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Union Square Memorial, September 11, 2002

SFPD/SFFD Pay Tribute to Public Safety Heroes

By Gary Delagnes
 SFPOA Vice President

Not since December 7th, 1941 have Americans received a wake-up call similar to that of September 11, 2001, and the price our country paid was devastating.

343 firefighters, 67 police officers, many of our brothers and sisters in "labor" and more than 2000 other innocent people killed in four separate cowardly acts perpetrated by terrorists.

Why did they die? Really for no reason other than a hatred for the American way of life. An envy of our democracy, our freedom, our diversity, and our unity.

Every American suffered through a wide range of emotions that day. Initially disbelief soon followed by outrage and ultimately anger.

I went to work that day and patrolled San Francisco with my partners.

We watched people walk the streets with that "1000 yard stare". No one really knew what to do, how to react, what to say. They gravitated to us for a sense of comfort and reassurance. They wanted us to tell them that everything would be O.K.

It made me remember why I became a cop! I am sure that before those police officers and fire fighters walked into the World Trade Center that day they had a similar feeling, that they were there to protect and serve the citizens of New York.

They were willing to give their lives, and tragically many of them did. There is a common bond between cops and firefighters. We chose our professions



POA Vice President Gary Delagnes gave the keynote speech at Union Square on 9-11-02.

PHOTO BY TOM FELEDY

A Letter of Thanks

To San Francisco Police
 Department/Police Officers
 Association:

As a police officer for twenty-five years, I was always reminded as I left home to "be safe" or "be careful." As many of us do as we leave for the job we love, I shined it on with "hey, I know what I am doing," or "more people die in auto accidents," never realizing the enormous fear and anxiety we put on our loved ones with the work we do as police officers, why they jump to the late night telephone calls.

On June 12, 2002 I received one of those late night calls from Nick Donati, one of Nick's best friends and fellow worker at Mission Station.

This call was soon joined by a second call from my frantic wife that Nick had been in a terrible accident. Even at those words as I turned around and rushed to the hospital I still had the police instinct intact that we are invincible.

As I arrived at the hospital and looked around and saw the numerous police officers there and command staff, I could tell by their faces that this was not just another accident. I was immediately rushed to a waiting room and waited for the news. There, the doctors told me that Nick was fighting for his life and the outcome did not look good with words like "he might not make it," and "we do not know if we are

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for many of the same reasons. To help others, to keep the peace, and to protect those who cannot protect themselves.

As I drove home late that night it gave me a chance to examine my own feelings. I thought about my own priorities, about all of the sacrifices that have been made for me, and how I have taken so many of those things for granted.

I walked into my house and looked at my two sons sleeping peacefully in their beds, and suddenly everything became very clear to me. It's about them, and my job in life as a parent, as a police officer, as an American, is to provide those kids the same oppor-

tunities, the same freedoms that were afforded me by my parents, and their parents before them.

My generation is often told that we are not as strong as our parents. We have not endured their hardships, suffered through a great depression, fought a world war that challenged our way of life, and I believe that.

I know that our parents wanted to give us a better, easier life just as we want for our own children. But our enemies, both foreign and domestic should be aware of a very important fact! We are the sons and daughters of our parents, and those ideals of free-

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Strike Talk Spreads as NYPD Contract Frustration Grows

Submitted by Chris Cunnie
 SFPOA President

The "S" word — strike — has begun passing through the ranks of the New York Police Department (NYPD). Talk of striking follows an August 15 rally demanding a pay increase and a new contract. Chanting "too much praise, too little raise," thousands of off-duty New York City police officers and fire fighters packed Times Square and demanded salary increases that the city has resisted. A crowd estimated at 15,000 invoked the sacrifices of September 11 with placards that read, "They say, 'Never forget.' We say, 'Already forgotten.'" In the days following the rally, rumors of a wildcat Labor Day strike began circulating.

The two-hour rally was organized by the New York City Patrolmen's Benevolent Association (PBA) and the Uniformed Firefighters Association

(UFA). Neither union has endorsed a strike or other job action.

The PBA, whose contract expired over two years ago, are awaiting an award from a state arbitration panel. Mayor Michael Bloomberg publicly revealed that the panel is poised to award only five percent in each of two years and increase the number of workdays by ten per year. This is in line with an earlier proposal by the financially strapped city.

PBA officials reacted immediately. The union, which successfully gained legislation moving its interest arbitration away from local control to the jurisdiction of the state Public Employment Relations Board (PERB), announced plans for a court battle if the proposed award stands.

"The most outrageous aspect of this is to ask our police officers to appear

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Chris Cunnie with Nick and Ernie Ferrando

PHOTO BY BOB MAMMONE

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Ray Crosat at 2 PM in the Assembly room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Crosat.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Ray Crosat, Vice President Al Aguilar, Trustee Joe Reilly. Excused Joe Garrity, Mike Kemmitt, Bob Kurpinsky and George Jeffery. Also present were Jr. Past President Dave Fontana and Past president and Secretary Bob McKee. Treasurer Jim Sturken and Secretary Mark Hurley.

MINUTES OF THE JULY MEETING: Motion by Sturken, seconded by McKee. Motion carried.

BILLS: Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills, Motion by Hardeman, seconded by Reilly. That the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: A \$50.00 donation from Diana Mambretti in memory of Craig Neufeld. A \$50.00 donation from Catherine McCabe in memory of Jim Moylan. A \$100.00 donation from Adeline Bragg in memory of her two sons Allyn and Arlyn Bragg both retired and deceased members of the S.F.P.D.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Bruce Bain and David Cassaro of the Bank of America gave a report on the condition of our account. The United States faces many uncertainties. The threat of terrorism and exposure to increased geopolitical risks. If economic growth picks up in the third

quarter, as the bank expects, look for the Feds to raise interest rates gradually beginning in September or November. Our Asset summary Stocks at 32%, Bonds at 49 % and Cash at 19%. Mr. Bain made an investment proposal to Buy \$500,000.00 Corporate/Government notes with a 5-7 year maturity. Buy \$300,000.00 Mid-Cap Value fund. (Note this is the Bank of Americas own fund) and buy \$200,000.00 Convertible Securities Fund. This will put part of the 19% that we have in cash and put it to work for us. Trustee Joe Reilly signed the necessary document.

SUSPENSIONS: Andrew Blackwell and Daniel O'Donnell. For non-payment of dues for six months. (Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution.) Secretary Hurley will send them another notice Khae Saepfan did not complete probationary period (Article III, Section 3 of the by-laws. **NEW MEMBERS:** None at this time.

THERE WERE THREE DEATHS LAST MONTH.

NORMAN A. SCHLIMMER: 77 years old. Norm was born in Eaton, New York. Joined the navy and saw action if the South Pacific. After the war, he stayed in San Francisco and worked as a teamster before entering the Police Academy in 1960. His first assignment

was Richmond, followed by Mission and the Big "E." Then to Potrero in 1964 where he stayed until he left the Department with a Disability Pension in 1969. He worked briefly as a U.S. Marshall and then went back to local 85 and worked as a teamster. Norm missed the people he worked with at Potrero and would stop by when he was in the area. He kept his payments up with the Widows' and Orphans' all these years.

ALBERT A. PODESTA, 81 years. Al was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Parkside. He attended Commerce High School. Joined the Navy and after basic, shipped out as a radioman to the South Pacific. After the war he returned home and entered the Police Academy in 1945. His first assignment was Taraval Station, followed by the City Prison. He then went to Company

K. He worked fixed post traffic and then the APB before he made the bureau in 1959. Al was assigned to the famed robbery detail and then to Homicide. Al was a quiet inspector who worked his cases and was considered one of the best of his time. His reputation in the D.A.'s office and around the department for the job he did is still mentioned by his many friends. Al was awarded many Captain's Comp's and a Bronze Medal of Valor for his arrest of several men with stolen property of large quantities of hand guns, rifles and ammo that cleared up several 459's in San Francisco and other Bay Area cities.

LEE A. McVEIGH, 68 years. Lee was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Sunnyside district. He Attended Lincoln High School. He joined the Navy and saw action during the Korean War. Upon discharge, he returned to San Francisco and worked as a clerk before entering the Police Academy in 1958. His first assignment was Mission, followed by Ingleside and Potrero. He then went to traffic as a Solo. In 1980, he made sergeant and was assigned to the record room and crime lab. He then went to the big lights of Central, then Vice before going back to Traffic and taking command of the motorcycle maintenance. Lee was awarded several Captain's Comps and a Gold Medal of Valor for his arrest of an armed suspect with a kidnapped little girl who fired on officers. Also awarded a Silver Medal of Valor for arresting an armed 211 suspect. Lee retired in 1989. Lee then worked as a U.S. Marshall at the Federal Building for several years. **OLD BUSINESS:** We should have our Web Site up in a few weeks.

ADJOURNMENT: Crosat had a moment of silence for our departed members. He then set the next meeting for **MONDAY SEPT.16, 2002** at 2pm in the conference room of Ingleside station. Please note the change due to vacations of some of our officers.

Fraternally, Mark Hurley, Secretary.

POLICE-FIRE Post 456



Urgent Call To Veterans

Not since Pearl Harbor has our country been so savagely attacked as it was on 9/11/2001. The enemy this time was not a sovereign nation; however the people responsible for these cowardly acts present a danger unequalled in our history. They target innocent civilians with no regard for their own lives, claiming to represent the Islamic religion, which they don't.

Once again our military has been called upon to answer these threats and as usual they have responded with 110% dedication and resolve to be victorious in the war on terrorism.

It is our duty as American veterans to support our military personnel, their families and loved ones as well as showing the civilian population just what our veterans are made of.

The San Francisco Police/Fire Post #456 of the American Legion is your way to show support and patriotism in these dangerous times. NYPD/FDNY and other first responders have shown their heroism and the American people have learned just how dedicated we all are to their safety and well being. This has been exemplified by people leaving flowers in front of fire stations and waving to police officers on patrol all across the country.

Now is the time for us to step up to the plate and engage ourselves in this

war on terrorism.

I urge all veterans within our respective departments to attend the Post meetings.

The meetings are located at Mission Police Station 630 Valencia Street at 17th Street in the Community Room, the second Tuesday of the month, 1800 hours. These meetings are open to all SFFD, SFPD, SFSO, SFIPD, and SFDAL.

All you Nam Vets who came back to the world and found "no thanks" for your sacrifice and service all you Korean Vets who fought the forgotten war and all you Gulf War Vets who fought so gallantly, don't let the current serving military personnel encounter the woes you suffered, upon their return.

No recognition by the U.S. Government of agent orange or gulf war syndrome etc. A strong veterans voice will not allow these past transgressions by our government to occur again. The World War Two vets are passing from the scene at the rate of 1800 per day and more recent vets are being called upon to carry on. This is not only the honorable thing to do, it is our duty as veterans.

Joe Long
Past Commander Post #456
Past member
War Memorial Commission
Former Housing Officer
District Attorney Investigator (ret)

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Arrive by 11:30 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

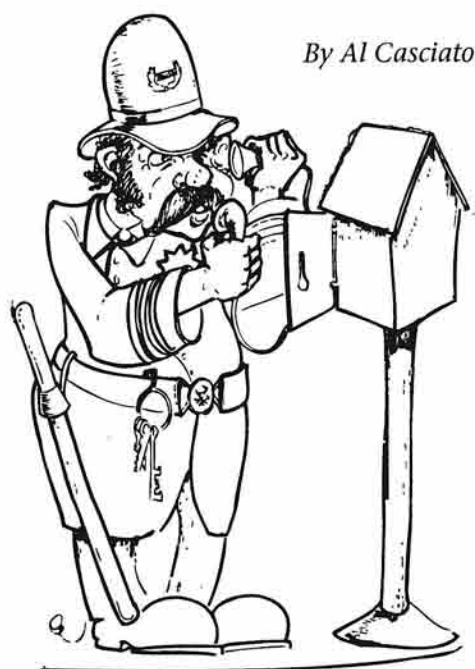
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The Veteran POA has 982 members. Stay in touch!

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...Birth and Birthday Gift:

Dion and Carmel McDonnell, Mission Station, proudly announce the birth of their second daughter, Morgan Ashley McDonnell on Sunday August 18, 2002. Big sister, Peyton Anne, was very happy to have a little sister just in time for her second birthday on September 1, 2002. All are doing great. Congratulations to all...

...Carson City:

Dave Gillam, Hit and Run, has retired to Carson City, Nevada where he has become a real estate agent. Dave writes that there are a variety of tax advantages to investing in Nevada "If you do a 1031 exchange — no state taxes on severance pay, no personal or inheritance taxes". If you want more information write Dave at dave.gillam@century21.com or call 1-888-791-0175...

...Car Show:

Do you own a classic car or motorcycle and want to display it? Lt. Henry Parra, Night Investigations, is putting together a show, which is being sponsored by the San Francisco Chapter of the Latino Peace Officers' Association. If interested, send Henry a note at Night Investigations...

...Big Shamrock:

Sgt. Joe Reilly, Background Investigations, recently met a couple from Dublin who sold their pub and moved to South Lake Tahoe to open a restaurant and enjoy the skiing opportunities. As Joe discussed his visits to Ireland, one of his friends advised the couple that Joe is a, "big shamrock" in the Emerald Society. They thought it was the "grandest thing — Big Shamrock". Needless to say, our table got a lot of extra attention from the ownership...

...Request for Prayers:

In October 2001 Fire Lt. Joe Driscoll was called up by the Army in response to the 9-11-2001 attack on the Twin Towers. Joe, an army ranger, went to Fort Bragg where he trained new troops and prepared for assignments and missions. Joe is also my fellow Retirement Board Member and his absence was truly felt. Last month, while on leave with his family, Joe received a head injury in a freak accident while packing to come home. As of this writing, Joe remains in a semi-coma at a Nevada Trauma Center. I had the opportunity to visit him last week. I hope he heard my words of encouragement. On behalf of his family, we ask that you keep Joe in your prayers and thoughts...

...Prop. H:

On the evening of Tuesday, November 5th, the fate of Proposition H will be sealed. When you wake up the

morning of November 6th, will you be able to say, "I did my best, all I could do." or will you think to yourself "I could have done more." If the proposition is successful the later will not matter. If the proposition is not successful, then your "I could have done more", becomes a life regret. It is easy to get involved. Captain Denis O'Leary and I covered a precinct with door hangers in less than an hour one Saturday morning. Fire Lt. Paul Furhman and I spent another Saturday morning picking up endorsement signatures for the ballot handbook.

Getting involved is easy if you get a partner and dedicate some time to either hanging door hangers or delivering house signs. Available materials are available at the POA and Firefighters Union offices. Remember that your efforts are for you, your family and for all the future generations of Safety Officers and their families...

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Board of Directors' Meeting Minutes

Call to Order / Pledge
Of Allegiance / Roll Call

Vice-President's Report

Vice-President Gary Delagnes introduced Lea Militello at the beginning of the meeting. Lea spoke to the Board and, on behalf of the Pride Alliance, gave a check for \$1,000 to the Yes on Proposition H (our Pension Parity charter amendment) campaign.

The Department has requested to meet and confer with the POA on several issues and the POA has responded to this request in writing. Meet and confer sessions are expected to begin within the next week or two. Several committees have been formed to look into any proposed changes in our working conditions.

9/11 Update

There will be a 9/11 anniversary memorial in Union Square. A very large turnout of police officers and firefighters is expected at this ceremony, which is slated to begin at 12 Noon. This ceremony, held in tribute to those who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks, will be the City's only authorized memorial event.. Among the expected speakers at the ceremony are Mayor Willie Brown, V/P Gary Delagnes, a representative from the firefighters union, and Father John Green. Governor Gray Davis may also be speaking at this event. The ceremony is expected to take approximately 45 minutes and will be followed by a reception. Uniform for the event will be Class A. Union Square has already been reserved. The Department is expected to provide buses for the attendees. The New York Police Benevolent Association, deeply appreciative of the POA's 9/11 fundraising, has asked for a video of the Union Square memorial ceremony. Sign up sheets for the memorial will be posted



at the stations and details. Outside agencies will be welcome to fall in.

90% Charter Amendment

Gary advised the Board that the Chamber of Commerce and the Republican Central Committee have endorsed Proposition H. The Chamber is also expected to provide a ballot argument in favor of

the measure.

A precinct walk kick-off for our pension parity plan (Proposition H) will be held on Saturday, September 7th. Police officers, firefighters, and their family and friends, will meet at the United Irish Cultural Center, 45th Avenue and Sloat Boulevard, at 10 a.m. Refreshments will be served at the Cultural Center. Members should try to wear one of the commemorative 9/11 or other SFPD tee shirts for the precinct walk. Our message is that we need the voter's support to upgrade our pension, so as to have parity with what the majority of California public safety is now receiving.

General Counsel's Report

General Counsel Kathy Mahoney brought the Board up to date on the status of certain appeals involving the application of Government Code Section 3304, (part of the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights). Oral arguments on some of these cases are to be heard in late August at the Court of Appeals.

Building Committee Report

Treasurer Jack Minkel informed the Board that the loan for the new building has been approved. He said that an independent appraisal of the building will be conducted within the next several weeks, and that that appraisal will be the basis of the loan amount. Also in the works are the final public notifications regarding the new building, as required by law.

The Board of Supervisors is expected

to approve the variance needed to erect the new building. Once the details concerning the loan amount are settled, the Building Committee will meet to work on the particulars of the new building's interior and exterior. The San Francisco Police Credit Union is expected to occupy the entire first floor. The attorneys are reviewing the construction contracts. Move out date now stands at October 1st, with demolition 2 weeks after that.

New Business

A number of opinions and observations concerning recent changes and developments in the department were expressed. Also discussed was the recent letter from the Retirement System concerning the Ventura litigation. Members also raised the issue of the possible expiration of the Q-35 list and whether any appointments will be made from it. Whether any more appointments will be made from this list

is unknown at this time. Mike Favetti (Tac) advised the Board about an upcoming parole hearing for a convicted murder.

The D.A.'s office has taken over the handling of the SFPD's Court overtime. Some changes are expected, including the possible elimination of telephone stand-by pay. Several members expressed concern about how the "2.75%" retirement give-back was being computed. Dates for upcoming blood drives were announced.

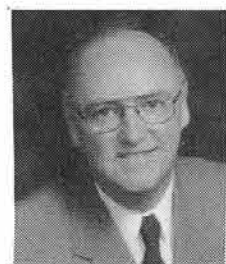
There being no further business, Vice-President Delagnes adjourned the meeting.

Board Meeting was concluded at 1424 hours.

MINUTES RESPECTFULLY
SUBMITTED BY,
Tom Shawyer
SFPOA Secretary
Sunday, August 25, 2002

POA Board of Directors' Meeting POA Building, August 22, 2002 1300: Meeting Convened Pledge of Allegiance Roll Call and Attendance

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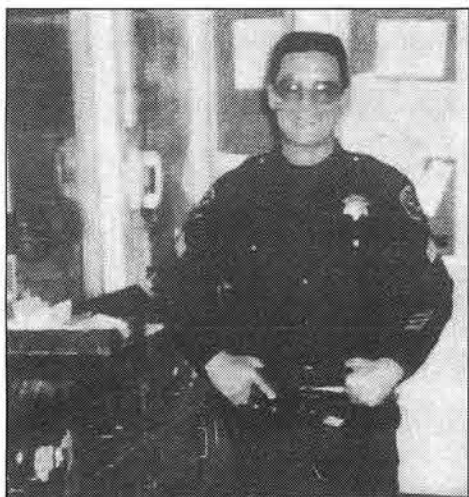
By Daniel Hampton

My Brother., James J. Hampton

Can you believe that the Oakland Police Department hired my brother James J. Hampton as a police officer? Well, they did, and Jim is so proud that O.P.D. hired him as a Pre-Trained/Lateral on August 16, 2002. Jim told me that his present goal is to become the best patrol officer he can be and to reach 45 years of service in law enforcement. My brother Jim turned 59 years old this past July. Jim's enthusiasm has rubbed off on me and I hope to emulate what he has done next year, 2003.

Jim's law enforcement career started with the San Francisco Police Department, July 1965 to July 1993, 28 years. Jim had a very short time at Southern Station on patrol, immediately went undercover in the Narcotics Detail, and then Inspector of Police in the same unit. As Inspector he also worked the following details: Juvenile (strong arm robbery section and later the child abuse section), Intelligence, General Works, Auto Detail, and Backgrounds Investigation. Jim worked as Sergeant of Patrol at Southeast Station, Chief of Institutional Police at General Hospital, Lieutenant of Police at Richmond Station and then Southeast Station. After retiring from the Department Jim worked for Solano County criminal investigations as a welfare fraud investigator and then a criminal investigator for the District Attorney's Office—family support division. He worked in Solano County from July 1993 to August 2002, nine years.

Jim was awarded the following: one silver and four bronze medals of valor; chosen the Veterans of Foreign Wars Police Officer Of The Year, and the



James Hampton

2002 police/investigator of the year for the Solano County District Attorneys Office. He actively competed in the California Police Olympics and was the recipient of gold, silver and bronze medals through the years for Judo and Wrestling.

Jim also maintained a career in the Marine Corps Reserves and attained the rank of Master Sergeant. He just recently submitted retirement papers for over twenty-three years in the active reserves.

Jim has been married to his wife Lynda for 30 years and they have four daughters, Jalyn, Janell, Jamie, and Terez. He is a great father who has the respect and love of his wife and children. He's quite a unique person.

Jim talked with me the other day and analyzed his move to O.P.D. this way, "I like talking, interacting and helping people." I know he will provide excellent service to the citizens of Oakland. Jim feels that his move is a step up in his career. I fully agree with that perspective. For the men and women in blue on patrol are where the action is, where the rubber meets the road, and it's the backbone of any police department. I have a lot of love and respect for my brother and this holds true for each one of you out on patrol. May God bless and protect all of you and may I have the same opportunity as my brother as I search for a similar position on the Peninsula.

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By Rene LaPrevotte

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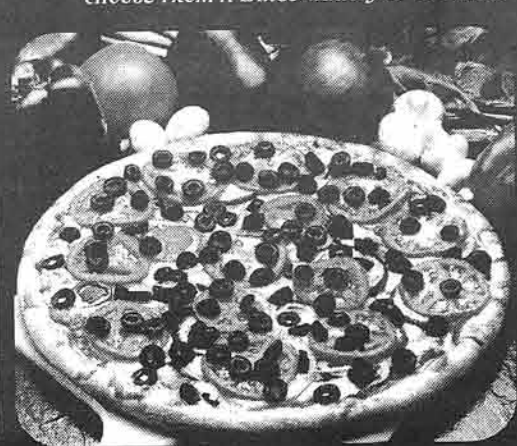
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Vincent G. Danz — A Special Breed

Submitted by Steve Johnson

Vincent G. Danz was a member of the New York Police Department's Emergency Service Unit's third squad in the Bronx. The elite unit's officers are experts in areas like psychology, rappelling, scuba diving, first aid and marksmanship. Officer Danz like the excitement and challenge of the E.S.U.

Officer Danz of Farmingdale, N.Y. was also a husband and a father of three daughters, including an 8-month-old. With the two older girls, he liked to watch "Sponge Bob Square Pants," a Nickelodeon cartoon.

"He was a special breed," Felix Danz said of his brother, who at 38 was the youngest of nine children. "I'd always ask him if he had any good jobs lately. He'd say, 'Yeah, I had this subway "pin job," where some poor soul was taken out by the subway, or even worse, still alive."

"The E.S.U. guys are the ones who go on the tracks, find some way to lift up the train and get those people out," Mr. Danz continued, "He wasn't boastful. He wasn't one of those guys with a swelled chest at the bat. He loved his work and the guys that he worked with. They would die for one another. I think that goes globally for the N.Y.P.D. My brother and his partner went into the trade center without any questions. They knew what to do and how to do it. Unfortunately, this thing was bigger than either of them."

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October 23, 2001

The line of men in red, white or blue hard hats went up the path through the wreckage of the old World Trade Center to the smoke at the top of the gray hill. It was one of four clouds of smoke coming from deep in the guts of the ground. This smoke rose to the top of a 40-story financial building.

There were about 200 men on the hill in white, blue or red hard hats and they were passing down the five-gallon buckets. At the bottom of the hill, two men stood with a four-foot by three-foot screen and the buckets were emptied onto the screen and they shook the screen as if they were trying to find coins on the beach. They were looking for any trace, any identification of the dead in the grey wreckage. Often they would shake the screen and get a hand, a piece of heel.

At 1:30 yesterday afternoon they were digging in the smoke at the top, and somebody came up with a credit card for Officer Vincent Danz. He was in the wreckage right under them, they all agreed. The hands reached into the grey rubble.

By 3 o'clock a truck from emergency service unit three in the Bronx pulled into the lot and parked at the foot of the hill. If it was Danz's body, it was their to carry. He had been part of a high-rise rescue team.

"That's the widow," a sergeant, Ricky Kemmler said.

A few steps away, a light-haired young woman who wore a short tan coat and a white hard hat stood with her hand being held by Joseph Dunne, who is the deputy police commissioner.

"She lives on the Island. They called her," somebody said.

"She already had a memorial service for him. I was there," Andrew McGinnis, a sergeant, said.

"In Farmingdale," another one said.

"It was the first one for an officer."

"I think she's from Ireland. She had the guts to get up and speak at the memorial. She has three kids. I know she said something funny about meeting him in a bar."

"I met my two wives in bars," I said.

The widow, Angela Danz, was silent and there was no talking around her. Her eyes were red-rimmed but she was not close to weeping. This is the toughest breed of them, a young woman who now raises three kids, with the oldest 8, while living in loneliness.

She stood in the mud and before her was the coliseum where her husband fought his last fight for her. The wreckage strewn everywhere looked exactly like it was, buildings dropped from the sky. A few high thick stubborn metal teeth of the south tower were still rooted in the grey mud.

The remains of a wall of the north tower leaned backwards, as if resting against a fence.

Off to the right, yellow smoke came up in billows. Water from a hose attached to a hydrant that somehow lasted was played with great force at the yellow smoke. It did not stop.

A large machine, a grapppler, dug into the earth around the yellow smoke. As the grapppler came up with its jaws clamped on pieces of steel and mud, the yellow smoke subsided for a few moments. Then it burst angrily out of the spot.

A dozen cranes waved angrily high at the smoke. Everywhere in the mud, generators barked and dozens of back hoes and grapplers chewed on the disaster.

She watched the strength stronger than the buildings that killed her husband. She was out of the old coal mine disasters, with women waiting at the top of the elevator for news of their husbands in a fire below.

Except at this time, Angela Danz knew that her husband was dead. She had already eulogized him in church. Right now, the least they could do was get her the body.

On the hill in front of her, twin lines of men went up the hill, that is several storied high. Then at the top it hooked to the right. The head of the line was lost in the smoke.

"Esposito," somebody said. He was Joseph Esposito, the chief of the department.

"I never saw a guy that big get down

and work with the men," one of the cops said.

Up on the hill, the white, red or blue hard hats bobbed and at the top they formed a little circle around something and then burst like a soap bubble. Some hard hats went to one line and the rest to the other. Now they took off their hard hats and saluted.

"It looks like they got him," the sergeant, Kemmler said.

The cranes and ground machinery stopped. The generators were turned off.

"It looks like we had a good day," another enthused. They dig all day, day after day, and do not find many bodies.

"If that's what you call it," somebody said.

Dunne and the widow walked a few steps to the emergency service truck parked at the bottom of the hill.

At the top; Esposito's white shirt appeared. He was in front of a gurney that was cloaked with an American flag.

Somebody called, "They want police officers up on a line."

McGinnis and Kemmler walked up the hill and got on a line.

Now Esposito walked first down the slope. Walked slowly, for they could not slip with the gurney. Men in the lines on either side saluted.

At the bottom of the slope, esposito had the pallbearers step at an even slower funeral pace.

Dunne and the widow went to the back of the truck.

Now there was no motion or sound for several seconds. They prayed over the body.

Then Dunne and Angela Danz came from the back of the truck and walked away.

The hard hats filed along the truck and formed an honor guard for many yards from the front of the truck. A patrol car moved in front.

All saluted. The patrol car roof light went on and the big emergency truck followed through the mud. It went past the great hole that looked down on what had been a subway station. Then they went out onto the streets and headed for the morgue on First Avenue with the body the widow and his emergency outfit had wanted so much.

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Please send donation forms to the Behavioral Science Unit for processing.

If you have any questions please call Ernie McNett at 415-837-0875.

Officer John Anton will be needing additional hours as his newborn daughter will be undergoing yet another surgery. John's recipient number is 000911. John can only accept donations of vacation time.

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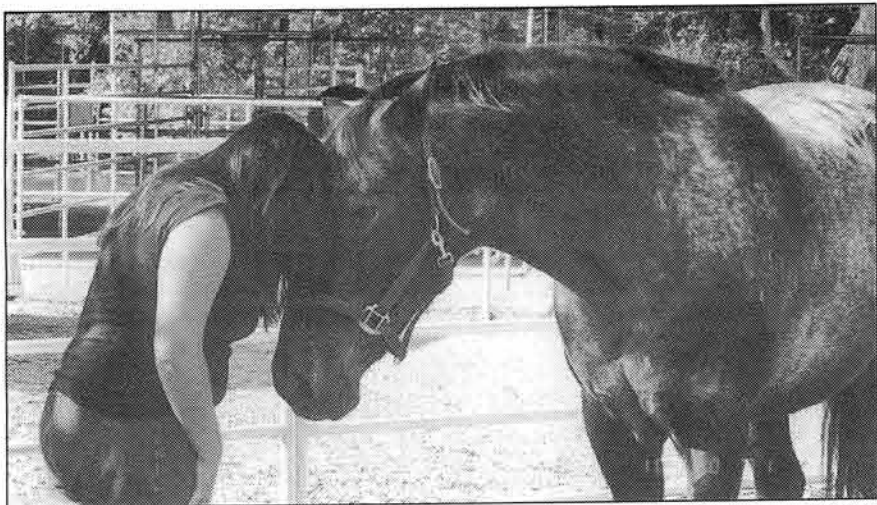
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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,
SFPOA

Chris Cunnie is up every morning having breakfast with the many city and state political representatives or the leaders from each and every labor organization in San Francisco — and there's a lot of them. He's on the phone all day returning calls. He'll attend every community meeting where there's the possibility of obtaining an endorsement. And those meetings start when most people are home with their family. Chris makes this daily commitment all for the purpose of gaining support for your Pension Parity ballot measure — Proposition H. And, when you look at the list of those who have endorsed your measure, you can tell that Chris is doing a tremendous job.

O.K., so if the 'Close Encounter' section is pretty much reserved for members of our Department who are involved in some very serious situations why would I mention our POA President? Well, you can't get much more serious than your future and that's exactly what Chris is working on, 24/7...and, since this column is also reserved for the members of our Department who have made a commitment to excellence...well, I rest my case.

Last month we detailed a few stories about some very incompetent and lackluster criminal exploits (e.g. the guy who steals the car he doesn't know how to drive)...I'm sorry to say that this particular trend is continuing.

When transporting stolen motorcycles, make sure the plate is either removed/covered up:

Officer Sean Griffin and Officer Michael Nelson were on patrol in the Northern District when they noticed a pick-up truck that deserved attention due to the driver's erratic behavior. They just happened to run a check on the motorcycle that was sitting in the bed of the truck and, sure enough, it qualified for a stolen/recovered report. The driver of the truck and his companion looked great in matching bracelets...

Don't return to the same area after you've robbed someone with a shotgun:

Officer Jennifer Streegan and Officer Carolyn Gassen, a Mission Station crew, were flagged down at 16th/Shotwell Streets and told by a witness that he just saw a suspect armed with a shotgun rob a woman. The witness managed to get the license number of the suspect vehicle and, while Jenni-

fer and Carolyn were obtaining further information, the suspect drives by apparently looking for additional victims. Officer Streegan and Officer Gassen round him up at 15th/Julian and recover 2 loaded rifles.

When operating a 'chop shop', don't recycle clearly identifiable items in your backyard:

Sergeant Lynn Tomioka, Officer Lisa Campbell, and Officer Seth Riskin developed information about an active auto theft ring operating a 'chop shop' in the Ingleside District. The 2 suspects had stolen a car and removed most of the marketable parts but left the windshield with the clearly marked company logo in the backyard of their 'corporation'. Sergeant Lynn called Inspector Dean Marcic and Inspector Lance Logan of the Auto Detail and a search warrant was obtained, suspects were in custody, and over \$125,000.00 worth of stolen items recovered in less time than it would have taken to consult with the San Diego Police Department. Tweedle-dum and Tweedle-dee probably won't be voting in favor of Proposition H...just a guess.

After you pay \$300.00 for a brand new Toyota (minus the pink slip) don't cut the police car off . . .

Officer Rommel Baldovino and Officer Jason Jefferson were minding their own business when a shiny new Toyota Camry pulled in front of their unmarked police car, narrowly avoiding an accident. A computer check reported the vehicle as stolen and a stop was made. The driver tried to explain how he was simply the unwitting victim of a bad business deal and that he wasn't fully aware of the DMV requirements regarding pre-owned vehicle purchases. Unfortunately, he didn't even have a key to the car he 'allegedly' purchased...does 'pre-stolen' mitigate the criminal charge?

A group of 5 individuals from Oakland arrived in the Central Police District in San Francisco the other night driving a Ford Expedition and, in 3 separate incidents, they brutally beat and robbed members of our community. Officer Rey Vargas, Officer Kahri Gill-Kehoe, Officer Michael Olkiewicz, Officer Domenico Discenza, Officer Jesse Serna, and Officer Gary Moriyama set up a perimeter search and found the criminals trying to escape across the bridge. A traffic stop was made and when one of the suspects stepped from the vehicle he inadvertently dropped the identification of one of the victims. That could probably take a lot of explaining, but he never had the chance. The evidence collected as well as a positive i.d. made by a victim who had been released from medical care ensured the 5 cowards a place in the 'Stupid Suspect' Hall of Fame...

Sleepy little Treasure Island...? not any more. There are approximately 5,000 residents on board and some extremely capable police officers. Sgt. Bob DelTorre was on-duty the other

night when he received a call from a local reporting a man armed with a shotgun. The citizen was trying to give Bob the best description he could when he started screaming that the suspect was now shooting the shotgun at several people. Sgt. DelTorre, Officer James Gaan, Officer Louis Tillan, and Officer Lance Bosshard immediately responded to the area. Turned out that several suspects were trying to rob someone when an innocent bystander stepped forward. The suspects didn't really agree with the bystander's analysis of the situation and decided that he would be a better target than their original victim. Fortunately, the victim/bystander escaped unharmed, the suspects were captured, the sawed-off 12 gauge was recovered, and Treasure Island tried, if possible, to recover the reputation it once had...

Officer Vincent Danz/NYPD

We received a call from Lisa Danz. Lisa's husband is the brother of Police Officer Vincent Danz, NYPD. Vincent died in the September 11th tragedy. He was a member of the Emergency Services Unit, Truck #3. He left his home, his wife Angela, and his 3 young daughters 8, 6, and 9 months that brutal morning and went to work as usual. He was later dispatched to Tower #2 where he and his team started the climb up the stairwells to save as many people as they could. Vincent called home. He was out of breath but he managed to leave a message for his wife. "Angie, you need to pray for these people. This is horrible. I'm o.k. for now." His wife never saw nor heard from Vincent again.

Lisa Danz had read about the 9/11 Memorial Service we had planned to take place at Union Square in conjunction with the SF Firefighters. Lisa phoned us and asked if she and a few members of her family (Vincent was 1 of 9 children) could attend. Most of the family now lived on the west coast and didn't have the chance to make it back to New York so they were really looking for someplace to go where something meaningful would take place to help them remember Vincent.

We told her she didn't have to ask, that it would be our privilege to accommodate her and her family. We made sure that the Danz Family members were escorted to Union Square and seated in the front row. They brought their memories of Vincent. They brought pictures of his daughters — both before his death and during his memorial service. They told us that the funeral procession lasted 20 long blocks and that there were police officers lined on both sides of the street 6 rows deep all along the entire procession route. They had never witnessed such camaraderie and that it was just overwhelming.

The Danz Family members were extremely impressed with our service. There were tears but not like the ones last year. A niece of Vincent said that he would have been upset if they were too emotional...and the last thing they wanted to do was embarrass the police officer who they now consider a member of our family.

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By Larry P. Barsetti,
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I reported in the Journal last month that the Italian-American Heritage Day Parade Committee has asked that the San Francisco Police Department support the parade, to be held on Sunday, October 13th in North Beach. The parade is to be televised this year and the Fire Department has made a commitment to a large number of personnel and vehicles. It would look awful if only a small number of cops showed up for the parade. I know that that weekend is a restricted weekend for members of FOB. However, if you can

see your way clear to supporting the parade (I will ask for permission for on-duty officers to march) it will be greatly appreciated by the Italian-American community and the entire North Beach community. I need a volunteer who will coordinate and lead the parade. Any rank or ethnicity (ya don't have ta be Italian!!). Though I won't be here (I'll be in New York) I'll assist the coordinator so everything goes properly. It was a ball last year and it'll be even better this year!

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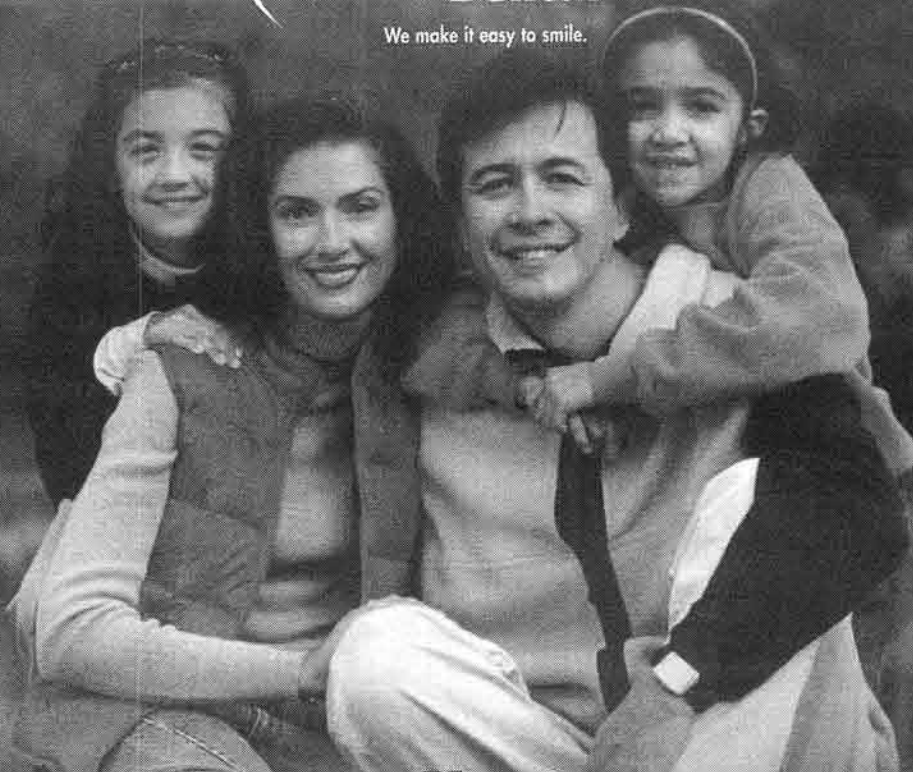
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Terrorism Counteractions for Law Enforcement

By H. Sonny Sarkissian

This is an introductory article to a series of articles that I will be writing concerning terrorism. As this is an introduction to forthcoming articles, I would like to begin by dedicating this column to all individuals involved in the war on terrorism, especially those who have made the ultimate sacrifice in this effort.

Although many ideas started brewing in my mind shortly after the 9/11 attacks, I did not begin any serious research for several months after the incidents. I trusted that those in position to take on the problem would do everything that needed to be done to confront the multidimensional issues of terrorism. However, as the days and weeks grew into months, my frustration grew as well.

I knew there was a lot more that needed to be done to better prepare us as a nation in detecting, deterring, defeating and decisively responding to terrorist attacks and activities. This led me to an extensive research, analysis, and ongoing discussions with other officers from several agencies, and with former colleagues that I served with in the Marine Corps, U.S. Department of

State, and other government agencies. This quest helped revamp my previous knowledge, training, and experience in the area of terrorism and anti-terrorism. One of the conclusions I was able to form through my research was that there is a considerable amount of blemish in the overall apparatus responsible for fighting the domestic war on terrorism.

One of my findings was that much of the vulnerabilities that made the 9/11 attacks possible still exist today, and many of these vulnerabilities involve issues of national security policies, which are beyond the scope of this column. However, another flaw that became obvious to me was that the greatest resources that we have against the domestic war on terrorism had not been tapped into yet. In my opinion the best resources that we have for this conflict are the state and local governments with the inclusion of the private sector and the public. I hope the following statistical data will help illustrate my point. However due to constraints of a single article, I will have to expand on many of my concepts in forthcoming articles.

According to intelligence sources, there are possibly hundreds perhaps

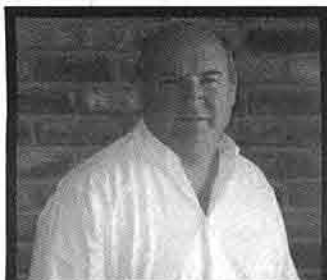
even over a thousand hardcore Islamic terrorists in the U.S. waiting to attack. These numbers can escalate rapidly due to our vulnerabilities and the openness of our society. These terrorists do not live in a vacuum. They live in our communities with a complex network of supporters and sympathizers that harbor them. Some say finding them is like looking for a needle in a haystack. I say it's more like looking at a haystack and seeing the hay. The numbers of terrorist in the U.S. are unconfirmed obviously, and this is just an estimate. But knowing that just nineteen terrorist operatives were able to murder approximately 2,800 individuals on 9/11, destroy approximately 1% of the commercial office space in the U.S. in less than a few hours using only \$200,000 for their operation, and in return causing billions of dollars in damages, it becomes evident that even if we have only one terrorist in our midst we have something significant to worry about.

The FBI, which is the leading investigative agency in the domestic war on terrorism, currently employs approximately 8,000 agents, out of which 3,718 are assigned to counter terrorism efforts and very few to anti-terrorism efforts. Before 9/11 the number of agents assigned to counter terrorism were 2,178. (I will expand on the differences between counter terrorism and antiterrorism in future articles). Considering the FBI has not been involved in clandestine intelligence gathering for over two decades and has become for the most part a national law enforcement agency, I doubt that there are too many FBI agents that are experts in the area of antiterrorism and clandestine opera-

tions.

I am not attempting to discredit the FBI or imply that they should not be the leading agency in this fight. I think they should be the leading agency responsible for *coordinating* our efforts nationwide. The FBI does great work when it comes to massive nationwide investigations and functions well as a clearinghouse for the plethora of information that the law enforcement community depends on. However, what I am trying to emphasize is that the FBI is very limited in personnel and resources, and they do not have the necessary capability to address all aspects of the terrorism threat. In fact, the FBI wants local agencies to become more involved in antiterrorism, as they are well aware of their limitations. The only advantage the FBI has over most local agencies is that their policies offer them greater latitude to engage in antiterrorism efforts. Some local agencies are restricted by their own policies; however, these are just policies and can and should be changed.

I also believe that the Federal government's job is to keep the enemy from penetrating our borders. However, when that enemy has already infiltrated into our cities, into our homes, into our minds and hearts, it very much becomes everyone's fight. Much like the war on drugs. Once the drugs have penetrated our borders and into our cities, then it is our problem. However, I hope that we will not allow the war on terrorism become only a symbolic war like the war on drugs has become. If my neighbors and I are being attacked, I certainly am not going to wait for the Federal government to come to our aid. The 9/11 attacks were nothing short of an attack on our



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to come to our aid. The 9/11 attacks were nothing short of an attack on our neighbors and all of us.

Considering that we are already about fifteen years too late coming to the fight, and considering the magnitude and imminent threat that we are facing, it is evident that we neither have time or a single resource to waste. We must address every aspect of terrorism both through antiterrorism and counter terrorism measures in a comprehensive manner. In future articles I will elaborate on what I believe a comprehensive program should include. But for now I want to explain why I think local jurisdictions are a great resource in this war. The number of FBI personnel I mentioned is not too impressive, considering the number of terrorists, supporters, and sympathizers we likely have in the country. Now here are the figures for local agencies.

Collectively, local police departments nationwide have an estimated 556,000 full-time employees out of which 436,000 are sworn officers. Sheriffs departments have approximately 291,000 full-time employees, out of which approximately 186,000 are sworn members. Across the country there are 1 million firefighters, of which approximately 750,000 are volunteers, and there are over 155,000 emergency medical technicians (EMT's) nationwide. This is over 2 million first responders that are largely left untrained for countering the biggest threat facing our nation today. President Bush's 2003 budget has allocated \$3.5 billion to enhance the ability of America's first responders; however, a year has come and gone since the 9/11 attacks, and much of this funding remains untouched by state and local governments in training the frontline

troops. Another important point is that local agencies are far more familiar with their communities than the FBI is, and most local agencies are more adept in some of the skills required for this effort.

I strongly believe that America's first responders, if properly trained and deployed, have the greatest potential in detecting, deterring, and responding to terrorist activities and attacks, potentially saving many lives by avoiding and limiting casualties. Currently our local capabilities vary widely nationwide. Most local jurisdictions have not yet developed a comprehensive terrorism counteraction plan. The few departments that have a program in place do not have a comprehensive one involving all their resources or addressing all aspects of the threat.

This is not to say that local administrators are not attempting to develop such an agenda. Many departments are currently struggling with the complex multidimensional issues of terrorism and are attempting to determine what would be the best way to approach this enormous threat. However, the numerous issues of terrorism are so dynamic, intricate, and overwhelming that some policy changes need to be made before a comprehensive program can be implemented by POST and local and state agencies. Unfortunately this will take time. However, since the terrorism threat is so significant and imminent, I feel that it is imperative for us to have an immediate medium for discussing terrorism issues until a more formal setting becomes available to us. Until then, I am hoping that this column can serve as that medium in exposing us to some of the information that we need during this trying time in our history.

Another notion that I want to de-

bunk is the thought that the terrorism threat is temporary and not significant enough to involve ourselves with. Since I am reaching my word limit I will state this for now. The U.S. Commission on National Security (also known as the Hart-Rudman Commission Report) reported, even before the 9/11 attacks, that the terrorist threat is significant and has projected that terrorism will be the greatest threat to national security for the first quarter of the century. Also, intelligence indications and terrorism threat and trend analysis suggest that we are facing a capable and dedicated enemy determined in destroying us no matter how long it takes. Moreover, every skill that we develop in this effort can also be applicable in other areas of law enforcement.

In forthcoming articles I intend to discuss the multitude and diverse issues that surround terrorism, counter terrorism, and antiterrorism. Although I am passionate about national security issues and policies, for the sake of clarity, focus, and purpose, I will stay away from national policy discussions for the most part. I will save such discussions for another arena. I will also attempt to write in a manner that is apolitical. However, since the terrorism that we are facing now is so much

intertwined with politics, history, and religion, some discussions of inflammatory issues cannot be avoided. If I feel such a discussion will serve the purposes of the column, I will not shy away from the truth or sugarcoat it. However, I will make every attempt to avoid any inflammatory issues if it will not serve the purposes of this column.

Within the constraints of a single article I hope I was able to, in some degree, debunk the notion that the FBI should only fight the domestic war on terrorism. Also I hope, at least superficially, that I have been successful in address the fact that terrorism is a significant and an imminent threat, and that it will be a problem that we will be facing for many years to come, (at least until 2025 in every estimation). The Israeli and Palestinian conflict, the IRA and British conflict, and the Cold War are perfect examples of how long unconventional wars can last.

What is more unfortunate in any tragedy is ignoring its lessons. I hope we will not allow the lessons of 9/11 go unchecked, and I hope this column will be the prelude to something significant for our department in regards to terrorism. I welcome all feedback, and I can be contacted at Northern Station or by e-mail at: sonnysark@aol.com.

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dom and democracy are imbedded deeply in our hearts.

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And also to celebrate the bravery and resiliency of the American people.

We will never forget those police officers and firefighters who rushed into the World Trade Center, risking their lives to save others. They all knew the stakes were high, they knew they may not come out. They accepted that!

I firmly believe that those 400 died doing what they loved to do, it's what

we believe in, and it's a risk we all accept.

We will also always remember the brave people of flight 93 who decided among themselves that they would not allow more Americans to be killed.

That is the human spirit, the American spirit that has made us the most successful country in history.

There is nothing more any of us can ask than to live an honorable life, and die an honorable death. Almost 3000 of our fellow Americans, over 400 of our fellow police officers and firefighters lost their lives on a battlefield one year ago today, and all died with honor.

We thank the people of San Francisco for joining us on this solemn day of remembrance, and would also like to take this opportunity to rededicate ourselves to you. To do everything in our power to keep you safe and secure in these troubled times, and to be there for you in your time of need.



A Letter of Thanks

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even going to operate," "the odds are against him," and "he is showing no signs of life."

I then telephoned my wife and told her to come to the hospital right away. She knew that the police survival instincts had left me, as we both cried now as parents. Sgt Ching, Nick's team leader, sent a car to pick her up and with the help of the CHP and Petaluma Police Department she was rushed to San Francisco General Hospital.

The doctors told us that Nick had made primal movements, an open eye and gurgle. THE FIGHT IN HIM BEGAN. He was rushed to the operating room for neurosurgery with his fellow officers at his side. Msgr. Heaney prayed by his side, giving him last rites. With a lot of fight, hands of marvelous surgeons and prayers, Nick made it through the first critical hours after a brief unstable time. Then the roller coaster started — life support, odds are stacked against him and very few people make it, plug or unplug. Then came the waiting period hoping for

news of life — a finger or eye movement, a twitch, anything.

This is when the best people I have ever known came into our lives as family, friends, fellow officers and community. The days became shorter because they were there with us providing hope, prayers, comfort, laughs and bare necessities like food and water.

There were hundreds of visitors, all of them forever in our hearts. Special thanks to Chief Sanders, who visited Nick during recovery and made him feel important because the Chief was there. To Command Staff members — Asst. Chief Fagan and Deputy Chief Suhr for their daily visits, who as always with their wit and well-placed humor put smiles on everybody's faces during these hard times. Deputy Chief Suhr made a special visit on Father's Day.

To Deputy Chief Mindy Pengel, who was at our side constantly staying with us in an unassuming role not as a boss but as a friend. Lt. Manny Barretta, who arranged transports and items that the hospital could not furnish. Lts. Battaglia and Jimenez of Mission Station

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To special friends — the families of John Gallagher, Jordan Hom, Jameson Pon and Jennifer Miles who were with us twenty-four/seven. The constant visits by co-worker/friends from SID.

The officers of Mission Station who kept watch on Nick during his long stay at San Francisco General Hospital and provided us with assistance daily. When I thanked them for what they were doing, they replied, "He is one of ours. We would do it on our own time for free." Officers at Mission Station who were first responders at the scene and administered first aid along with the San Francisco Fire Department that were instrumental in Nick's.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association, especially Chris Cunnie, Steve Johnson and Tom Shawyer for their assistance and opening roads for us during this long time of travel. You guys are the best.

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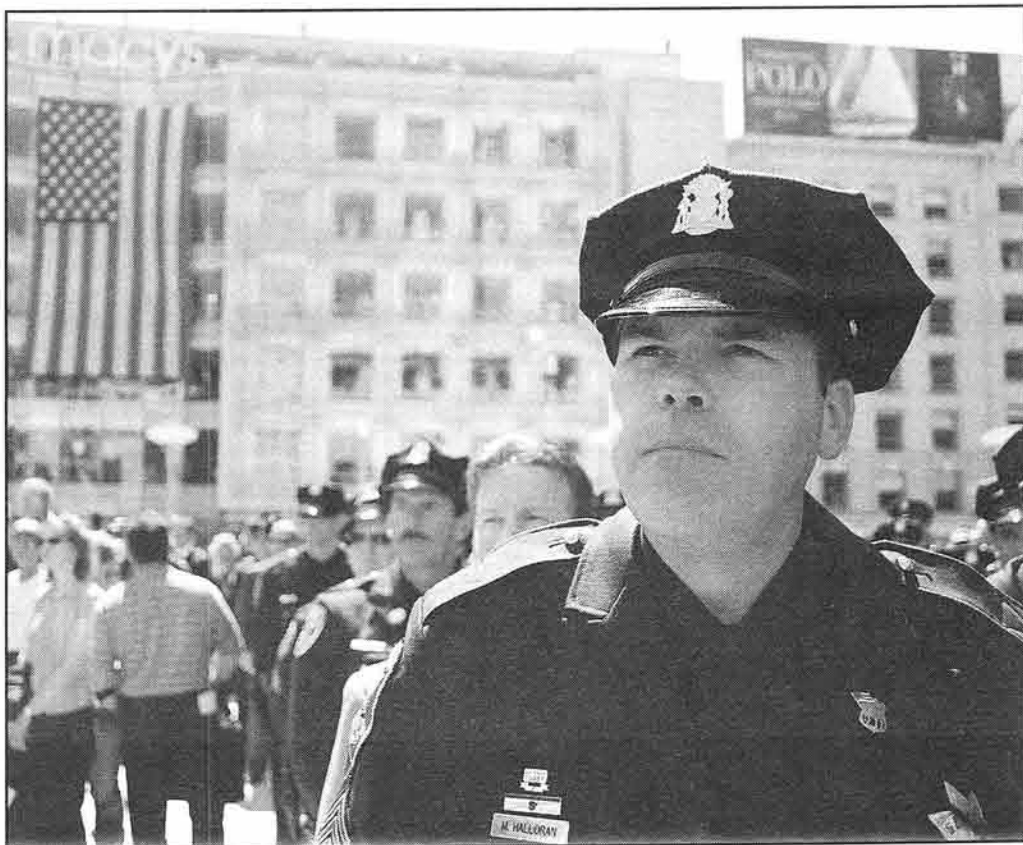
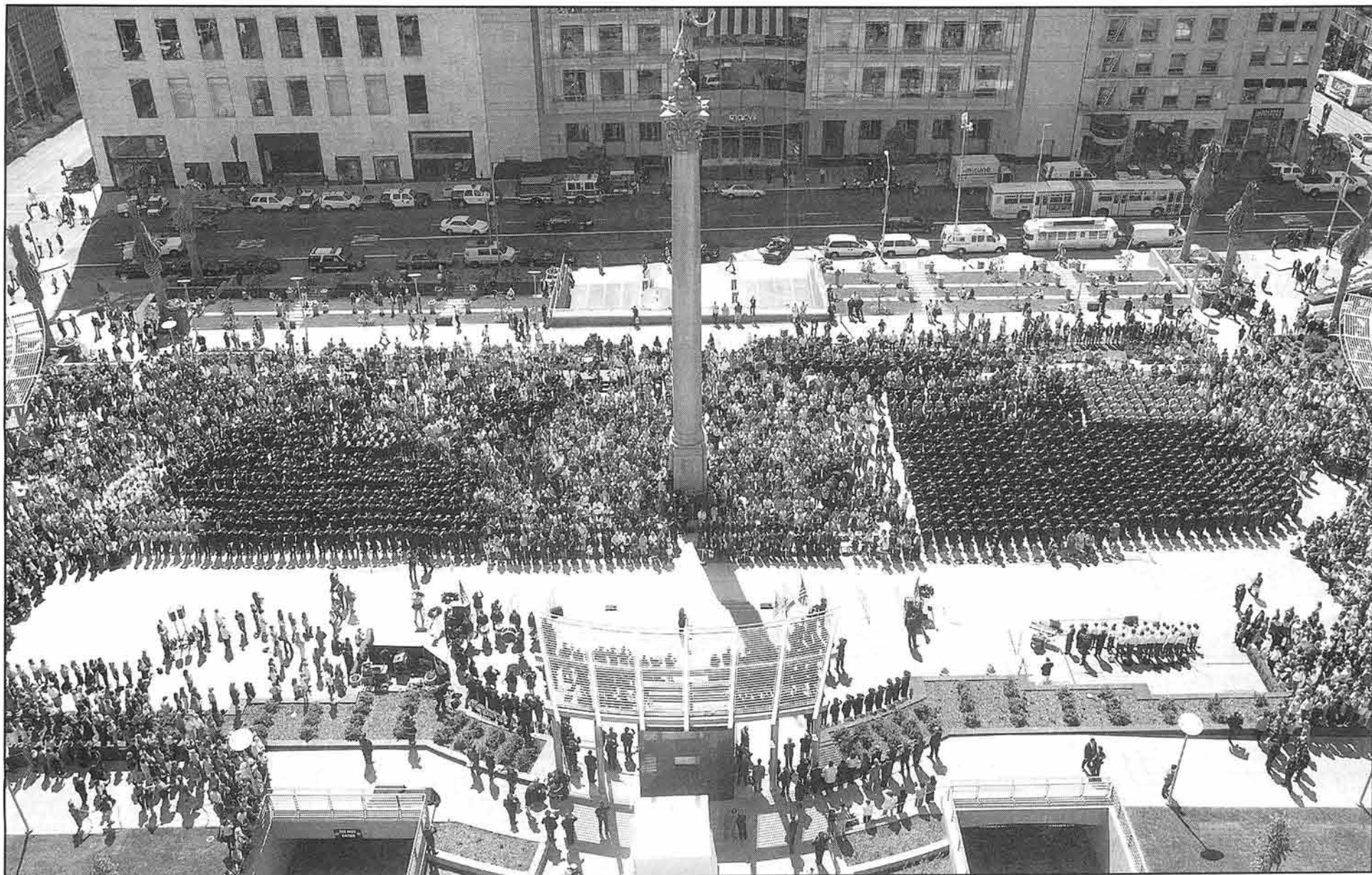
Police Department and the community we serve. The outpouring of support during this time with flowers, cards, visits and telephone calls proved it once again.

This was a long period of time, and I am sure that I am forgetting people but thanks to all of you for being there. Without you, we would have not been able to carry on without the strength you shared with us. Our prayers go out to the family and loved ones of Officer Jon Cook daily. He will be forever in our hearts. A speedy recovery to Dave Lee and Mike Celis.

Nick is recovering nicely and cannot wait to get back to work. Family and friends ask him if he wants to go back to work and still be a police officer after all he has been through. He smiles and never hesitates with yes. Why? Because it is what we do and we love it.

Finally, remember to spend time with family, friends and loved ones. Your life can change in a second. Do not cheat them or yourselves.

Sincerely,
The Ferrando Family



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NYPD Strike Talk Spreads

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at work ten more times each year," said Patrick Lynch, PBA president. "They are already the most underpaid and overworked police department in the country." The PBA has been seeking a 23 percent pay boost over two years.

Meanwhile, the New York Daily News quoted several unidentified NYPD officers as saying they are ready to strike, setting Labor Day, September 2, as the target date. "Everyone is disgusted. They feel the fix was in with the PERB. I talked to five officers and four out of five said, 'Yeah, we're willing to strike,'" an unidentified officer said.

In response to the strike talk, the mayor's office said the city was "prepared to deal with it" without further elaboration as to its strike preparation plan. As in most states, strikes by police officers are illegal in New York.

Joining in the fray was U.S. Senator Charles Schumer (D-N.Y.) who urged

President Bush to allow the city to use \$500 million in federal aid to supplement raises for fire fighters and police officers. The money would fund an additional 10 percent pay hike over two years, on top of whatever fire fighters and police officers gain under current wage negotiations. Police and fire union officials endorsed the proposal while a White House spokesman said only that the request will be reviewed.

City officials assert that the city is facing a \$5 billion budget deficit and simply cannot afford to substantially increase police officer pay. The PBA, which was in negotiations prior to September 11, asserts that officers are grossly underpaid compared to neighboring departments and that the terrorist attacks and subsequent deaths of NYPD officers make the case for a substantial wage increase. Base salary for a patrol officer currently ranges between \$31,305 and \$49,023.

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ally. They enthusiastically devote a day, weekend or entire vacation to sharing their talent and compassion with our guests. Sometimes they experience a moment that changes their lives or helps shape the person they will become. The relationships that blossom here transform the way we see ourselves and others.

Rebecca, a junior high student, helped serve over 3,000 meals in the Dining Room on Memorial Day as part of her church youth group's annual volunteer weekend in San Francisco. Rebecca has used a wheelchair since she was child, when she contracted polio in the Soviet Union and was unable to receive adequate medical care. As the group was finishing their service, one of our regular wheelchair guests rolled up to Rebecca, removed a gold heart from a charm bracelet and handed it to her. She said, "You've already got a big one of these; here's a small one to go with it." Afterwards, Rebecca wept as she related the story of our guest's generosity to the rest of her church group.

We offer you our sincere gratitude for helping people make connections like these every day. Every relationship that we build is made possible by you and the generosity of many others like you. On behalf of the Franciscans, the Board of Directors, staff, and those we serve, we assure you of our very thankful prayers.

Gratefully,
Fr. John Hardin, OFM
Executive Director
Fr. Floyd Lotito, OFM
Communications Consultant
St. Anthony Foundation
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Editor,

On Saturday 8/10/02 a 16 year old African American boy was savagely attacked by several other African American males in the Tenderloin District. His only mistake was that he took his little brothers Goped motorized scooter to a Market street repair shop. A group of African American males mistakenly believed that he was from a neighborhood from which they did not approve. They confronted him, and viciously attacked him. The young victim got up off the ground and ran into a bar to escape his aggressors. They pursued him into the establishment and continued their assault knocking him to the ground and hitting him several times with closed fists.

Sergeant Vintero 4700 of the Tenderloin Task Force witnessed the assault. Before he could intervene, the aggressors scattered and ran away. One of the, suspects picked the Goped up off of the ground and took off. Sergeant Vintero alertly put out vital information over the radio, telling other units what he had just witnessed and provided a description of the suspect whom was riding away with the Goped.

Responding units pursued the suspect over several city blocks. He was going at such a high rate of speed that he drove into the patrol car, which my partner and I were

driving. He left the Goped on the ground near 7th and Market and continued to run away on foot.

By this time hundreds of people were crowding the intersection of 7th and Market and cheered the suspect on as he ran from the police. He was eventually taken into custody in textbook fashion. In spite of the shouts and curses from the predominately African American bystanders to the contrary, we took him into custody without abusing our police powers or injuring him.

Most of the persons in what now constituted a mob will undoubtedly retell this story saying how a poor innocent black kid was run down by the police and mercilessly beaten by white officers in broad day-light for no reason. They yelled at us "die you m-- f-- cops." "f-- the police" "why you beating, on that black soldier?" And "we hate you m-- f--ers," In reality, many of the officers who arrived on the scene were not white. Sergeant Vintero, who witnessed the assault, is not white. Of the officers who actually put the handcuffs on the suspect one is an Asian female and the other three are Hispanic.

The only persons that required medical attention were the victim and an officer who injured his hand as he fell while pursuing the suspect. The officer's hand was openly dripping blood to the delight of the enraged mob. The 16-year-old victim was put in a police vehicle in order to retrieve his Goped when an adult African American male told him "You should be shot in the head and killed for helping the police." When in fact, the victim made no statement helping us because he fears for his life.

To call this suspect a black soldier is an insult to the brave African Americans who serve in our armed forces and fight for our country this very day. They are heroes and give of themselves selflessly and honorably. This guy is nothing but a cowardly thug looking out for his own personal interests.

The next time there is a march or demonstration bringing attention to the incidence of unsolved violent black-on-black crime, I hope a leader in the African American community is there to discuss this type of incident. Our biggest ally in solving this type of crime can be the very ones who were spewing forth the hate at us as we took a violent felon into custody. If leaders in the African American community were able to get through to the types of people that were present at 7th and Market, it really would do wonders to contribute to a spirit of mutual cooperation.

It takes courage to become part of the solution. We as San Francisco police officers will continue to do our part ... we raised our right hand and swore to do so. It is time for others in the community to step forward and do their part.

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Tenderloin Task Force

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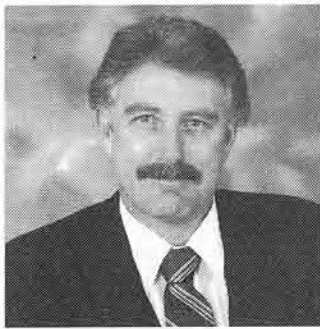
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Sincerely,
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Dear Chris Cunnie:

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lives in this rescue. The Port Authority Police World Trade Disaster Survivors' Fund was created on September 13th to provide financial resources to these families.

The response of the American people to our tragedy has been heartening for the members of our department and the families of our fallen comrades. On behalf of the Port Authority Police Benevolent Association, I thank you for your generous donation. No goods or services were exchanged for your donation.

Gus Danese
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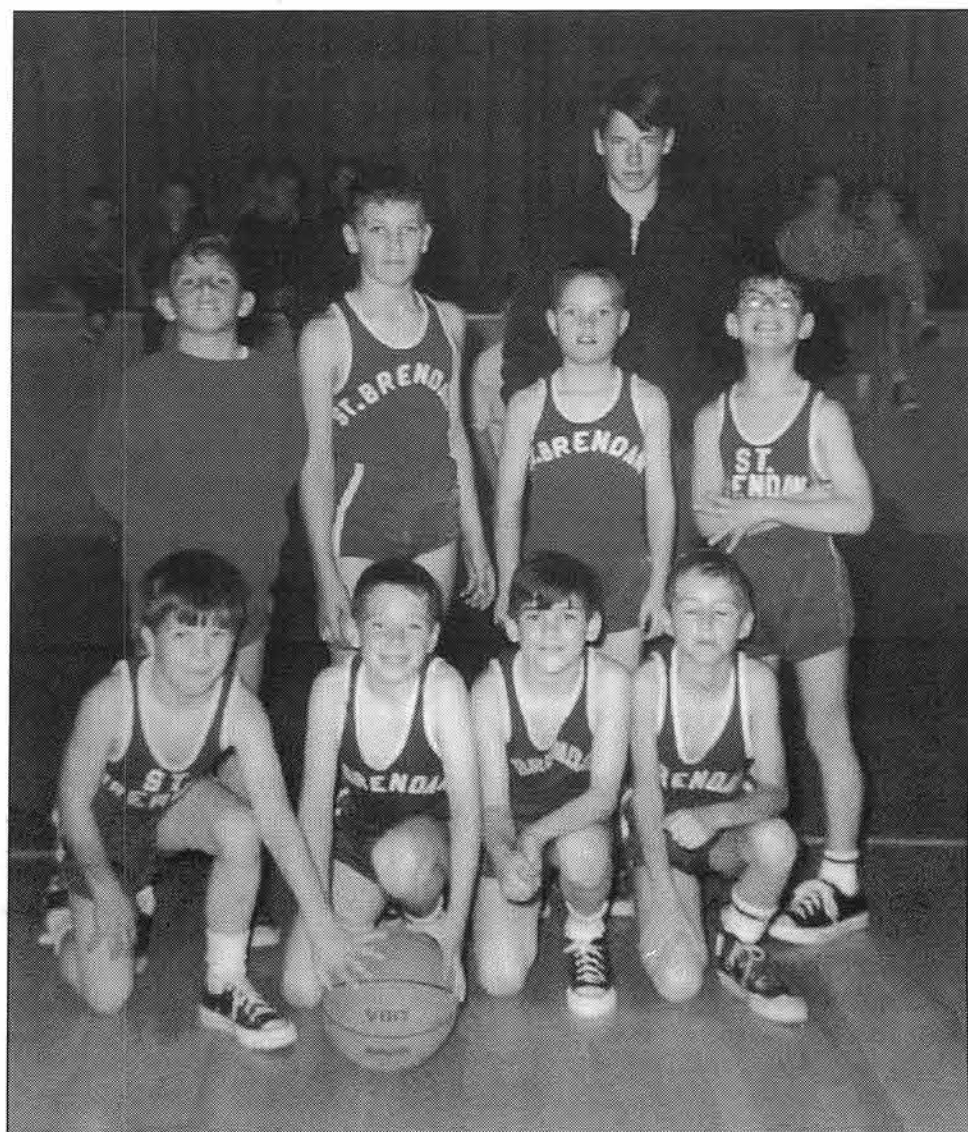
Dear Chief Sanders and Asst. Chief Fagan,

On behalf of my Mom, Lorraine Nevin and the entire Nevin family, we wish to extend our sincerest thanks for all the caring and support that members of this department (active & retired) offered during our time of mourning during the rosary service and funeral mass for my father. In particular, we would like to thank Deputy Chief Greg Suhr for his assistance with the notifications, Commander Bob Puts, Captain's Bill Davenport, Mike Yalon and Tom O'Neill and members of the traffic bureau solo motorcycle unit who not only provided escort for my father but who also attended the funeral mass. A special thank you to Lieutenant Don Carlsen of the Traffic Bureau, who was a tremendous asset to my mom during the funeral service and at the burial site at Holy Cross. Thank you everyone. Words cannot describe how proud our entire family is to be part of the San Francisco Police Dept. Your caring and your support will never be forgotten and we will all have wonderful memories to share about my father, John Nevin.

Sincerely,
Officer John Nevin #189
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Correction:

The poem that appeared on page 13 of the August POA Journal was submitted by Darlene Hong, SF Police Credit Union

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On The Lighter Side...

Spirit Of The Chase

By Bob Seghy

The Angels

I was writing a traffic ticket, he was sitting on his Harley, the crowd was shouting, "Gestapo, Hitler, Nazi!" It was on the corner of Haight and Ashbury. I felt like I had no friends. I was right. This guy was in a full Hell's Angel type get-up; sleeveless vest with silver nail head trimmings, muscular tattooed arms, long hair, bike chain around his waist, greasy jeans, and worn down boots. About ten of his "Angel" type pals were lined up on their Harleys, watching the action. The pot smoking local "flower children" had me surrounded. The "flower children" were not known for their cooperation with the "fuzz".

My radio bleeped the news, "Traffic four, we have an outstanding warrant for your driver."

That did it. Headquarters wants me to arrest this dude and start World War III.

Well, believe it or not, even with the chanting of the crowd, and the moral support of his buddies, I conned this guy into the back seat of my patrol car,

talked one of his buddies into taking custody of the Harley, and then drove my "Angel" to Park Police Station. That was when the fun began.

My prisoner was safely in a cell in the station. Out front were his ten motorcycle pals and maybe two to three hundred "flower children" who had come to fight for the rights of their "innocent" friend, my prisoner. (It didn't take much to draw a crowd in the Haight-Ashbury in those days.)

"Let's take up a collection and bail our buddy out, 11 shouted one of the Hell's Angels. With that, the "Angels" started borrowing hats from the hippies and going through the crowd collecting money. The "flower children" coughed up their meager pocket money, (nickels, dimes, quarters, dollars) and donated it to the good cause, like a church collection ... but ... when the collection was over the "Angels" sauntered to their bikes, carrying the hats full of money, revved up the bikes and drove from the scene. Their good buddy was left in the slammer to stew, and the "flower children" were left sucking their thumbs with empty pockets.

Submitted by John Grizzel

"Spirit of the Chase Article" brought back good memories of the Solos. I want to thank Captain Bob Seghy for his article. Here is another Example of "SOLO ANTICS"

I always remember when we had an old school captain who was always on the men for haircuts. The captain put out an order that on a certain date all watches will work days so he could inspect the men for haircuts. Every man was as well groomed as possible including one, George Galbreth. George was a man who was born with a smile and all the time I knew him he was always spreading this happy good feeling in everything he did. George was a Military Police Soldier before coming into the Police Department and George was "Bald as a cue ball." The day of the inspection the Captain is moving up and down the ranks and when he comes to George He freezes. "What the hell are you doing". George in all his gleaming brass and military creased uniform and spit shined boots was wearing a "Prince Valiant Wig". "Gee Captain I thought you said get some hair". Even this old captain had to smile. Now knowing what a sense of humor George had, one day while the 3 to 11 watch was in the lineup there was a commotion in the outer hall and then suddenly the doors were flung open by a Solo Officer locked in combat with this woman. First she was slammed against the wall then thrown to the floor and finally drop kicked to

the ribs. So sudden this violent intrusion and with a woman and at the hands of Officer George Galbreth!! Then all realized he did it again. He suckered us all. He was fighting with a full size flexible female dummy. This dummy was then adopted by the Solos for future pranks, like placing it in someone's locker and when the unsuspecting victim opened his locker the hand would fall out and touch him. Scaring the life out of the victim. When the novelty of the dummy wore off someone throw it up on the sheet metal air conditioning duct work in the Solo locker room. The problem was "She" didn't quite make it all the way onto the duct and from mid calf to her feet hug over the duct work, toes pointing down. Gone and forgotten the love of our lives. A couple of months later some private contractor was doing some work in the locker room on the piping and so intent in his work he overlooked "Our Love". A day or so later the building Engineer came thru the locker room to inspect the work and low and behold. OH My God!! A worker must have had a heart attack or something because he is not answering any questions. In what order I am not quite sure who got there first, the Fire Department or the Paramedics. The love of our lives was taken away forever. George was taken away from us a year or so ago, but you can be assured he is still smiling and raising hell. REMEMBER THE GOOD TIMES. Once a SOLO always a SOLO. Grizzel 4B15 Retired



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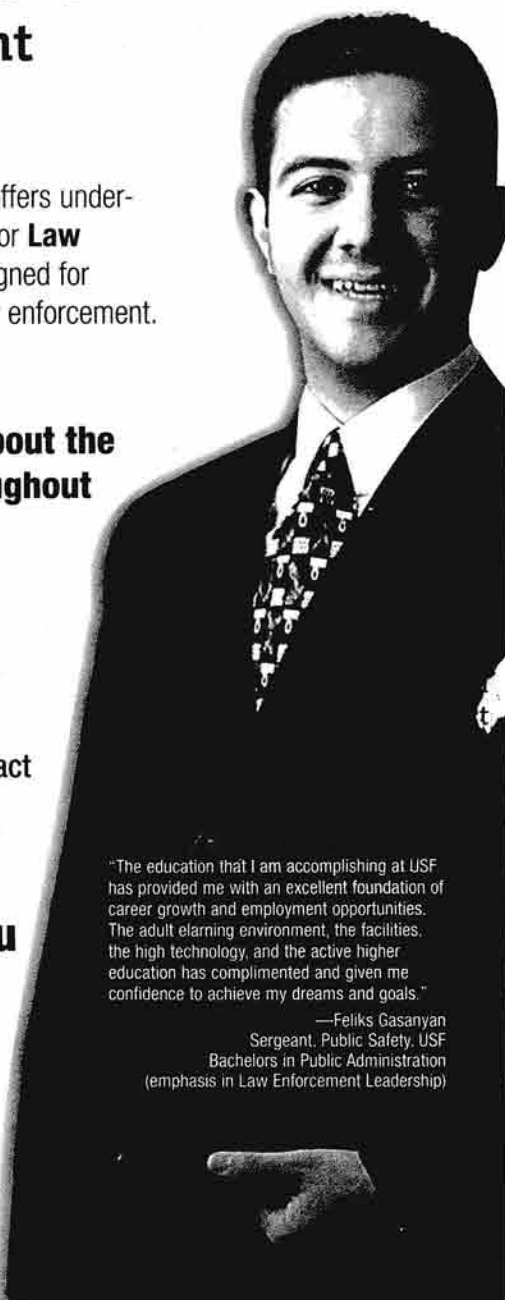
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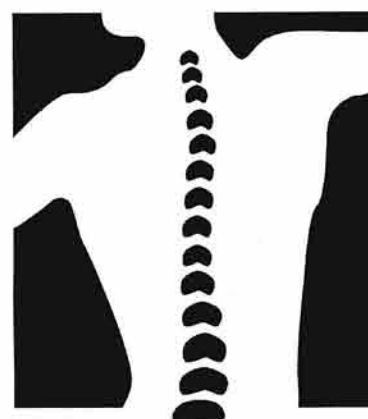
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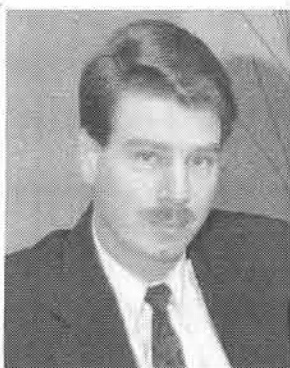
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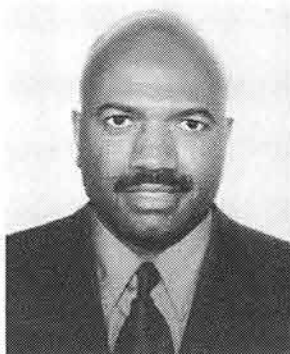
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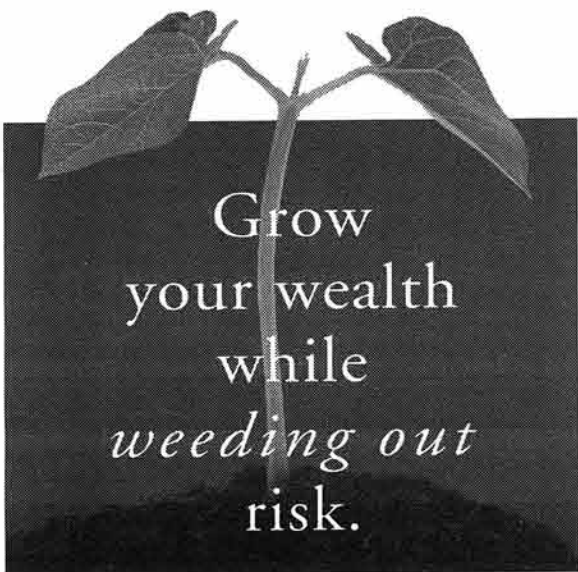
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Shooting Sports Update

By Sgt. Rod Nakanishi, Rangemaster • sfpdrangemaster@netscape.net

The Active Shooter/First Responder Training is a resounding success. This is based on what I have seen, and the feedback from participants. My congratulations to Sgt. Salvador, his SOG Teams and the members of FOB who are participating as trainers and role players. 433 members of FOB have participated as of yesterday. Knowledge gained through this program will be carried on in the continued upgrading of our in-service qualifications and training sessions as well as the BASIC Academy training.

Participation in the Active Shooter Program will count as the qualification/training for your July - December, 2002 requirement, as long as you have participated either before or during your normal qualification month within that 6 month period. If you attend after your qualification month, you will be carried as an FTA and the paper will travel accordingly.

Range calendars will designate Competition Team shoot times every month. Those days set aside at the Lake Merced Range will consist of PPC or Small Bore Rifle. Those days at the Airport Range will be for Action Pistol or High Power Rifle. The choice will be left up to the teams to decide which. If you are interested in any of these, feel free to drop by or contact Off. Alex Takaoka, Co. E or Off. Jian Tozzini, Co. F for further information.

A reminder, Night Qualifications

started last month. The 1700-hour shoot is for on-duty swing watch personnel. The 2000-hour shoot is for on-duty midnight personnel. Check your calendar for which 4 days in the month they are. The days change all the time.

Qualifications begin on the hour designated. If you're late just go back to work and come back another time. Hint — Don't plan on the last shoot of the last day.

Scheduled practice sessions occur every month, at both ranges, both day and one night at the Lake. Staff at both ranges are there to assist if desired. All you need do is ask. If you would like to work with the shotguns, they are available. There is also trap or skeet practice available next door at the Pacific Rod & Gun Club on Wednesdays. Call Off. Mike Furusho at the Lake

Merced Range or Off. Ed Reinfeld at the Airport Range for more information.

The Lake Merced Challenge, a friendly shooting competition to benefit the PAL Fishing Program will be pushed back to the Spring of 2003. Consider participating, or buying a raffle ticket to support a worthwhile cause. More info to come.

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You respond to a residence. The call is unimportant because this could happen on any call. You enter and immediately see an individual 15 feet away with a handgun in his hand, held at waist height, pointed directly at you. Your proper response should be:

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4. Take COVER, draw your weapon, identify yourself and demand he drop the gun

5. Turn and runaway back to the car and call a 10-25

6. Take COVER, draw your weapon, identify yourself and demand he drop the gun

7. Turn and runaway back to the car, back to the station, and drop a yellow card

8. Take COVER, draw your weapon, identify yourself and demand he drop the gun

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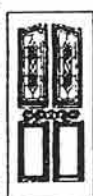
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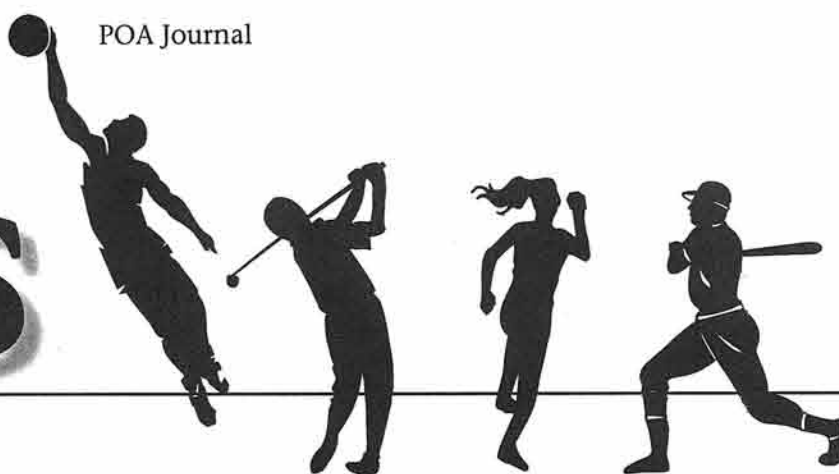
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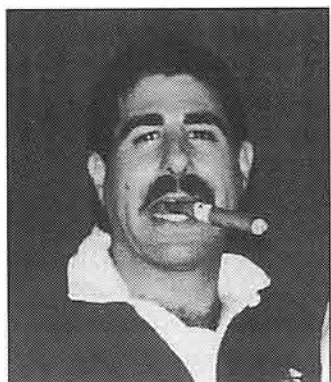


NICK'S NOTES

by Nick Shihadeh,
POA Journal Sports Editor

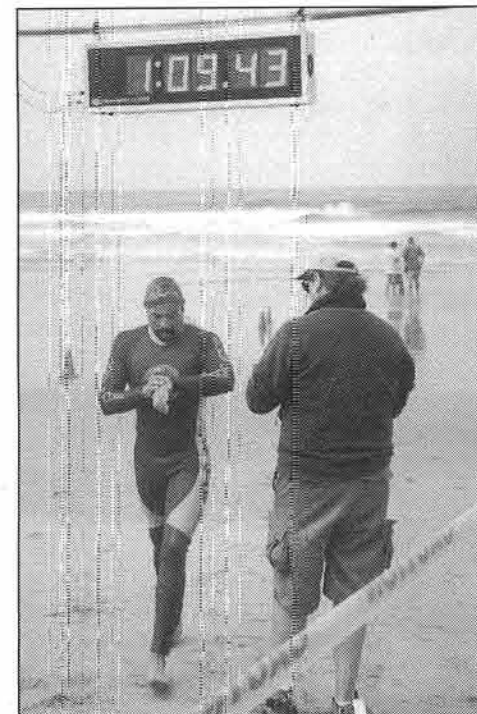
CHECK IT OUT: The one year anniversary of 9/11 took place recently and the lost lives from that tragic incident were commemorated all over the Bay Area. I unfortunately had signed up to work the Giants/Dodgers game at Pac Bell Park that day and wasn't able to attend what I heard was a great SFPD ceremony at Union Square. As far as Pac Bell Park was concerned, a wonderful flag ceremony took place before the ball game with Police, Fire, and Sheriffs Department members displaying a huge American Flag on the field. Many small American flags were also being waved throughout the crowd in the stands as God Bless

America was played which was also a inspirational sight. Our own Nick Ferrando was originally scheduled to throw out the first pitch for this game but instead attended the ceremony at Union Square. Let's hope that the Giants give him another chance to do this at a later date.



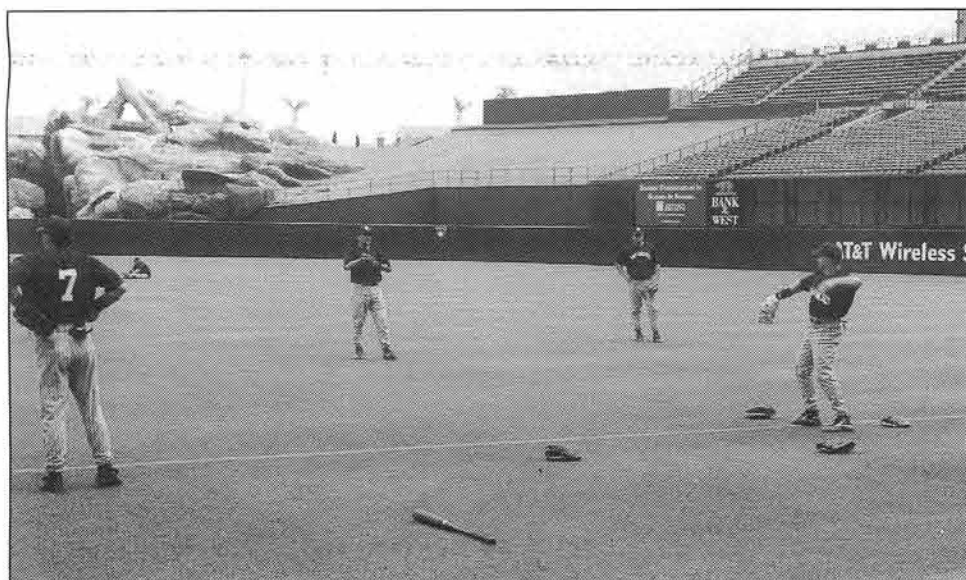
It also occurred to me that since Police Officers are popular once again along with Fire personnel, they should allow one of us to maybe sing the National Anthem before a ball game like they did in New York last year. The first name that comes to mind from our department is Jerry Darcy-- he has a great voice and would be perfect for the job if he was willing. Hopefully if the Giants get to the playoffs, that would be the perfect venue for Jerry to sing at. I hope someone from the Giants can somehow read this column and consider the prospect.

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Lou Perez at the end of a swim competition

Left: Bob DelTorre with his son Daniel



The SFPD Hardball Team warming up inside Edison Field where the Anaheim Angels play



C-Dogs — Back Row (L to R): Jim O'Shea, Steve Roche, Matt Gardner, Brian Olcomendy, Jack Webb, Mike O'Brien, Don Woolard; Front Row (L to Row): John Glenn, Nick Shihadeh, Don West, Mike Burkley, Brian Canedo, John Conefrey, Rob Canedo and Marty Lalor



A-Team — Back Row (L to R): Pat Mullins, Kevin Murray, Pete Richardson, Ed Castillo, Joe Boyle, Chris Anderson, Tracy Boes; Front Row (L to R): Kirk Edison, Andy Meehan, John Sheehan, Kevin Healy, Bernie Corry, Steve Glickman

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The SFPD over 35 year old softball team lounging after a game

Nick's Notes

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I've included some more pics from the Police/Fire Games that took place in June down in Southern California. One of the pictures is of Bob Del Torre and his son Daniel. Del Torre won a gold medal in the discus for the seniors competition which was pretty impressive as the last time he threw the discus was twenty-five years ago in the 1977 Police Games. He had plenty of help from Daniel as he prepared for this event; Daniel would motivate his

dad as he helped retrieve the discus after each practice throw over a span of eight weeks. The hard work paid off for both Del Torres and Bob of course dedicated the Gold Medal to Daniel.

Daniel also received an honorary bronze medal from the over 35 yrs softball team that his dad also participated on (run by Gary Delagnes). Daniel (shown in the team picture) served as their bat boy and did a very good job to earn the medal. Congratulations to both Bob and Daniel Del Torre!

Not a very long column this time around.....So See Ya next month though.....



By Rene LaPrevotte

(Since I haven't been on any rides of note lately, I'm digging pretty deep to keep this sorry newspaper afloat. Ray Shine begged me for "anything" for the "Journal" lest this rag might turn into another mini-mart tabloid)

Rene—
Thank you. You called it a "newspaper," and that does mean a lot to your editor.

—RS

"Dress for the crash, not for the ride"...

We've all seen the seventeen year-old, riding the 160 horsepower Suzuki in shorts and sandals. I can only cringe at the visual prospect of this genius sliding on his bare-ass down the freeway after he was cut-off by Aunt Gerdie in her '57 Buick Roadmaster.

How about the macho off-duty cop on his "'Screaming Eagle" equipped 102-cubic inch "Soft-tail", wearing the pea-pot helmet and tank top? Those stylish tattoos won't be quite so ornate after the neighbor's Doberman dives at his bike's front tire, and sends old Peter Fonda head-over-heels down the roadway,

When skin meets asphalt, the outcome is inevitable. If you've ever seen an emergency-room nurse "debriding" road-rash, you won't have the same mental image that I have when I see a rider with exposed skin, or a flimsy T-shirt for protection. We all figure we're the greatest riders since Daimler stuck a steam engine in a bicycle frame back in 1880, but the old axiom: "There are the riders who have crashed, and the ones who are going to..." is a cold fact. And when it's YOUR turn, why not use some other creature's skin rather than your own to skid down the tarmac? People DIE of road-rash, and if you don't die, you'll wish you did!

No one wants to wear a full set of leathers on a 102-degree day in Concord, but I guarantee you, the heat generated by your skin being deposited on the roadway is much more uncomfortable. At least wear a decent helmet, gloves, boots and a long sleeve shirt (Oh ya, pants too). That shirt will be history after the first bounce on the road, but at least that's one less contact your skin needs to absorb. I've seen motorcyclists end-up "802" after a 25 mph crash, and I've personally witnessed motorcycle road-racers walk away from 175 mph get-offs... the only difference was the protective clothing they did or didn't have on that morning when they threw a leg over their bike.

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THE LOONS'S NEST

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

Ed Anzore Fires Ace As He Captures The Summer Golf Classic Crown

July saw a fine flock of Loons heading south to the Monterey Peninsula for the 15th playing of the Loon's Nest Summer Golf Classic. This year the tournament was played over two of California's most historic golf courses. Olde Del Monte Golf Club is the longest on going privately owned golf course west of the Mississippi River. The course has recently been purchased by Del Monte Properties and is now know as Del Monte Golf Club. The club was established in 1897 and is bordered by the Hyatt Regency Hotel. The Loons also played the Pacific Grove Golf Links. This course was opened in 1932 and is operated by the City of Pacific Grove. The opening day at Pacific Grove brought about two golden moments in Loon's history. On

the 17th hole, Ed Anzore of the Permit's Bureau stepped up to the 138 yard, par 3 with a pitching wedge 'in his hands. The hole plays down hill with a cross breeze from the Pacific Ocean some 100 yards to the west, next to an operating lighthouse. Anzore hit a shot that was so pure, that it landed directly in the cup on the fly. Screams of joy went up and the ace allowed Ed to finish the back nine with a one over par 36 and a score of 76 for the day. This was the second tournament hole-in-one in Loon history, as Joe Allegro of the Honda's scored an Ace at Rancho Canada in the 1999 Summer Golf Classic at Carmel. Two other Loons would make this a memorable day and one was Stephen Moninioto of Robbery. After Morimoto opened his day with a 45 on the front side, he blistered the backside with a 4 under par 3 1. This is a record side for a Loon tournament, as Steve had four birdies and five pars, finishing the day with a 76, tied with Ed Anzore and one stroke ahead of Glenn Mar who posted a 77 for his opening round. Dave Pomicpic had a fine round of 80. Mike Farrell of Planning & Research gave the fans a thrill en route to a round of 8 1. On the 14th hole, a 3 56-yard par four, Mike sank his second shot, into the hole on the fly for an eagle. Oscar Ochoa opened with a hot round of 79 and this round was very significant. Ochoa and playmig partner Mark Watanabe had a wager going. If either player broke 80 on the day, the other would treat them both to a round at Pebble Beach Golf Links and lunch. As non-members are required to make an overnight stay at Del Monte Lodge to play the course, the value of the bet was



Loons at Del Monte Golf Club

Loon's Nest Scoreboard

Player	Pacific Grove	Del Monte	Gross	Net
ANZORE	76	80	156	143
MAR	77	86	163	149
GARCIA	83	84	167	141
MORIMOTO	76	92	168	144
KANE	87	82	169	156
POMICPIC	80	89	169	153
OCHOA	79	90	169	133
WATANABE	94	85	179	147
FINIGAN	82	98	180	146
SIEBERT	89	92	181	145
ENRIGHT	84	99	183	159
PARRY	86	98	184	156
DALTON	92	95	187	151
BROWN	89	100	189	151
SWEENEY	91	99	190	158
FISCHER	104	88	192	154
TIMPANO	98	95	193	155
GODFREY	97	100	197	171
SARCHETT	98	102	200	154
FABIENSEN	99	102	201	169
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As the Loon's went out to face the tough Del Monte Golf Club for the second round, skies were blue and conditions perfect, but the old course was giving up nothing. Ed Anzore fired an 80, which made him Medalist for the day and gave him a two-day total of 156 and Summer Classic Title. Greg Kane fired an 82 and Ed Garcia had an 84 on the day. Glenn Mar finished the two

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HOLE #10	1st Place - RICK PARRY	13' 3"
	2nd Place - ED ANZORE	13' 5"
HOLE #17	1st Place - ED ANZORE	HOLE IN ONE
	2nd Place - GREG KANE	14' 0"

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	2nd Place - MARK WATANABE	9' 1"
HOLE #6	1st Place - GLENN MAR	28' 11"
	2nd Place - STEPHEN MORIMOTO	34' 2"
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days with a score of 163 for 2nd low gross in the first flight, followed by Dave Pomicpic at 169.

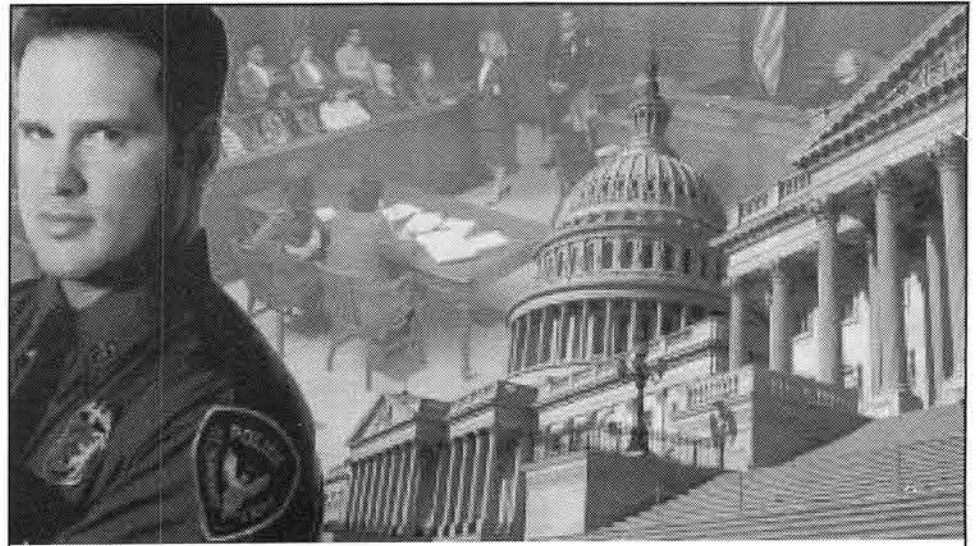
1st low net in the flight went to Ed Garcia with a net 141, followed by Steve Mori'moto with a net 144 and Taraval's Joe Finigan took 3rd with a net 146. Oscar Ochoa ripped up the second flight, as he took 1st low gross in the flight with a 169, finishing 18 strokes ahead of second place firtisher Rich Dalton of Robbery. George Brown, our Deferred Compensation specialist, took third with a score of 189.

1st place low net in the second flight went to Park Station's Bill Siebert, who finished with a net 145, finishing six strokes ahead of Mission Station's Eric

Tapang. Gile Pursley of the Tenderloin Task Force grabbed third place with a net score of 152.

One of the highlights of the trip was a banquet at the Tinnery Restaurant in Pacific Grove after the first day of golf. The Monterey Peninsula will always be a favorite Loon nesting spot, as it offers so much more than just great golf and scenery. The Loons look forward to the 2002 Club Championship to be played September 9th at Oakhurst Country Club in Clayton. In October we will take the long flight over the Sierras to the Reno-Sparks area for the

Charlie Anzore Memorial Invitational. Watch your mail and we will see you there.



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- When:** Monday October 14, 2002
- Time:** 11:00 am Shotgun Start
(Registration starts at 9:00 am)
- Place:** Green Hills Golf Course
End of Ludeman Lane, Millbrae, CA
(650) 588-4616
- Price:** \$250 per player
- Includes:** Golf cart, Tee Prizes, Lunch, Dinner,
Refreshment Wagon, Auction at Dinner
- Hole-in-One Prize:** \$10,000, 3 Day Golf Vacation at PGA West,
Set of Ben Hogan Custom Irons,
\$500 Golf Apparel Gift Certificate
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One of these prizes on each of four Par-3 Holes
- Format:** Four Person Scramble
You can bring your own team.
Singles and two person teams are welcome
We will pair you. We can only accommodate
the first 72 teams or 144 golfers.
Each golfer must submit their August 2002
handicaps or their average score.
- Dinner:** Green Hills Country Club
- Dinner Guests:** Non-Golfing Guests - \$50. You must indicate any
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Police Officers Of the Month

By Ray Shine,
Editor

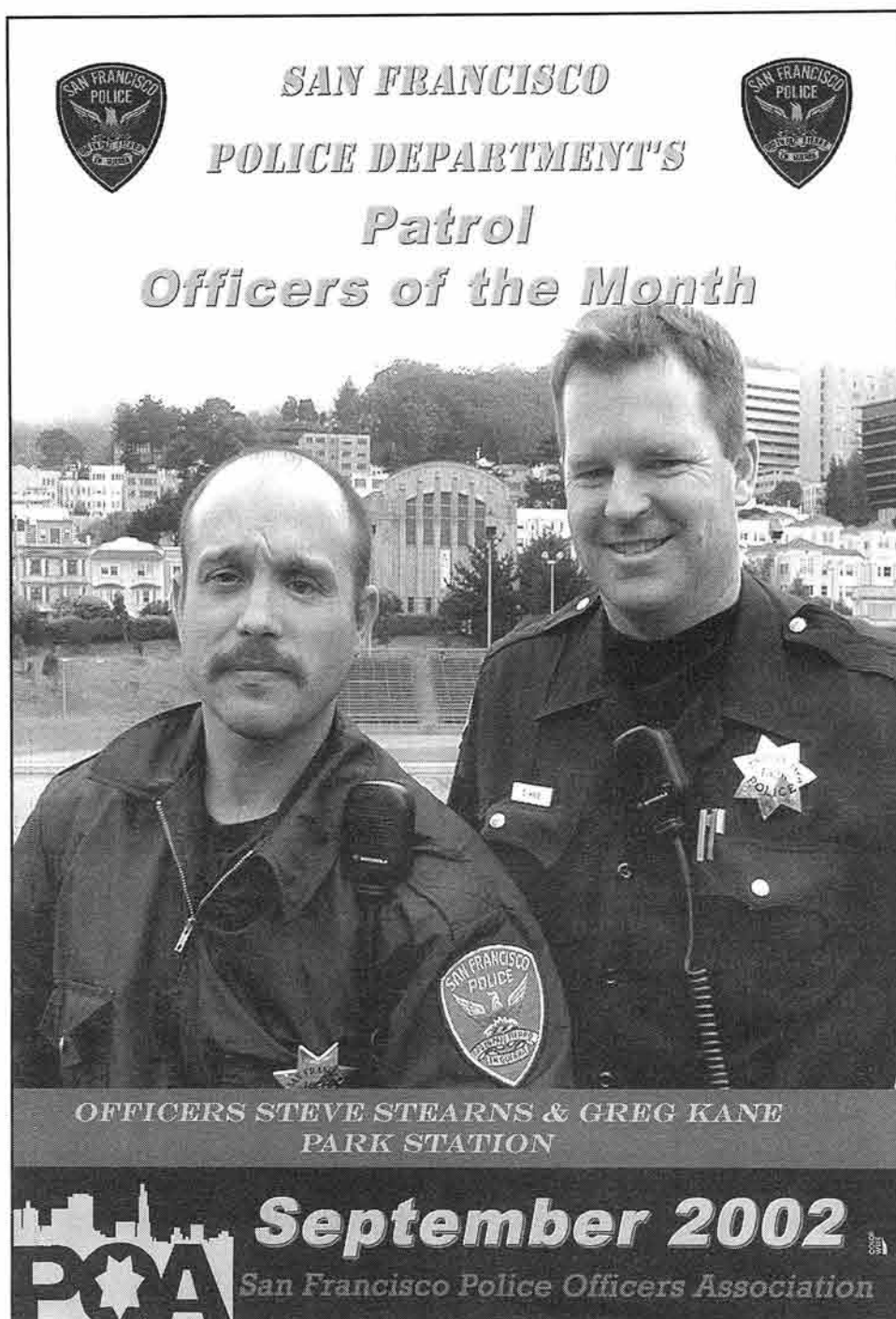
Seeking to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of uniformed police officers, Deputy Chief Greg Suhr has continued the San Francisco Police Department's Patrol Officer of the Month, a program that recognizes individuals who personify the admirable qualities common in all San Francisco street cops.

Each month a district captain will nominate one of their uniformed officers for this special recognition. The selection of a single officer, or team of officers, for this honor will prove to be an unenviable task. It will, after all, be very difficult to single out one or two officers from among so many, all of whom are as focused on their duty; every one as unassuming as the next; all as worthy and deserving.

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association applauds Chief Suhr and the Administration for recognizing the uniformed patrol officers who comprise "the backbone of the Department."

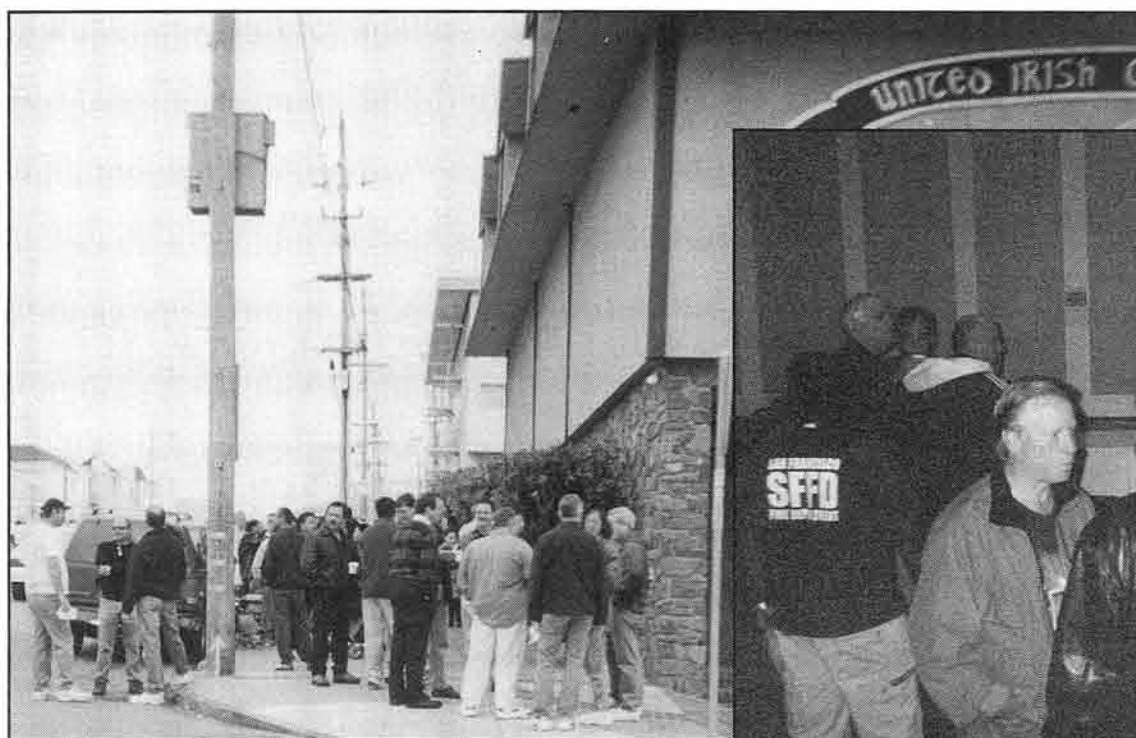
The Association also congratulates Officers Steve Stearns and Greg Kane of Park Station for being chosen as the September, 2002 Patrol Officers of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Steve and Greg serves to exemplify the strength of character, compassion, and commitment to community that is embodied in all of the men and women of the SFPD.

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