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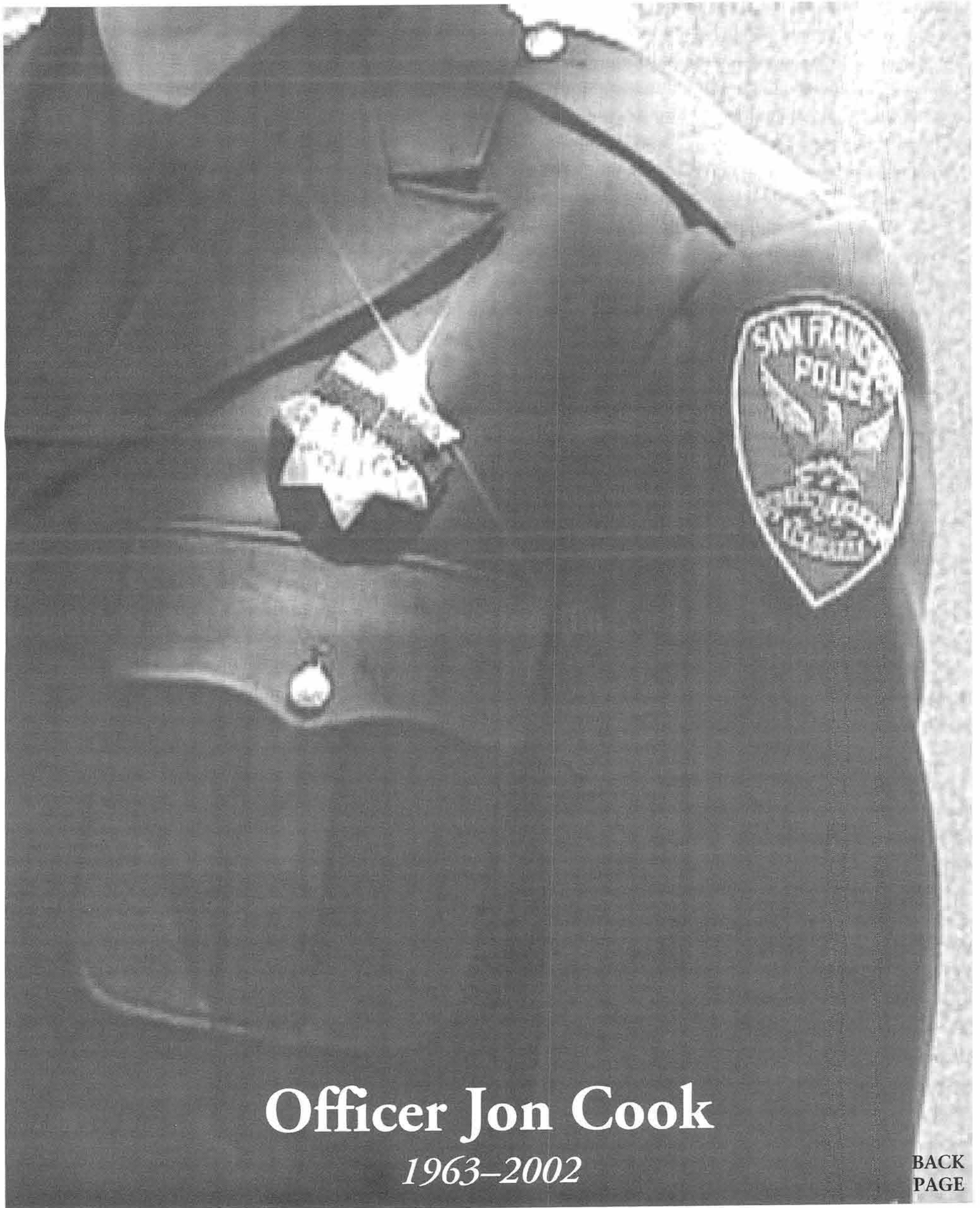
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over as Second Vice. Paul Wallace (Treasure Island Fire Dept.- retired) will assume the duties of Sergeant at Arms. Dick Castro will remain as our finance officer and Chaplain. I am sad to announce that Jack Payne has retired his position as Post Adjutant. Jack has been a driving force in Post 456 as well as the American Legion for over 50 years. Jack's service to the Post has always been outstanding and his leadership unparalleled. Rene LaPrevotte (Solos) will become Jack's successor. I am looking forward to a good year ahead.

Led by President Ray Crosat.

President Ray Crosat, Vice President Al Aguilar, Trustees Bob Kurpinsky, Joe Reilly, Mike Kemmitt, George Jeffery and Joe Garrity. Also present were past Presidents Bob McKee and Bill Hardeman. Treasurer Jim Sturken and Secretary Mark Hurley.

Motion by Jeffery and seconded by Hardeman. Motion carried.

A \$200.00 donation was made by James Collins, Attorney at Law and a \$150.00 donation by a friend of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association.

Treasurer Jim Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion by Garrity, seconded by Jeffery that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

The following two members dropped from the rolls of membership pursuant to Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws. (Did not complete probationary period) Aaron Hall and Dino Maderal.

None at this time.

RAYMOND A HARRISON. 94 YEARS. Ray was born in Kiowa, Kansas. He was employed as a Telegraph Operator before he entered the Police Department in 1934. After a brief time in the Police Academy, he was assigned to Police Communications where he remained for his entire Police career. He was appointed Sgt. in 1946. After 35-years, he retired in 1969.

ALBERT J. ESPERANCE: 81 YEARS. Al was born in San Francisco. He grew up in the Marina and attended Galileo High School. He then joined the Navy and upon his discharge, he worked as a welder before he entered the Police Academy in 1949. His first assignment was Potrero, followed by the Range. From the range he went to the Three-

**GRAIG S. NEUFELD. 42 YEARS.** Craig was born in Merced, California. His father was an officer in the U.S. Air Force. At a young age, he moved to San Rafael, California. He attended San Rafael High. At the age of 21, he entered the Police Academy. His first station was Mission, followed by Communications. He then was assigned to N.E.T. Golden Gate for a short period before going back to Mission. From Mission he made the big lights of Central before going to Richmond Station and being promoted to Sergeant. A veteran of 21 years he was killed in a traffic accident on May 13, 2002.

The Trustees and Officers met with Bank of America at their Office at California and Kearny at 6 PM. Mr. Bruce Bain and David Cassaro gave a very enlightening look into our investments and asset allocation and some possible changes we should make. We will be looking at some small cap stocks, since they are doing a little better in this unstable market. Also, some discussion was made pertaining to Hedge Funds, we will know more at our June Meeting. We sold a 6.9% Daimler Chrysler Bond for at \$13,929.00 profit. We currently have 13% in cash, 34% in stocks and 53 % in bonds.

William Hardeman, who administers the San Francisco Policemen's Fund advised us that due to increase cost to handle the payroll deductions he will be raising his fee from fifteen cents to eighteen cents per payroll deduction member. The last time he raised was March 1966.

Trustee Joe Reilly gave a report on our looking into a Web Site. We will be working on this in the next couple of weeks.

President Ray Crosat had a moment of silence for our recently departed members. He also remembered those that are in the armed services. He then set the next meeting for Wednesday June 19, 2002 at 2pm in the conference room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 2: 45 PM, with everyone meeting at 6 PM at the Bank of America.

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley, Secretary.

On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit with other retired police officers at the Veteran POA meetings. We meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good in the lower yard. Arrive by 11:30 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

## ...Time of Grief:

The Heart of the Department has ached with grief these last two weeks. When the editor asked me to write about our losses and challenges I struggled. There is so much to say yet no way to put all in perspective. Then I remembered the words I heard at a service for a veteran of the Omaha Beach Invasion of D-day June 1944. The speaker who had lost two of his own children, one to accident and one to violence, spoke of his generation by saying that those who so long ago were lost on that far away beach "are forever young". — Remember those that God has chosen to take, by living lives that honor those who in our hearts will remain "forever young"...

## ...New Lawyer:

Congratulations to Inspector Joe Engler Jr. (Burglary) on passing the California Bar Exam. We can now refer to him as Joe Engler Esq. To celebrate his dad retiree Joe Engler treated young Joe to a New York trip where they attended the Giants — Yankees series. Congrats Joe, well deserved...

## ...Births:

Ingliside Station's Officer Sophal Roger Chea, and wife Lea Acosta-Chea, proudly announce the birth of their first child. Kaila Acosta Chea a.k.a. ("Spring Roll") 7 lbs. 12 oz. 19 inches made her debut at Seton Medical Center, Daly City on April 15, 2002 at 2223 hours. The lovely little one is the joy of the family. — On May 20, 2002 at 1045 hours Inspector Denise Fabbri, Narcotics, gave birth to Amanda Christine Fabbri 6 lbs. 5 ounces 18 inches and very healthy at San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center. Proud dad Officer Carl Fabbri, Northern Station, and big brother Nicholas, who is almost two, are really excited about Amanda's arrival and are lavishing her with love. Congratulations to all and may all your years be filled with happiness, good health and success...

## ...Substation:

The Broadway Prime Restaurant, located at 1316 Broadway in Burlingame, is getting quite a reputation as a police hangout. Ed Matz and Hong Tan, the owners, have been long time San Francisco waiters, and they are thrilled at the support they have received from the SFPD family from the Chief to the many retirees who reside on the Peninsula...

## ...1935 Dodge:

Rene LaPrevotte, Solos, has almost given up his quest to locate a glass headlight lens for a 1935 Dodge Pickup. Can anyone out there help? He has one lens and needs another. Rene prefers an original and really does not want to have one manufactured. Rene can be contacted 24 hours at 553-4986...

## ...Thank You:

Sgt. Bob Guinan, SFPD Chair of the Special Olympics funds raising effort, thanks all the organizations, businesses and individuals that helped out this year. He does make special note of Jeff Hammer, General Manager, of Paragon Restaurant at 2nd and Townsend Streets, who not only opened his doors, but also organized his entire staff to donate all their tips and solicit donations as well. Thank You Jeff...

## ...Quote:

Retiree Dave Toschi, sends in the following quote — from Senator Hubert Humphrey circa 1968, "There are not enough jails, not enough policemen, not enough courts to enforce a law not supported by the people"...

## ...Hidden Talents:

Lt. Mike Jefferies, Northern Station, is a very talented woodwork and landscaping artist on the side. His talents have blossomed into two businesses that he predicts will keep him very busy in retirement, which he plans on entering early next year. We wish him great success...

## ...Little Chefs:

Central Station Sgt. Vince Catanzaro recently devoted some time

to serving as the "celebrity tasting judge" for the Little Chefs 2002 elementary school competition. A devotee of pizza for quite sometime, verified by his wife Mary, those who solicited his services knew that he would be an enthusiastic tasting judge. No one predicted that after tasting the pizzas Vince would go into crisis. He could not make a decision. How could he choose one group of L'IL chefs over another? His dilemma tormented him. Vowing never to judge again in his most King Solomon impersonation he awarded all Chef's first prize...

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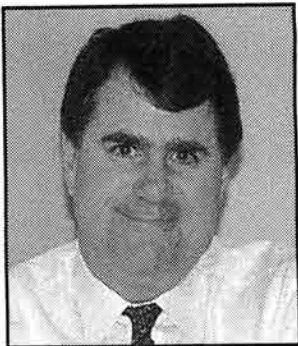
SECRETARY'S REPORT

By Tom Shawyer, POA Secretary  
POA Special Board of Directors' Meeting  
POA Building, May 20, 2002  
1300: Meeting Convened  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call and Attendance

Unit	Present	Excused	Absent
President	Chris Cunnie		
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HQ	Dennis Callaghan	Neville Gittens	
SFO	Bob Belt	Mike Chandra	
Retired		Gale Wright	

By Tom Shawyer, POA Secretary  
POA Special Board of Directors' Meeting  
POA Building, May 23, 2002  
1300: Meeting Convened  
Pledge of Allegiance  
Roll Call and Attendance

Unit	Present	Excused	Absent
President	Chris Cunnie		
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Minutes of Regular Board Meeting

Call to Order / Pledge Of Allegiance / Roll Call

President's Report

Bob Noto (Plasterer's Union Local 66) and Colleen Householder spoke to the Board regarding PalCare, a non-profit day care organization operating on the Peninsula. They asked the Board for a contribution. Bob and Colleen described PalCare has been operating for 9 years. PalCare operates 6 days a week and has a number of police families participating. They said it is strong in early childhood development. PalCare was once funded by the Airport. They said PalCare was now cut out of the Airport's budget, and consequently they have had to cut back on their hours. PalCare is geared toward the families of emergency workers. Other unions have made contributions to PalCare, including Locals 38, 467, and 480. The Packard Foundation has also contributed. Specifically, any donations made are matched by the Packard Foundation. The average contribution has been about \$5,000.

2 SFPD officers and 1 SFPD firefighter are now participating in PalCare. Mike Chandra inquired about their contacting other unions active at the SF International Airport. PalCare is not only a day care facility. Care is provided to children from infants to age 5. PalCare is the only facility on the Peninsula offering services at night and on the weekend. PalCare has made a commitment to reach out to SFPD members in need of their services.

Motion: That the SFPOA donate \$2,000 annually to PalCare over the next five years.

Move: S. Murphy (Co. E)  
Second: J. Balovich (Inv.)  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Members of the Executive Board of the Latino Peace Officers' Association (LPOA) addressed the POA Board. LPOA President Mike Serujo and Vice-President Tony Flores were elected to their posts in February of this year. They spoke of the close association between the two organizations and the LPOA's 100% support of the "3 at 55" Charter Amendment. They additionally said that they, too, are concerned about retirement and medical benefits. The LPOA also supports many charitable organizations. Mike and Tony also spoke to some of the LPOA's ongoing concerns, including Latino representation on the SFPD command staff.

Chris Cunnie spoke at length about the matter of the 2.75% retirement contribution, presently the subject of a membership-wide vote. He said the POA is not going to be deterred in its pursuit of an enhanced retirement benefit.

POA Labor counsel Vin Harrington spoke about the language of the Charter Amendment, which was distributed to the directors. He and Chris Cunnie have met with Clare Murphy of the Retirement Board, Supervisor Tom Ammiano, and Deputy City Attorney Dan Maguire concerning the amendment. There will be an opt-in mechanism for anyone in the old plan who wants to join the new plan.

S. Murphy (Co. E) inquired about the Controller's statement concerning the reasonable "projection of cost." The best estimate presently is that the

Retirement system is overfunded for at least the next 5 to 7 years at a minimum. Every December an annual report concerning the financial state of the Retirement System is issued.

The "3 at 55" Charter Amendment was introduced by Supervisor Tom Ammiano. New rules prohibit "skeletal" measures from being introduced, therefore only technical amendments are allowed. The Charter Amendment must go to the full Board of Supervisors for a vote on its passage.

D. Sorgie (Co. G) asked if any other unions were looking to go to the ballot to upgrade their pensions. C. Cunnie said he believed the soonest anyone might be going is 2004.

Lynne Atkinson (Vice) inquired as to how the measure will impact those members who have been involved in the Tier II buyback. This matter is being researched.

J. Balovich (Inv.) said the Charter Amendment amounts to a fairness issue as most comparable California cities are already offering their members some kind of 3% retirement benefit.

D. Callaghan (Hdqtrs.) spoke about the Towers Perrin audit and the 5 year investment smoothing method.

C. Cunnie stated that the Charter Amendment language is good and we are "on track."

New Business

Attorney General Bill Lockyer to be invited to speak at the next Board meeting.

D. Callaghan (Hdqtrs.) recommended that plaques be obtained for the 2 POA reps who served the Muni Transit detail, Sgt. Mike Hughes and Sgt. Bob Johnston. The plaques would show the reps' years of service. No need for a motion. These reps will be

honored in the near future for their distinguished service.

MOTION: The SFPOA Board of Directors supports the full implementation and utilization of the SFPD Air Support Unit (commonly known as the Helicopter Unit).

Move: D. Householder (Co. E)  
Second: D. Sorgie (Co. G)  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: The POA Board of Directors endorses Tom Martin, Candidate for the SF Board of Supervisors in District 4.

Move: J. Balovich (Inv)  
Second: S. Murphy (Co. E)  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: That the SFPOA Board of Directors endorse the candidacy of Phil Angelides for State Treasurer.

Move: J. Balovich (Inv.)  
Second: T. Montoya (Co. D)  
Motion passed unanimously by voice vote.

MOTION: That the SFPOA Executive Board and POA counsel immediately take steps to review the Association's by-laws as they relate to the POA's status as a corporation.

Move: D. Householder (Co. E)  
Second: K. Martin (Co. B)  
Motion carried unanimously by voice vote.

Board Meeting was concluded and training resumed.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY  
SUBMITTED BY,  
Tom Shawyer  
SFPOA Secretary  
Sunday, May 26, 2002



## Campaign Notes

By Chris Cunnie  
President

### The Vote

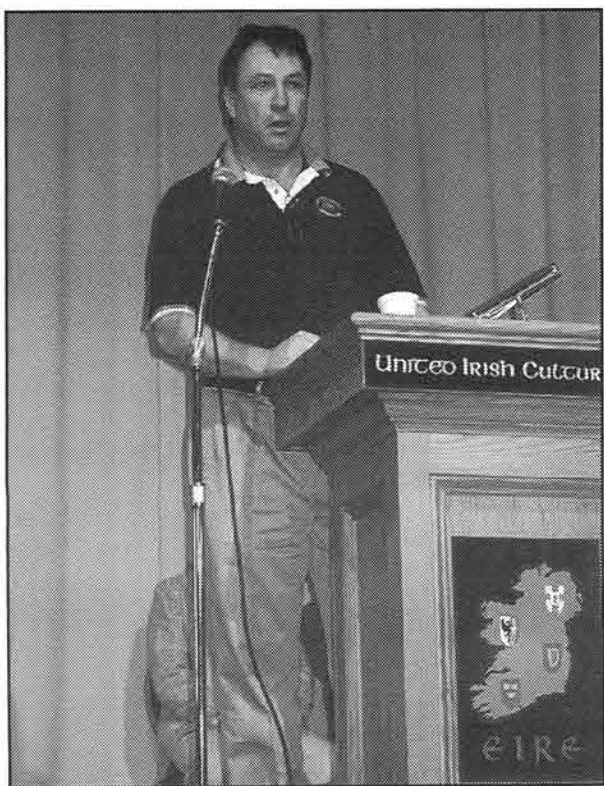
I want to thank the membership for voting to accept the City's contract re-opener proposal. The measure won by a ratio of more than 4 to 1. I consider the ballot results to be another expression of confidence in the Executive Board, and the POA Board of Directors. None of us liked giving up — albeit temporarily — a percentage of hard won and overdue compensation. Nonetheless, the need to do so really does exist. The City is in a financial crisis, and just as in so many other times of trial, the men and women of the POA

have stepped forward to do what they can for the people of this city.

I believe it was a wise vote. Just as I have faith and confidence that the membership of this organization will always do the right thing, so am I convinced that the voters of San Francisco will remember our benevolence down

the road. It is already playing out well in the media, nearly every story that I have read, or report that I have listened to on the Mayor's budget proposal is quick to point out that police and fire have conceded to the deal. It is a refreshing change to be given the nod

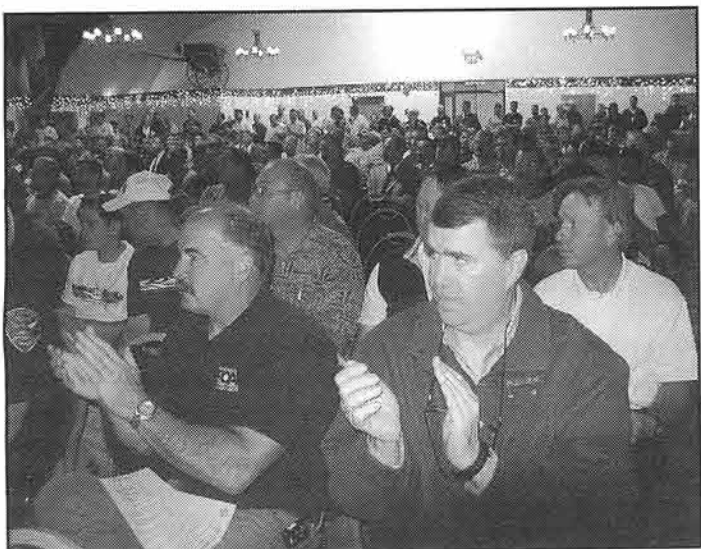
of approval from mainstream media on a sensitive local issue.



POA President Chris Cunnie addresses the gathering of police and firefighters

### The Rally

I was delighted to see the number of enthusiastic supporters that attended our joint police-fire political action rally on June 5th. The rally was held at the Irish Cultural Center, and we filled the room with hun-

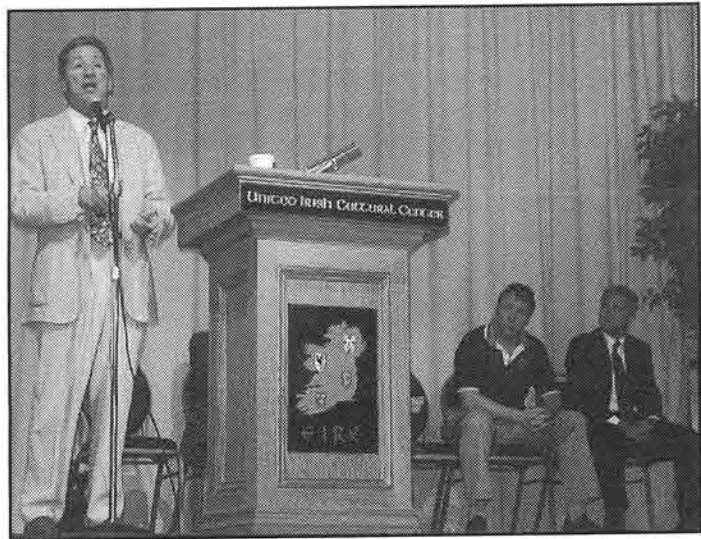


POA Treasurer Jack Minkel and Secretary Tom Sawyer were among the hundreds of officers who attended the rally

dreds of police, firefighters, and sheriff deputies.

The rally was intended to demonstrate the solidarity and political focus of the City's public safety employees, and we did just that. Few of our department heads or civic leaders failed to take notice of this unified block. We sent a powerful message on that Wednesday, one that was certainly heard echoing through the corridors at City

Hall and 850 Bryant. Now we must keep that momentum going on into November.



Supervisor Tom Ammiano supports our November ballot initiative

## Sergeant Gerald R. Golz

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association extends condolences to the family and friends of retired Solo Sergeant Gerald R. Golz who passed away on June 2, 2002 at his home in Arizona.

Sergeant Golz entered the Police Department on June 16, 1969. He served with distinction at Central, Mission, Burglary, Vice, Southern, and the Solos. He retired in October of 1999.

## President's Message

The tragedies of June 2002 have taxed the members of this Association and the police department like few other times in our history. It is impossible to put into words the extent of our sorrow and grief over the deaths, injuries, and critical incidents that have befallen us like a pall.

Over the past couple of weeks, we have lost some fine police officers, beloved family members of police officers, and friends of police officers. We are vigilant over the health of several officers who were injured while conducting some of the most perilous of all police actions: pursuit driving and the arrest of violent felons.

We stand in support of a fellow officer who was called upon to exercise the ultimate decision in order to protect the life of another.

This terrible time underscores the danger, sacrifice, and selfless dedication that every police officer brings with him or her to the job each day. We are called upon to place ourselves in harms way in order to ensure the safety and security of all the people in this city. It is a big job, often thankless, and always unpredictable.

There is no finer group of individuals in all of law enforcement than the

people of the SFPD. Time and time again our members answer the call, just as they are doing now in the Mission District, working through their grief, answering calls for help and assistance, and rushing in to do what they can to maintain the peace.

I am honored to represent each and every one of you. I know that your professionalism and courage are often taken for granted by the public that you serve. Nonetheless, I also sense that, at times such as these, the public does pause and take notice, and they do appreciate the job you do.

My condolences and sympathy go out to the family and friends of Jon Cook and also to Sergeant Michael Niland and his family.

Nick Ferrando and all of his family and friends remain in my thoughts and prayers.

To Officers David Lee and Michael Celis, and Sergeant Henry Yee I extend my thanks and gratitude for a job well done, and pray that each will heal quickly and return to work soon.

To Sergeant Eric Vintero I pledge my unqualified support, and thank him for his professionalism and heroic dedication.

God Bless you all.

### POA Mourns for Niland Family

## Sergeant's Wife, Son Killed in Traffic Accident

Staff Report

All of the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association extend their sympathy and condolences to Sergeant Michael Niland, his family, and friends on the death of his wife, Laurence, and son, Joseph, who died in a traffic accident on June 16, 2002.

We can not express the depth of

emotion that such tragedies invoke. The loss of any family member is an immeasurable loss. The loss of two loved ones is grief compounded beyond the scope that words can express.

The Nilands are in our hearts and prayers.

Donations of cash or check made be made in Sergeant Nilands name to the Park Station Floral Fund, c/o Sergeant Mark Porto, 1899 Waller Street, SF, 94117

### Doctors See Improvement

## Officer Nick Ferrando Remains Hospitalized

Staff Report

Mission Station Officer Nick Ferrando remains hospitalized in critical condition following a traffic accident. Officer Ferrando and his partner, David Lee, were responding to arrest a wanted felon when their vehicle collided with another responding radio car. The accident happened on June 12, 2002 at the intersection of 17th and Dolores streets. Officer Lee was also injured but is recuperating at home. Both officers are sons of active SFPD members. In the second patrol car, Officer Jon Cook died from his injuries. His passenger, Officer Michael

Celis, was treated for his injuries and released. He, too, will recuperate at home.

The tragic events of June 12 have left the officers of Mission Station in a state of shock and grief, yet we know that the tragedy has strengthened their camaraderie and their resolve to continue to serve the people of this city with the same level of dedication and professionalism exemplified by Officers Ferrando, Lee, Celis, and Cook.

Officer Ferrando, his family, and his many friends and coworkers remain in the thoughts and prayers of the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association.

## Officer Peter Martin, 1938 – 2002

Officer Peter Martin, recently retired after thirty years of service, passed away on May 1, 2002 following a struggle with leukemia. Peter was a member of the 119th Recruit Class, joining the department on May 17, 1971. He served at Northern and Southern Stations.

"Peter treasured the friendship of his police officers," wrote his wife, Karan. "He considered it a privilege

and an honor to be part of the SFPD."

We will remember Peter as a good man and a fine officer. He possessed a quiet, unassuming manner that served him well over the course of thirty years. His death is a loss to all who knew him and to all of San Francisco. The men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association extend condolences to the Martin family at this time of sadness and loss.





## What is a Church?

By Daniel Hampton

When you say the word church, what comes to your mind? Did you know the English word church is a translation of the Greek word *ekklesia*, which means literally "assembly of citizens called out" and is used in the Greek version of the Old Testament (the Septuagint) to translate the Hebrew word *qahal*, which the Old Testament applies to the people of Israel when assembled for a religious purpose (see The New Harper's Bible Dictionary).

The word church in the New Testament never meant a church building and it always referred to an assembly of believers in Jesus Christ. In the first three centuries A.D., Christians would be found gathered together in homes throughout various communities, towns and cities. In these homes they would gather to worship, share the Scriptures, fellowship, help those who were poor, and share the Good News of Christ with invited guests. They

were cultivating a community of believers and it was home brewed or home grown.

This was the Primary Church of the first three centuries. It wasn't so detached as we find it in the United States or the World today. No, the primary church was found in local homes where families gathered together to build a relationship with God the Father through belief and obedience in Jesus Christ Our Lord. They would break bread and drink the wine (Communion) in their local homes denoting the death of Christ and celebrate His resurrection from the grave.

Let's face it, the Christian culture and heritage was home spun and parents gave the treasures of Jesus Christ to their children and their children's children. It went from one generation to the next, ad infinitum.

This is the point I want to make, we need to go back to our roots and make our homes the Primary Church. We parents are priests for our families, as it says we are in the New Testament (11 Peter 2:9). And if we parents are priests we should share all the secrets of Christ and the Scriptures with our children.

Our homes should be the base where our children, friends, relatives, and guests learn about the teaching of Christ. This means instituting Bible

studies in our homes and encouraging one another to follow, obey, and worship God the Father and His Son Jesus Christ. It means serving, loving, and helping one another on a daily basis. Respect for one another should be found in our homes because we all sin and ask God's forgiveness at the foot of Christ's cross. We judge no one because we are not judged because we are found in Christ. And if God has given us our Faith to trust in His Son Jesus Christ, we humbly pray for others that God gives them this gift too. My brothers and sisters we have no right to minister in the Secondary Churches (the denominational ones) if in our homes we have not established our Christian culture and heritage. If Christ is not found or taught in our homes how can you or I minister in denominational churches outside our homes? Let's get our act together in our own homes before we even attempt to minister outside.

So you may ask what are the Secondary Churches? They are the ones on neighborhood corners that have denominational names. They have professional pastors and staff and can be either Catholic or Protestant. Many of them tend to have man made rules, regulations, teachings, and traditions that can not be found in the Scriptures.

These man made rules can weigh down the masses and turn people away or off from following the simplicity of Jesus Christ's teaching. These institutional churches have failed society and have produced similar results found in secular society. The divorce rate of 60% in society is the same in our secondary churches. The dysfunctional prob-

lems concerning pedophilia, divorce, domestic violence, substance abuse, and broken families is prevalent in the membership of our secondary churches just as it is in society.

The secondary churches are supposed to arrest and address these problems, but they lack the power to change the behavior of their members. The majority of people attending these secondary churches have not set up their own homes as primary churches.

Now If you attend a secondary church and want to change it, you yourself must first set up your own home as a primary church. Influence other members in your secondary church to do the same. Get involved with your children in your secondary church. Be involved in all the youth ministries and got involved in bible lessons, youth activities, and youth overnight camp outs, etc. Obviously, if we parents are involved in all youth activities in our secondary churches there will be a small chance for the crime of pedophilia to occur. Invite single parents and their children into your home for bible study, the taking of Communion and fellowship. You can minister to the single parent while the children play. This will also show members in your secondary church what your primary church is like in your home. The idea is to promote spiritual growth and Christian love throughout the membership.

Involvement is empowerment for changing our secondary churches, but the catalyst for it will always be through members that have set up their homes as primary churches.

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# Close Encounters

*This column was written prior to the tragic events that have since taken place within our Department. Nevertheless, the stories serve as a reminder to the public that the danger in police work is always present, the assurance that, as a police officer, you'll go home at the end of your watch is not.*

By Steve Johnson  
SFPOA

Interesting to note that cigarette smoking actually saved a life in the Mission District. **Officer Matthew Tonsing** was covering his beat on the 2300 block of Mission Street when he saw an individual sitting on the ledge of a 4-story building. The despondent subject started yelling that he was going to jump. Officer Tonsing called for back-up and kept the person engaged in conversation (as much as you can 4-stories down) while **Officer Gian Tozzini** and **Officer Amy Salmonson** made their way to the roof of the building. The officers now had a better chance to talk to the person who was seriously considering ending it all and actually got him to change his mind. All it took was the promise of a cigarette...

And, it was extremely fortunate that **Officer Joann Walker**, Northern Station, responded to the Golden Gate Bridge to assist the CHP with a distraught woman who had climbed over the railing to the outer ledge of the bridge with every intention of killing herself. The woman intent on jumping had refused to talk to any of the male officers present and would only converse with Joann. Joann gained the woman's confidence and assisted her in returning to a position of safety.

Probably not a good idea, if you're on probation, to be driving around an area known for narcotic sales armed with a gun and end up soliciting a police officer for "a twenty spot"... But that's just what happened when **Officer Reginald Scott** and **Officer Jerry Lyons**, Taraval Station were working plainclothes in the area of Randolph and Orizaba. The guy with the gun and the intent to purchase dope thought the officers were local narcotic dealers.

Or better yet, let's take the license plates off of our car and drive around the same area hoping not to get stopped because you've got a loaded .45 and your basic ski mask with gloves. **Officer Leonard Caldera** and **Officer Julius Dempsky** noticed the

absence of plates and, through a subsequent investigation, they recovered the gun, ski mask and gloves along with a warm body.

Bike riding is classified as one of the more intensive work-outs, great for getting around heavy traffic, and, recently, resulting in 2 outstanding arrests. **Officer James Acevedo** was on-duty in the Southern District when he observed a lone bike rider causing problems for pedestrians because he was riding on their sidewalk. The biker and Jim made eye contact with Jim motioning him over so that he could be admonished. The guy on the bike took a chance and went the other way. Officer Acevedo figured no big deal, I'll just go around the block where he's going to end up anyway. Well, this went on for several blocks until Jim finally met up with his quarry at 3rd and Brannan. The subsequent contact resulted in the retrieval of 187 balloons of heroin the biker was transporting at which point he took a much more direct route to city prison.

This one's bizarre... **Officer Scott Lau** and **Officer Moses Gala** were looking for an attempted murder suspect in the area of Persia and Naples. The suspect had shot his victim a few blocks from San Francisco General Hospital and then casually rode his bike to wait at the emergency ambulance entrance and watched nearby as the victim was rushed into surgery. His identification was later confirmed by witnesses, so Scott and Moses just sat outside the home of the suspect's father and, sure enough, the shooter rode up and was taken into custody.

A shooting takes place at Sycamore and Valencia and while the victim is being rushed to SFGH in critical condition, **Officer Nancy Guillory**, **Officer Joe Barretta**, **Officer Dan Cole**, **Officer Larry Kempinski**, **Officer Judy Solis**, and **Officer Jose Jimenez** take charge of the investigation. Their inquiries lead them to a bar at 16th & Albion and, when they enter to apprehend one suspect, the other suspect starts walking from the back of the bar, towards the officers, with his hand on a gun tucked in his waistband. Fortunately, the armed man quickly assessed his odds of survival and decided to comply with some very simple requests taught at the Academy during felony arrests.

**Officer Kevin Knoble** and **Officer Sean Dennis** thought it was strangely suspicious when, as they turned their

radio car onto the 200 block of Rey Street, an individual standing nearby suddenly turned and ran. The officers eventually caught up and were just about to make contact with this subject when he suddenly turned, opened his coat, and displayed a rifle with a pistol-grip stock that he was, no doubt, going to use on Kevin and Sean. The rifle and suspect were subsequently booked at Bayview Station.

**Officer Eric Batchelder** and **Officer Anthony Nelson** are cruising by 17th and Mission when a pedestrian yells, "he's got a gun" and points at a man running down 17th Street. The officers give chase and the suspect throws the semi-automatic weapon he was concealing into the middle of Capp Street hoping that someone with just as long an arrest record as his will retrieve it for a future investment. But that's the best thing about driving with a partner. Officer Nelson stops to get the gun while Officer Batchelder continues with the foot chase which eventually ends in the suspect's capture. The officers later found out that the suspect had just pistol-whipped a woman and tried to rob her.

Again with the citizen yelling, "they've got a gun", only this time it's 3 suspects in a car and it's in the Park District. **Officer Gregory Kane**, **Officer Steven Stearns**, **Officer Gerald Newbeck**, and **Officer Paris Deshong** immediately pick up the chase of a blue, 4-door vehicle. The car takes a quick turn and 2 of its passengers roll out of the still moving vehicle on the 1100 block of Pierce Street. One of them is later captured with 2 loaded guns. The driver is eventually captured and probably would have shot it out with the officers but couldn't get to his gun that was found out of reach on the back seat. Turns out that this

group of armed suspects were touring the Western Addition looking for members of a rival gang they wanted to eliminate.

It was probably very fortunate that the gang members from the Park District didn't find the gang members in the Bayview District who were driving around in the area of Westpoint and Middlepoint. The suspects in the 4-door blue vehicle only had 9mm semi-automatic weapons while the suspects in the car that **Officer Derrick Jackson**, **Officer Isaac Espinoza**, and **Officer Bryan Lujan** stopped were armed with an AK-47. Probably wouldn't have been a fair fight... Nevertheless, they all ended up in the same place.

On 12-29-01, at 0226 hours, Dispatch broadcast an audible alarm from 1100 Fillmore, the MacDonald's Restaurant, across the street from Northern Station. About 45 seconds thereafter, the first unit arrived on scene. **Officers Pat Kwan** and **Dino Maderal** notified Dispatch that they were on scene and had an open door with a possible suspect inside.

**Officers Dave Frias**, **Eric Mahoney** and **Steven Keith** arrived to back to original unit. Officers Kwan and Maderal took one suspect in custody just inside of the back door to the restaurant. I guess that the guy was really hungry or maybe really drunk. Officers Kwan and Maderal, suspecting that there might still be someone inside, called for a K-9 unit to assist with the search (maybe they couldn't stand the smell of all that grease). **Officer Cole** and his dog, Ajax, responded. They searched the restaurant for additional bad guys, but it appears that there was only one real Hamburgler on that night!

Submitted by **By Richard W. Goss**  
Northern Station

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## Changes to Range Re-Qualifications And the Question of "Why"

By Sgt. Rod Nakanishi  
Rangemaster

As I had mentioned, the re-qualifications starting this July will see a number of changes. I just wanted to reiterate and elaborate on them.

The re-qualifications will take anywhere from 1 \_ to 2 hours, depending on the size and abilities of any specific group. In this time we will be conducting the handgun qualification course, then training and demonstrating proficiency in handgun malfunction drills, and finishing with the shotgun training and proficiency demonstration, but this time using the Department issued Choke buckshot ammunition.

The Range calendars note that re-qualification times are 2-hour blocks (ex. 0700-0900). Members wishing to participate shall be present at the window of either the Lake Merced Range or the Airport Range at the beginning

of that time block (ex. 0700, not 0705 or 0710, etc). Registration will start at the beginning hour. NO late comers will be allowed to participate once sign-ins have completed.

Because this qualification/training block will use most of the time, there will be NO second relays during any block.

Members choosing to participate at the Airport Range are reminded that there are currently only 12 firing positions available. After those slots are taken, all others must wait until the next scheduled block.

This suggests that waiting until the last relay of the last day of the month is probably not a good idea.

Start times will be the same at both Ranges. There will be at maximum 3 re-qualification sessions per day, instead of the current 4.

I understand that this is a major change in SOP. Consequently, designated practice sessions will be available to refine your skills in whatever area you feel lacking. The Lake Merced Range will have a majority of its practice sessions on Fridays, and the Airport will mostly be on Mondays. Staff at both sites are there to assist.

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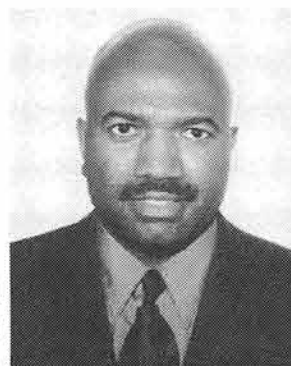
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## Helicopter in Routine Patrol

*Editor's Note: This article was submitted to the POA Journal prior to the tragic events of June 12, 2002. It's printing here is not intended to be a commentary on any aspect of the current SFPD police regarding emergency vehicle operation.*

By Sgt. Dan Linehan  
Air Support Unit

Many people have contacted me to give me their support in my efforts to keep the Department's helicopter from being sold and to obtain funding to make it operational. As you know, I have informed you that our helicopter program is ready to go and that they have been proved to be cost efficient is the way that they prevent accidents during police pursuits.

This month I want to talk about helicopters during routine police patrols. San Francisco is a geographically small area but is one of the most populated cities in the free world. Our resident population of 750,000 swells to over 1.5 million each work day. Every day thousands of workers pour into our City. They take bridges, BART and even ferryboats to begin their workday. The companies they work for pay taxes to San Francisco to keep their world class address. San Francisco in return, provides police, fire and medical services and many more. A functional helicopter program can maximize these essential city services by making them more efficient. I have listed some of the ways a helicopter can help protect our City.

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#### Daily Police Uses

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- Responding to crimes in progress

- Searching for lost Alzheimer victims / lost children
- Rooftop searches of arsonist or burglaries in progress
- Locating moving busses with passenger conflicts (crimes in progress) on board

#### Special Event Uses

- Aerial observations of parade routes, bicycle and foot races.
- Aerial observation of protesters splitting from main crowd committing crime such as arson, breaking windows and graffiti.
- Aerial observation of large crowds celebrating New Year's Eve, July 4th and Fleet Week.
- Directing Police / Fire and Ambulances response around pedestrian clogged streets due to parades, races, celebrations and protests
- Dignitary protection to government officials and visiting heads of state.

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By Chris Cunnie  
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## Kenyan Cop Wins Boston Marathon

The best distance runner in the world is a cop from Kenya. Rodgers Rop, 26, won the Boston Marathon with the fastest time posted in the famous race in four years.

"Last year I was not happy because we lost to Korea," Rop said after he came across the finish line. He wasn't even that tired after the grueling 26 mile course. "This year I say, 'O.K. we have to reclaim our title. It has been a tradition of Kenya to win in Boston. So I tried my best to win,'" Rop said.

With the exception of a couple of his countrymen who were running

way behind after ten miles, no one really came close to giving Rodgers a race. Cool weather and overcast skies may have been a blessing for most of the runners, but Rop prefers running when it's hot. Needless to say, the 26 year-old cop wasn't phased by the conditions.

Rop and his fellow Kenyans grew up running through the steep hills of Kenya as children and now dominate the world of marathon running. Where most ordinary folks break down during the Boston race, at a grueling incline infamously known as "heart-break hill," Rop went up like he was on an escalator.

## Police-Fire Post 456

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attend the convention. Post 456 has a very small group attending the convention this year. We would like to bring up the number of delegates for next years convention. Our presence is essential for the good of the Legion.

### Post 456 Meetings

**Please note:** Because of ongoing delays with the new POA building, we are having a hard time determining where we will be meeting from month to month. This was brought up in new business during the May meeting, and fortunately, Comrade Mark Hurley generously offered to hold our monthly meetings at the Police Athletic Club in Hunters Point Shipyard. The meetings will held there until the POA's new building is completed sometime next year. If you have any questions or need directions, feel free to give me a call at (650) 291-2412.

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## Catastrophic Illness Program Family - Member

By Officer Ernie McNett,  
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The Catastrophic Illness Program Family-Member has started out with a significant need among our members. The current recipients in the program are an important part of our police family and they are going through very difficult and trying times. Recipients of the Catastrophic Illness Program Family-Member can only receive donations of vacation time - members in the regular C.I.P. program may receive either vacation or sick pay donations.

In order to qualify for the program, it means the family member that they are caring for is facing a Life Threatening Illness or Injury. The Department of Health approves their participation in the program based on the health situation of their family member. When a family member is faced with this situation it is necessary for our recipient to stay home and care for their loved one. They enter the program with no time. Recipients of the program rely solely on the generosity of fellow members who donate their time so that the recipient may receive a paycheck. Our paychecks are our

livelihood and without them we suffer greatly. Imagine caring for a loved one... the constant demand and stress, worry and distress... and how difficult it would be to then not receive a check.

The Catastrophic Illness Program Family-Member (C.I.P.F.M.) is facing a critical shortage of donations of time. We have at least two new recipients expected to be approved soon. It is not easy to part with hard earned vacation time. The program greatly appreciates those who have given in this time of need; and we have a critical shortage until we get more donations of vacation time. If one hundred people each donated 8 hrs. of vacation time, it would total 800 hrs. This would translate into 10 checks for our folks who greatly need their paychecks. If we were to receive more... it would be a blessing. Do we have 100 donors?

If you are able to make a minimum donation of 8 hrs of vacation time to the program, please do so today. If you have questions about the program, the current recipients, or need donation forms... please contact the Behavioral Science Unit (415) 837-0875. Your help is greatly appreciated. Thank you to the Command Staff also for their generous support.

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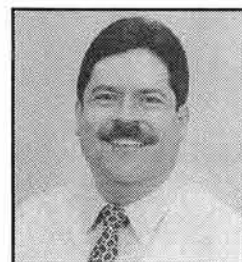
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# Special Memories Of A Mother's Day Brunch

By Jennifer Forrester

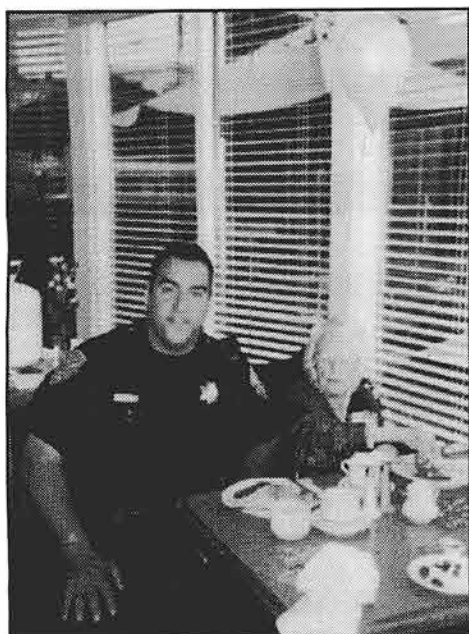
Our Mother's Day brunch was hosted by the Cathedral Hill Hotel once again! They had a wonderful brunch prepared for our honored guests.

Our guests were ladies from Laguna Honda Hospital. This is a time for them to get out and away and a chance to have a little fun. Upon arrival the officers/chaperones were busily rearranging and decorating the restaurant to make it into a more festive atmo-

sphere. The ladies were then quickly escorted right in. They were showered with small gifts and a very special greeting by the officers. It was clear to see that they loved every minute of The officers sat and talked to every one of these ladies! Some stories told by these ladies were very interesting and fun, while other stories can not be repeated! Some of these ladies remembered past brunches, while others could not. No matter what, one could see that they really appreciated the special attention on this beautiful day.

After the brunch each lady received a "goodie bag" from the officers. It was almost like Christmas! Every lady also received a polaroid picture (or two) with their favorite officer(s)!

Many, special thanks to Jeff Clark, Ray Mahvi, Sue Meyer, Steve Redd (Northern Station), Leo Sevilla (Park Station), Antonio Flores (DVRU), Sally De Haven (Fraud Detail) and her guest chaperone Jotham. Your patience, kindness, respectfulness, and great sense of humor helped to make this event so enjoyable! This was truly an afternoon filled with very "special memories of a mother's day brunch" for all of those in attendance!



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# Letters



Dear Mr. Cunnie,

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I have enclosed the most recent issue of the *Research Advocate*, which I hope you will continue to enjoy.

Many thanks again for your ongoing support in the fight against arthritis.

Sincerely,  
Gillian Moxey  
Manager of Personal and Planned Giving  
Northern California Chapter of the  
Arthritis Foundation

Dear Mr. Cunnie —

On behalf of the board, staff, volunteers, and seniors at Kimochi, Inc., I would like to thank you for your generous donation in the amount of \$500.00 to support our Kimochi Spirit Awards Gala.

Kimochi, Inc. is now in its 31st year of providing culturally sensitive programs and services for the seniors of Japantown/Western Addition, San Francisco, and the greater Bay Area. From its inception, Kimochi has been a community-based organization, primarily dependent on the financial and the volunteer support of individuals and companies like you.

Thank you again for your support.

Sincerely,  
Steve Nakajo,  
Executive Director

Dear POA Members —

On behalf of my children, Tara Ann, Lenny, Jessica, Courtney, and myself, I extend to you my heartfelt thanks. On September 11th, Special Agent Leonard Hatton, a devoted husband and father, lost his life in the attacks of the World Trade Center. Our world crumbled with the towers. It has been the kind words and warm thoughts of both friends and strangers that have helped us begin to rebuild our lives. We are comforted by the realization that

Leonard's memory will not only continue to live in our hearts, but also in the hearts of people all over the country.

The outpouring of generosity and prayers from people who have never had the chance to know Leonard, has given our family the strength to face each day and the promise of a better tomorrow. Every letter and card that we have received renews our faith in the inherent goodness of mankind. Thank you for your kindness and generosity. We wish you a New Year filled with the same warmth and love that you have shown our family

May God Bless You All  
Jolenne Hatton and Family

Dear Chris,

On behalf of the women, children, Board and staff of La Casa de las Madres, I would like to thank you for the San Francisco Police Officers' Association's generous contribution of \$250.00, dated 04/30/2002. The support of community-minded organizations like yours is essential to our woman, teen, and child clients as they strive to build lives free from violence.

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Please accept our thanks for your

generous support of these important programs. Through the difficult times ahead, I assure you that La Casa will be here responding to the needs of women, teens and children seeking a life free from violence.

Sincerely,  
Kathy Black  
Executive Director  
La Casa de las Madres

To: San Francisco Chronicle.

Dear Editor,

As an Inspector in the SFPD, I am compelled to respond to the current series on the SFPD by your intrepid duo, Parrish and Van Derbeken. These investigative stalwarts spent seven months embracing and manipulating statistics on a wide variety of crime types and forgot to recognize the obvious. If you allow for a notable percentage of recalcitrant victims, reluctant witnesses, indifferent prosecutorial effort and the fact that there are often simply no leads to pursue, the myopic axe grinding by this pair might have meant more to the intelligent reader. If there were any nuggets of realism or truth buried within this sad journalistic effort, they were washed away by the hysterical banalities of odious comparison to other agencies. Like statistical juggling, comparative evaluations mean nothing if the juggler is pre-disposed to a certain outcome. This series of articles is a disservice to the many dedicated men and women of the SFPD and proves once again that these journalists adhere to one tenet while ignoring another. Never let the facts get in the way of a good story; and you can't make chicken salad from a bowl of guano.

Sincerely yours,  
Inspector Ronan Shouldice #2054  
SFPD - CSI

Dear Friends and Supporters,

Emily Post, the maven of manners, acknowledged even those with the best intentions can let too much time pass before sending out thank you notes. Although she never specifically addressed fund-raisers and AIDS Marathon Runners, I will assume the same license as she allowed for brides: Late is far preferable to never.

On December 9, 2001 the Honolulu Marathon started at 05:30 a.m.

Twenty-seven thousand runners, three Kenyans and one Russian lined up to start. Three Kenyans, one Russian, and about 17,000 others officially finished the race. And, yes, I was among them although a bit slower than the Kenyans and Russian.

The race began to a spectacular display of fireworks. The experience of training for this morning and finally being at the start, ready to meet the challenge had a profound effect on me. During the minute of silence for September 11th, I thought about your contributions and well wishes. I thought about the number of great guys we lost in the department during the early days of the AIDS epidemic. And I thought about the progress, albeit it slow, we've made in recent years to extend quality and quantity of life for so many men, women and children. These accomplishments are due in large part to the S.F. AIDS Foundation which your contributions help fund.

The great thing about the early start time was that I didn't even wake up until about mile 14. I wish I could have slept through the last part as well. Experienced marathoners say the halfway is not mile 13 but mile 20. They've got that right! By the time I saw the "chutes" I felt sure I'd never make the last 50 yards. Then a miracle happened. My two children saw me just about the time I saw them. The rascals wiggled their way through the crowd, ducked under the police line and clamored over the barricades onto the course! They each took a hand and together we crossed the line. This was so awesome that I didn't even notice my remarkably slow time! Later they mailed the results to me. Let's just say, it's remarkable that anyone could move that slowly! Even so, as the weather warms up, I am considering another one, so I had to do something right. Anyone else interested?

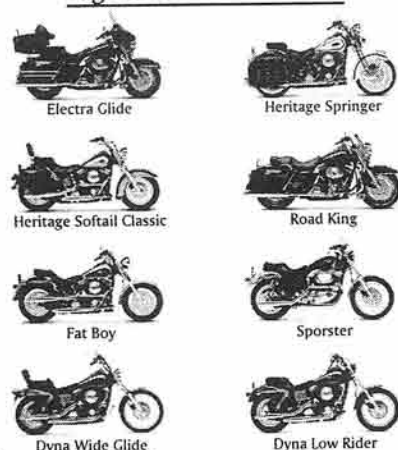
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**The Editor:**

It has been said that cities get the kind of police protection they deserve. San Francisco (through it's politicians) has opted for a reactive, socially oriented department whose mission seems to have changed from "Keep the Peace" to "Just be nice." Activist groups have more to say about the day to day activities of the officer on the street than do command officers. We are now witnessing the results of over two decades of social experimentation, conducted for the most part by civilians with little or no knowledge of crime prevention and control. Faith in the recruitment and promotion process has diminished, and the constant harassment the working street cop has caused many of our most experienced, and effective, officers to leave the service. It is unconscionable to place the onus on those least responsible for a rising crime rate.

The paramount police duties are to prevent crime, arrest offenders and to investigate criminal behavior. Once the police make the arrest, it is the District Attorney's duty to examine the evidence developed, and, when the evidence is strong, to charge the offender. Some assistant district attorneys are overly concerned with their win/loss record; some will not take a tough case to trial without a written confession and the act having been committed on prime time TV. If the working street cop is to be the whipping boy (again), some questions should first be answered. Are the police saddled with too many non essential police tasks?

Does the District Attorney charge suspects only when politically correct or sure of a conviction?

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Are selection and promotion opportunities fair, or has the once great San Francisco Civil Service System become a spoils system do to political correctness and outright fraud?

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**Editor —**

I recently read in the POA Journal a short article that probably was skipped over by the majority of your readers. The article doesn't cite names of favorite officers, or give

exciting renditions of a day in the life ... but it is an article of the utmost importance! I say this because my sisters and I have watched the demise of our 67-year old father, with our hands tied. We are at the mercy of hospital administration, and TODAY helplessly watched our father be put into a facility that my sister says she "would not put her dog in." It's a feeling of helplessness, guilt, pain, and such sadness. These feelings make you stay away when you know that it is the worst thing to do.

Supplemental long-term care is something that every Police Officer and their eligible family members should seriously look into. I would have applied yesterday for the CalPERS Long-Term Care Program if it were available to me. Unfortunately, it does not appear to be offered to "children" of the employee, but to the spouse, parents, parent-in-law, and brothers and sisters of the Employee/Officer.

Members of the SFPD should be informed of my father's plight. Here was a handsome, athletic, well-liked [San Francisco] police officer who put in 25 years, had what he thought was a savings and a good retirement package. Unfortunately, he aged before his time, his daughters exhausted his savings and his pension on his medical care and assisted living costs. We never thought he'd end up warehoused in a facility that we had no option to accept or reject. Stress the importance of acquiring long term care insurance, especially since CalPERS offers Long Term Care Coverage not only to the officer, but also to your parents, in-laws, and siblings. You do not want to be faced with the inability to make choices for the care of your loved ones, and believe me your children do not want to be faced with making these decisions for you!

Long term care is not covered 100% by insurance, Medicare, or MediCal. It is very expensive, and facilities are very selective in whom they admit. Members of the SFPD have a benefit available to them through CalPERS that they should be made aware of.

Respectfully,  
Margene L. Fragua  
Daughter of [a retired San Francisco police officer]

Ms. Fragua —

Thank you for the excellent advice regarding the purchase of long term health care insurance. We are running

the article that you refer to in your letter. It can be found on page 15.

— Editor

**Dear Friends:**

We are in receipt of your most generous gift of \$1,000.00. Your thoughtfulness and caring are the tools that keep our efforts going.

Our Chapter is the Central California COPS covering 14 counties. At the time of a 1055 of a fallen officer loved one, we are there with support and help wherever possible. It is a very self-rewarding endeavor.

We thank you very much for the donation which includes encouragement and backing for the COPS, (Concerns of Police Survivors) organization.

Sincerely,  
Belle Davis, Treasurer  
Central California COPS

**Dear Chris,**

Thank you for your lovely message of congratulations on my election as House Democratic Whip. I was delighted to hear from you.

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As you know, the Congressional mail was held up for months, but, happily, I received your letter just before my swearing in ceremony and celebration.

Thank you for your encouragement and friendship which mean a great deal to me.

Best regards,  
Nancy [Pelosi]

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**Dear Mr. Cunnie,**

On behalf of the Volunteer Auxiliary of the Youth Guidance Center, please accept our gratitude for your generous donation of two hundred fifty dollars.

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## Historian's Commentary Framed in the Colorful Past of the SFPD

# Al Capone's Tailor

By Kevin Mullen,  
Retired SFPD

After unfavorable publicity following a spate of unsolved homicides in early 1932, the Police Department instituted a dragnet which rounded up more than 1000 criminal "suspects," among them Al Capone's tailor. Louis Dinato, a recent arrival in San Francisco, was able to convince officers that his involvement with Capone was restricted to the gang lord's wardrobe and he was released the next day on \$250 bail. A recent press series - 70 years later almost to the day - reported that nowadays the San Francisco Police Department fails to solve homicide in 50 percent of the cases, far fewer than other major American cities.

Some credit the low clearance rate to a transfer policy - insisted on by the powerful police union - which uses seniority as the sole criterion for assignment to the Homicide Detail. Others cite inadequate equipment and vehicles as contributing to the problem.

Still others have criticized the department for emphasizing racial and lifestyle diversity at the expense of competence. Department brass say that low clearance rates are attributable in part to their efforts to suppress crime rather than wait for it to happen and then react.

On balance, so far at least, the report has been greeted with a collective civic yawn. That was not the case in 1932.

The first in a series of unsolved Prohibition era gang killings which resulted in the 1932 arrest of Al Capone's tailor was the shooting death of Genaro Ferri in his Lombard Street home on November 24, 1928. Police said the killing was the result of a dispute over control of the liquor rackets and named Alfredo Scarisi as the killer.

Before the authorities had a chance to talk to Scarisi, however, his murdered body was found with that of Vito Pileggi, a fellow gangster, on a road near Sacramento. A week after the Scariso killing, Mario Filippini was shot to death in the basement of his restaurant at 18 Sacramento Street. Joe Brasci was arrested for the crime but was released for lack of evidence.

A few months later, in April 1929 the body Rene Fabri, an immigrant French pimp, was found with his throat slit and a back full of bullets at Rockaway Beach on the San Mateo Coast. Informed opinion had it that he was "taken for a ride" after getting into an argument in a Romolo Place gambling dive.

In July 1929, Joe Bocca, known as "the Sicilian Strong Man," and believed to be a member of the gang which killed Scarisi, was found shot and stabbed to death in his auto with it motor running and lights on in the then sparsely settled sand dunes at 39th and Noriega.

It's painfully obvious in our own time that a vastly disproportionate number of unsolved homicide cases involve young gang affiliated African-Americans competing for turf, drugs, and respect.

Similarly, the unsolved cases in the earlier period disproportionately involved Italian surnamed gangsters.

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(Twenty years earlier Chinese names would have been disproportionately represented, and 30 years before that most of the names would have been Irish.)

Also similar to our own time, the circumstances of the unsolved killings often pointed to disputes over the vices of choice of that period, illegal alcohol, prostitution and gambling.

After Bocca's killing, Italian gang related killings declined for a while. But there were other sensational cases, many of them unpunished, to stir the editorial juices of the local press. Taken together, the cases evoke a city far different from that of our nostalgic imaginings of the time.

On April 29, 1930, Officer John Malcolm was killed by payroll robbers at Pier 26. In September Louis Frost was shot and killed by "persons unknown" while making an illegal liquor delivery on Hoffman Avenue. On December 8, 1930, Rosetta Baker, a wealthy widow with a taste for much younger men, was found strangled in her California Street apartment.

The same month, Virgil Turner, the father of soon-to-be screen goddess, Lana Turner, was found murdered on Minnesota Street after he had a big win in a card game.

In January 1931, Henry Schmidt was found bound, gagged, and strangled in his Fulton Street store, obviously the victim of robbers. And the following month, Albina Voohries was murdered and set afire in her 48th Avenue store to cover a robbery.

In 1932, the pace picked up. On

March 3rd, George Gordon was found murdered in a Utah Street factory. On the 23rd Paul Hanson was killed by three thugs at a lovers lane at Lake Merced, defending the honor of his date.

Jessie Scott Hughes was murdered in her home on Lakeview Street in April in a faked automobile accident. The case would shake the foundations of the city's justice system when it was revealed that Frank Egan, the County Public Defender, had engineered her murder.

The same day, Louis Zanardi was beaten to death by three unknown men after a game at Rolph Playground and on May 5th O'Bryan Bemis, who had had a good day at the track, was found dead at the California Rod and Gun Club range at Fort Funston.

On May 15th, William McCann, a cousin of Municipal Court Judge Dunne, was found shot dead at Marin and Kansas streets after telling a girl friend that he was "going for a ride."

Police and public apathy about unsolved homicides ended abruptly three days later. On May 18th Luigi Malvese, another bootleg gangster, was shot from ambush and killed in broad daylight while sitting in his automobile in front of the Del Monte Barber shop at 720 Columbus Avenue. Genaro Campanello, (aka Onorino Caprano) was immediately named as the suspect.

Unable to find Campanello, the police brass did the next best thing. They bounced Inspector Allen McGinn as the head of the "Death Squad," and set out, in the words immortalized by Claude Rains' Captain Renault in Casablanca, to "round up the usual suspects."

Captain Arthur Layne, commanding the Central Police District (and now chiefly remembered as the straight-arrow maternal grandfather of Oakland Mayor Jerry Brown) led the raids. Officers under Layne's command swept through the Tenderloin, according to one press account, picking up "gangsters, crooks, known and suspected, and undesirables generally." (Emphasis added.)

Six patrol wagons full of arrestees were sent to the hall of Justice in the first haul where in the next several days they were joined by 1000 more who clogged the criminal justice processing mechanism.

Those rounded up had about as much to do with the Malvese killing as Al Capone's tailor. But that wasn't really the point of the exercise. It was once considered a legitimate police tactic to put so much pressure on the underworld by such methods that economic dislocation would force wiser criminal heads to rein in the wild men.

In light of a number of court decisions and shifting public attitudes about acceptable police practices in the intervening years, we can criticize the methods used in the 1930s to come to grips with perceived crime waves.

Supporters of the men of 1932 would point to a homicide rate less than half that of the current rate, lower than any time in the city, before or since, and a clearance rate - for all the shouting about unpunished murderers at the time - of more than 80 percent.

In 1932, there was an often expressed fear in San Francisco, stoked by periodic killings by Italian gangsters, that the city was in danger of

going the way of Chicago, which still provides a picturesque metaphor for Prohibition era urban crime, much of it committed by Italian surnamed gangsters.

In hindsight, San Franciscans had really little to fear of such an outcome. The number of gangland killings in San Francisco, hardly more than could be counted on the fingers on one hand, did not begin to compare with the 400 or more gangland slayings in Chicago in a similar period.

In his doctoral thesis, "The Meaning of Community: A History of the Italians of San Francisco," Dr. Sebastian Fichera explains why. Simply put, in Chicago the disproportionate population of recent immigrants overwhelmed the stabler population of earlier arrivals, and the gangster element prospered in the confusion. In San Francisco, on the other hand, the established Italian community dominated Italian civic life and cooperated with the authorities to keep the criminal element in check.

The current situation is being misread as well. While it isn't possible to cover the issue comprehensively in a single opinion piece, we can raise a few points worth considering.

Most of the critical reaction, such as it is, focuses on the seniority based transfer policy. The problem is not so much with the procedure - which was put in place originally only to assure that everyone got a "chance" at desirable assignments, but with management inability to use the features in the procedures to exclude the less competent.

Criticisms of the department's proactive efforts to use suppression, rather than by reactively investigating crimes, are similarly misdirected. It's probably so that the emphasis has shifted too far away from detection and arrest, but again suppression is an equally legitimate and probably superior means to achieve long term crime reduction.

An attempt is being made to study the techniques used by other more successful jurisdictions to see how they have attained superior clearance rates. It's about time.

A number of other procedural solutions are also under study, everything from schedule changes to more proactive outreach to the disproportionately victimized community.

Throwing more people, money, and equipment at the problem doesn't promise much. Before spending the money, it would be more productive to find out how the currently assigned motorized and communications equipment is being used, and how current investigative personnel - not just those assigned to the investigative function but also the investigators missing from the Investigations Bureau - are really spending their time.

The solution is probably some mix of the factors listed above. Even when systemic problems are corrected, though, the best long term hope for reduced homicide rates - and an improved solution rate - would be the creation of a set of societal relationships like those found by Fichera in the San Francisco of two generations ago. For all their differences, various groups of San Franciscans came together, each in their own way, to bring the killing to an end. That gets us back to outreach.

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## Caring for Your Elderly Parents

by Tom Feledy  
Fraud Detail

Do you have parents who are "getting on in years?" If so, you may have concerns about how to cope with the increasing difficulties that come with having aging parents. Your parents may live in a different city or state. They may be divorced, perhaps remarried to a spouse you don't get along with. They may have medical problems that seem to be getting worse. They may have become reclusive or depressed. Or, perhaps it's your spouse or partner's parents you are thinking about.

Such separation, health, and family issues may cause you worry. You may have begun thinking about what to do when your parents need care, but aren't sure of what to plan for. You may have siblings who disagree on what to do, don't want to get involved, or seem too far away to do anything. There may even be someone who is abusing your parents, financially or physically — and you may not even know it.

Medical science has made great strides in promoting the lives of our parents. The average life expectancy has increased almost 50 years in their lifetime! But with increased lifespan comes a host of new problems. Some, like Alzheimer's disease, can be treated, while others, like hoarding, may require social intervention.

As with all things, the better prepared you are, the more satisfactory will be the results. There are a number of professions that have focused their talents on the aging population. Doctors, nurses, psychologists, social workers, professional conservators, attorneys, judges, and even law enforcement officers have been gearing up for the big change in the U.S., sometimes referred to as "The Graying of America." In the course of my 5 years at Fraud, I've met a number of these professionals, and I'd like to ask them to come talk to us about caring for our elderly parents.

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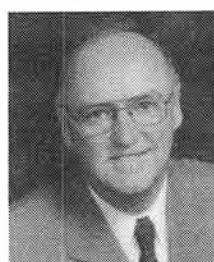
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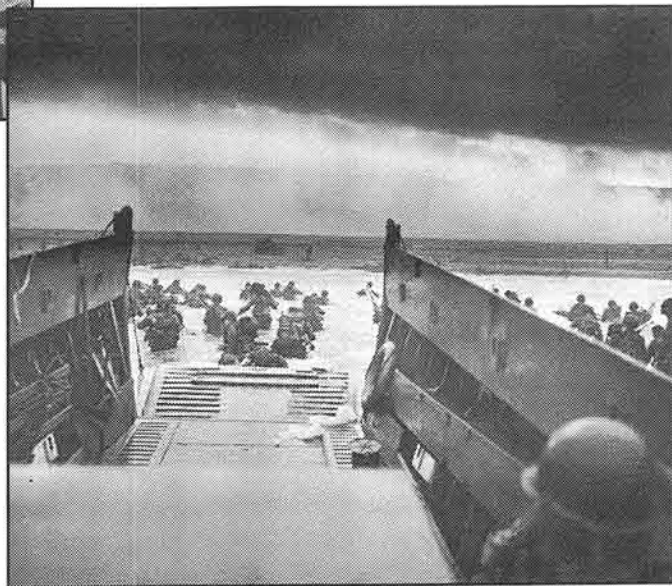
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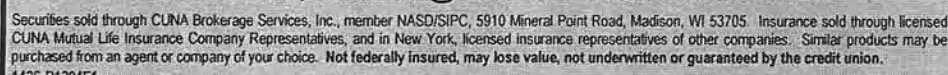
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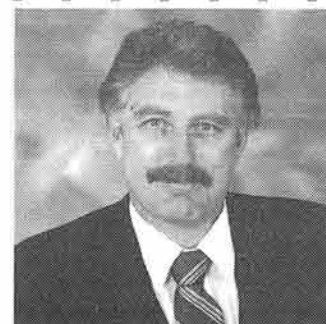
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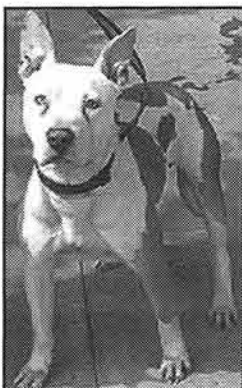
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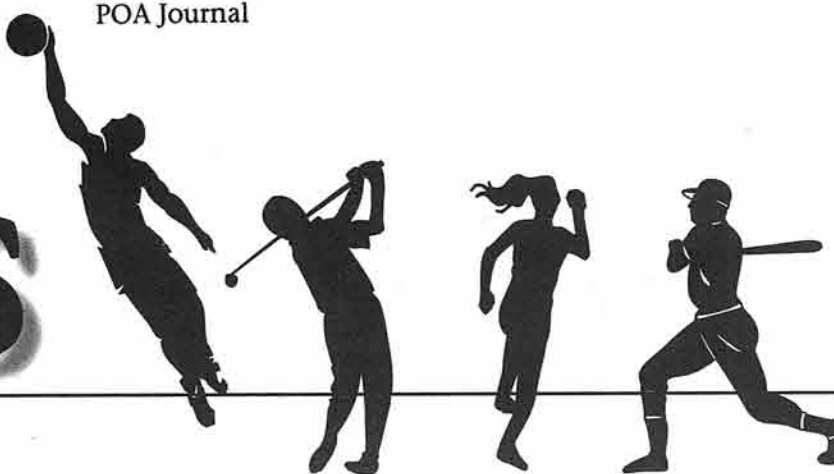
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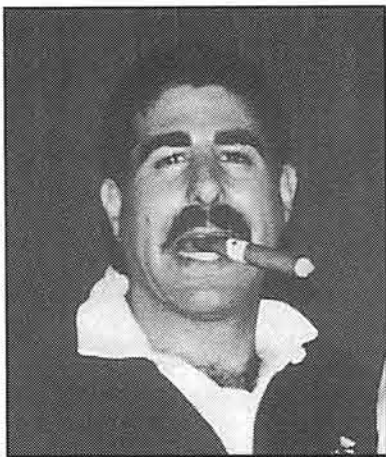
## Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,  
POA Journal Sports Editor

**CHECK IT OUT:** The annual Mike O'Brien Memorial Shooting Match took place at the Lake Merced Range last month on Wed. May 29th. It was the sixteenth year in a row that the event has been held and this one had the most participants ever. The big turn-out not only included many department members, but had members of outside agencies as well.

For those of you who didn't know Mike O'Brien, he was assigned to the range as a well respected department member up until he passed away suddenly in 1986. It was a sad time for everyone as he was an all around good guy who has definitely been missed by everyone who knew him. His picture can be seen (uneven mustache and all) in one of the glass cases at the Lake Merced Range along with trophies and plaques that are associated with the shooting match, as well as the O'Brien Softball Award that is given out every year in June.

As far as the tourney was concerned it was a good day for shooting as the weather turned out great, there was plenty of food to go around due to a nice barbecue, and the presence of Sue O'Brien and Charlie Coates completed



the picture. The likes of Tom Taylor (Taraval), Jay Parashis (retired), and Jim Taylor (retired) were also there—their help combined with the efforts of the tremendous range staff made it a very successful event (I apologize to whoever I left out). As far as results of the various competitions within the match, they should be posted in the Journal in either this issue or the next one.

I next want to mention Northern's Rob Fung for once again guiding his Washington High School Eagles to appear in the AAA Baseball Championship against the Lowell High Cardinals last month. It was a tremendous pitchers duel that ended with a score of 2-1; unfortunately, the Eagles were on the losing end of it.

This is the fifth season in a row that these two teams have battled it out in the final, with Lowell having won four out of five. Never-the-less, Fung has

always been successful preparing his teams year in and year out to get to this point and should be congratulated for doing so. Fung is already looking forward to next year as he will have ten out of sixteen players returning, and I'm sure he'll have them in the thick of the competition once again.

On to department softball where at the printing of this column, the teams that will be appearing in the Tier 1 and Tier 2 championship games are already set. Tier 1 will feature Northern #1 against Ingleside Station while Tier 2's game will have the Park Islanders playing against the Bayview Pitbulls. By the time you read this these contests will already have been decided, but I'll go ahead and describe how the teams got there anyway.

The standings ended with Northern in first place with an undefeated 10-0 record; they played in the semi-final against Mission #1 (8-2) who ended up in fourth place. Despite Northern being the stronger of the two clubs, Mission hung in there the whole time with Chuck Collins and Jake Fegan leading the way with their powerful bats. Mission was even ahead by a score of 13-11 going into the bottom of the 7th inning, but Northern put together a rally and scored 3-runs just like that to win it 14-13. The big hit came from Scott "Buddy Buddy" Warnke who blasted a long drive to win it just like he had done a year earlier when he put Northern into the final. Other big hitters for Northern were Dave "Uncle Tunoz" Herman and Johnny "Golf Shoes" Greenwood.

The other Tier 1 semi-final included second place finisher's Taraval/Richmond (9-1) vs third place Ingleside (8-2). This game was close in the early going but was soon put out of reach by Ingleside when they had a huge 13-run inning. Taraval/Richmond did what they could but the final score would be in Ingleside's favor at 20-13. Standouts for Ingleside were Kevin Worell, Jim "Badlands" Trail, Kevin Knoble and Greg Lattus. Players for

Taraval/Richmond that have been doing the job all year long are Tom King, Gene Traversaro, Rafael "Raffy" Labutan, and Glen Melanson.

One of the Tier 2 semi-finals had the sixth place Park Islanders going against a tough Tenderloin Rats team who finished in seventh place. This game was an offensive dream for both teams but at the same time a defensive nightmare. It would come down to a score of 22-21 in Park's favor going into the bottom of the 7th-inning. TTF quickly loaded the bases with no outs, and it looked like they would eventually win the game. The next batter for the Rats would hit a medium deep fly ball to right center fielder Clayton "Stats" Goodwin. Goodwin caught the ball, saw that 3rd-base coach Mark O'Brochta was sending the lumbering Tim Kielly from third, and unleashed a strike to catcher Brian "Olc" Olcomendy to complete the double play. The next batter hit a grounder to Islander 3rd-baseman Quoc "Q-Dog" Do, and the third out and the big victory was recorded.

The Islanders were anxious to find the results of the other semi-final that was to be between the fifth place Bayview Pitbulls and the eighth place Tactical Squad. It was an exciting coin toss that would land in Bayview's favor; thus, they were to be Park's opponent in the championship. Yes folks, you heard it right. Since neither team could figure out a suitable time and place for their game (with some players on TAC not available on the original day while key players on Bayview not able to make the later date etc.), Commissioner Olcomendy decided the victor with a toss of a coin. Oh well. It will be interesting to see how Walt "Don't Call Me Wally" Cuddy and the rest of the Pitbulls can fare against a pretty decent Islander team that is lead by the always reliable Greg "All American" Kane.

That's all for now....So See Ya next month.....

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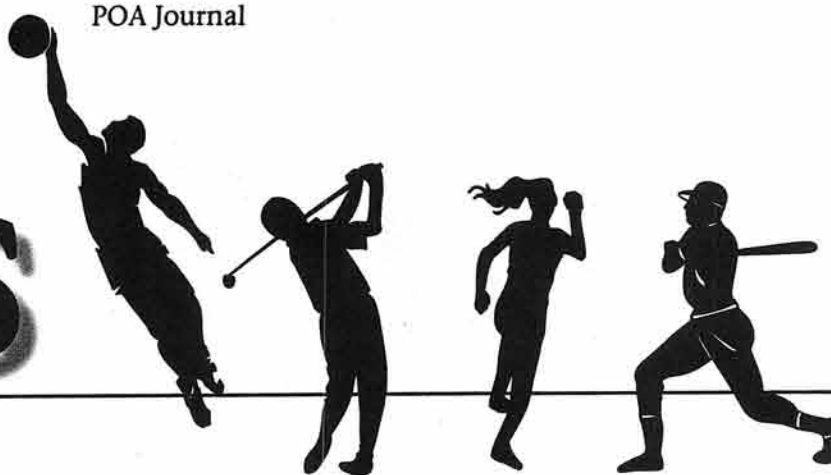
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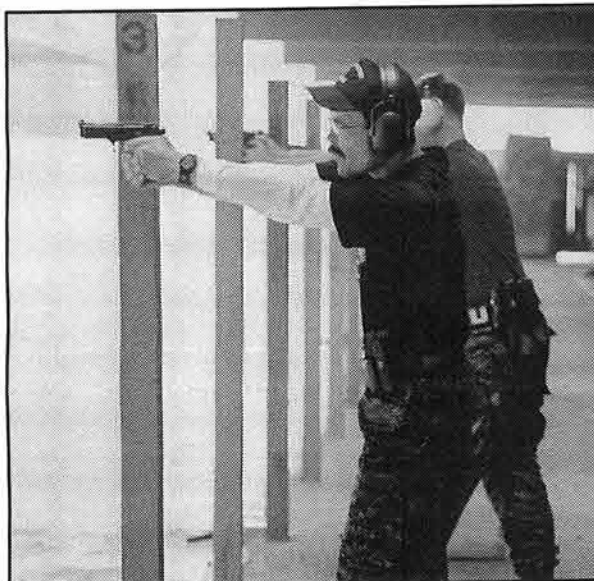
## 16th Annual Mike O'Brien Modified PPC Match

By Sgt. Rod Nakanishi

The turn out this year was enormous! The parking lot was full from shoreline to tree line. Sausages were on the Bar-B until we closed the doors. There were at times 3 relays of folks patiently standing at the rear. Just itching to get their rounds down-range!

And when the smoke and brass had cleared, retired SFPD Sgt. James Christman, who is now shooting for the US Marshall Service emerged victorious with a 471-29X. As did his US Marshall Service Team consisting of Lemmon, Tejada, Browning and himself, with a score of 1859-86X.

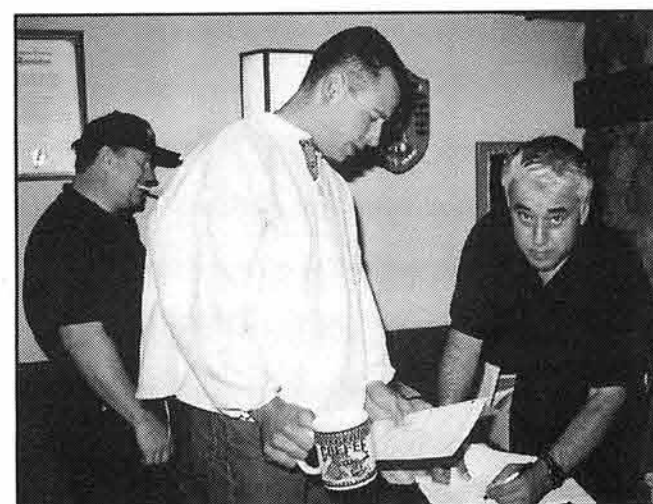
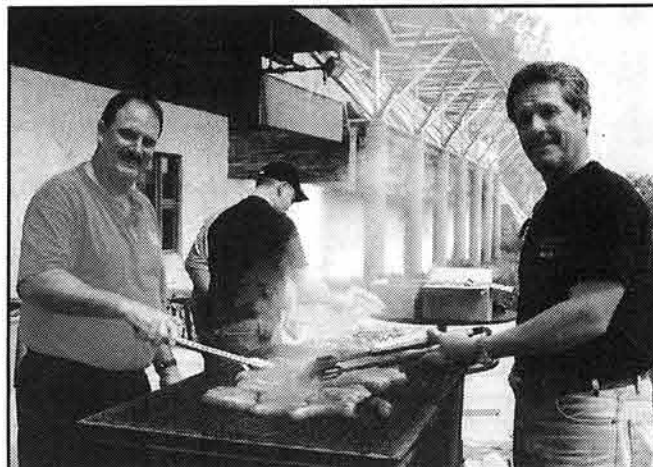
Top SFPD honors went to Off. Angelo Spagnoli, Co. B with at score of 465-23X. Angelo arrived in duty uni-



form with all issued equipment. He wanted to shoot the match as if he had run into a firefight right out of the radio car. Thank God he's on our side!

Top SFPD team honors went to the Old Farts Retired Team with a score of 1812-67X. Retired Insp. Duane Otis (the voice in the tower for the past 16 years), Retired Homicide Insp. Tony Camilleri, Retired Sgt. Roger Farrell, and Retired Rangemaster Sgt. Armond Pelissetti made up this distinguished group of gray haired shootists.

Camaraderie was high. Insp. Bob Fitzer again ran an orderly match. With all competitors reaping the benefits of his hard work. And no the fix was not in when I won the drawing for the black powder revolver! Retired Off. Charlie Coates and Sue O'Brien were on hand tirelessly working, and thanking everyone who had come to participate in the match named after her late husband. They also did the shopping. And those sausages from Tommy Taylor



were great! Those others who definitely earned a huge pat on the back were the cooks, the line officers, the officials who arbitrated disputes, and those who cleaned up. Many thanks for a great collaborative effort!

## Bob Chow Team Trophy Match

By Sgt. Rod Nakanishi

Saturday May 11th, 2002 saw 38 competitors vie for the Bob Chow Team Trophy at the Lake Merced Range. This is the second year that it has been held here with the blessings of Chief Lau.

Bob Chow is a lifetime shooter, who was on the 1948 Olympic Team representing the US, has coached 5 nationally ranked shooters, has served in both WWII and Korea, and has always been a friend of this Department. In fact, the next time you come by, look at the trophy case to your right. You will find just a miniscule number of his trophies on display.

This bullseye competition consists of what some believe to be far too outdated a sport. Well let me submit that there is nothing "easy" about this endeavor. Standing and shooting one

handed, unsupported from the 25 and 50-yard line, with both .22's and .45's is not a breeze! Timed and Rapid Fire stages occur from the 25-yard line. Timed Fire is 5 shots in 20 seconds. Rapid fire is 5 shots in 10 seconds.

This is a most humbling experience. The team winner was the Coyote Point Rifle and Pistol Gold Team with 6283-78X. SFPD Blue held a respectable showing of a 5243-39X for our first ever bullseye match. SFPD Blue consisted of:

- Sgt. Rod Nakanishi Range CSI
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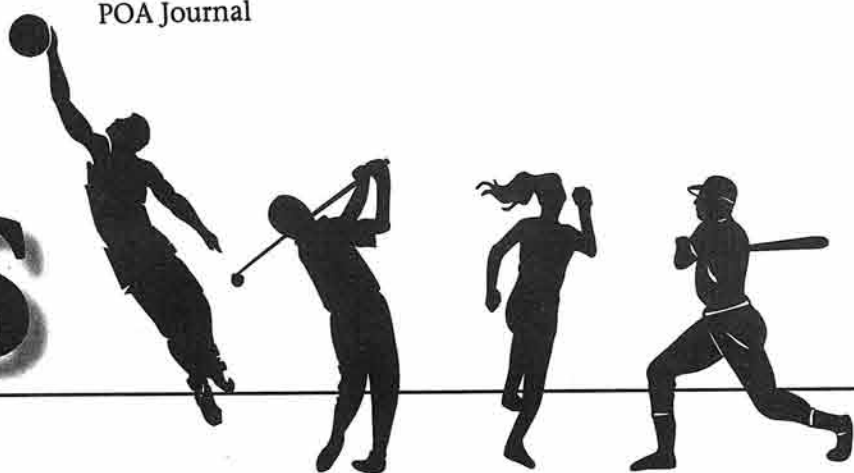
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## Ride Reports:

As promised, Mike Favetti's ride report from their Cinco de Mayo trip to Phoenix follows:

## Cinco De Mayo in the Desert.

By Mike Favetti,  
Crime Prevention Company

The plan was to help our neighbors to the south celebrate their independence a little closer to the border. With air travel being so dangerous these days, I decided it would be safer if we rode motorcycles to our destination;

Scottsdale, Arizona. Six of us met at 0700 hours at a restaurant in Pleasanton on Thursday morning for breakfast and to head out on the highway. The crew was:

**Steve Wonder**, AKA "Wrong Way Wonder." Steve must really love Cinco De Mayo. As soon as he heard we were going to Scottsdale for the celebration he went out and spent 18k on a new Harley-Davidson Fatboy. Viva la Raza, Steve.

**Marty Kilgariff**. Marty doesn't own a motorcycle, but his Dad does. His Dad has a nice Road King with about 8000 miles on it. Marty put about 7995 miles on it. Marty's Dad keeps the bike at Marty's house. Marty rides it so the battery won't die. What a good son.

**Dave Herman**. Dave owns a BMW. Dave's wife owns a Harley. Dave rode his wife's bike on the trip. Dave likes to clean his bike about twenty times a day.

**Steve Glickman**. Steve rides a Road King that he has never cleaned.

**Mike Puccinelli**. Pooch Rides his FXD low-rider like Miguel Duhamel (world-famous MIC racer) rides his superbike. Pooch's bike has a minor oil leak. Me. I got a bad-ass Honda VTR1000 Super Hawk. This rice rocket has a K&N air filter and carbon fiber pipes.

After Breakfast we departed for our day's destination: Palm Springs. The first part of the ride would be a little boring because we were taking 1-5 south. Many of you know 1-5 is the biggest freeway in the State of California. Aircraft use it to navigate up and down the state because it is so damn big. There's a major aqueduct the runs parallel to this freeway that gives you a clue that this is 1-5. You'd think that it would be impossible to miss. Well, Little Stevie Wonder, who can read a highway sign about as good as the other Stevie Wonder, rode right on past the turnoff. Since he was in the back of the pack, we didn't notice that he

was missing for about five minutes. When we did, we pulled off the road and waited for him to catch up. And waited. 30 minutes later, no Steve. He finally contacts me on the emergency number and left me a message. "Uh, I'm in Tracy, I'll catch up to you guys later." Then there were five.

The five-pack made it to the grapevine and stopped in Gorman for a Carl's Jr. six-dollar burger. After choking down lunch, we headed east through Lancaster, Palmdale, and San Bernardino. Finally, we were on 1-10 coming into Palm Springs. We lucked out on the weather and didn't hit

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much wind. As soon as we made Palm Springs it seemed like the thermometer went up to 85 degrees. We checked in to the Best Western and spotted Wonder sipping a Mai-Tai and reading a novel by the pool. After unpacking for the evening, we joined him and relaxed from our ride. Except for Herman. He cleaned his wife's bike for the twentieth time that day because a bug hit him somewhere between Palmdale and San Bernardino.

The next morning, we mounted up and headed out on 1-10 toward Phoenix. It's an easy 300 miles across the desert. There were also no turn-offs to take so Stevie shouldn't have much trouble. The weather was clear, and about 90 degrees. We hit such major metropolises as Blythe, Quartzsite, and Tonopah. We passed the Gila Bend, Harquahala, and Eagle Tail Mountains. We saw a couple hundred "dusters" which are mini sand tornadoes in the desert. At one point one of our riders who was riding his dad's bike pulled out of a gas station and "just missed" a semi-truck by about 200 yards. This infraction was witnessed by an Arizona DPS officer, who patrols Arizona's highways. The DPS officer gave chase in his pickup truck and effected a traffic stop on our guy. Not wanting to get involved, the rest of the pack kept going, except for me. I figured I could talk the officer out of citing Marty, since I witnessed the violation. (This

in no way means that I would misuse my authority, Ms. Dunlap) Turned out that there was no need for me to say a word.

The conversation went like this:

DPS: Do you always cut trucks off like that?

Marty: No.

DPS: Well that was pretty dumb. I better not catch you doing something like that again or I'll write you up. Now I gotta get outta here before I say something stupid.

Marty: OK, bye.


In reality, I think the HOT sign just went on at the local Krispy Kreme. Marty dodged a bullet there and we were back on the road. We pulled into Scottsdale in the late afternoon and checked into the Days Inn, which would be our home for the next three nights. We unpacked and treated ourselves to a couple of well-deserved cold ones.

We met the four guys that flew down, and planned the next day's activities. Pooch, Marty, and I rode the 125 miles up to Sedona the following day; Saturday. That was very cool. Sedona is set in the Red Rock State Park. The area looks like an old western movie set. In town, there's a bunch of little art shops, restaurants, and stuff. Nice.

As we were leaving Sedona, a lady at the gas station recommended that we take a side trip to "Jerome." Jerome was only a fifteen-minute ride west. She said that it's a great ride and Jerome is a popular motorcyclist destination point. We took her advice and headed for Jerome. Jerome is an 18th century mining town that is at 7500 feet elevation. Sedona is 4500'. That meant there were some fun twists in the road to get to there: "twisties." Twisties are a motorcyclist's nirvana. The road there is also designated a "scenic" route on the AAA map. They're right. We saw some beautiful landscape including a wild coyote. When we got there the view was awesome. We could see the painted valley below and there must have been about 200 bikers in the town. Unfortunately, we couldn't stay long because it was getting late and we had the 125-mile ride back to Scottsdale. The Twisties were just as fun going down hill as they were going up. Made it back to Scottsdale in time for happy hour. Two more cold ones per person.


The next day was Cinco de Mayo. For the past few years we have been helping them celebrate at a little Bistro called "Aunt Chilada's." Normally, Aunt Chilada's is a Mexican restaurant. On their Independence Day, they

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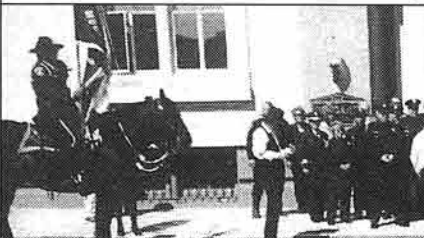
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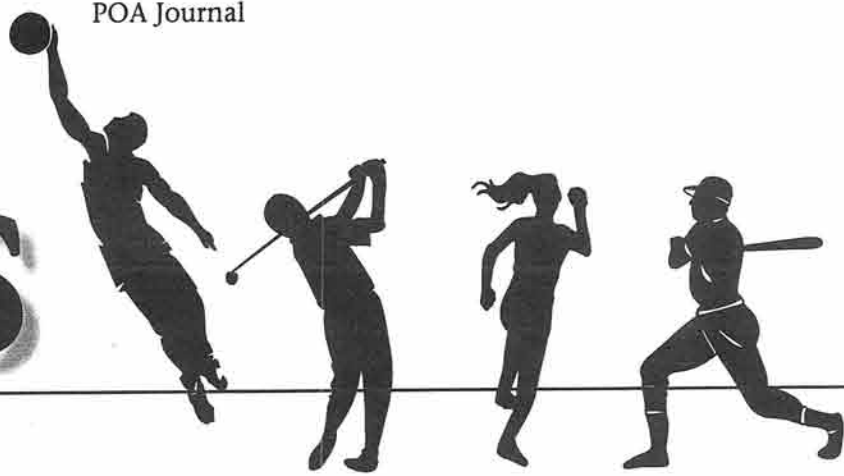
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# Sports



turn it into "fiesta-grande." The parking lot gets closed and party tents get set up. They bring in two forty-foot trailers. One is a Budweiser keg and the other is a porta-pottie. Rock music is blasted through the air by two bands playing simultaneously at the opposite ends of the party. It is impossible not to have a good time at this party unless you are old and boring. Make that just boring.

Well the next day came pretty early and it was time to start home. For the past three days, we had been trying to decide if we should make it to Las Vegas or to Laughlin for the ~ night. Since a couple of us had to make it home by Tuesday, we decided to skip the cas-

drive. It's the original 66 and a two-lane road. It started out flat and straight with a few "whoop-dee-doo's." These are hellacious dips in the road. Then we started over the Seagrave pass. Here the road becomes Twisty. There were numerous signs that warned "15 MPH" or "10 MPH." Normally you can take these turns safely at about twice that speed on a bike. Here, you risk life or limb doing that. The road was smeared with black goo to fill in 50 years worth of cracks. This goo becomes slippery when the temperature hits about 70 degrees. Sometimes there was more goo than road. Also, the drop-off if you missed the turn was severe. Not to mention the road was

was usually at the front of the pack that oil was aerosolizing and covering any rider that was following him.

The next day, Tuesday, we had a bout 450 miles to home. We were up at the crack of 7 am and on the road. First stop, the gas station for a fill up and a couple of quarts for Pooch. Riding over the Tehachapi Pass was brutal. The wind was blowing at about 30 mph and it was steady. Couldn't wait to put those miles behind me. After a stop for breakfast, we hit Bakersfield and were making pretty good time. Herman, who wanted to make it

home in time for his kid's baseball game, found that we were way ahead of schedule.

I pulled into my driveway at 1500 hours. The next day it took me about 3 hours to scrub the dead bugs off my bike and make it look pretty again. We had a great trip. No major breakdowns, no jail time, and no money left in my pocket.

I'm looking forward to Rene's Colorado trip in September and several other local rides this summer. If you got a bike you should go too. If you don't you should buy one.

## Cinco De Mayo

nos and head for the Rivera of the desert, Barstow, Ca. Now I'm new at being a tour leader and not as experienced ~ the king of the road, Mr. LaPrevotte, so I made a couple of bad decisions. As we were leaving Phoenix, Instead of taking the freeway, we road through miles of city streets in the high heat. We saw Glendale, Peoria, Youngtown, and for some reason Dave Herman insisted we visit Sun City. Finally, after about an hour and ten minutes, we hit Route 60 and we were headed home. Route 60 is nothing but desert but it was sorta scenic. There was The Joshua Tree Forest and miles of Joshua trees. We pulled into a gas station in Wikieup. We met a guy in a van that was coming from the opposite direction. He warned us of a huge rattlesnake that was dead in the road a few miles up. Biggest rattler he'd ever seen. We thanked him and drove off the "rattler" turned out to be some old PVC drainpipe that fell off a truck. The guy must have been a city kid.

When we got to Kingman, AZ, I took a wrong turn and led us down their old main street, which is the Famous Route 66. It was like we had just ridden back in time to 1960. There were old motels, a train station, and restaurants that were stuck in time. Coming out of Kingman we continued on route 66 from Kingman to Needles. If you ever make it to this part of the country you must take this

only about 12 feet wide with no shoulder. Where there was a shoulder the land was covered with jumping cholla ("choy-a") cactus. I found out on a previous trip that if you set stuck with cholla the only way to get the needles out is with a pair of pliers or surgery. The trade-off was that this is some of the most beautiful landscape I have ever seen. Rocky crags hid old mines that have long since been abandoned. We hit an old western town, Oatman, that once may have been vibrant in the mining days but is now a tourist stop. Well, it was getting late and we still had to make it to Barstow. We gassed up in Golden "witness protection program" Shores AZ, and motored west. A soon as we hit California the wind kicked up and we were riding into the setting sun. Finally, Barstow. Barstow ain't nothin' to write home about but we did find a decent steak house with a friendly staff. After dinner, the waitress directed us to a honky-tonk that was close to our motel, then met us there. Glickman was m heaven. Seems he don't care much for that fast Rock-n-roll music but the slow twang of a slide guitar suits him jus' fine.

It was when we got to Barstow that we discovered why some of us were getting so dirty on the road. In the shower, we were washing off black soot that stained the tub. Well, Pooch's bike had a slight oil leak. And since Pooch

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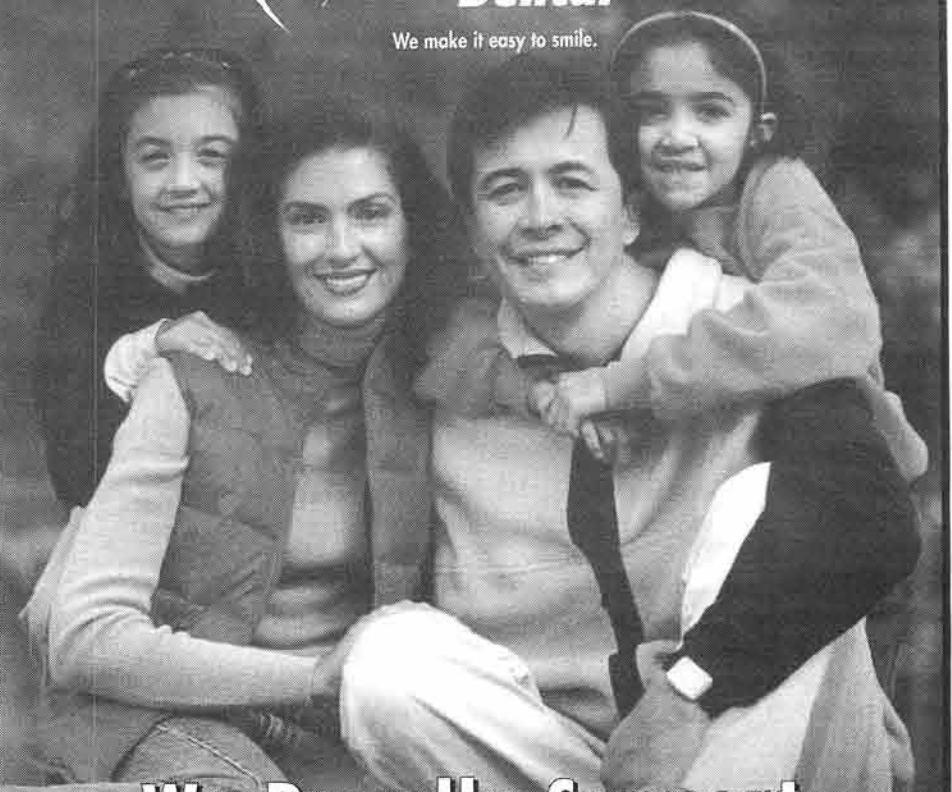
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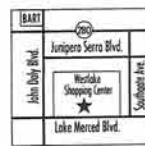
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## Officer Jon Cook

### 1963 — 2002

The Men and Women of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association mourn the death of Officer Jon Cook #4011. Officer Cook was killed in the line of duty late in the evening on June 12, 2002. In a tragic set of circumstances, Officer Cook died as a result of injuries sustained in a traffic accident when the radio car he was driving collided with another at the intersection of 17th and Dolores streets. Both vehicles were travelling with red lights and siren, driven by officers responding to apprehend a violent felon. Three other officers were injured in the collision; Officer Michael Celis, a passenger in Cook's vehicle; Officer Nick Ferrando drove

the second radio car, and Officer David Lee was his passenger. Only Officer Ferrando remains hospitalized. All four officers were assigned to Mission Station.

Officer Cook, 38, joined the Police Department on April 16, 2001. He was a recruit in the 200th SFPD Academy Class. Before his transfer to Mission Station, Officer Cook trained at Northern Station. He had joined the department despite having been pursuing a promising career as a microbiologist researching HIV treatment and cure. He was also a veteran of the



Jon Cook

US Air Force, serving honorably as a commissioned officer with a top-level security clearance. He was a native of Medford, Oregon.

"Jon loved being a cop," said his domestic partner, Jared Strawderman. "He loved serving his community. He loved being in situations where he could help people. He wanted to go to where the trouble was and fix the problem."

That commitment to his community has resulted in a tremendous outpouring of sympathy and support from residents of the Upper Mission. Few events have united the community and the police like the death and injury of these local district officers. A community memorial service held on the afternoon of June 15th was attended by hundreds of residents

and community leaders from the Castro and Mission districts. Dozens of flower bouquets, burning candles, and other tributes have been placed at the scene of the collision by local residents, fellow officers, and other passers-by.

Our sympathy and condolences go out to all of Officer Cook's family, friends, classmates, and co-workers. His death reminds us all of the inherent danger of police work and of the sacrifices and risks made and taken on a daily basis by the fine men and women who patrol our streets and neighborhoods. Jon Cook exemplified the high caliber of character and commitment to community that all police officers possess. While his time with us was short, his legacy will stay with us for many years to come.

God speed to Jon Cook and all San Francisco police officers.

## Thomas F. Murphy Jr.

### 1940-2002

By Dewayne Tully  
Public Affairs

Tom Murphy always wanted to be a cop and in October 1963, at age 23, he began his Academy training to begin a career that would lead ultimately, in May 1992, to his appointment as Chief of police. He loved police work, his wife Anita said. "It was his whole life."

Tom's life ended on May 18 following a rapid decline after being diagnosed with cancer earlier this year. His last weeks were spent in the family's San Francisco flat in a sunny room filled with flowers and plants, his dog Coco never leaving his protective position on Tom's bed. Weak as he had become, Tom welcomed graciously for as long he was able the many visitors he would

see for the last time. He was 61 years old.

Born in San Francisco, a graduate of St. Ignatius High School and holding degrees from Sacramento State and the University of Southern California, Tom was a consummate professional who approached every assignment with a combination of expertise and personableness that made him one of the Department's most-admired and best-liked officers. That combination remained constant throughout his career, from progression in rank (Assistant Inspector in 1971, Inspector in 1976, Sergeant in 1979, Lieutenant in 1984, Captain in 1988, Commander and Deputy Chief in 1990 and Chief), and throughout his assignments, including Northern and Richmond stations and the Patrol Bureau, among other assign-

ments, and an impressive job performance during his years in the Crime Lab and Crime Scene Investigations (1967-86) at a time when new technology was testing the abilities of personnel. His appointment as Chief of Police, replacing the brief tenure of Richard Hongisto, was the fulfillment of his dream.

Tom's longtime friend, retired Fingerprint Technician Kathy Brandin, worked with him in the identification Section before Tom entered the Academy, and recalled his "constantly supportive and compassionate nature" and his absolute devotion to service. "He was a class act all the way," she said. Shoji Horikoshi, retired director of the Crime Lab where



Thomas Murphy on his appointment to Lieutenant in 1984

Tom worked for so long, emphasized Tom's extraordinary analytic ability that served him so well in the technical aspects of the job, his remarkable congeniality and sense of humor, his even-tempered nature (a quality retired Captain Charlie Hoenisch recalled), and his willingness to listen to you if you had a problem. "He was really interested in

your situation, and he tried to help you," Shoji remembered. "This was an outstanding trait of his character." He was, Shoji, summed up, "a gentleman." And retired Lieutenant Jerry McCarthy, reminisced on a warm friendship that existed for 42 years. "I will miss him," he said simply.

Tom also leaves his two sons, Kevin, 28, and Brian, 27.

## SFPD benefactor was "Honorary Solo #1"

### Traffic Company Particularly Saddened by Death of Chester Chin

By Ray Shine

Over the past four decades, scores of San Francisco motorcycle officers have enjoyed the support and generosity of a special benefactor. His name was Chester Chin, and he was arguably the most trusted friend a Solo ever had.

A well-respected leader in the Asian community, Chester was also a favorite of the SFPD motorcycle corps. Years before the notion of "community policing" was little more than a margin note in someone's Administration of Justice thesis, Chester was developing a relationship with the local beat cops throughout the city's neighborhoods. He gained the trust and confidence of the sector Solo officers, working hand-in-glove with them to solve an endless stream of community complaints and traffic problems — a perennial source of aggravation to residents of Chinatown and other congested neighborhoods. With his affable, unassuming manner, Chester could be considered one of the original thinkers who recognized early on the value of police-citizen communication.

Chester Chin had strong connections to the power brokers of San

Francisco's political and business communities, and enjoyed unfettered entrée to key offices at City Hall and the Hall of Justice. Yet despite his ability to pick up a telephone and speak directly with a mayor, or a police chief, or other department head, Chester much preferred starting at the base, bringing his concern to the man or woman he knew would ultimately be the person who would be called on to adjudicate the problem — the local beat cop. His confidence in the individual behind the seven-pointed star is one of the characteristics that most endeared him to the department's rank-and-file.

Chester was an enthusiastic friend and supporter of the entire department. If a station or unit needed sponsorship for a sports team, he was there to buy the uniforms and equipment. If there was a promotional dinner or retirement party running short on provisions, Chester was there to ensure that no one left the party hungry or with a dry throat. A reunion dinner or Christmas gala, Chester was there. A suspended cop needing to



Chester Chin

pay the rent? Chester got him a temporary job. Chester was unflinching when it came to helping whenever he could.

Notwithstanding his fondness for all of SF's Finest, it was his affiliation with the Solo Motorcycle Detail that steeped him most in the traditions, culture, and sanctum sanctorum of the SFPD. Many old Solos developed lifelong friendships with Chester that endured long past retirement.

Residents on Pacific Street, on the fringe of old Chinatown, have no doubt grown accustomed to seeing a pair of SFPD motorcycles parked in front of Chester's office building. Rare was the day that one or more of Chester's Solo friends would not stop in for a few minutes to enjoy a fresh cup, use the telephone, finish a report, or just shoot the breeze with Chester and his loving wife Pat. Jokingly referred to as the "sub-station," the Pacific Street enclave became a refuge for downtown Solos seeking to dodge a passing rain shower, cool

down on a hot day, or just get away from the bustle.

In 1992, the Solos named Chester Chin as "Honorary Solo #1" and presented him with a gold seven-pointer engraved with that very honorarium. Those who attended the dinner ceremony at which he was invoked into the Solo brotherhood will long remember how much receiving that star meant to him, and how honored he was to be a Solo. For the remainder of his life, Solos used the familiar moniker "Number One" when referring to their most devoted friend and benefactor. Nothing could have been more appropriate.

On Friday, June 21, 2002, Chester Chin's funeral will be held at Old St. Mary's Church at California and Grant. Following the service, a platoon of Solos — many off-duty — will herald Chester through the City to his final rest with a full-blown Solo escort.

On behalf of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, the members of the Traffic Company, and all of the SFPD, I extend condolences to the family and friends of Chester Chin. He was a good man and a good friend, and he will be greatly missed by all.