds to this fund. I would like to extend this effort by contributing ALL of the proceeds from my second CD (Knowledge is Powder), which can be purchased for \$10.00 at the POA Offices. All other donations to this fund should be made directly at the Credit Union.

Thank you Kenny for all you offered and accomplished. You will never be forgotten.



Men's locker room: no longer in a vault.



# The San Francisco Police Officers' Investment Clubs

By Mike Hebel,  
Financial Commentator

There are about 70,000 local investment clubs in the United States and together they account for more than \$350 billion in their portfolios. New ones are forming at an eye-popping rate of 90 a week, fueled by the present long running bull market. Five of those clubs are within the SFPD.

All five investment clubs with active/retired SF police officers are doing well having participated in the greatest bull market of the 20th Century. While their portfolios have suffered from the recent slide in market indices, the clubs have seen this before and are confident that the future is bright for equity investing.

Four are members of the National Association of Investor's Corporation (NAIC) following its investment principles of: regular monthly investment, reinvestment of all dividends and gains, purchasing growth stocks, and diversifying the portfolio by industry and company size.

## Warren Buffett's Advice

At the April 29, 2000 annual meeting of the Berkshire Hathaway Company (Warren Buffett's holding company), Mike and Gity Hebel had a direct opportunity to observe and talk with the "Oracle of Omaha". In his talks with shareholders and investors, Mr. Buffett emphatically states: "Investors in stocks are expecting far too much these days." He noted that for the last 17 years the power of lower interest rates and growing corporate profits have produced an annual return of 19%. He says that this increase in equity values since 1981 beats anything you can find in history.

Mr. Buffett warned that market psychology has produced expectations that are just too rosy. He referenced a recent survey by Paine Webber and the Gallup Organization wherein investors with less than 5 years in the market expect an annual return over the next 10 years of 22.5%. Mr. Buffet believes that the next 17 years, were he to pick the most probable return from appreciation and dividends combined, will produce an average annual return of 6%. But, he argues forcefully, investors who stay in the market will grow considerably wealthier simply because the American public companies that they own will have been chugging along increasing their profits by 3% annually in real terms.

This is sweet music to the ears of the numerous active/retired San Francisco police officers now participating in investment clubs.

## Star Performers Investment Club

Formed in August of 1995, this Club of 29 partners just recently saw their portfolio cross the \$500,000 mark. Their 5th anniversary celebration dinner, held at Alfred's restaurant, was a tribute to the patience and persistence of this highly motivated group.

This club's prominent investments include America on Line, Amerindo Technology Fund, Applied Materials, Cisco Systems, Coca Cola, EMC Corp., General Electric, Harley Davidson, Intel, Home Depot, Lucent, Merck, Microsoft, Novellus Systems, and Walt Disney. In order to obtain international diversification, the club also has invested in the Janus Overseas Fund and the Janus Global Life Sciences Fund.

This club is well on its way to achieve its goal of accumulating a one million-dollar portfolio by 2003. Partners, on average, contribute \$175 per month. It meets the last Tuesday of every month at the POA.

## The KMA Investment Club

The "Kiss My Assets" investment club was formed in November 1996 with 42 partners. It now has 30 partners. Its \$260,000 portfolio is a source of much pride for the partners. The \$200,000 celebration dinner was held at the Ft. Mason Officer's Club as a tribute to the determination and dedication of this highly energetic group.

This club's prominent investments include: Cisco Systems, Harley Davidson, Home Depot, Intel, Johnson and Johnson, MBNA, Pfizer, Videophone, and Walmart. Its most recent purchases include Wells Fargo and Microsoft.

This club is also well on its way to achieve its goal of accumulating a one million dollar portfolio by 2005. Partners, on average, contribute \$125 per month. It meets the first Tuesday of every month at the POA.

## The Alvord Lake Investment Club

24 partners, of whom 20% are active/retired SFPD officers, formed the Alvord Lake investment club in July 1997. Many of the partners are CCSF employees with several departments including the City Attorney's office and the Department of Parking and Traffic. The club has celebrated its \$200,000 anniversary and now has a portfolio exceeding \$220,000 — a tribute to the long term perspective and educational efforts of this highly talented group. The club is now anticipating its \$300,000 celebration.

This club's prominent investments



Mike and Gity Hebel with Warren Buffett (America's most celebrated 20th Century investor) at a recent Berkshire Hathaway annual meeting in Omaha

include: America On Line, Charles Schwab, Cisco, Dell, EMC Corp., Flextronics, Home Depot, Johnson and Johnson, , Nokia, Safeway, and Walgreen. Its most recent purchase was Genentech. This club meets the first Wednesday of every month in the Community Room of Park Station.

## Academy Investment Club

The newest police investment club was formed in April 1999. It has 22 partners and meets, on a monthly basis, at the Academy's community service room. This club has grown its portfolio to \$22,000 with investments in solid companies such as Borders, Intel, Dell, America on Line and Lucent Technology. Partners contribute \$50 per month — an amount set so that "learning accompanies earning."

This club, like the others, desires to compound its investment return by an annual average of 15%. It is well on its way to meet its goal. Congratulations.

## HOJ Investment Club

The oldest police investment club was formed in July 1990. It started with 5 partners who each invested \$5,000. Within one month the club had lost 20% of its value; within 3

months it was down a whopping 30%. The partners were persistent and grew their numbers to 12, their by-law limit.

This club learned over the years how to buy and how to sell admitting that mistakes were made. But darn few mistakes — the club calculates a compound average annual gain of 23% over its lifetime. Wow!

The HOJ Club meets 6 times a year. Even though additional capital contributions are optional, most partners contribute to additional purchases. Their portfolio has now topped \$310,000 with a portfolio that varies between 18 to 20 stocks. Their largest holdings are: General Electric, Lucent, Oracle, Intel, Merck, Microsoft, and Motorola. The Club's motto is: "a group is smarter than any one individual." In investing, how right they are.

These five clubs were formed for education, enjoyment, and enrichment. Their partners have not been disappointed. Those who remain with their investment clubs for another 10 + years will certainly achieve results to provide the financial resources, when coupled with their deferred compensation program and CCSF retirement plan, for a most financially secure retirement.

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# I.A.W.P. Conference a Huge Success

By Robin Matthews  
Field Training Office

During September 23rd through the 27th, the International Association of Women Police held its 38th annual training conference in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, hosted by the Toronto Police Service, the Ontario Provincial Police, and the Ontario Women in Law Enforcement organization. It was a wonderful conference with 721 members attending from 18 countries.

The opening ceremony was held on Sunday morning at Convocation Hall on the grounds of the University of Toronto. Members from all over the

world marched two miles to the Hall from the hotel in their dress uniforms, led by bagpipers from the Toronto Police Force. It was quite a sight to see. Native Indian elders blessed the conference in a moving ceremony, followed by speakers from the hosting agencies, conference director, and local figures.

The ceremony culminated with the highlighting of the progress that women have made over the years in the Toronto Police Force, including a very funny documentary on the "Powder Puff Patrol" showing woman officers working back in the 60's, followed by a quick demonstration of women on patrol today, which included a

woman dog handler, riot officers, physical training staff, and an officer rappelling into the Hall from the ceiling, which resulted in thunderous applause.

Later that evening, an ice breaker harbor cruise was held. We enjoyed a delicious buffet dinner, live music, dancing, and a few cocktails at the bar while we cruised the bays and inlets of the Toronto Islands with the lights of the city as a backdrop. It was quite spectacular, and a wonderful way to begin the conference.

Monday morning prior to the classes beginning, a CN Tower Fun Run and Breakfast was held. (The CN Tower is the world's tallest free-standing structure). Once there, we were whisked to the top of the Tower for a 360-degree view of the greater Toronto area and Lake Ontario. There was also a glass floor onto which one could walk and gaze the ground below. Definitely not for those who fear heights.

Classes were plentiful throughout the week, covering a wide range of topics in the subjects of investigation and technology, community and front-line policing, leadership and management, personal and professional development, and investigation and technology. Instructors came from all over the United States and Canada, as well as from Germany. Sixty-five classes were held over the course of the conference, which sometimes made it difficult to choose which to attend.

Monday night we were treated to a Medieval Times dinner and tournament where we got to experience the pageantry and heroism of the Middle Ages. The food was delicious, and we had a grand time cheering "our" knights to victory in their games of skill, hand-to-hand combat, and the joust. Following the entertainment was music and dancing well into the night.

Tuesday brought the much anticipated I.A.W.P. Awards Banquet, presided over by the Honorable Hilary Weston, Lieutenant Governor for the Province of Ontario. The awards honor women from around the world for their contributions in the area of excellence, valor, community service, leadership, mentoring, heritage, and officer of the year.

I had the privilege of being asked to serve on the Awards Committee this year, and was profoundly moved by the quality of police work that had been done and was submitted to the Committee for consideration. Narrowing the field down from the 54 applications was difficult, as all were most deserving.

When the application process begins for next year's awards, I'll make note of it in an article for the POA Journal, so that deserving women from our Department can be nominated as well.

Wednesday morning, the International Recognition and Scholarship Award Breakfast was held. Deputy Superintendent Bimala Thapa Sharma from the Nepal Police Department won the award, and was deeply moved by the opportunity to come to Toronto for the conference. Considering that women in Nepal are still often looked at as property, the strides that she has made for all women in law enforcement in Nepal is staggering. Her heart-breaking tears when she had to leave the conference and fly home spoke volumes.

Wednesday night was the final banquet with the theme "Take a Walk Down International Avenue". There was a large buffet of international foods, as well as a wide range of entertainment provided, and was a wonderful way to draw the conference to a close.

For those who decided to stay on an additional day, Thursday was a trip to Niagara Falls, which was about an hour and a half from our hotel. The trip included a ride on the "Maid of the Mist" boat cruise to the base of the falls, which really gave you a feel for the incredible power of Mother Nature. There was also a side-trip to a butterfly conservatory where 2,000 butterflies flutter about in a tropical rainforest setting. The day ended with a stop at Niagara-on-the-Lake, which featured exclusive shopping and boutiques, historic homes, and a serene waterfront setting.

Next year's conference will be held in Edmonton, Alberta, Canada September 22nd through the 27th at the Westin Edmonton Hotel. For those who have never had an opportunity to experience an I.A.W.P. conference before (both women AND men), I highly recommend it. The connections made are well worth any cost involved. For more information on the Edmonton 2001 conference, visit their web site at [iawp2001.org](http://iawp2001.org), or phone 780-421-2001 for more information.

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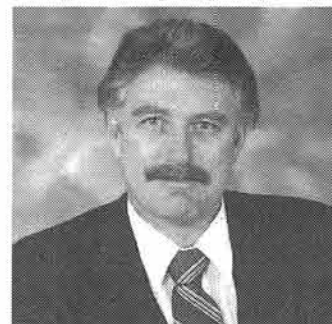


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# Invocation at the 25th Anniversary of Women on Patrol

Delivered by Sister Lillian Repak,  
San Francisco Police Chaplain

This evening,  
Let us bow our hearts in gratitude.

It is written  
There is a season for everything and a time for every affair under the heavens.

This is our season of Jubilee.  
It is a time to celebrate...  
a time to hold on to friendships...  
a time to let go of grudges...  
a time to forgive...  
a time to heal...  
a time for unity...  
a time for gratitude...

This year is the season of Jubilee for the entire San Francisco Police Department.

For tonight we remember the journey of 25 years for our dedicated women on patrol, serving the San Francisco community. It is good for us to be here.

Tonight,

We stand together as legacy for all those who have been instrumental in building a tradition of service during these past twenty five years of patrol.

And so we pray, Gracious God,

Giver of Life  
We ask you to...

Bless us with a heart  
filled with respect, a respect that recognizes in all people your presence.

Bless us with a heart  
willing to remove the barriers we raise through our lack of understanding.

Bless us with a heart  
conscious of the need to educate for justice and peace.

Bless us with a heart  
woven in solidarity women, men continuing the tradition of service to the people of San Francisco.

Gracious God,

As we walk toward the tomorrow of the new millennium, may Your Prophetic Spirit continue to be our light.

May Your light shine deep within our hearts,

with trust and confidence, walk with us as we recommit ourselves to a journey that continues to bring Your peace to our streets,

unity to our department, and integrity to our hearts...  
We thank you today, tomorrow, always,

Amen

Dear Chris –

Thank you for the tremendous support the Police Officers' Association gave to the recent events celebrating the 25th anniversary of women on patrol. I was the chair for the Outreach Committee. Two members were particularly awesome and invaluable to us, and I would like to acknowledge them. Sergeant Ray Shine's contributions included remarkable patience with missed deadlines, lost mail, reluctant writers, and shoddy graphics. Sergeant Carri Lucas' personalized outreach on behalf of the Association helped generate so much support for our events that they all were "sell-outs" with significant amounts of media coverage. These contributions were in addition to the *Hearts of the City* by Officers Bob Mammone and Andrew Cohen, and the *Code-33* segment by Officer Michele Jean.



Many hands, many hearts, and many hours were needed to prepare for the Proclamation, Baseball game, and Dinner. Throughout the chaotic year of planning, fraught with just about the normal amount of challenges for an event of this magnitude, the POA remained a reliable partner. Our combined efforts vividly illustrated what Sister Lillian Repak, Police Chaplain, wished for us in her dinner prayer.

I have enclosed this invocation and hope you have the room to publish it in the next *Journal*. Her prayer captures the intended spirit of these events celebrating twenty-five Years of Women on Patrol.

I look forward to working with you again in the year 2025 for the Fiftieth Anniversary!

Until then, I remain  
Sincerely yours  
Marsha P. Ash

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# Letters



Dear Mr. Cunnie:

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The Family Day Picnic celebrates Oceanview Park's return to the community and provides an opportunity for the community to come together for a day of fellowship, fun and good food.

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Thank you again,  
Sincerely,  
Regina Blosser  
Chairperson  
OMI Neighbors In Action

Dear Chris,

Thank you for the wonderful tailgate party you put together for the celebration of women on patrol on Sept. 1st. My wife and I had a fun

time and enjoyed meeting some of Brenda's co-workers. We are from North Canton, Ohio and flew in for the many different celebrations. This was our first visit to the Pacific Bell Park. We stayed very busy looking at and listening to all of the different activities going on within the ball park. We want to say thanks again for the terrific seats, the easy shuttle over and the wonderful food. We had a great time. Oh, what a game it was.

Sincerely,  
Mr. & Mrs. Ernest L. Walker  
North Canton, Ohio

To The Friends Of Marty Trester,

On behalf of Marty's Family we would like to thank all who have given us such wonderful support and generosity after the loss of Marty. Especially Dan Hance, Bob Barbero and Franklin Wong. To Frank Walker we express our gratitude for the very touching tribute you made in Marty's memory.

Marty would have been overwhelmed for all the love and respect you have shown his family. We also cannot forget to recognize and thank the San Francisco Police Department for sending Police escorts to his services. We were very touched at the honor you paid to him.

Sincerest Thanks and Appreciation,  
The Family of Martin J. Trester

Dear Chris -

Thank you so very much for sending the beautiful floral arrangement to honor my mother. I appreciate the thoughtful cards and expressions of sympathy from so many of the members of the department during this rough time.

We have shared in a lot of tragedies this year, and I'm touched you reached out to me in my time of sorrow.

Fondly,  
Maggie Ortelle and Family

Chris Cunnie  
Police Officers' Association  
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Re: Paramount Picture's  
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October 2, 2000

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Rep. Nancy Pelosi (D-CA), a senior Democrat on the House Appropriations Committee, today announced the award of a \$2.26 million grant to the City of San Francisco from the Department of Justice's Local Law Enforcement Block Grants Program to help the City reduce crime and improve public safety.

"Funding for this project will enhance our community's safety and will help us reduce crime and make our community more livable. The fight for safety in San Francisco is a fight for a better quality of life for all of our citizens. We must work to strengthen our neighborhoods and the security of law-abiding San Franciscans," Pelosi said. Rep. Pelosi commended Mayor Brown and Attorney General Reno for their support of programs important to San Francisco.

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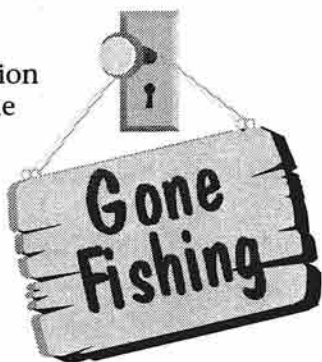


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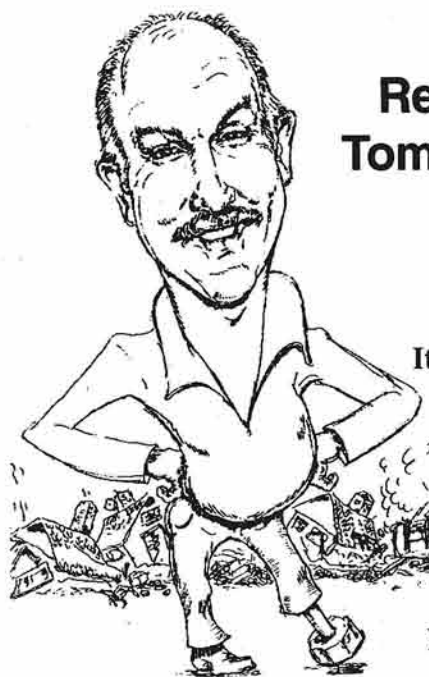
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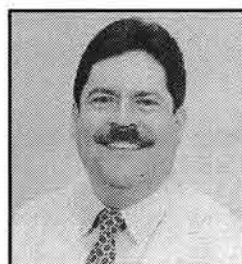
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SOMA  
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## POA Bulletin

#0047

October 4, 2000

To: Association Members

From: Chris Cunnie, President

RE: TURKEY SHOOT

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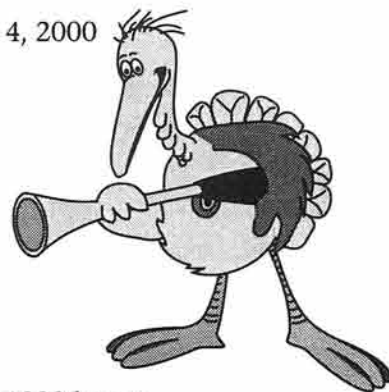
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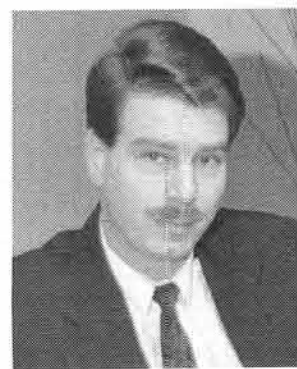
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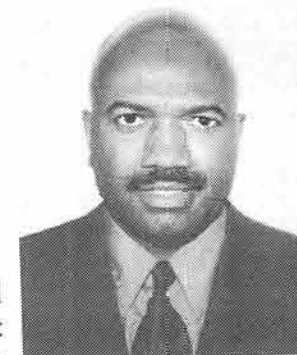
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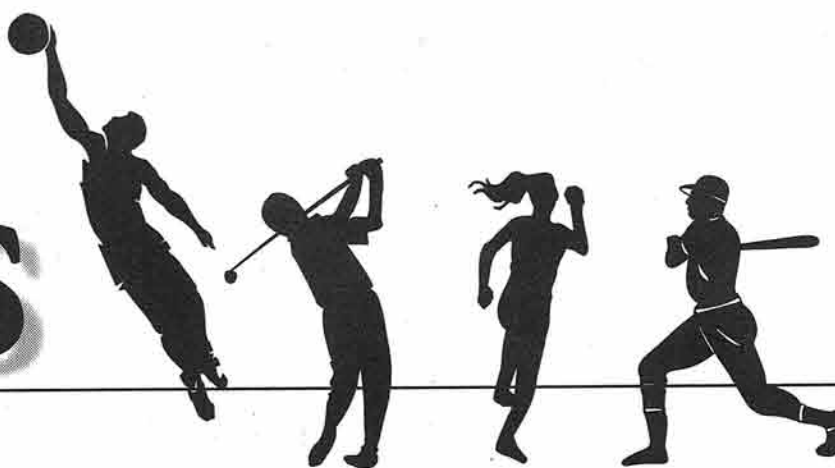
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# Sports



## NICK'S NOTES

by Nick Shihadeh  
Journal Sports Editor

**CHECK IT OUT:** Can you name the department member who with his young son is in this photo that was featured all season long on the Pac Bell Park scoreboard? He, like many others originally had the picture taken out at a booth in the "Coca Cola Fan Lot" that allows for the stadium to be in the background. Just by chance the pic was used on the scoreboard each game to accompany the "Real Time Memories Photos" ad. This was a cool thing to happen for this SFPD'er and his son who's name I will reveal at the end of this column.

I want to congratulate Joe Engler Sr. on his recent retirement; I was fortunate enough to be able to attend a successful luncheon held in his honor last month at Ceasar's Italian Restaurant. I've had the pleasure of knowing Joe for over ten years and he's always had the reputation for being someone who did so much for others during his career. He had another reputation for being a great softball player. Gifted with great agility for his size Joe was an all around player who hit for explosive power at the plate, had great range

while playing in the outfield, and had a strong arm as well. Joe represented the department on many all star teams over the years and has stayed a consistent ball player throughout — he was even honored with the Michael O'Brien Memorial Softball Award a few years back. Now he will have ample time to be successful on the golf course during retirement as he is also known to be able to hit the golf ball a ton. I wish nothing but great things to Joe Engler Sr. in the future.

On a somber note I want to mention a great SFPD athlete who passed away last month. It was retired Inspector Jim Deasy who left us gradually and honorably. Jim was an original member of our San Francisco Police Soccer Club back in the late '70s and started a wonderful legacy for the department when it came to that sport. He was only 45 years old back then when he used to dazzle teammates and opposing players as the consummate left winger who scored goals at will on the soccer pitch.

People should also know that he was a professional soccer player in Germany while stationed there during the Korean war back in the early '50s. Jim was able to pass on what he could to others on the soccer club with his coaching, and had an enthusiastic way of expressing himself when it came to



how much skill individual players had or didn't have. Being a member of the SFPSC I was one of the "didn't haves" when it came to soccer skills but I always did the best that I could and I know that he always appreciated it. I am proud to have known Jim Deasy over the years, to have played with him and to be coached by him as well. I wish condolences to Jimmy's close friends and family, and I am hoping that Mr. Deasy is "making magic" on the soccer fields up in heaven as we speak.

Back to the scoreboard ad, the department member in the pic is Mission Station's Glenn Ortega along with his cute five year old son Luciano. They

took that photo during the first regular season homestand at Pac Bell Park on Thurs. April 13th and have had a blast going out to the games ever since. Luciano is well coached by his dad and it certainly shows when he is stroking hits from both sides of the plate at "mini-Pac Bell Park" for kids that is also located in the bleacher section. Glenn was very proud to be on the scoreboard with Luciano all season long and like others is looking forward to next year to continue the wonderful tradition of parents and their kids going out to baseball games...

That's all for this month...  
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## Notre Dame Football Trip

by Larry Frost  
Court Liaison

The Faithful Fightin' Irish of the SFPD are taking their 14th annual trip south to attend the Notre Dame vs. USC football game. Join us for this great time. We will leave San Francisco on Friday, November 24, 2000, and return Sunday, November 26, 2000.

On Saturday night last year, we went to a Latin restaurant and bar. John Glynn and Mike Keane, from the Airport Bureau, won a dance contest. They were so cute in their little tutus! We were all so proud!

This year, we will be leaving Friday morning on November 24th. We will be staying 2 nights at a super Marina Del Rey lodge right on the beach. So, since I only have 15 seats available, available, call me soon. Last year's game, our seats were on the 45 yard line.

The cost of the trip will be \$350 per person. Round trip air fare, and two nights lodging, plus tickets to the game, are included in that price. It's a deal!

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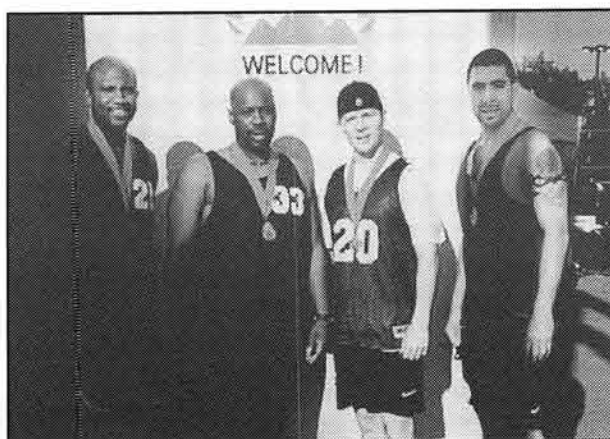
## Basketball Team Wins Silver Medal in Three-on-Three

by Officer Wilfred Williams

This year we were unable to field a five on five basketball team. And I must admit, it was a little difficult sitting in the stands watching agencies smaller than ours compete in the five on five competition. Nevertheless, Officer Carl Bryant and I toughed it out and supported the San Francisco Fire Department who entered a team in the first Annual Police and Fire Olympics. Several players from Southern California noticed that the SFPD was not participating this year and said that they were looking forward to competing against us this year.

Although we did not enter a team into the 5x5 competition, we did enter a team in the 3x3 Open Division. Our schedule consisted of 5 games in two days. After the first day of competition, we were 2-0. On day two of the competition, with blistering heat conditions outside, our first game in a sweat box gym was against the Ontario Police Department. We started out very cold and very slow (Probably due to two members of the team waking up at 1145, and the game starting at 1200 hr. No names being mentioned). After half time we finally warmed up and

made a game of it. Unfortunately, they were able to hold off our late charge, and we lost our first game. We had a



Officer Wilfred Williams, Officer Carl Bryant, Officer Gerald Newbeck, and Officer Eric Solares.

45-minute brake after the first game, and then began our second game of the day against the Sacramento Sheriffs Department. We played a heart wrenching game that went down to the last minute. After being ahead by as many as 14 points, we found ourselves down by five points with less than two minutes to play. With a very timely three pointer from Carl I have never taken a shoot I didn't like, bombs away" Bryant, a couple free throws from Gerald "Cross-over, between the legs, I gottem" Newbeck, tenacious hustle and defense from Eric "soaring" Solares, and a free throw and a couple

of rebounds from myself we were able to squeak out a victory. As soon as our second game was over, the officials informed us that we had a whole 30 minutes before the start of the gold-medal round game against Ontario Police Department. Although we were playing on empty with rubber legs, we dug down deep and gave them a good game. By half time, we were seeing stars and looking for the nearest Jacuzzi. Fatigue and dehydration set in and ultimately slowed us down. We were defeated by a very good Ontario team and ended up receiving silver medals.

Next year fellas, hope to see you in San Jose.

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## S.F.P.D. Takes 4th Place in "Best in the West S.W.A.T. Competition"

By Mark Solomon  
CPC/Tactical Division

On September 14th & 15th 2000, members of our department were invited to participate in the *Best in the West S.W.A.T. Competition*. Due to obligations in the past, our department has not been represented there for three years so it was an honor to be selected to attend. Sheriff Laurie Smith and the Santa Clara Sheriff Department host this first class annual competition.

With the blessing of our Captain, Denis O'Leary and Lt. Bob Puts, and after a stringent selection process, the team members were chosen from our unit. With Dino "The Wizzard" Zografos at the helm, he along with Tommy "The Bomber" Smith, Angelo "Dead Eye" Spagnoli, Mark "Daddy Long Legs" Madsen, Eddie "Iron Man" Yu, Johnny "One Shot" Syme and me Mark "Fetch Boy" Solomon responded.

Due to our hiatus, we chose to drive to Santa Clara the night before the competition to acclimate ourselves with the various courses of fire that had been set up. Once there, we met up with one of our member's twin brother. (Guess Who) Needless to say, he would not let us on the range. We tried to schmooze him but our attempt was thwarted. We were then informed that the courses of fire that had once been deemed "fun" were now extremely physical and challenging but we knew we could rise to the occasion.

Since we couldn't get on the range, we decided to go out for a nice dinner. We asked the young lady at the front desk of our motel, Motel 6 in Gilroy, (do we know how to live) where there was a nice restaurant. She stated that "Tassels" was the best steak house in the area; it sounded more like a strip club. But when in Rome, you got it, we went. After a short ride, we found the place. We learned that "Tassels" is Gilroyese for "Tassos", a Greek restaurant. Dino knew the proprietor and we had a great meal. Then it was off to bed for a good night sleep, or so I thought. You could set your watch by the trains going by our room, great selection Angelo. I thought I was stuck in an episode of "I Luv Lucy", you know the one...

The following morning, we woke up at 0500 hours so we could be at the range for the check in. After orientation, we were ready for the infamous "hill run". A six-man team carrying a litter with a 165-pound dummy in it, would run through an obstacle course, over a six-foot wall then proceed up a mountain with a 35 degree slope, to an

awaiting helicopter. What a great way to start your day off. Going up the mountain was easy; coming down with the wobbly legs was the tough part...

Over the next two days, we also competed in a multiple weapons obstacle course, a jungle course which included a force on force scenario using Simunitions, a shotgun obstacle course, a sniper initiated live fire shoot house exercise which included a hostage rescue and an individual and team sniper course. All courses proved to be very challenging.

After the final shot was fired, the dust cleared and everyone made his or her way to the award ceremony, we learned that our team took 4th place. We were just edged out by the team from Dallas Texas.

Out of 133 competitors, with a blistering time clearing all the targets, Angelo Spagnoli placed #2 in the combined weapons course and received a great plaque. John Syme was involved in an 8-way tie for first place on the Sniper course. Although John had the best overall time, you might say a sudden gust of wind blew his chances for taking first place. On an individual note, John took 3rd place and received a pat on the back and handshake for a job done well; But thanks to John combined with the team member's rigorous efforts our overall score put us in 2nd place. Don Pardo actually gave us some great parting gifts for the extra effort.

Usually at the end of the awards ceremony everyone immediately takes off for home, and for good reason. Two years ago, Sunnyvale took first place and started a new tradition, the final night barbecue. Because Team Dallas took first place last year their Department hosted a Texas Style barbecue for all the participants. The celebration continued into the night, stories were traded and an overall good time was had by all that attended.

We would like to thank Sheriff Laurie Smith and all the members of the Santa Clara Sheriff Department. If you have ever put something together for your unit, you know it takes a great deal of time, effort, coordination and money to host an event as special as this one. Also to El Monte Rents in Pleasanton: we appreciate your continued support and sponsorship of our team. Without them, we would have probably perished in the heat. We hope to participate in the competition next year. Our goal is to take first place so our department can host the final night barbecue and show these other departments what good food is all about.

## Semper Fidelis, James

By Off. Sean O'Leary,  
Specialist Team

In May, 2000, twelve members of the S.F.P.D. Specialist Team endured 95 degree heat while participating in the annual Bay-to-Breakers. In the 'uniform-of-the-day,' we survived the 12K mobile-madness event with sanity and humor in tact. The purpose of this team effort was to raise money for Off. James Gueff's surviving children, to help offset the cost of summer pro-

grams, as well as to be spent on whatever they wanted. Special thanks to all of the officers at all of the district stations for your very generous support and donations for our fund raising effort. Sgt. Marty 'the evil red head' Lalor has remained in contact with Jim's family and assures us all that the family appreciates the gestures and efforts of Jim's 'extended family'. The members of the Specialist Team, young and old, will be 'always faithful', and will never forget SPEC 56.



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## Spagnoli Shoots 5 Plates Down In 1.58 Seconds

by Bob Puts  
CPC/Tac

Imagine what it would have been like to have walked the streets of Dodge City with Wyatt Earp, the fastest gun in the West. This is the experience of Sgt. Ed Callejas and his team, as they patrol the streets of San Francisco with their very own Angelo Spagnoli. On August 16, 17 and 18 Officer Spagnoli of the Tactical Unit participated in the 2000 World Speed Shooting Championships (The Steel Challenge). At the Steel Challenge there are 7 different stages of fire all consisting of 5 metal targets. The way the competition is judged is very simple, fastest times hitting all 5 metal target's wins.

Officer Spagnoli has participated at the World Speed Shooting Championships since 1984. In 1989 he won the overall title becoming the first World Champion in Northern California. Since then he has placed in the top five several times. In 1996 he started competing in Stock class. Stock class is similar to production class where the weapons used do not have dot scopes or compensators. The weapons used are very similar to the weapons that police officers use on duty.

This year Spagnoli again competed in the match and placed first overall to win the title of the fastest Stock gun shooter in the world. Along with that title he also won top gun in the Law Enforcement category.

While the world championship was on its way, another interesting match was evolving, the side match. The side

match was a contest sponsored by Sig Firearms. The match consisted of 5 round metal targets fired from 10 yards away. The side match would be held for three days and the fastest single time would win the Sig Pro firearm and the title (The Fastest Sig in the West). On the first day several hundred runs on the side match were shot and the fastest time for the day was 1.78 seconds. Off Spagnoli did not participate the first day but was well aware that he had two more days and his work cut out for him in order to beat that time. On the second day Spagnoli was again competing in the overall match and noticed that the time on the side match was now lowered to 1.68 seconds. Spagnoli then decided it was time for him to play. At the end of the second day Spagnoli had the fastest time of 1.65 seconds. He knew that the speeds were now getting very fast and that it would take a perfect run to get below the times posted. His rival and the by far the best revolver shooter in the world is Jerry Miclick his main competition. It is now day three and Miclick is again on the line determined to win the title. Miclick posted a time of 1.63 seconds shooting 3 hundreds of a second faster than Spagnoli. Spagnoli continued with the overall match and noticed that his time of 1.68 seconds had been beat. When he finished with the overall match Spagnoli was now ready to go for the title. After the smoke cleared Spagnoli shot 5 plates down in an unbelievable time of 1.58 seconds, winning the title of the fastest Sig in the West.

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## Training Heart Smart Part 2

# Do You Feel the Need for Speed?

By Lou Perez  
Legal Division

**Caution:** Always consult with your doctor before using a heart rate monitor or beginning an exercise program.

There's an old saying that goes, "Speed kills." That is so true when you apply this axiom to speed workouts. Speed sessions are designed to break your body down and push it to its physical limits. After a proper recovery period, your body will rebuild itself and come back stronger than before. As previously explained in Part 1 that's what a heart rate monitor is for. To let you know when you've recovered from a hard effort and when you can push it again.

Before you begin any of the following speed workouts you'll need to do two things; first, you'll have to classify yourself as a beginner, intermediate or advanced exerciser. I would define a beginner as someone who has been running three times a week for at least 20-30 minutes per session. I would define an intermediate runner as someone who runs three to four times a week for 30-60 minutes a session. An advanced runner is someone who exercises three to five times a week, 30-90 minutes per session, with competitive racing and speedwork thrown into the mix.

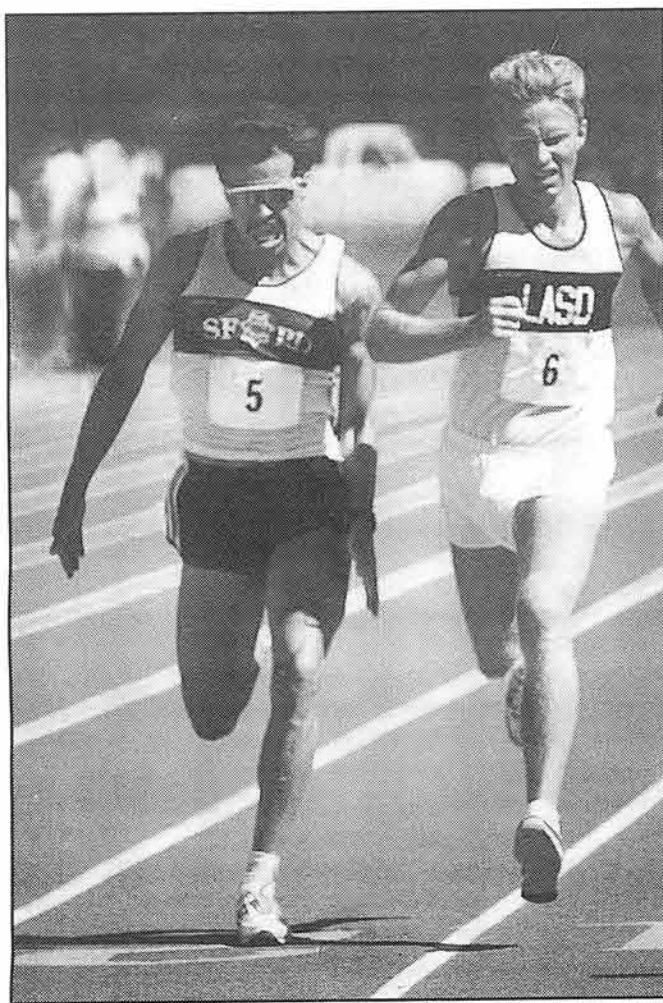
The next thing you'll have to do is build up a sufficient base of long, slow distance runs. Long runs build an aerobic base, which strengthen ligaments and tendons. They'll prepare your body for strenuous speedwork sessions and will help you to avoid injury while training in the Red Zone. A good long run should last between 45-90 minutes. If you're a beginner shoot for the lower end. If you're an advanced runner go for the higher end. Do these long runs at the lower or middle range of your Yellow Zone. I'd advise that you do at least 3-6 months of base training before you attempt any speedwork. Alternate long runs with short runs or do more long runs if you're up to it.

Once you've determined your classification and have tucked a few long runs under your belt, you can start constructing an effective exercise program with the appropriate speed workouts (The following workouts are designed for runners, but the same concepts can be applied to almost any form of cardiovascular exercise.) Here are a few of my favorites that will boost your speed whether you're training for the S.F.P.D. Fitness Assessment Test's mile and a half run, the Jeff Barker Memorial Ironman 4.6 mile run, the Specialist/Tac entry test, or the Police/Fire Summer Games Toughest Cop Alive 5K run:

### Beginner/Intermediate/Advanced Workouts

**Fartleks (a Swedish term for "speed play"):** During a 3-5 mile training run pick out some landmarks and push the pace until you're at the upper limit of the Yellow Zone or in the Red Zone. Run as fast as you can to that speed limit sign, telephone pole or tree. Push yourself up the hills and recover on the downhill. Visualize yourself smoking your competition in a race or catching

up to that 10-30 red suspect! Ease up, then jog slowly and recover until you feel that you can have a conversation. Your heart rate monitor will dip into the lower end of the Yellow Zone and confirm your recovery. Pick out another landmark and do it again. It's up to you to determine the length of the fartleks and how many you do. The



Speed kills

fitter you get, the longer you can go and the more you can do.

### Intermediate/Advanced Workouts

**Tempo:** Measure a 3-5 mile course that is free of traffic intersections which would hamper an all-out effort (Lake Merced is perfect or you can run loops around a smaller course.) Use your heart rate monitor to run at close to race pace in the upper Yellow or Red Zone. You'll know you're improving when your times fall and you can maintain a higher average heart rate throughout the run.

**Treadmill Intervals:** Ugh. I used to detest this type of speedwork until I began using the treadmill in the HOJ Police Gym to supplement my training. Now I absolutely love to torture myself on the dam thing! The treadmill forces me to execute proper form and provides a reliable barometer for improvement. I can concentrate on my workout without worrying about traffic or weather conditions. It's also easier on the knees. Find a treadmill that offers a speed workout. Stick with it until your average heart rate drops for the entire workout. This indicates that your heart is recovering faster and adapting to the workload. Increase the intensity of your workout and do it all over again. If you're at the Hall of Justice, try the 30-minute Speed Challenge workout on the Trotter treadmill, Program 2, at either Level 1 through 9. 1 credit five months of one hour back-to-back Speed Challenge workouts for setting a new personal best of 8:02 for our mile and a half run, boosting my maximum heart rate from 188 to 201 bpm's, and dropping from 7% to 5.3% body fat.

### Advanced Workouts

**Competitive Racing:** This is the best form of training because it's what you're training for. You'll experience a tremendous adrenaline rush that will push you into the Red Zone with ease. You'll reach levels that you'll never see during your training runs. You can find a local 5K, 4-mile, 5-mile or 10K (6.2 miles) race in any area on most weekends. Pick the race you'll want to peak for. Precede it with some low-key races that you can train through and use as training races. You can use your heart rate monitor to pace yourself or just go for it and hit a new high for your average heart rate and maximum heart rate. Join a racing club for added incentive and motivation. I'd recommend the Dolphin South End Runners Club. This club hosts many scenic races around the San Francisco Bay Area for a dirt-cheap fee (\$20 to join for the year and \$2 for every race that you enter.) The club welcomes and supports runners of all levels. For additional information check out their website at [www.dserunners.com](http://www.dserunners.com).

**Track Workouts:** Ok, these bite more than running on the treadmill. Track workouts can make you blow big chunks and are tough on your knees. However, they provide the most bang for the buck because they offer the quickest results in the shortest amount of time. I avoid track workouts unless I'm trying to

peak for the Police/Fire Summer Games. I'll start doing track work at least 6-8 weeks before my scheduled events. If you'd like to experience some of this anaerobic hell, go to your local track and do a one-mile to two mile warm-up (four laps equals one mile.) Then do 5-10 laps hard, with one lap of easy jogging or walking to recover in between. Your hard laps will put you in the Red Zone and your recovery laps will land you back in the Yellow Zone. When you're done, do an easy one-mile cooldown jog to get back to normal.

Always remember to do some form of warm-up before attempting ANY of these speed sessions. I'd recommend slow jogging instead of intensive stretching. Save the stretching for the conclusion of your workout when your muscles are more pliable (muscles are like rubber bands. You'll want to stretch them when they're warm and loose.) Don't do any speedwork sessions if you have any nagging injuries or are prone to injury.

I'd also encourage you to cross-train for those days when you don't feel like running or need to recover from your running days. Lift weights, swim, ride a bike or perform any other type of cardiovascular exercise (I prefer cycling because it strengthens the muscles that running neglects and provides me with additional flexibility.) Your heart won't know the difference and you'll be giving your running muscles a much-needed break.

Utilize your heart rate monitor properly and you'll be able to avoid injury and obtain the best results from your training. I've been using this information to compete and remain injury-free for the past 15 years. You can do it too. Good luck and Godspeed!

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# Prop E Will Provide Health Care Security

By Mike Hebel,  
Certified Financial Planner

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association firmly believes that Proposition E on the November's S. F. ballot will provide health care security for retired city employees whose premiums have skyrocketed during the last 3 years.

The POA's Board of Directors has contributed significantly to the Yes on E campaign. The POA will print and distribute over 150,000 bulletins urging voters to cast a Yes on Proposition E.

This charter amendment will provide financial relief to over 16,000 retired city workers of whom nearly 2,000 are SFPD retirees and their surviving spouses.

## A 50/50 Split

Proposition E is a 50/50 proposal. The City and County of San Francisco would pay one-half of the retiree's out-of-pocket premium costs and one-half of the retiree's out-of-pocket pre-

mium costs for first dependent coverage (spouse, domestic partner, or child). Only 25% of retirees have any dependents.

As a result of collective bargaining, the City and County of San Francisco now pays, in most cases, for most of the health care premium costs for active employees and their primary dependents. Retired employees are not covered by collective bargaining agreements. Their health care premium costs have come to consume a larger and larger part of their monthly pension benefit.

Proposition E is a fairness issue sponsored by a coalition of the Retired Employees of San Francisco, the San Francisco Veterans' Police Officers Association, and the Retired Firefighters and Widows Association.



## Protect Our Seniors' Health Care

San Francisco's senior retirees are facing a health care crisis.



# Vote YES on E

## Upgrade 2000

Proposition C will help ensure the highest level of care in our city's hospitals, libraries and other key city services by ensuring that we can attract and retain the most qualified personnel.

# YES on C

# VOTE!

# Vote YES on K

# Vote NO on L

# Vote Tuesday, November 7, 2000

## SFPOA Recommends the following:

☒ **United States Senator**  
Dianne Feinstein

☒ **State Senator**  
John Burton

☒ **California State Assembly**  
Kevin Shelley

☒ **California State Assembly**  
Carol Migden

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### Propositions

Yes on A  
☒ Yes on C  
Yes on D  
☒ Yes on E  
No on F  
Yes on G

☒ Yes on K  
☒ No on L  
No on M  
Yes on P  
Yes on Q