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Young UCSF cancer patient with, l to r, Chief Heather Fong, POA President Gary Delagnes and Commander David Shinn.

The Best Investment Ever

By Gary Delagnes
SFPOA President

The other day I walked the longest hallway ever. I did so with Police Chief Heather Fong and Commander Dave Shinn. We had been invited to tour the 6th floor, Critical Care Pediatric Unit of U.C. Hospital on Parnassus by Kim Scurr.

Kim is a critical care nurse at U.C. Hospital. She's walked this hallway for a number of years getting to know the children who have been sent for treatment for extremely serious illnesses. Kim and her fellow staff members get to know the children very well. They find out their favorite colors, likes and dislikes, their nicknames, and what they want to do with their future.

Their plans don't always work out. And Kim is usually the first to find out when the future is not going to happen.

We met a number of children – any one of them would fit right into your life. They all had special stories. They all had brothers, sisters, or cousins who

sometimes lived nearby and sometimes could only communicate during a brief phone call or a sterile e-mail because home was not within reach.

Kim Scurr needs our help. There are times when the families of the children hospitalized are medically advised that the treatment is not working. The children are later told, sometimes, depending on their age. Heather, Dave, and I weren't exactly sure how the families were briefed, but we all knew we could never do it. But Kim and the other nurses somehow manage to do so.

Kim and her fellow staff members wanted to raise money last year in order to build a hospice for the families of the young children when medical realities prevail over the strongest love and prayer. They had an idea that they could sell the lights on the Macy's Christmas Tree that's settled in Union Square each year and, with the profits, they could build the hospice. The only problem was that they hadn't yet

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Senior Staffer Served Nine POA Presidents

Laverne Petrucci Retires from POA

Senior POA Office staff member, Laverne Petrucci, announced her retirement effective September 13, 2004. Laverne had worked full time in the POA front office since 1973. She served no fewer than nine POA presidents, and is the only POA employee to have worked at all three POA office locations; 512 and 510 Seventh Street, and the new building at 800 Bryant Street.

Laverne was with the POA and was instrumental in transforming it from a social/fraternal organization into one of the most powerful labor groups in the city. She was here for all of the great battles and events, including the police/fire strike of 1975.

All of us at the San Francisco Police Officers Association wish Laverne a long and happy retirement. Good bye, Laverne. Thanks for all of your support and service over the years. You will be greatly missed.

President's Message

Peter's Keen Publicity Show

By Gary Delagnes

When Proposition "H" passed in November of 2003 we knew it was a result of the "Fajita Gate" fallout that gave the radical left the opportunity to come after us once again. Supervisor Tom Ammiano, who was sagging badly in the polls, surmised that the best way to revive his fading mayoral aspirations was to do what many politicians in San Francisco do when they are looking for a jump start: "Let's beat up on the cops, that should get me some votes." Supervisor Ammiano rounded up the usual suspects, Chris Daly and Matt Gonzalez, who are always willing to jump on any "bash the cops" band wagon that ventures by. We fought the initiative hard, and, when all was said and done, we lost by a couple of percentage points. Our

ing the Camrin Boyd hearings when he never missed the chance to mug in front of the cameras and pander to "cop watch" and the ACLU (who, incidentally, is one of the authors of proposition "H.")

Mr. Keane finally crossed the line with this association on September 22nd when he insulted every San Francisco Police Officer by insinuating that our response to the Thurgood Marshall school incident of two years ago was motivated by racism. He couldn't stop there! Mr. Keane went on to say that the unlawful actions of a teacher at the school were justified in view of the circumstances, and then he had the audacity to compare that incident to the murder of hundreds of Russian school children by terrorists. He concluded his evening by standing in a show of support with the people of Thurgood

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message was clear! Increasing the number of police commissioners would further politicize the commission and ultimately the San Francisco Police Department. It is common knowledge in city government that Matt Gonzalez's pick for the police commission was Peter Keane, the Dean of Golden Gate Law School, a long-time defense attorney with an ego the size of Texas.

Seems as though Peter was Matt's first boss in the public defender's office and Matt has been smitten with Peter's politics ever since. We knew that Peter Keane was a possible recipe for disaster. A defense attorney with a radical left agenda, and a history of defending "cop killers" had to have been a dream come true for Matt, Chris, Jake McGoldrick and the boys. Our hope was that Mr. Keane was bright enough and insightful enough to know that it was not his job as a police commissioner to bring forth his own agenda. We had hoped that he would be a fair and impartial arbiter on police issues and, more importantly, police discipline. What we have found instead is a self-absorbed, egotistical, narcissist who never misses an opportunity to make an outlandish statement or insane accusation as long as the TV cameras are rolling.

It has become a running joke at the police commission that Mr. Keane does most of his talking early on Wednesday nights so as not to miss an opportunity to see himself on the 11 PM news.

We caught our first glimpse of his unconscionable grand-standing dur-

Marshall in opposition to the police occupation of their school. Mr. Keane's behavior was not only unprofessional and unwarranted, but he also disgraced himself further by using children and race to further his agenda. This association, as well as this department, works very hard on a daily basis to better our relationship with the community. We have the most diversified, sophisticated police department in the country. Over 40% of our members are either minority, female or gay. Many of the officers at Thurgood Marshall that day were African American. For Mr. Keane to use his position on the police commission to further inflame the community against the police department is reprehensible.

We will not stand by and tolerate this, I assure you. Mr. Keane has shown himself to be nothing more than a cheap circus act looking to draw attention to himself. He has not only embarrassed himself, but has also damaged the credibility of some fine people on that commission. Mr. Keane, all I can say to you is have your fun, we have seen your type before. You only last long enough to parlay the police commission into some other post in city government. You have no idea what we do, why we do it, or how we do it. And I doubt you even care. It would be far more difficult for you to actually find out what you are talking about! You are a "one trick pony" who will divide San Franciscans to further your own tired agenda. You will not go unchallenged on my watch!

More on the Keane controversy
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WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

September 15, 2004

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President George Jeffery.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President George Jeffery. Vice President Joe Reilly excused. Trustees: Dave Fontana, Mike Kemmitt, Joe Garrity and John Centurioni. Excused Rene La Prevotte. Treasurer Jim Sturken and Secretary Mark Hurley. Also in attendance were past presidents Bob McKee and Bill Hardeman.

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

BILLS: Treasurer Sturken presented the usual bills. Motion by Kemmitt and seconded by McKee that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Donation of \$100.00 from Adeline Bragg in memory of her two sons Allyn and Arlyn Bragg who retired from the SFPD. A special thank you signed by all Officers and Trustees would be mailed.

WE HAD THREE DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH: RODNEY KING, 70 years. Rodney was born in Stockton, California. He grew up in Wasco, California (near Bakersfield). He worked various jobs on different farms before joining the Navy. Upon his discharge, he returned home and moved to San Francisco. He was employed as a Production Control Analyst before he entered the Police Academy in 1970. His first assignment was Southern, followed by Northern and Taraval, before being assigned to the Crime Lab. In 1990 he was transferred into a new unit called Crime Scene Investigation. He always liked to say, "I was CSI before it was popular." He retired in 1995 and moved to the city of Railroad Flat in the Sierra foothills.

LONT. DU BOSE, 77 years. Lon was born in San Francisco and was raised in the Excelsior. He attended Balboa High School. He served his country in the Navy during WWII attached to Naval Aviation. Upon his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and entered the Police Academy in 1949. His first assignment was Potrero, followed by Co. K (APB). He then worked Southern before going back to traffic and being assigned to the 3-wheel detail. He remained there until he retired in 1965 with a D.P. pension. He was awarded several Captain Comp's; one

for the arrest of a 211 suspect, another for the arrest of three holdup suspects. Lon made the best of his retirement and opened a fix it shop in Novato.

THOMAS D. MC SWEENEY, 79 years. Tom was born in Vallejo, California and moved to San Francisco at a young age. He was raised in Noe Valley and attended Saint Ignatius High School. Tom worked in the Hunter's Point Shipyard and as a teacher before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. He remained in Headquarters Company and resigned in 1950 to teach High School. He taught at several different schools in the city before moving to the Hilltop and teaching at U.S.F. He taught History, English Literature, and Family Counseling. He later went on to Administration. Tom's brother, the late Capt. John Mc Sweeney had him stay in the Widows' and Orphans'. One could say, "He really beat the system."

SUSPENSIONS: None
REINSTATED: After paying back dues and interest: Dan Falzon (Dan is currently serving in the FBI). President George Jeffery so ordered.

NEW BUSINESS: Vice President Joe Reilly felt he had a conflict of interest serving as an officer in the Widows' and Orphans' since he took over the job as secretary to the Police Commission and resigned his position as Vice President. The Officers and Trustees did not feel that way, but President George Jeffery accepted his resignation. President Jeffery appointed Bob McKee to serve as Vice President for the time being.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Bruce Bain and David Cassaro of Bank of America gave their report. Everything seems to be up in the air due to the oil problems in the Middle East and the closing down of the oil rigs in the Gulf of Mexico. With the election in the next few months they believe that the Market with start showing some good gains. They requested from the Trustees to sell some of our profits from our REIT investment and move it over to our cash account. (\$50,000) and sell Fed. Natl. Mtg. Assoc. 600 shares (\$45,000) also to buy 500 shares of 3M at a price of \$45,100. The Trustees agreed to their request and signed the necessary document.

ADJOURNMENT: President Jeffery had a moment of silence for our departed members. He set the next meeting for Wednesday Oct. 20, 2004 at 2 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station. The meeting adjourned at 2:45 PM.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley, Secretary

Ingleside Station Election Results

Michael Walsh has been elected to represent Ingleside Station on the POA Board of Directors.
Congratulations to Michael and thanks to all election participants!



Bulletin

September 17, 2004 #04-60

Clarification of Experienced Officer Pay

There appears to still be some confusion concerning the Experienced Officer Pay benefit that was negotiated in our last contract. Here are the specifics of the agreement:

The most senior officer at each District Station with 23 years of service or more qualifies for the 2% Experienced Officer Pay (which is pensionable) under the following guidelines:

1. A night duty assignment is defined as 2100-0700 hours.
2. The premium is limited to a night duty assignment in FOB District stations (Station Duty and station keeper assignments are not eligible).
3. Only members holding the ranks of police officer (Q-2-Q-4) and sergeant (Q-50-Q-52) shall be eligible.
4. If the senior officer on a watch is

off-duty, then the next senior officer with 23 years or more of service shall be eligible.

5. Employees who have been suspended in the past three years immediately preceding the adoption of our current MOU in which this benefit is delineated shall not be eligible to participate.
6. This benefit cannot "piggyback" another. In other words, you cannot be compensated as a LWLP Lieutenant or LWLP Sergeant while also service in the Experienced Officer status.

If there are any other questions that come up surrounding this benefit, please contact your station representative or you can call me at the POA.

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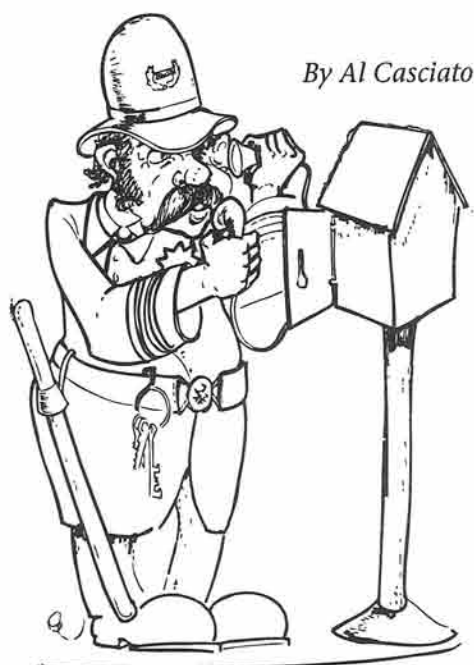
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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...Births:

Chuck E. Collins (Co. D.) and Maricela Sainez (Academy), are happy to announce the birth of their baby girl, **Luna Collins** 7lbs. 2oz. 19 1/2 inches was born on Sept. 4th, 2004. Grandfather, **Chuck M. Collins** (retired SFPD) can't wait to baby-sit his newest grandchild... Officer **Joe Gonsalves** (Airport Bureau) and his wife Linda welcome the arrival of their daughter **Samantha Rosalie Gonsalves** 7 lbs. 13 oz. 20 inches long, born July 30, 2004 at Seton Medical Center in Daly City. Samantha's sisters, **Megan** (15 1/2 years) and **Danielle** (14 years) are very excited about her arrival and can't get enough of her... Proud mother **Lisa Nevin**, daughter of **Willis Garriott** (retired SFPD), and father **Mike Nevin** (Co B), son of **Mike Nevin Sr.** (retired SFPD) and grandson of **Ed Nevin** (retired SFPD), announce the birth of **Jacob (Jake) Willis Nevin** born June 25th, 6lbs. 12 oz. 20 inches born June 25th, 2004. Congratulations to all...

...Daly City:

If see the Gardner Clan (**Dan** and **Matt**) hanging flyers in Daly City during the upcoming election season it's because their sister **Denise Kelly** is running for City Council. If you live in Daly City and want to learn more about Denise check out her website at www.electdenisekelly.com. Good luck Denise...

...Tip Line:

The confidential tip line to report person(s) or business dealing in stolen cars or stolen auto parts is 415-553-1933. Please pass the word to the public the Auto Task Force will appreciate it...

...A Star is born:

Inspector **Yvonne Pratt**, Hit and Run Detail, has been sneaking off the last few weeks to perform as one of the backup singers to **Lyle Lovette** who has been on tour through the Bay Area. Yvonne's musical group is called "The Gospel Chimes" and is such demand that fellow Inspector; **Cora Oryall** is applying for the manager's position. At the September 20 concert in Santa Rosa Yvonne heard the loud cheers of retiree, **Jim Strange** who revved up the audience with his enthusiasm...

...Hole-in-One:

Lt. Harry Pearson, Narcotics, aced the 10th hole during the POA Tournament September 20, 2004 at the StoneTree Golf Course in Novato. It just happened that the 10th hole was also a prize hole with a 2004 Cadillac Escalade or \$45,000 cash as the prize. Congratulations Harry, well done...

...Pedro Tournament:

Quarterly Pedro Tournament will be held Sunday October 24 - 12 noon sharp at the Mariposa / Hunters Point Yacht Club (405 Terry Francois Blvd. - near SBC Park). For more information or an entry form contact Sgt. **Tom Martin**, Chief's Office or go to www.mhpyc.org and download an entry form. \$25 includes lunch and prizes. Limited to 32 players utilizing an 8 game - blind partner format...

...International Police Association:

The Sunday November 7, Brunch of the IPA will be held at the Irish Cultural Center and feature retired FBI profiler **Candice Long**, who was the model for the movie "Silence of the Lambs". Reservations are mandatory. Call Rich Seguin at 1-650-869-4932 - seating limited...

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TRAFFIC TIPS

Reviewing the ABCs of School Bus Laws

By Sgt. John Nestor,
OIC of STOP Program
Traffic Company



Every one of the 50 states has a law making it illegal to pass a school bus with red lights flashing and the stop-arm extended that is stopped to load or unload students. In California section 22454(a) of the C.V.C. requires vehicle upon meeting (approaching from the opposite direction) or overtaking (passing) to stop and not proceed past the school bus until the flashing red lights and stop arm cease operation. School bus drivers activate their flashing yellow lights to warn approaching drivers to prepare to stop because that they are about to engage the flashing red lights and stop arm.

School buses manufactured prior to September 1992 may not have a stop arm. However, drivers are still obliged to stop and not pass if the red lights are flashing. According to section 22454(b)(1) a driver need not stop for a school bus with its red lights flashing only when it is approaching it from the opposite direction and it is on a divided highway or multiple-lane highway.

A divided highway (21651 C.V.C.) is basically when the opposing directions of travel on the roadway are divided by an island, barrier, or pave-

ment markings (i.e. double-double lines) not less than two feet in width.

A multiple-lane highway is any highway that has two or more lanes of travel (not a parking lane) in each direction (22454(b)(2)).

People parking over night in school bus zones create an addition hazard. This forces school bus drivers to stop in the traffic lane and engage their red lights and stop arm in order to unload their students. A school bus drivers parked at the curb in a school bus zone lane directly adjacent to a school are prohibited from activating their red lights and stop arm. The San Francisco Traffic Code section 33.5 requires that the curb line of school bus zones be painted white and contain the words "SCHOOL LOADING-TOW AWAY ZONE" painted in red and appropriate signage on either end of the zone. This Traffic Code section also states that no person shall stand, stop or park any vehicle whether attended or unattended between the hours of 7:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. when school is in session except when loading or unloading passengers (see 38c T.C.). Violators of this Traffic code section are subject to towing under the authority of 33.5A of the S.F. T.C.

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The S.F.P.D. and Politics

By Patrick Tobin
Northern Station

We all know that morale is at an all-time low but we vary on what exactly is the problem. Some Officers say that it is the working conditions and that they have become unsafe due to the lack of Officers on the Street. Other Officers say that the poor morale is a direct result of the Political influence on this Department. We all know that Politics have been an influence in this Department for years but we have never seen it so blatantly shoved down our throats.

Commentary

We have seen administration changes, policy changes and even working condition changes. There is more memo writing in this Department now than I have seen in 18 years. The latest being the 80% memo. Every time a watch falls below 80% the Platoon Commander has to generate a memo stating who was off, who gave them the time off and when it was granted. If you read into this paper trail that is being created, it seems like the Department wants to go back to the eight hour days, not a good thing for morale.

Can you say Com Stat? Just when you thought we had seen enough changes, we now have to spend even more time off the streets to enter statistical data on each Officer in our PIP

group. Yet if we are not out on the street and something happens the all powerful OCC will sustain yet another bogus charge of Failing To Supervise, how can we, when we are doing more computer and paper work than most administrative secretaries.

Political influence, have you noticed all the new foot beats in areas, which never had foot beats or were too small for a foot beat? The Political machine at work, they don't care how we do it as long as it gets done, even if it means endangering Officers. These foot beats are staffed by four and in some stations six Officers. They are pulled from station personnel and are usually put on day watch, which means that they are being pulled from an already short-staffed patrol force. These Officers get paid 16 hours of overtime per pay check for walking these special beats, even though the Department and the Politicians say we have no funds for Police overtime.

We now have fixed-post positions at 16th Street and Mission, 24th Street and Mission and even Boeddecker Park. We even have Officers assigned to move the Homeless people out of the Civic Center Plaza, especially on Wednesday night, when the Police Commission meets. We have Officers moving the Homeless people off the Median on Van Ness Ave, in front of City Hall, because the Mayor doesn't want to see them. What the Mayor doesn't seem to understand, is that this problem has been here for years and the Politicians before him and most likely the Politicians that come after him won't really change anything,

unless they are willing to back up their Police Department when the Homeless Coalition files complaints against Officers enforcing the law.

We have Homeless individuals walking our City's streets with stolen shopping carts, they rummage through recycle bins in front of residential homes, they sleep in doorways that are posted with 25 MPC signs and they even cause traffic congestion when they step off the curb line and walk into traffic to beg for money. All of these actions are violations of the Vehicle code, penal code or the Municipal Police code, but for years we have been told to leave it alone and that it cost too much money to prosecute these types of crimes. What has changed? Nothing, except now there is a new boss who doesn't want to see them in front of City Hall or anywhere else. So now we hand out warnings to people, who already know they are breaking the law, another waste of Police services. We move these Homeless people from one area of the City to another area, mostly into residential areas, where families live, whom by the way Pay Taxes and Vote! Why? When it comes right down to it Homelessness is a Social problem and needs to be dealt with by social workers. If the Mayor wants to attempt to solve or deal with this problem maybe he should think about using a City Pier that is big enough to house these people on the east side of the city and staff it with social workers, medical staff and counselors who are better equipped to deal with this type of problem.

This is not a Police problem unless you, the Politicians, are willing to let us do what we get paid to do, enforce the law. Do the Politicians even realize what they are doing to this Department or better yet, do they even care? I think it is the latter unfortunately. It has become only too apparent that the Police Department is now the doormat for every Politician in San Francisco. If something goes wrong, it's the Police Departments' fault. If we use too many Officers to prevent demonstra-

tors from destroying this City, a Supervisor will say we spent too much money doing it. If we didn't have enough Officers and the City was trashed the same Supervisor would have said we didn't use enough Officers and we should have known better. No wonder our morale is so low. We are constantly being berated by the so-called civic leaders of the City we have taken an oath to protect and serve. Oh and for those of you who thought this Police Commission might be fair, impartial and independent of political influence, think again. The first sign of that was when they moved from the Hall of Justice to City Hall. They should have just added them to the Board of Supervisors, another government body that has failed to show its support for the hard working men and women of this department, unless it is politically correct.

Well after writing this I still have to ask why the morale of the department is at an all time low.

Is it the Administrations lack of support for the rank and file, especially the patrol force?

Is it the lack of support from the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors?

Is it the fact that the Police Commission seems more intent on prosecuting Police Officers than hearing the truth?

Maybe it's all of the above, I don't know. The sad part about this is that I don't see a light at the end of the tunnel and I think a lot of Officers are feeling the same way. We have given up as Police Officers and don't seem to want to fight the injustices that have been done to us as a Department. Pro-active Police work as we once knew it, has become a thing of the past, only to be talked about in the station lunch rooms, as Officers sit around and tell stories of how great this Department once was and how much fun we had just coming to work. We are in a sad state of affairs and we need to do something to turn it around

As always God Bless and Be Safe Out There!



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SFPD Solo suffered career ending crash

POA Archive Provides CHP Motor Officer with Old Photo of his Deceased Father

POA Staff Report

In 1964, San Francisco motorcycle officer Earl L. Johnson was pursuing a red light violator westbound on Geary Blvd at 41st Ave — near the Station #34 firehouse — and was broadsided by a motorist who stated he “didn’t hear the siren.” Officer Johnson was ejected from the motorcycle and sustained severe injury to his left leg. Fortunately, one of the firemen from Station 34 ran out and applied a tourniquet to the downed Solo’s bleeding leg and is credited with saving his life. Despite the best efforts of all, Officer Johnson lost the leg to amputation. The injury ended his career with the SFPD.

In 1983, Earl Johnson’s son, Kurt Johnson also joined the CHP. Just as his father had done, Kurt Johnson sought out the coveted detail as a motorcycle traffic officer. He has been riding the East Bay freeways as a CHP Motor Officer for more than 16 years.

Just a few months ago, the POA received a packet of old SFPD and POA photographs from Howard Quinn Printing Company, the company that has been printing the *POA Journal* and, prior to that, all of the POA papers for the last four decades. Retiree, Mike Trueman, was asked to archive the collection of prints into a categorical filing system that would make researching the photo history of the POA easier. As Mike was pouring over the collection, he happened upon the photo of a smiling SFPD Solo astride his Harley-Davidson police motorcycle (displayed at left, below). The photo was tucked inside of an envelope that had scrawled across it the following: “Al — this is a photo of a motorcycle

officer that lost his leg in accident on Geary Boulevard.”

Mike is a retired Solo, but could not readily recall who the Solo in the photo was, nor could he recall the accident that the Solo officer suffered. Nonetheless, Mike set to work and dutifully filed the anonymous photo in the POA archive, and continued doing the same with the rest of the prints in the package.

Just four days later, Mike’s new neighbor, Brent Bartusch, also a CHP motor officer in the East Bay, approached him to ask if Mike knew of an old SFPD Solo named Johnson. Brent added that the officer was the father of a fellow CHP motor officer with whom he works. He also told Mike that the father had suffered a career ending leg injury while pursuing a motorist in San Francisco a number of years ago.

Mike’s jaw dropped at the irony and coincidence of his neighbor’s inquiry. On a hunch, Mike retrieved the old photo of the unknown Solo. Mike explained how he had come across it, and asked Bartusch to take it and show it to his coworker and see if the Solo is recognized. Mike also explained that the photo had come inside an envelope that explained the officer had been in an accident and suffered a leg injury.

Several days later, Bartusch returned the photo to Mike and told him that his co-worker, Kurt Johnson, did identify the Solo in the old print as his father, Earl Johnson. Kurt also told Bartusch that the old print was the only known photo of his father on a police motorcycle.

Mike scanned the old photo and returned the original to Kurt Johnson



Veteran CHP motor officer Kurt Johnson, son of deceased Solo Earl Johnson, sits astride his CHP motor and proudly displays a photograph of his father astride an old SFPD Harley-Davidson.



SFPD Solo Earl Johnson about one week before he was involved in a career ending traffic accident while pursuing a traffic violator.

as a gift from the POA. Kurt filled Mike in on the missing details about his father, particularly what Earl Johnson did with his life following his disability retirement from the SFPD. Retiree Earl Johnson later took a job with the California Highway Patrol as a dispatcher in their Oakland office. Before

he retired in the 1990’s, he had been promoted to Dispatcher Supervisor. Earl passed away in 2002. As it turned out, according to Kurt, the old photo had been taken just a week before the horrendous accident occurred. He was delighted to have the photo for his family album.

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checked with the management from Macy's to get permission to sell the lights. But that was only a minor inconvenience. As it turned out, Macy's was no match for Kim. They surrendered immediately.

Kim Scurr and her staff are not going away until their goal is reached. We had to admire that and, even more importantly, we had to be part of it. We asked if we could help (we somehow felt she knew we would...) and she accepted.

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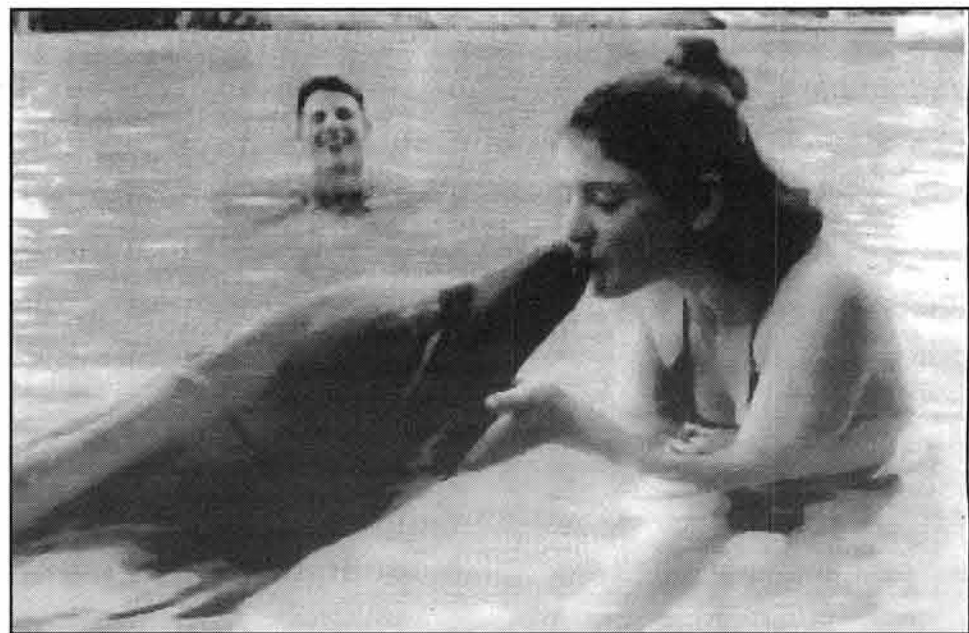
By Rene LaPrevotte

It's hard to believe that I've been retired from the SFPD for over a year, but that is the case. As most of you know, I was a big-time proponent of California Law Enforcements' Wish Upon A Star Foundation. Well, the season of giving is upon us once again, and I am appealing to each and every one of you to make Wish Upon A Star the recipient of your annual donation to the City & County Combined Charities Campaign. As in years past, simply "write-in" Wish upon A Star on the bottom portion of your donation

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I have included but a few of the scores of "wishes" granted this past year, and I beg your continued support of these kids who have such bleak futures, and simple wishes. God bless and keep you all...



A Tropical Paradise

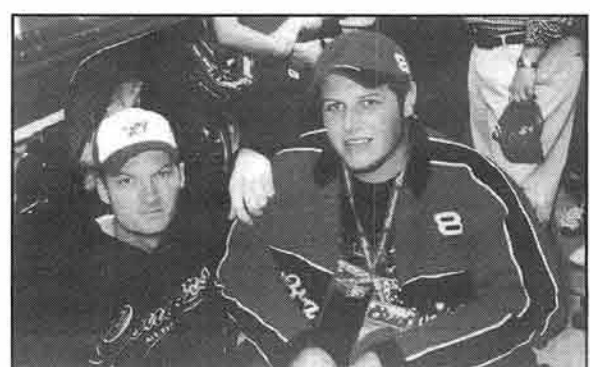
For Carly, one of the nicest things about her tropical wish trip was that she found herself in a new environment where no one knew she was ill. She writes, "Aside from my family, no one knew I had leukemia. It was a freeing experience to just be me, a 17-year-old, having fun with my family, wearing a bathing suit, shopping with my mom, swimming with the dolphins (that was the best) and loving every day. For me and my family, it was the most happy and memorable experience of our lives. Thanks so much and God Bless all of you who make this kind of miracle possible. Love, Carly"


Mai is 17 years old, she's 25 inches tall and weighs 50 lbs. Mai has a disease called Imperfecta Type II and it is rare that a child with this illness lives past the age of 2 years old. As a toddler, Mai's bones stopped growing, but her internal organs continued to grow to adult size. Mai is extremely bright and amazingly social. She attends school with the use of a customized wheelchair. Nevertheless, her body is fragile, so outside activities are limited. Mai cannot use her wheelchair in the house so she lays on the couch or on the floor. Her wish was for a laptop computer and wireless Internet. Mai received her wish. The officers who delivered her laptop were helped by Mai's good friend and caregiver. Within a few minutes, it was clear that Mai was very computer literate and, in spirit, just like any other 17-year-old.



A Meeting with Dale Earnhardt, Jr.

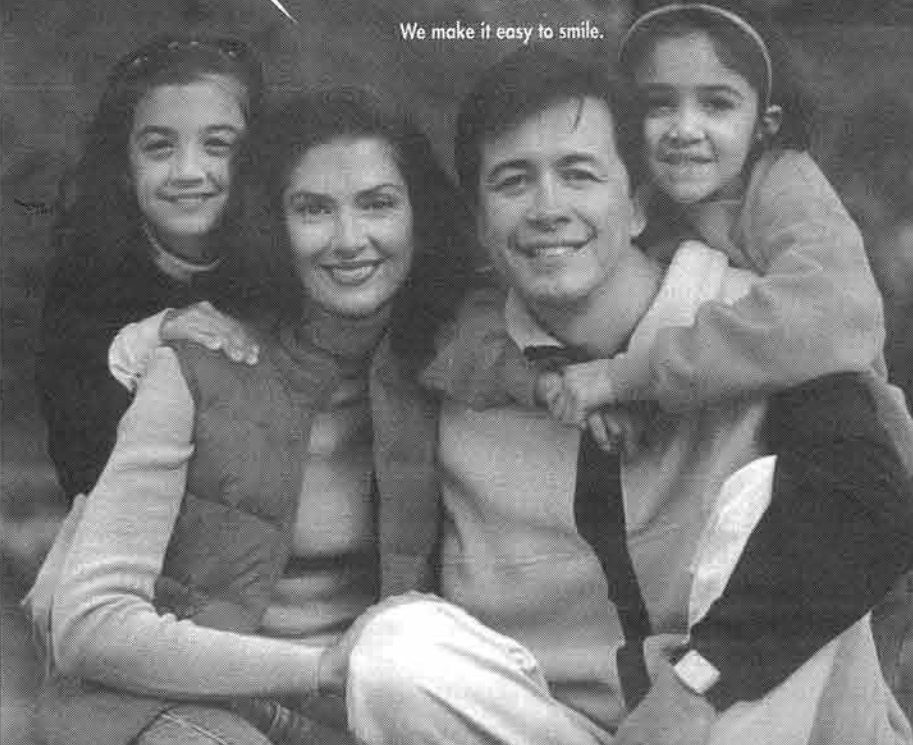
After a year of intense chemotherapy and the loss of his left leg to osteosarcoma, Justin finally got the green light from his doctors to travel to North Carolina and attend a NASCAR race. It was a fun-filled experience with the VIP treatment at every turn, but his personal meeting with Dale Earnhardt, Jr., was the highlight.





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Rotation Plan Implemented In Solo Motorcycle Unit

"Rookie" Solos will rotate out of unit after five years

By Chris Breen, Chair
POA "P-2" Committee

After several years of establishing the framework, months of negotiating the numbers, and days of last minute changes, the police administration and POA have finally reached what we believe to be a fair and equitable rotational plan for the Solo Motorcycle Unit. This agreement represents the first of three phases of a specialized unit 5-year rotational plan, commonly referred to as "P-2".

Beginning on Monday, August 30, 2004, Officers Bob Wood, John Higgins, John Schmolke, and Dick Sheehan comprised the first "P-2" class to begin training on the Solos. It was only appropriate that the architect of the rotational plan, Captain Rick Bruce, Bayview Station, address the "recruits" prior to the start of their rigorous 7-week training program. A modest Captain Bruce explained that beginning in 1999, he began a study, using statistical data and personal experience that showed that the average wait time on the current "P-1" for the Solos and Hondas list is approximately 23 years. Quickly realizing that such an extraordinarily long wait on any list is not a progressive approach to 21st century policing, Captain Bruce developed a new system that would address his concerns. The result ultimately evolved into the newly implemented P-2 policy.

After Captain Bruce finished giving the history behind the rotational plan, Deputy Chief Greg Suhr, FOB, addressed the new Solos about some of the finer points of the agreement between the administration and the POA. Deputy Chief Suhr explained that under the new agreement, all "P-2" (rotational) Officers would be al-

lowed to remain in the Solo Unit for a maximum of five years, thereby greatly decreasing the wait time on the current "P-1" list. Suhr went on to explain that the non-rotational staff positions on the Solos would be increased from the present number of 56, to 60, while establishing an additional number of rotational officers at 20.

As Chair of the POA P-2 Committee, I would like to thank Captain Rick Bruce for having the vision and foresight to realize that our fine department had to make reasonable changes in the area of transfers in order to prevent burn-out, while also making our officers better trained and more well-rounded. A special thanks to Chief Heather Fong, Deputy Chief Greg Suhr, Commanders' Mike Puccinelli and Dave Shinn, for always negotiating in good faith. It was clear from the outset that the administration and the POA shared a mutual respect and understanding regarding the direction the department needed to go into the next century. Although the respective approach of the POA and the Administration occasionally differed, the mutual goal of fairness to all officers was never in doubt.

Finally, I would like to give special thanks to Committee members Gary Delagnes, Matt Castagnola, Ron Ophir, John Flaherty, Don Morehouse, Kevin Martin and Jim Balovich for constantly introducing new ideas and concepts that were absolutely vital towards reaching a final agreement.

The Committee is currently negotiating with the administration on a similar plan for the Honda Unit. Upon the conclusion of an agreement in that unit, we will conclude our rotational trials with the Mounted Unit.

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By Sgt. Rod Nakanishi
Rangemaster

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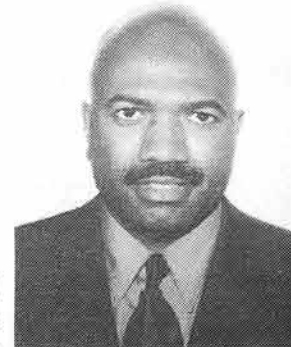
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Elks Lodge Presents Great Community Service Program

By Forrest Fulton (SFPD Ret.)

On Saturday September 18, 2004 at the San Francisco Elks Lodge #3, I had the great pleasure of attending a really innovative event, the San Francisco Police Department's, Purple Heart Medal Award Luncheon. The event was the collaboration between San Francisco Elks Lodge #3, Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF) a 501C3, and the San Francisco Police Department.

Sergeant Mary Dunnigan and Officer Ernie McNett of the SFPD Behavioral Science Unit along with Mrs. Marilyn Rosekind President of BALEAF and widow of SFPD Officer Barry Rosekind, produced the event.

Judi Santos (Exalted Ruler) and Bob Merjano (Est. Leading Knight) of Loge #3 hosted the awards luncheon and along with lodge members served the meal. The event honored the families of San Francisco Police Officers that were killed in the line of duty.

Chief Heather Fong, Deputy Chief Gregory Suhr, Commander David Shinn, and Lieutenant Thomas Shawyer represented the department

by meeting with all the families, which had lost a police officer in the line of duty.

Eighty Five family members were acknowledged in their loss and personal sacrifice. I was shocked and surprised that many of the family members had never really been acknowledged in their grief and tragic loss. Each family's comments were very strong and emotionally moving. Several family members stated that, "just the fact that after all these years members from our own community recognized the lost lives of our loved ones is tremendously important".

Every time we have a law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty, there is a family that will feel his or her loss over multiple generations. I believe that its time we recognize the families, Elks Lodge #3, BALEAF, and Behavioral Science Unit for a service program that was a long time in coming. I hope that with the help of the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund other law enforcement agencies will take a look at replicating the program for their families.

When The Death of a Member Occurs

By Sgt. Mary Dunnigan
Behavioral Science Unit

We coordinate the Catastrophic Illness Program, as well as assist members and their families when dealing with death and dying. We have come up with a list of contact numbers which have been extremely helpful when dealing with such things as funeral arrangements, obtaining death

certificates, contacting life insurance policies, and social security benefits for survivors. Dealing with the news of the loss of a member or loved one can be devastating. The shock and grief can be unbearable; which can make the task of phone calls and paperwork very difficult. Having a contact list such as this can help ease some of the worries that will arise when a loved one dies.

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#001070 Off. Damon Williams, Jr. (Co. J)
#001114 CIV Karen Ibay Coloyan (SUPP)

Karen Ibay Coloyan, daughter of Sergeant Rey Ibay is still in immediate need of donations of vacation time. Karen is needed at home to care for her Dad who is undergoing cancer elimination treatment.

Please forward all original donation forms to the Behavioral Science Unit to ensure posting.

Member Still In Need Of Assistance

by Officer Ernie McNett, Behavioral Science Unit

Catastrophic Illness Program - Family Member
Karen Ibay Coloyan of Support Services
Recipient #001114

Karen Ibay Coloyan, daughter of Sergeant Rey Ibay, is a recipient in the Catastrophic Illness Program - Family Member. Karen is needed at home to help care for her Dad (Sergeant Rey Ibay). Donations of vacation hours are needed for Karen. We have received some donations and greatly appreciate the assistance but still need many hours to ensure that Karen does not go without a check. Even donations of 8 hours will help out tremendously - 100 donors of 8 hours each will translate to 800 hours - which is about 5 months. Karen will be in the program at least until January so please keep the donations coming in. We wish our best to Rey Ibay for success with the cancer elimination treatments. Please send all original donation forms to the Behavioral Science Unit for processing and call if you need forms or have any concerns. (837-0875)

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By Marilyn Rosekind
President, BALEAF

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Native Sons and Daughters of San Francisco

First Annual SF Native Jamboree

Submitted through Julie Tittle
wife of Steve Tittle, FOB

The First Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree will be held at the Italian Athletic Club at 1630 Stockton Street, San Francisco, on Tuesday November 4, 2004 from 6 pm to 9 pm.

The San Francisco Native Jamboree is an opportunity to bring together native San Franciscans who share a common bond of being born in the most beautiful city in the world - and a great party! "We collaborated on this event because of our love for our City by the Bay," said Debra Mugnani Monroe, President, Monroe Personnel Service LLC and one of the events producers.

"There are many San Francisco celebrations, but we realized that there were none devoted to those born here," said second generation San Franciscan, Linda Mansouria, event producer and President of Make It Happen LLC. "When natives meet they always get a kick out of sharing their experiences and memories of growing up here. Whether it is about where they attended school, reminiscing about the fun hangouts of the past, or the colorful people in our mutual history, there is always plenty of laughter and admiration for the place we call home."

We're hoping that everyone will certainly meet lots of new people and also be reunited with old school chums. San Francisco Native Jamboree will offer a buffet service with an array of foods representing the neighborhoods and ethnic diversity of San Francisco.

Debra Mugnani Monroe, also a second generation San Franciscan, adds, "We are also encouraging attendees to bring photos or other memorabilia to share. We will have a place to display photos of places like the Fun House at the Great Highway, the neighborhoods we grew up in, and school yearbooks. We're hoping that the attendees will join us in singing "I left my Heart in San Francisco" at some point during the evening.

Space is limited to the first 350 attendees who register since this is our first event. We are hoping to make this an annual event, to double, or even triple the size of attendance in 2005."

To register and for more information about the San Francisco Native Jamboree visit www.sfnativejamboree.com or contact Linda Mansouria at 415-928-5257 or at lindam@makeithappenllc.com, or contact Debra Mugnani Monroe at debra@temptlme.com.

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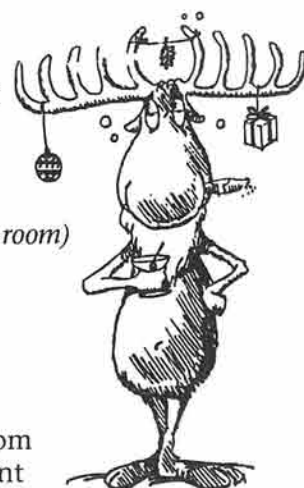
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Hearing Loss not Unusual For Police Officers

From The Tribune-Review, August 29

PITTSBURGH, Penn. — When they chased suspects years ago, Pittsburgh police pushed a pedal on the floor of their patrol car that triggered a screaming siren under the fender.

The wailing was brutal on the ears of the officers inside the cars.

"If you were inside a police car or van, your ears would ring afterwards for hours," said Rich Dwyer, a former Pittsburgh police lieutenant and Wilkensburg police chief. "It was deafening."

Pleasant Hills police Chief Floyd Nevling, 69, is seeking disability payments from the borough, claiming that he has lost hearing in one ear because of noise from gunfire and police sirens. The borough has rejected his request, and he has taken the case to the Allegheny County Court of Common Pleas.

A doctor hired by Pleasant Hills to test Nevling found the chief's hearing loss is congenital and likely not job-related, borough attorney Fred Jug said.

But doctors hired by the Fraternal Order of Police say Nevling's years as a Marine, an Allegheny County police officer and borough police chief have cost him 30 percent of the hearing in his right ear.

Noise is among many hazards of the job for police officers, Dwyer said.

Years ago, police frequently made monthly visits to the firing range. If it got too noisy, they stuck the lead ends of bullets in their ears for protection against noise levels from handguns that can reach 150 decibels or more.

"Nobody ever thought of wearing hearing protection," said Dwyer, 58, who started as a patrolman with the city force in 1969.

Wearing headsets or some other form of ear protection has become standard over the last 10 years, said

James Pasko, executive director of the national office of the Fraternal Order of Police.

Prolonged exposure to noise in the 90-decibel range can permanently damage hearing, said Phil Cheswick, an attorney who has handled hearing loss claims for Dwyer and other Pittsburgh police officers.

Noise from subway trains, tractors or trucks registers about 90 decibels, according to the League for the Hard of Hearing in New York City and Oakland Park, Fla. Normal conversation registers at 60 decibels. Gunfire compares to the sound of a jet engine at takeoff — which measures 150 decibels. Even rock concerts, 120 decibels, and air raid sirens, 130 decibels, are easier on the ears.

In 2000, Dwyer said, he began noticing that he couldn't hear his grandchildren when they asked him questions. Tests revealed that he had suffered the loss of 30 percent of his hearing in both ears.

A 75 percent hearing loss is considered total, Cheswick said, and if it is in both ears, it can result in a workers' compensation claim of up to \$195,000.

Dwyer now wears hearing aids that cost \$4,000 apiece, paid through workers' compensation.

But proving that hearing loss is job related can be difficult. Further, most health insurance plans for police don't cover hearing loss.

Brian Walters, an attorney whose firm defends the city of Pittsburgh in hearing loss disability claims, said he has worked on nearly 40 such cases in the past eight or nine years. Most involve older firefighters or police officers.

"A guy who's gotten to be chief obviously has been around for a while," Pasko said, "and if somebody said to me that chief's got hearing loss, I wouldn't even raise an eyebrow."

Improved Body Armor On The Way

From USA Today, September 15

Lightweight, flexible body armor that looks like dragon scales and is more comfortable to wear than today's bulletproof vests could be available within two years.

The armor, designed to stiffen when hit with a high-velocity projectile, also will provide increased ease of movement and more body coverage.

Today's bulletproof vests are made from strong fibers that absorb the impact of a projectile. For added protection, ceramic plates often are inserted into the vests.

The problem with these vests, says Chuck Canterbury, president of the Fraternal Order of Police, is that they hinder movement by weighing officers down.

Body armor is effective only if it always is worn while in the line of duty; if it's not comfortable, officers will take it off. "If officers can't wear a vest comfortably day in and day out, then it's not any value to us," Canterbury says.

Jack Roberts, research professor in mechanical engineering at the Applied Physics Lab at Johns Hopkins University in Baltimore, is working to create protection equal to the ceramic plate inserts.

The new armor will be made of overlapping discs embedded in plastic-like

layers. Each disc is about one-eighth of an inch thick and is about the size of a penny. The discs are made of hard materials such as alumina, tough ceramics such as zirconia and metals that change their rigidity upon impact, such as iron aluminide.

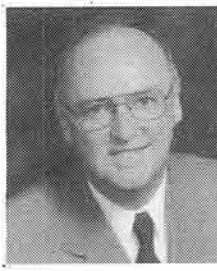
These materials complement each other in strength when put side by side, says Rick Reidy, associate professor of materials sciences and engineering at the University of North Texas. When a projectile hits the vest, the discs and the polymer layers act as a shock absorber.

The armor also may be reinforced with traditional soft armor fabric, such as Kevlar.

This latest armor technology is patented, and the discs have been impact-tested. A prototype could come within two years. The group plans to submit a proposal to the Department of Defense. For the first year of production, about \$200,000 is needed.


The war on terrorism makes the development of the armor particularly timely, Reidy says.

And land mines pose a major risk to the soldiers in Iraq, says Paul Biermann, material and process engineer at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, who also is working on the armor. "Being able to extend armor over the whole body would be a real help."



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Comments From Two Officers Who Were There

By Chris Breen

POA Representative, Southern Station

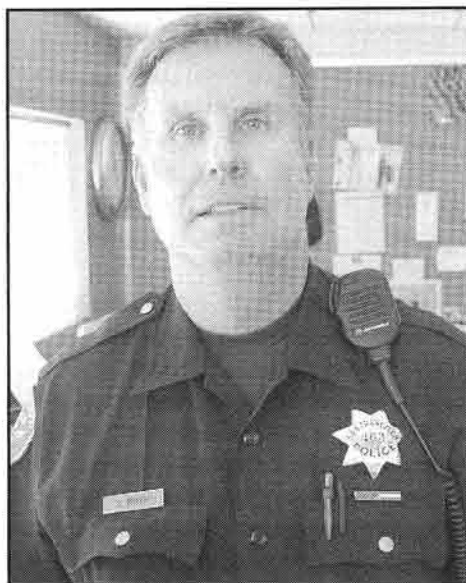
On Wednesday, September 22, 2004, the Police Commission convened their weekly meeting and promptly commenced discussion on the police tactics used at Thurgood Marshall High School on October 11, 2002. Before I write about the irresponsible and unforgivable remarks that were made by Commissioner Peter Keane at the Police Commission hearing last Wednesday, it is only appropriate that I give a brief history of what transpired at Thurgood Marshall High School two years ago. Believe me, the events of that day are brief.

On October 11, 2002, the School Resource Officers responded to a fight between two students in the hallway at the school. While attempting to quell the situation, the officers were surrounded by approximately 100 students, encouraging the fighting students to continue, rather than playing the role of peacemaker, as the Police Commission naively believes. Once the officers realized the situation was becoming unmanageable, they requested assistance so as to not further endanger themselves and the student body at Thurgood Marshall. Since we have all been involved in similar, if not identical, situations, I'm sure you know what happened next.

This altercation between two students, with encouragement from numerous other students, spilled out onto the street in front of the school. Hundreds of uninvolved students and teachers at Thurgood Marshall took great pleasure in engaging the responding officers, whose only objective was to control the crowd and regain control of the situation.

In the ensuing months, now years, since this altercation, several misguided students and teachers at Thurgood Marshall High School have filed complaints with the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC), the Police Commission, and numerous other public advocacy groups, accusing the officers of using excessive force and "over-reacting" to the melee. As they are compelled to do under the city charter, the OCC has thoroughly investigated all complaints lodged against the officers on that fateful day, and determined that all the police tactics used that day "were within the Department policy." The OCC went on to say that the behavior of all the officers who responded to the melee was "proper conduct." That's right. You did not misread what I have written: The behavior of all the officers was proper and within Department policy.

This brings me back to the comments that Commissioner Peter Keane made at the Commission meeting last Wednesday, September 22nd. Com-



Officer Chris Breen

missioner Keane told the people in attendance at that meeting that the incident at Thurgood Marshall had parallels to the events that happened in Russia last month, in which terrorists stormed a Russian elementary school and proceeded to slaughter almost 300 children and adults. Even though Commissioner Keane said that the "level" of severity was not the same, he did say, "The same type of response in terms of the kids at the school was similar to that of Thurgood Marshall." In effect, Commissioner Keane is putting the officers who responded to Thurgood Marshall in the same category as terrorists who cowardly killed innocent children. Commissioner Keane, who unfortunately has been entrusted to pass final judgment on the hard-working officers of this Department, had the audacity to compare cold-blooded murderers to the very people he is supposed to oversee.

Commissioner Keane is also attempting to have the other four Police Commissioners join him in issuing a public apology on behalf of the San Francisco Police Department to all of the students and teachers at Thurgood Marshall on that day. I certainly hope that the other Commissioners have enough common sense to realize that anything close to a public apology from the Department is absolutely unacceptable.

I will stand proudly with POA President Gary Delagnes on Wednesday, September 29, 2004, when he requests that Police Commissioner Peter Keane apologize. We cannot, and will not, tolerate anybody on the Police Commission comparing us to murderers. I strongly recommend that everybody attend the Commission meeting on Wednesday, showing your solidarity behind Gary and the POA. These reprehensible comments on behalf of Commissioner Peter Keane deserve nothing short of his unequivocal apology to the members of this Department.

September 24, 2004

Commissioner Peter Keane
San Francisco Police Commission
Thomas J. Cahill Hall of Justice
850 Bryant Street, Room 505
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Commissioner Keane,

I watched with dismay and disgust your reaction and response to the testimony regarding the Thurgood Marshall High School incident. As a school patrol officer for the San Francisco Police Department who responded to the officer's request for assistance, I find your comments insulting, self-serving and pandering. You have seemingly based your opinion on the statements of those whom are well served by having the police officers who responded bear the responsibility for their own criminal behavior.

*As one officer [at the scene] proclaimed,
"Thank God we showed up. Now they have
somebody to blame."*

When did you or any commissioner, specifically Commissioner Veronese, conduct a fair and impartial investigation into the events of that day? Have you sought the testimony of police officers who responded that day? Have you, indeed, read the findings by the Office of Citizen's Complaints? Even that agency, which no one who has fallen under their skewed purview would ever characterize as being fair and impartial, determined that there appeared no basis in fact for the accusations made by the complainants. The OCC's recommendations for specific protocol regarding response to school disturbances would appear to be a half-gasp attempt to re-write police policy, which is not within their mandate.

I witnessed my fellow police officers subjected to scatological and racist taunts, pointed and dangerous projectiles, spitting and physical assaults. I personally was targeted, alone, by no less than forty students in the main foyer of the school. My acc interview of that event is available to you if you care to make that effort. I saw and heard multiple teachers, who are charged with the care and safety of students while at school, abandon their responsibility. Instead, students were exhorted to, "Resist the police! Let the blood of freedom flow!" As these teachers validated the students' behavior, the ability to maintain the respective safety of all participants became increasingly problematic. The teachers appeared to be capitalizing on this event to present some bizarre

and dangerous object lesson on the First Amendment and civics in action.

Throughout the riot, I observed my fellow police officers respond with firm restraint. In the cadre of officers with whom I worked, which successfully and safely shepherded students eastbound on Silver Avenue to Revere Street, there were no baton strikes. There was no targeting of students, racially or otherwise. Officers were not verbally responding in kind to the taunts to which they were subjected. Dozens of students, using profane insults, verbally dared us to strike them as they recorded our names and star numbers in notebooks, as instructed by teachers. The officers of the San Francisco Police Department firmly and professionally held the line, removing one student for threatening and assaulting two officers, as

well as one young lady, for her safety, who sat down in the middle of the crowd of students and was being trampled.

We knew that day that we would bear the responsibility for the event. As one officer proclaimed, "Thank God we showed up. Now they have somebody to blame." That is a reality of our job, in this City, which we accept and with which we are accustomed. But, Sir, your characterization of the officers who responded to that event as even remotely similar to the ghastly and murderous tragedy in Russia is reprehensible, irresponsible and unworthy of the office you hold. You evidently lacked the moral and political will to do anything more than tell the people what they wanted to hear. You did not question the motives or veracity of the speakers or in any way suggest that you sought the truth. You perpetuated the new reality of San Francisco...let someone else be responsible for my actions...my child's actions.

Commissioner Keane, as you build your political base for future office, do not pour your foundation with the lies and false accusations of the electorate to which you pander. Do not use your office as a bully pulpit from which you may polarize this City so as to gain political capital. Apologize and resign, Sir. You have seriously and irreparably impaired your ability to execute the oath to which you swore upon taking office.

Sincerely,
Michael Walsh
SFPD Star #344

At the September 22, 2004 Police Commission meeting, Commissioner Peter Keane made several inflammatory comments about the manner in which SFPD Officers responded to and managed a riot at Thurgood Marshall High School. The incident occurred on October 11, 2002, before Keane's appointment to the Commission.

The comments generated outrage and dismay from Officers and members of the community. These pages reflect some of those reactions.

— Ray Shine, Editor

Text of President Delagnes' Demand For Apology

Good Evening Madame Commissioner.

My name is Gary Delagnes. I am president of the San Francisco Police Officers Association. I am honored to represent the 2300 dedicated men and women of this fine department. Our organization represents one of America's most progressive and diverse police departments.

You will notice that there are many police officers here tonight. I seldom ask my members to appear at the police commission hearings because I know they do not wish to endure the unwarranted criticism that they are subjected to at some of these meetings. That is my job, and that is why I am here tonight. I am directing my comments to Commissioner Keane, in particular.

All of us recognize that this commission has an extremely difficult job, just as the police officers do in maintaining a safe and livable city. However last week, you Commissioner Keane introduced the specter of racism into an incident that heretofore had never been considered as such — not by the people who were there; not by the police administration; not by the media; not even by the Office of Citizens Complaints. You then went on to inappropriately and irresponsibly compare this incident at Thurgood Marshall School with the tragic slaughter of hundreds of innocent Russian school children by terrorists.

How absurd, and how shameful. You next chose to sympathize with the illegal actions of a teacher at that

school — one who was ultimately terminated for his incitement — rather than demonstrate leadership and support for the beleaguered officers.

I do not know why you chose to incite the flames of racism. It has been said that you have a political agenda and are playing to your constituency. Others say you are simply hungry for recognition. Whatever your motivation, you have clearly crossed the line from conscientious commissioner to an advocate of irresponsible hate mongering and in the process have shattered the fragile bond of responsibility and trust that you were sworn to uphold.

I ask you Commissioner, what if we had not responded as appropriately as we did and innocent students were victimized? Would we then have been criticized for our lack of response to a school less privileged than the one that your daughter attended?

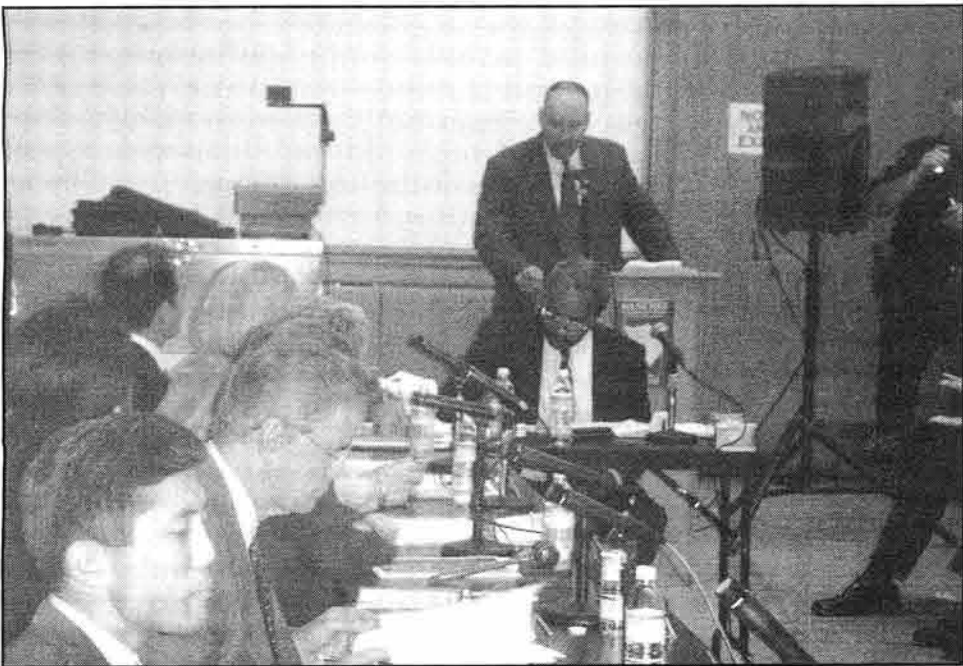
It should be noted that, following the police response, that no students were injured. It should also be noted that five police officers were.

All San Francisco police officers come hear tonight expecting an apology. Not from the other members of this commission who, we presume, do not agree with you, but from you directly,

Mr. Keane — you, a champion of due process, an academic in the field of law, you of all people who rushed to judgment.

It is from you that we expect an apology, sir.

Indeed, we demand it.



Police Commissioner Peter Keane, second from left, listens (!?!) to POA President Delagnes' demand for an apology.

An Open Letter to Peter Keane

September 29, 2004

Editor's note: During public comment at the September 29, 2004 Police Commission meeting, POA Secretary Kevin Martin read aloud the text of the following Open Letter to Peter Keane. — RS

Commissioner Peter Keane
San Francisco Police Commission
850 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Commissioner Keane:

Your perverted ideology and ego-driven agenda have clearly outdistanced any modicum of common decency or civility you may possess.

Your overt disdain for the police department and its officers is as appar-

ent as the ice water that trickles through your veins.

Your actions and comments are clearly disturbing and only serve to fan the flames of hate and obstruction. You have proven to be a great obstacle in the way of police community relations.

How dare you even remotely equate the residual effects of Thurgood Marshall School and the slaughter of innocent children in Belsdan Russia?

Through your actions and words, you have clearly proclaimed yourself as king of those who cannot understand normal thinking.

Sincerely,
Kevin Martin,
 Secretary
 San Francisco Police Officers
 Association

Statement By Chief Heather Fong To The Police Commission On September 29, 2004

Editor's note — At the conclusion of her weekly report to the Police Commission, Chief Heather Fong made the following statement to the sitting panel. In her signature eloquence, Chief Fong delivered the message in the Mission District school auditorium where the meeting had been convened. The room was packed with scores of San Francisco police officers, their friends and families, and community activists, all of whom rose to their feet in ovation as the Chief concluded and gracefully stepped away from the podium without further comment.

Later in the evening, Commissioner Keane cited Chief Fong's address and a statement made by Commissioner Theresa Sparks as the two motivating factors that convinced him to apologize for some of the inflammatory comments he made on September 22, 2004. Apparently none of the other impassioned remarks from a stream of individuals, union leaders, and police rank-and-file elicited that same effect on the Commissioner. — RS

Statement of Chief Fong:

I would like to leave you with these words. It has been said that working as a police officer is one of the most complex jobs in American society. Add to that the intricacies of working in the City and County of San Francisco, and it should be clear that our occupation is highly challenging, but also highly rewarding.

I understand the realities facing the members of this department. Thousands of calls and hundreds of investigations are handled on a daily basis by the men and women of the San Francisco Police Department. This is what we are trained to do, this is what we are expected to do, and this is what we will continue to do, and do to the best of our ability.

I also cannot see any reason to draw a parallel with the tragic terrorist takeover of a Russian school in which hundreds of innocent children were killed. Such an analogy, whatever the motivation, is offensive and without foundation.

I also appreciate how our actions are oftentimes the subject of public scrutiny. This is appropriate and necessary. We are committed to improving the way we work. We are constantly seeking new ways to improve our community partnerships. We welcome constructive criticism from all quarters.

We do not invite or endorse, however, comments that paint the actions of our officers with a broad brush. Those kinds of generalities are neither accurate nor are they productive to the dialogue we wish to maintain with all groups. I also cannot see any reason to draw a parallel with the tragic terrorist takeover of a Russian school in which hundreds of innocent children were killed.

Such an analogy, whatever the motivation, is offensive and without foundation.

I must however, tell you that I and many other members of the Police Department have been personally affected and troubled by these recent remarks. Although we take exception to the remarks that were made, the officers of this department will not stop doing their job. We are not throwing in the towel.

Be assured though, we will not be distracted from our obligations by words that are at best, unfounded and ill-considered. I am confident that the high quality of work done by the members of this department will continue. Our commitment to working cooperatively with the Police Commission, the OCC, and each and every community remains strong. We will continue to do our job in a manner that is professional, exemplary and free from any hint of bias, intolerance, or prejudice. We cannot afford to let controversial statements interfere with the critical services we provide to the people of the City and County of San Francisco.

Let me state clearly that the officers of this department take their duty with the utmost seriousness. Let there be no doubt that we will not shirk our responsibility to answer when called; we will not shrink from danger or uncertainty; we will not abdicate our responsibility to bring calm to scenes of violence; and we will continue to protect those who are most in need. The dedication of San Francisco police officers to the highest standards of conduct remains and is unwavering. Whatever remarks have been made about us and our character, our mission remains the same. We intend to hold fast to our solemn oath to serve the people of this City.



POA Secretary Kevin Martin addresses the Commission.

Letters



Dear SFPOA:

As a 35-year member of the POA and an original "Bluecoat," I would like to thank the Board of Directors for their recent "second choice" endorsement of me for the position of Supervisor in District 7. I would like to offer my sincere thanks to those Board members and the rank and file members that supported me and made even a "second choice" endorsement possible.

Sincerely,
Greg Corrales
Candidate, District 7 Supervisor

August 31, 2004

Gary Delagnes
San Francisco Police Officers
Association
800 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Delagnes,

Thank you so much for your generous donation of \$1,000.00. Community Boards sincerely appreciate our ongoing relationship with the Police Officers Association. It is only with the help of this kind of support that we are able to continue offering free dispute resolution services to the people of San Francisco. We look forward to working with you in the future.

Sincerely,
Rebecca Iverson
Executive Director

September 3, 2004

Gary Delagnes
Police Officers Association
800 Bryant St. 2nd Floor
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Delagnes,

The Department of Parking and Traffic Enforcement Division held their first Annual Family Day Picnic on Sunday, August 29, 2004, at Roberts Park in Oakland. It was extremely successful. Over 250 family members along with our Parking Control Officers were in attendance. We would like to personally thank the POA Good & Welfare

Committee for your contribution. Your funds assisted in the purchase of food and prizes.

Your generosity was greatly appreciated by the members of DPT Enforcement.

Sincerely,
Commander Sylvia Harper
Enforcement Director

SFPOA

Attn: Marty Halloran
800 Bryant St., 2nd Fl.
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Mr. Halloran,

At this time I would like to thank the San Francisco Police Officers Association for the generous scholarship. The scholarship will greatly help with my tuition at UCLA. I look forward to continuing my education and I thank you for your support. I am sure the scholarship committee had some difficult choices to make, and I thank them for their time.

Being part of a law enforcement family has shaped my values and beliefs, and I am grateful for that.

Sincerely,
Jeffrey Callaghan

Martin Halloran
Chair - Scholarship Committee
SFPOA
800 Bryant Street
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Martin Halloran,

This letter is to thank the SFPOA Scholarship Committee for your generous award. This scholarship will aid in my future studies at Humboldt State University. I am planning on majoring in psychology with an education emphasis. Thank you for helping me achieve this goal.

Sincerely,
Jennifer Simpson

Dear Mr. Halloran,

Thank you and the rest of the Scholarship Committee for selecting me for the \$1,000 award. Every penny will help this Fall at Boston College.

Once again, thank you very much.

Sincerely,
Tony Payne

Dear Gary,

I would like to alert your active and retired members of the San Francisco Police Department who have vacationed at Camp Mather, California to a recent development regarding the camp. I talked to Chris Cunnie this morning and I thought you could publish this letter in your newspaper.

The Joe Barnes Family has built and run the Camp Mather Corral for the past 75 years. His son, Jay Barnes, is currently running the business. Jay raises, trains, and cares for his horses year-round so he can provide the campers with high quality horses. Most important, the safety of the rider is his highest priority.

Just recently I learned that the Evergreen Lodge Inc. is planning to make a strong bid to take over the Camp Mather Corral. They have already taken over the camp general store and are now gunning for the corral. Their new management has deep pockets and has every ability to outbid Jay Barnes. It's the classic David versus Goliath story. Next on their sights will be the day to day operation of Camp Mather. I know your newsletter will come out after the bidding has ended on September 16, 2004, but it will take a while for the Board of Supervisors to approve the contract.

I'm asking your active and retired members of your Department to send letters of protest to: Yomi Agunbiade, Acting General manager, Recreation and Park Department, 501 Stanyan St., San Francisco, Ca. 94117. In addition, they should also contact the Mayor and Board of Supervisors by email at sfgov.org. For additional information on this subject, contact Friends of Camp Mather at www.campmather.com

Thanks for posting my letter in your monthly newspaper.

Michael Kearney
Battalion Chief, S.F.F.D.
Station 11
San Francisco, Ca. 94107

August 20, 2004

Gary Delagnes
S.F. Police Officers' Association

Dear Gary

After thirty-five (35) years of city service I am retiring.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you and all of the city employees whom you represent for all of your support and cooperation in our efforts to negotiate fair labor contracts, and to work cooperatively for the improvement of working conditions for your members and the delivery of excellent service to the citizens of San Francisco.

Thank you for all of your efforts. I wish you the best of luck as you continue to work on behalf of both city workers and the citizens of this greatest of cities.

Sincerely,
Geoffrey L. Rothman, Director
Employee Relations Division
Department of Human Resources
City and County of San Francisco

Dear SFPOA—

On Thursday, October 21, 2004 the Angel Island Immigration Station Foundation (AIISF) will hold its annual celebration at San Francisco's Empress of China restaurant. This year's theme, The Lotus Club, where dreams unfold, will capture the enchantment of the 1930's Chinatown nightclub experience.

We will also celebrate the highly successful launch of the Immigration Station's restoration and honor those who have led the way in preserving the site and its legacy. We hope that members of the Police Officers Association will consider attending this event, as one of the three honorees is Police Chief Heather Fong.

The immigration experience is a common thread binding the histories of most Americans. Whether escaping persecution, poverty, or lack of economic prospects, immigrants have come to this nation for the ideals it represents—freedom, democracy and opportunity. From 1910 to 1940, nearly one million people were processed through San Francisco as part of their Pacific journey. Yet during these years, 175,000 Chinese immigrants were held at Angel Island—sometimes for month and even years at a time—due to the Chinese Exclusion Act (the only legislation ever to ban a specific ethnic group from entry into the United States). Some of these detainees carved their dreams, hopes and emotions into the walls of the barracks, and today, hundreds of poems remain—a testimony to the trials and triumphs of the immigrant spirit.

Those attending the event will help AIISF to raise funds to continue our important efforts. To inquire about attending the event, please contact us at 415.561-2160.

Sincerely,
Charles F. Greene
Interim Executive Director
Angel Island Immigration Station
Foundation

Dear SFPOA:

Who would have believed that five years ago I could have brought breast cancer awareness to so many people. And once again, thanks to you and over 200 people like you, I have raised over \$6,300.00 this year, bringing my five years' total of fund raising to over \$32,000.00! Yes, I will be back next year.

Please enjoy the picture.

Thanks again.
Love,
Barby



Dear Friends—

Thank you for your recent gift in support of the San Francisco AIDS Foundation. Your generous gift in support of Team #8715 in the AIDS Marathon Training Program is helping us provide a safety net of essential services for people with HIV/AIDS. In addition to the San Francisco AIDS Foundation, your gift supports HIV/AIDS care and prevention efforts in five Bay Area counties. A portion of the funds raised also supports treatment access efforts in the developing world where AIDS



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Regards,
Lance A. Henderson
*Development Director & Interim
 Executive Director
 San Francisco AIDS Foundation*

Dear Mr. Delagnes—

Thank you so much for your generous donation to our Late Night Basketball Program, which is slated to begin the evening of September 22, 2004, at the Joe Lee Gym. Additional information regarding the games will be sent out via e-mail in the days to come, but I wanted to personally thank you for the support which you have offered this very worthwhile program. Without your support, and the support of other Bayview residents and businesses, this program could not exist.

Sincerely,
Captain Rick Bruce
Bayview Police Station

Dear Gary—

On August 26, 2004 Officer Nico Discenza was participating in the Physical Training program at the Academy when he suffered a massive and near fatal heart attack.

On behalf of the men and women of Central Station, I want to express our thanks to you and the Executive Board. The compassionate generosity of the S.F. Police Officers Association helped to provide Nico's family necessary accommodations while they maintained a vigil of hope and prayer for his recovery. Miraculously, Nico has recovered sufficiently to be discharged from the hospital and is on the long road to full recovery.

Witnessing the caring and giving by San Francisco police officers during this medical emergency underscores the greatness of the members of this department.

Sincerely,
Stephen Tacchini
*Commanding Officer
 Central Police Station*

Dear San Francisco Police Officers Association—

Thank you very much for your gift to Ohlhoff Recovery Programs. Your generosity helps to ensure that people experience the miracle of recovery and that no client is turned away.

At Ohlhoff Recovery Programs we offer the finest recovery services and with our friends, we ensure that the homeless and working poor with no health insurance have access to them. Men, women, adolescents and families are now living lives being clean and sober and you are making it happen!

Thank you again for your generosity.

Sincerely,
Barbara Farrell
*Executive Director
 Ohlhoff Recovery Programs*

Open Letter To The Membership

corrales4supervisor.com

In the last month, the attacks on the SFPD have continued. I have yet to see anyone from the Board of Supervisors, or anyone else for that matter, speak up on behalf of the maligned officers. We have seen a number of politically-motivated transfers in recent weeks. Did you hear one peep of protest? Members of the Field Operations Bureau command staff try to do the right thing, but their input is rarely heeded. It is time to fight fire with fire. You need an advocate on the Board of Supervisors that will be independent and that will not succumb to political pressure.

With your support, I will provide that advocacy.

The campaign is going very well. Even with all the obvious obstacles of running against a political insider (note the POA endorsements) I am running neck-and-neck for the lead in District 7. Thank you to all of you who have sent contributions to the campaign. There are only six weeks left, so if you intend to send a contribution, please do so as soon as possible. For an excellent update of the campaign, please view my website at *corrales4supervisor.com*. It will give you information about the campaign, my position on the important issues, and how to make a donation or volunteer to help.

It is time for the final push. Although many of you live out of town, most of you have relatives and friends that still live in District 7. Please ask them to support me. If they need house signs, we will deliver them. If they have questions, I will meet with them and answer any questions. For thirty-five years I have been there for officers in need. Now is the time to support me so that I can continue to represent officers that are currently being unrepresented at City Hall.

Thank you.

Greg Corrales

Editor's note: On September 17, 2004, the POA Legislative Committee and members of the Board of Directors voted to endorse Greg Corrales — a veteran police officer and POA member for more than three decades — as its "second choice" candidate for the Board of Supervisors from District 7. The "second choice" endorsement refers to the need to mark Greg Corrales on the second tier of the new Instant Run-Off voter's ballot. This and all other endorsements will be listed on POA slate cards and other endorsement literature. — RS

Candidate's Statement

Joe Buono for POA Vice President

Editor's Note: POA Elections will be held in January 2005. Look for more election news in coming issues. —RS

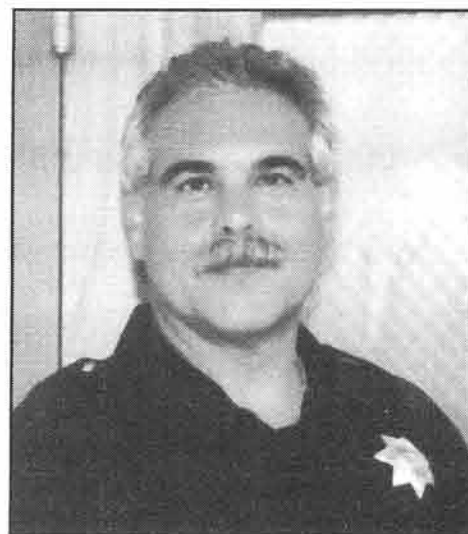
September 13, 2004

To Members of the Police Officers Association and Fellow Officers:

I am Sergeant Joe Buono currently working as the Officer-in-Charge of the Operations Center. I will be running for the position of Vice President of the Police Officers Association in the upcoming election.

I have been in the Department for 23 years and have served on the Board of Directors of the Police Officers Association. My patrol assignments have been Northern, Southern, Ingleside, Mission and Bayview Stations. I have also worked in the Narcotics Division as well as several specialized plainclothes units throughout my career. I am looking forward to becoming a valued part of the Police Officers Association and will represent the members to the fullest of my capabilities. I will dedicate my time and energy bringing the Police Officers Association and its members to a closer relationship, and fight for issues, which are important to the majority of the members.

If elected, I will give the members 100%. I have never been a politician and I still don't claim to be one. I am not running for this position to be a politician. My goal is to protect the hardworking cops who continue to serve the public with pride and integrity, and day after day continues to do the job the right way but still end up looking like they have done something wrong. I believe in standing strong for what's right, keeping honesty and integrity between the members, the Executive Board, and the Board of Directors of the Police Officers Association.



My focus would be to build up morale and confidence that I believe is at an all time low throughout the Department. Being a Police Officer is a hard job and sometimes you end up facing the Chief, the Police Commission, and the Office of Citizen's Complaint for doing what your paid to do — be proactive and fight crime! I believe the job of the Police Commission is to protect and support the Police Officers who are doing the job the right way and not to say or do nothing in support of Officers when the issues become political. I respect the job of the Police Chief and Police Commission. I have no problem with discipline from the Chief or Police Commission when an Officer is proven justly wrong. I do have a problem with Officers who are clearly doing an outstanding job for the public, the Department, the Police Commission and continuously end up in the political arena for what we know is professional police work.

If you feel and share some of the same issues I do, I would appreciate your vote for Vice President of the Police Officers Association.

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SFPD may be constrained by new federal CCW law

Correction/Clarification of Retiree ID Policy

Legal review initiated —No policy change yet discussed

By Ray Shine
Editor

A report that appeared on Page 8 in the September *POA Journal* has created confusion and misunderstanding among readers. The report focused on the issuance of SFPD identification cards to retirees. Currently, a retiree ID card is valid for 5 years. Our report incorrectly inferred that Chief Heather Fong had initiated policy changes that would require a retiree to renew his or her ID card annually, particularly if it is endorsed with an authorization to carry a concealed weapon. Spokespersons for Chief Fong tell us that no policy change has been formally discussed at any level within her administration. Fong's legal office, however, is reviewing recently enacted federal legislation that permits nation-wide CCW authorization in order to determine its effect on current SFPD policy and procedure.

The new federal legislation is HR 218, titled the "Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004." The act amends title 18 of the United States Code to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from state laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. (See sidebar for full text of HR 218.) Confusion exists

throughout the country as to the impact that this legislation will have on local agency policies and procedures, due primarily to the lack of standardization of CCW requirements from state to state. Even Cal POST lacks an established CCW guideline for retirees that local law enforcement agencies can use to formulate policy and procedure.

The report that appeared in the September *POA Journal* stirred several retirees to contact the POA with concerns and complaints. Retired Solo John Grizzel pointed out that an annual renewal policy would significantly impose on retirees who have moved away from the Bay Area, or out of state. As John points out, there are expenses involved — for transportation and lodging costs — which some retirees will find difficult to cover on a fixed income.

Retiree A.J. Hartzler wrote to the POA to explain that Chief Fong and other agency heads may not have a choice in the matter if the language of the new federal law is interpreted to mandate an annual renewal process for retirees. Section 3, (c), (5) may force local agencies to comply with an annual renewal based on the following language (key sections underlined by editor for emphasis):

"As used in this section, the term 'qualified retired law enforcement officer' means an individual who ... during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the state's standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms."

For those retirees who have relocated out of California, the new federal law may impose even greater burdens. Section 3, (d), (2) (A) reads:

"The identification required by this subsection is ... a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer; and a certification issued by the State in which the individual resides that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the State to meet the standards established by the State for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers..."

A spokesperson for Chief Fong has stated that there is no immediate change anticipated in the current SFPD retiree ID procedure, and certainly not

until the new federal law has been thoroughly reviewed. If changes occur after that, they will most likely be made in order to comply with the mandates of the federal law. Until that occurs, the 5-year validity of a retired members SFPD identification card remains in effect. In keeping with the current policy, retired members whose ID card is set to expire, or whose card has been lost, damaged, or needs updating should comply with the following:

- * One must have retired after 1980
- * One must remain in good standing with the SFPD

- * One must respond to the SFPD Identification Bureau and have a digital photo taken, and also complete a Retired Officer's ID Card form. (The ID Bureau will take ID Card photos ONLY at the following times: Monday through Friday, 1700 to 0800 hours; anytime on weekends; Wednesdays 1200 to 1300 hours.)

- * One must respond to the Police Range and re-qualify with his or her weapon. Phone 415.587.2274 to obtain monthly re-qualification schedules.

Any retiree who has questions regarding his or her ID Card should contact the Medical Liaison Unit at 415.553.1055.

H.R.218: The Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 (Enrolled as Agreed to or Passed by Both House and Senate)

One Hundred Eighth Congress of the United States of America

AT THE SECOND SESSION

Begun and held at the City of Washington on Tuesday, the twentieth day of January, two thousand and four

An Act

To amend title 18, United States Code, to exempt qualified current and former law enforcement officers from State laws prohibiting the carrying of concealed handguns. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,

SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.

This Act may be cited as the 'Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004'.

SEC. 2. EXEMPTION OF QUALIFIED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS FROM STATE LAWS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED FIREARMS.

(a) In General- Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is amended by inserting after section 926A the following:

'Sec. 926B. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers

'(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law of any State or any political subdivision thereof, an individual who is a qualified law enforcement officer and who is carrying the identification required by subsection (d) may carry a concealed firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, subject to subsection (b).

'(b) This section shall not be construed to supersede or limit the laws of any State that—

'(1) permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property; or

'(2) prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any State or local government property, installation, building, base, or park.

'(c) As used in this section, the term 'qualified law enforcement officer' means an employee of a governmental agency who—

'(1) is authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and has statutory powers of arrest;

'(2) is authorized by the agency to carry a firearm;

'(3) is not the subject of any disciplinary action by the agency;

'(4) meets standards, if any, established by the agency which require the employee to regularly qualify in the use of a firearm;

'(5) is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and

'(6) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

'(d) The identification required by this subsection is the photographic identification issued by the governmental agency for which the individual is employed as a law enforcement officer.

'(e) As used in this section, the term 'firearm' does not include—

'(1) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

'(2) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921 of this title); and

'(3) any destructive device (as defined in section 921 of this title).'

(b) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections for such chapter is amended by inserting after the item relating to section 926A the following:

'926B. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified law enforcement officers.'

SEC. 3. EXEMPTION OF QUALIFIED RETIRED LAW ENFORCEMENT OFFICERS

FROM STATE LAWS PROHIBITING THE CARRYING OF CONCEALED FIREARMS.

(a) In General- Chapter 44 of title 18, United States Code, is further amended by inserting after section 926B the following:

'Sec. 926C. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers

'(a) Notwithstanding any other provision of the law of any State or any political subdivision thereof, an individual who is a qualified retired law enforcement officer and who is carrying the identification required by subsection (d) may carry a concealed firearm that has been shipped or transported in interstate or foreign commerce, subject to subsection (b).

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'(1) permit private persons or entities to prohibit or restrict the possession of concealed firearms on their property; or

'(2) prohibit or restrict the possession of firearms on any State or local government property, installation, building, base, or park.

'(c) As used in this section, the term 'qualified retired law enforcement officer' means an individual who—

'(1) retired in good standing from service with a public agency as a law enforcement officer, other than for reasons of mental instability;

'(2) before such retirement, was authorized by law to engage in or supervise the prevention, detection, investigation, or prosecution of, or the incarceration of any person for, any violation of law, and had statutory powers of arrest;

'(3)(A) before such retirement, was regularly employed as a law enforcement officer for an aggregate of 15 years or more; or

'(B) retired from service with such agency, after completing any applicable probationary period of such service, due to a service-connected disability, as determined by such agency;

'(4) has a nonforfeitable right to benefits under the retirement plan of the agency;

'(5) during the most recent 12-month period, has met, at the expense of the individual, the State's standards for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry firearms;

'(6) is not under the influence of alcohol or another intoxicating or hallucinatory drug or substance; and

'(7) is not prohibited by Federal law from receiving a firearm.

'(d) The identification required by this subsection is—

'(1) a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the agency to meet the standards established by the agency for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm; or

'(2)(A) a photographic identification issued by the agency from which the individual retired from service as a law enforcement officer; and

'(B) a certification issued by the State in which the individual resides that indicates that the individual has, not less recently than one year before the date the individual is carrying the concealed firearm, been tested or otherwise found by the State to meet the standards established by the State for training and qualification for active law enforcement officers to carry a firearm of the same type as the concealed firearm.

'(e) As used in this section, the term 'firearm' does not include—

'(1) any machinegun (as defined in section 5845 of the National Firearms Act);

'(2) any firearm silencer (as defined in section 921 of this title); and

'(3) a destructive device (as defined in section 921 of this title).'

(b) Clerical Amendment- The table of sections for such chapter is further amended by inserting after the item relating to section 926B the following:

'926C. Carrying of concealed firearms by qualified retired law enforcement officers.'

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Retirements

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates the following members on their recent service retirement from the SFPD. We always are disappointed when old friends move away, but it must be agreed that each of these members is deserving of a long and healthful retirement. They will be difficult to replace, as they take with them decades of collective experience and knowledge. Listed alphabetically by last name, the most recent retirees are:

Inspector James Blanson #1655 from EEO

Officer David Burns #862 from Richmond Station

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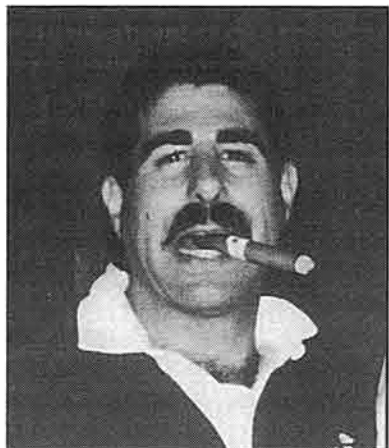
Sports



Nick's Notes

by Nick Shihadeh
Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT: Congratulations to Lt. Harry Pearson (Narcotics) for his outstanding hole-in-one golf shot on Monday, September 20th, at the 13th annual SF-POA Golf Tournament at the Stone Tree Golf Club in Novato. Ellis Brooks Fleet Manager Brian Choy, (Adam Choy's dad) and our own POA arranged for brand new 2004 Cadillac Escalade as a prize in case someone accomplished the feat, and Harry did just that on the 165-yard 10th hole.



One of the best golfers in the department, Harry used his 7-iron to hit the first hole-in-one in his life. Val Kirwan was at the green verifying the shot, telling everyone that the ball bounced two times before landing in the cup. Harry called his wife Lois to tell her the news and broke it this way,

"Honey, I've got good news and bad news. The good news is that I hit a hole-in-one today and won a brand new car. The bad news is that now I have to buy a round of drinks for over two hundred people." Harry chuckled as he told me the story.

This continued to be a great day for Harry as his foursome ended up coming in 2nd place in the tourney and he won some gift certificates as well. The event was a success



Harry Pearson after hitting his hole-in-one.



John "Dynamite" Sheehan taking the shot that ended up as the game winning goal.



John Sheehan and Kevin Murray being congratulated by teammates for the game winning goal.

Johnny, forgive me for the mistake; otherwise, good stuff to both!

We're all very happy that Central Station's Nico Discenza is doing so well after his recent heart attack. One of the projects he was working on before this health issue hit hard was getting his new house sheet rocked and the backyard landscaped. This is where Nicole Manning (also from Central) stepped in. She decided to run in the NIKE Marathon that is taking place in the Bay Area on Sunday, October 24th, in order to raise money to help with the unfinished work at the Discenza home.

Manning has already started training for what will be her second marathon ever (she usually competes in triathlons) and would really appreciate a very reasonable fifty cents a mile (which comes to \$13.00) from anyone who is able to contribute. Nicole would please like checks made out to her or to Nico's partner Paul Doherty, and send those checks to Nicole c/o Central Station. I'm definitely going to send her a check, and I encourage all of you to do the same. (As long as your checkbooks are out, please don't forget the Kurt Schneider Family Trust and the Bill Davenport Trust as well.) Good luck to Nicole Manning!

Finally, in this column, I want to announce that Gary Delagnes and I are now in the process of starting the SF POA Sports Hall of Fame for present and past department members. We want to recognize the men and women of the SFPD who have done such a fine job representing the department over the years when exhibiting their exceptional athleticism in whatever sport they compete in. A committee will come together twice a year to discuss those qualified for consideration, and there will be a formal dinner held annually to announce the inductees.

Gary and I would like your help in coming up with names of department athletes over the last forty years (or earlier if need be) who would qualify for such an honor. Please send your suggestions to either Gary Delagnes at the POA office or to me at Park Station.

That's all for now...see you next month.

raising over \$20,000 for the POA Scholarship fund. As usual, a good time was had by all. Once again, kudos to Harry Pearson and thanks to the POA and Brian Choy at Ellis Brooks and all the other generous tournament sponsors.

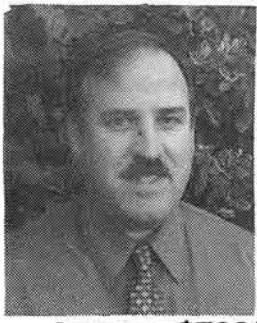
Continuing on with the subject of golf, don't forget that the 3rd annual Emerald Society Golf Tournament is taking place at Harding Park on Thursday, October 14th. I'm sure late entries will be accepted if one acts quickly. Choose your foursome, get your money together, and send it all to Brian Philpott at Mission Station. I missed last year's tourney and heard it was a blast, so I will definitely be at this year's gala and hope to see you there too.

You will notice that the soccer pictures with my column were also in last month's issue. I wrote that Kevin Murray (Park) was getting congratulated for a game-winning goal during the Police/Fire Summer Games in Stockton back in June. Well, as much as Murray would like to take credit for the goal, the person who did actually score the goal was Tenderloin's Johnny "Dynamite" Sheehan with the kick shown here (I believe Murray got the assist just the same). To my buddy

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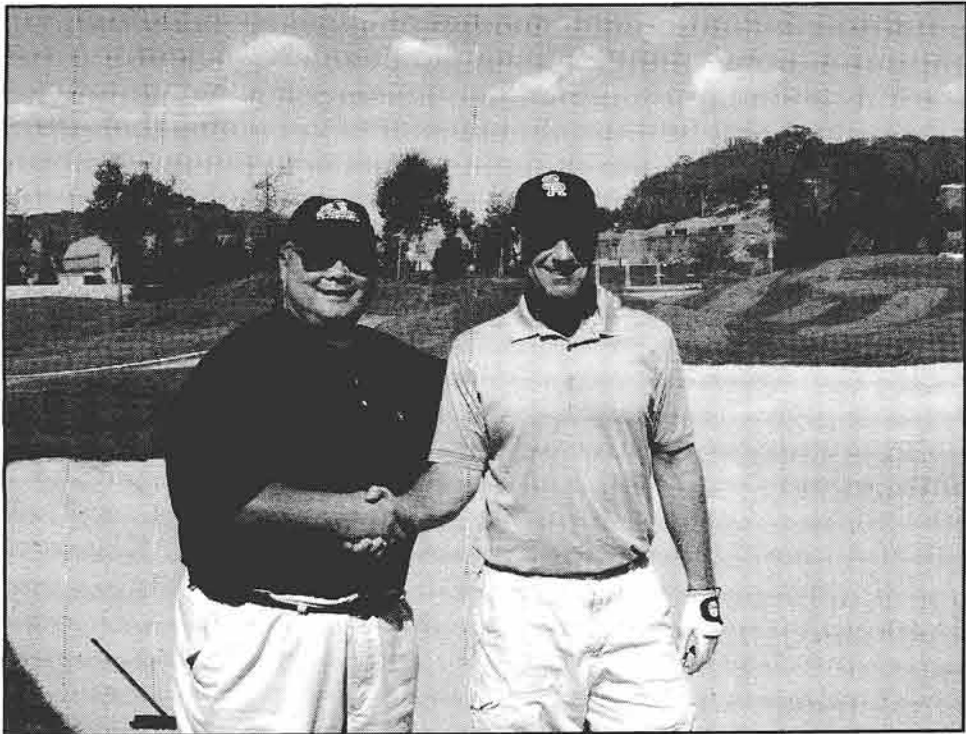
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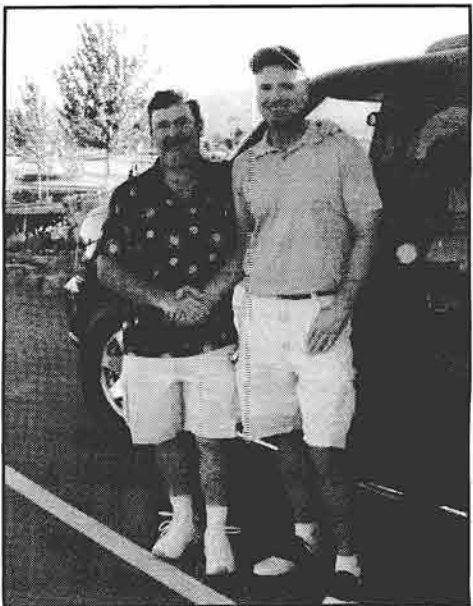
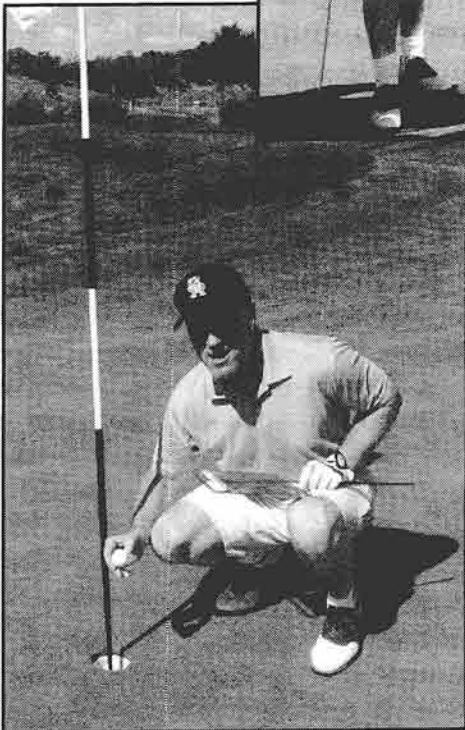
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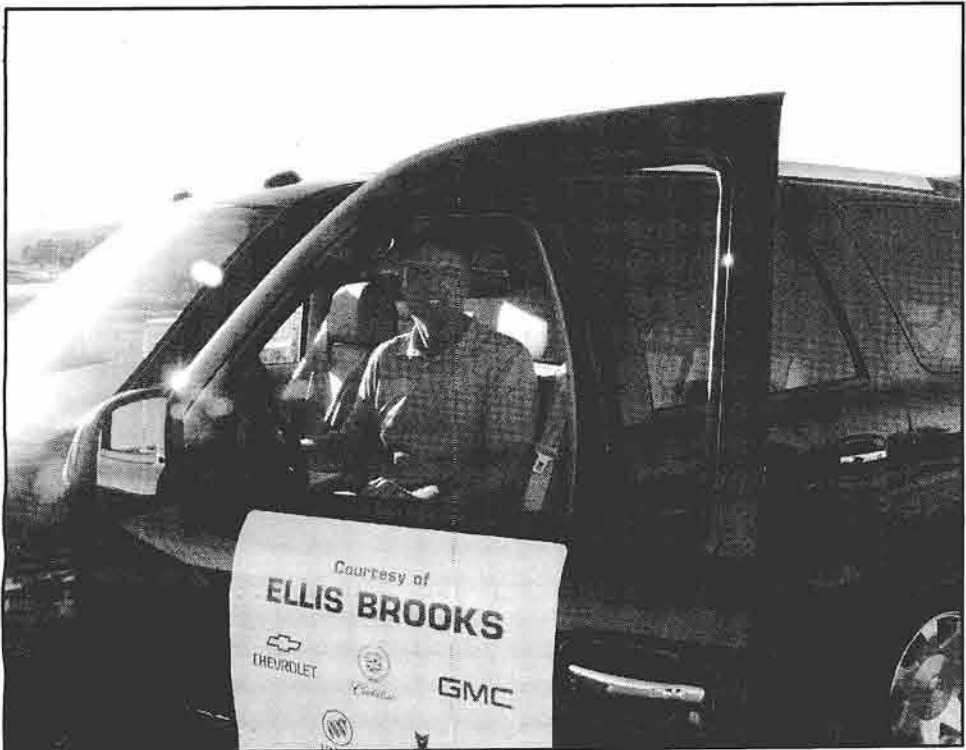
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Harry retrieves the winning ball.

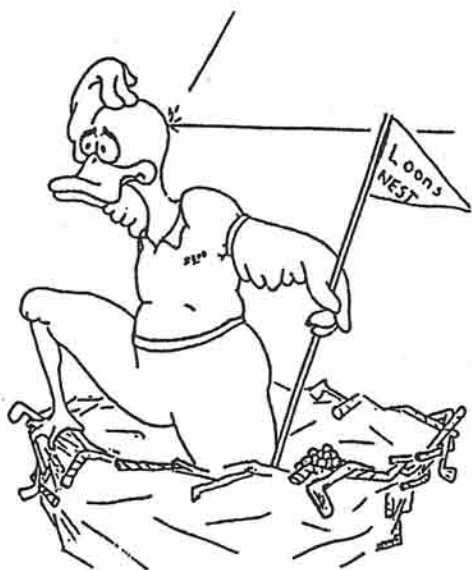


Harry rides in style.



Comedian Bob Sarlatte lights up the crowd.





THE LOON'S NEST REPORT

Lorin Wins Club Championship at Presidio

By Ed Garcia
Central Station

Cold, gray skies and strong winds howling. Low fog moving across the ground obscuring the view through the trees as foghorns sounded continually near the rocky cliffs. Could this be a scene from a San Francisco murder mystery or the Hounds of the Baskervilles? No, this was the setting for the Loon's Nest Golf Club's 2004 Club Championship at the Presidio Golf Club on the 24th of August.

The Loons have enjoyed nearly two full seasons of fair to great weather conditions for tournament play, but the Presidio was ready to change all of that. Pin placements were tough, when you could find the pin through the moving fog, although the course itself was in good shape. Sixty Loons teed off on this morning, but one man had his mind made up, he would not fall victim to a tough course with adverse conditions. Recently retired member Bruce Lorin, formerly of Permits, was ready to play, coming off his recent victory in the Summer Golf Classic at the Mare Island Golf Club.

The Loons started off from the 10th tee, playing the tougher back nine, and Loons Harry Pearson, Steve Landi and Dave Pomicpic each opened with scores of thirty-nine on the opening side. Bruce Lorin was two back with a score of forty-one, with Glenn Mar and Steve Morimoto three back with scores of forty-two.

As the Loons made the turn, Lorin kicked his game into high gear, as he birdied the 1st and 6th holes, and suffered only one bogey on the side. Bruce posted a one under par thirty-four on the side, and a total of seventy-five for the day. Under the playing conditions of the day and the pressure of Club Championship golf, this was one of the finest rounds we have seen this season. Bruce finished five strokes ahead of second place finisher Dave Pomicpic, who posted a score of eighty. Dave's day was highlighted by an eagle on the 14th hole, and a birdie on the 4th hole. Taking third in the first flight was our 2000 Club Champion Steve Landi, who finished with and eighty-one.

First flight low net was a very tight

battle between four players. Dave Kranci of the Solos, Stan Buscovich retired horseman, Ken Lum, and Joel Timpano all finished with net scores within a stroke of each other. Kranci took First Place, as he fired an eighty-six with a seventeen handicap for a net 69. Kranci birdied the final hole, a 493-yard par-five hole and that was the difference. Ken Lum also birdied the final hole to pull himself into a tie with Buscovich and Timpano who both bogeyed the final hole. A tiebreaker was used and Timpano was awarded second place, Lum third and Buscovich in at fourth place.

In Second Flight, low gross, John Greenwood from the Tactical Division fired an eighty-eight to take first place. John had posted par on three of the four par-three holes en route to victory. So often in tournament golf, par-three holes are the scenes of disasters that take players out of contention, but Greenwood used them as opportunities, with three pars' and one bogey.

Tenderloin's Dean Ries was once again in the trophies, as his round of ninety gave him second place in the flight. Dean picked up a birdie on the front side (15th hole), but a triple bogey on the next to last hole scuttled Dean's efforts.

Our deferred compensation advisor, George "Fitz" Brown, grabbed third place with a score of ninety-three. George picked up a birdie on the fourth hole, making his birdie put after putting his tee shot 4' 7" from the pin.

Second Flight, low net saw a runaway victory by Co. K's Gile Pursely. Gile took the flight with a six -stroke margin over second /third place finishers Bill Siebert of Park Station, and Larry Mack of Narcotics. Pursley's net score of sixty-six is the product of several weeks spent on the Kona Coast, where Gile worked on his game while relaxing in this Polynesian paradise. Bill Siebert and Larry Mack both posted net scores of seventy-three, with the tiebreaker to Siebert.

The Long Drive winner was Northern Station's Scott Warnke, who took the prize with a blast of 325 yards. Scott also took the Long Drive title at the 2003 Club Championship at the Presidio with a drive of 306 yards. Warnke took the Long Drive contest at the 2003 Spring Championship at Monarch Bay, as well as the 2001 Holiday Classic at Roster Run, the 2001 Summer Golf Classic at Poppy Hills in Cannel, the 2001 Spring Championship at Rancho Solano, the 2000 Club Championship at Oakhurst C.C., the 2000 Spring Championship at San Ramon Royal Vista, the 1999 Club Championship at Oakhurst and the 1999 Monterey Golf Adventure at Old Del Monte. It is clear to see from the long display of power and accuracy; Brother Scott has really mastered his driver.

The four "Close to the Hole" winners were Tom Hanacek, Steve Morimoto, Dave Pomicpic and Ansi Laurilla. The outstanding shot of the day was Pomicpic's effort on the 4th hole, leaving his ball 1' 5" from the hole. Second place finishers were George Brown, Scott Warnke, Stan Buscovich and Joe Diodati. Third place finishers were Dean Ries and Tim Lee,

with two spots left open.

After the completion of play, the Loons made a short trip to North Beach, where we assembled at Caesar's Restaurant for the awards banquet. John and Mateo once again put out a great meal for the Loons, and a good time was had by all.

Our next event will be the 2004 Charlie Anzore Memorial at Reno, October 24-26. We will play the private courses at Red Hawk and Arrowcreek Golf Clubs and stay at Circus, Circus. We have played the Red Hawk "Lakes" course and Arrowcreek's "Legend" course in the past, but this will be the first time we will be playing the "Hills" and "Challenge" courses at the respective clubs. Hope to see you there.



Long Driver Warnke and Ace Morimoto



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Pomicpic	80	71	Mack	94	73
Landi	81	76	Stocking	95	77
Anzore	83	77	Diodati	97	77
Lum	84	70	Vernengo	98	84
Morimoto	84	72	Wyman	99	79
O'Connor	86	81	Pursley	100	66
Wong	86	74	Ochoa	101	81
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Ries	90	71	Shiroma,	110	93
Lee	91	78	Crenshaw	110	89
McMillian	91	77	Kiely	110	78
Garcia	92	80	Ballard	113	86
Siebert	93	73	Stockwell	113	88
Sullivan	93	74	Trierweiler	116	80
Brown	93	73	Muselman	117	90

ON 2 WHEELS

by Rene LaPrevotte
International Correspondent

Fulfilling my duties as International Correspondent has been grueling work. Editor Ray Shine has had me traipsing all over the place on "assignment", and I want you to know "it ain't been easy".

In my never-ending quest to seek-out motorcycling adventures the world-over, I found myself in the islands of Fiji. I spent ten days on Beqa Island (Pronounced Benga), looking for motorcyclists and good riding roads. Unfortunately, I found neither. There are no roads on Beqa, just a well-

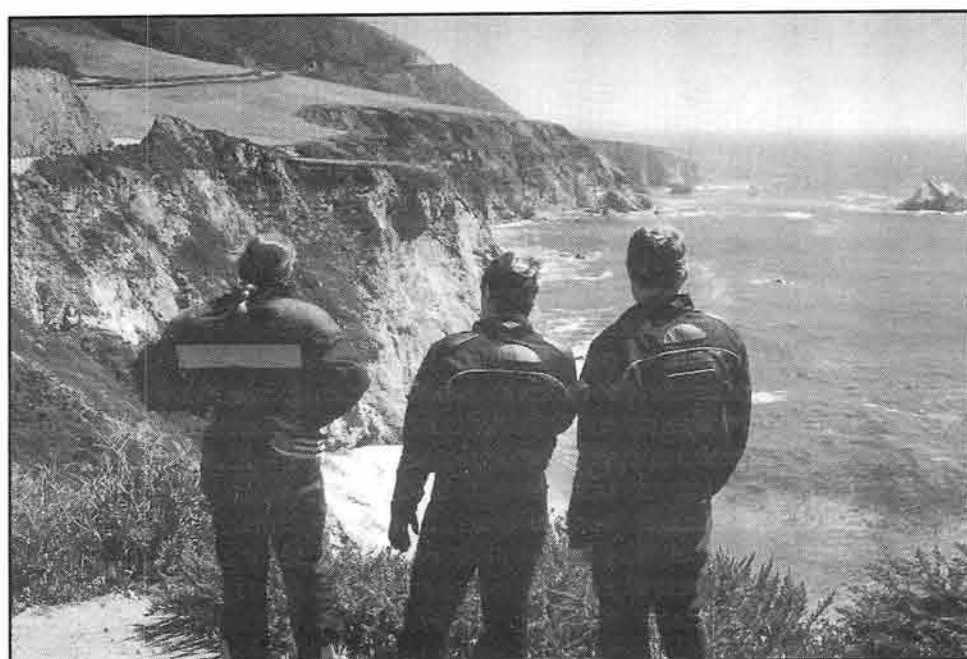
Anyway, I split from the South Pacific, sorely disappointed at my inability to find any venues for 185mph motorcycles, and returned home to await arrival of an Australian Couple we met last October while riding around Tasmania. This Aussie bloke is a retired Captain with Singapore Airlines, and in Tasmania was very adept at getting his Ducati ST4S around the turns, even with his "Sheila on pillion" (Wife-on-back). I picked the Aussies up about 30 hours after the flight back from Fiji (I told you Ray Shine is a nutcracker) and brought them to my modest retirement home in Placerville.

Our guests were a bit jet-lagged, and we took it fairly easy the first day. The second day, I let my "mate" pick a suitable "ride" from my stable of two-wheelers. He chose a Yamaha R1 in anticipation of the twisties around Placerville (Highway #49) and I planted his bride on the back of my 2-week old Yamaha FJR1300. (This new Yamaha is my 135 horsepower concession to getting-along in years...it has higher handlebars and hard luggage).

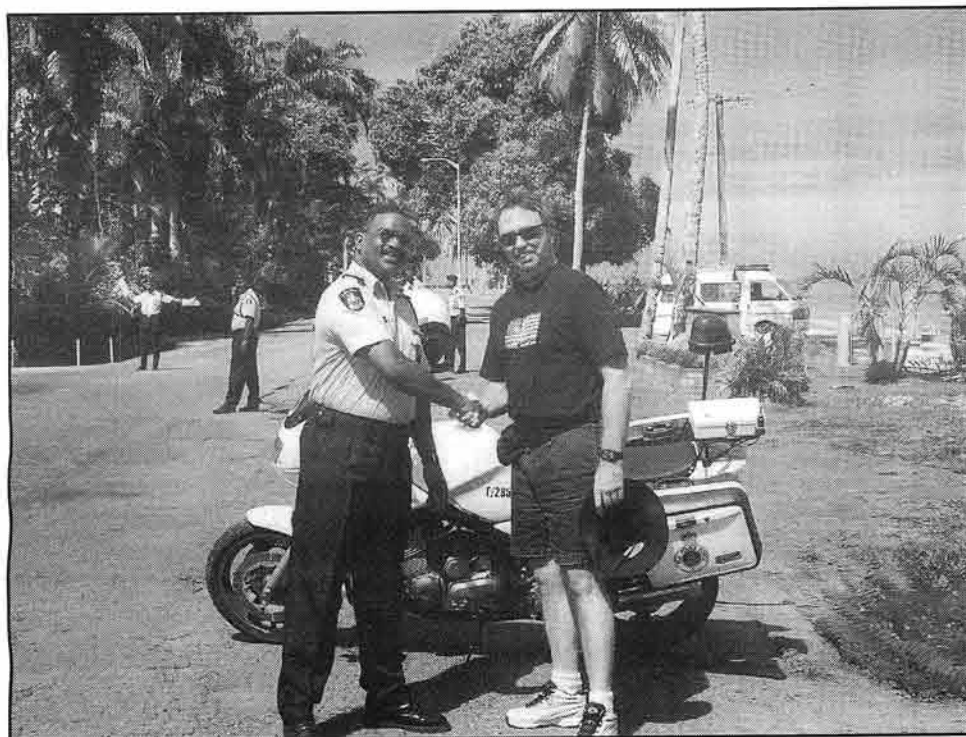
We headed up to highways 88/89



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The Central California coast on a "Chamber of Commerce" day.



The International Solo's refrain: "Hey, where can I get half-off?"

worn path from the local village (past the resort where I discovered "Fiji Bitter") to the local elementary school. I did manage to locate a brother 4-boy unit on the island of "Suva". To my surprise, I learned that this Fijian Solo has a wife and kids living in San Bruno, California - and he plans to join the family upon retirement next year. I guess he wants to get away from that crime-ridden ****hole of Fiji and enjoy the tranquility of the "Home of the San Francisco County Jail", and the glorious weather of Northern San Mateo County. (I'd be surprised if Mike Hennessy didn't use that in his run for re-election: "Fijians Flock to the Safety of San Bruno").

and around Tahoe which suitably impressed Steve & Leonie. (The highest mountain in their part of the world is about 3,000 feet). Steve became acclimated with driving on the "right" side of the road, and quickly learned our road signs, and the amazing speed potential and agility of the R1.

Noticing how much fun Steve was having, while I carried his wife on the back of my bike, I had an inspiration... HE could hike his wife on the big bike, and I would ride the R1. Steve reluctantly swapped bikes (and reclaimed his bride) and we continued on our 300 mile warm-up ride through the high Sierras.

The next day, I drove Steve down

to Oakland, where he picked-up his rental Honda Gold Wing at "Cruise America".

Now, a 900 pound Gold Wing wasn't Steve's first choice of motorcycles upon which to see the States, but the only other rentals available in this area are BMW's (which were way too pricey) and Harleys ... did I mention that Steve likes to accelerate, turn and stop? So a Gold Wing it was. Steve rode the behemoth back to P-town and we packed for a five day adventure up the coast toward Washington State.

Packing for a motorcycle trip up to the Pacific Northwest was all Mother Nature needed to end a four-month drought. Oregon and Washington were suddenly experiencing Biblical rainstorms that had three feet of run-off running through the streets of Portland.

Plan B!

I broke-out the map of California, previously "jaded" to just how beautiful our own home state is, and we laid-out a 900 mile jaunt up highway #70 through the Feather River Canyon, through Lassen National Park and into Redding for the night. The next morning we were through to the Coast, and into the "Avenue of the Giants" redwood forests, then back down through Booneville et al on highway #128 and through the Napa Valley.

Night #2 was spent in Novato at a Travel Lodge (less than 5-years old) that was about as well maintained as the corrugated shacks we had seen in Fiji. Having been gone from Novato for just five months, it was an awakening to be reminded just how poorly the infrastructure of this area has been maintained, with groups of "casual laborers" milling about every street corner, three-foot tall weeds growing

out of the median dividers, and holes and patches in the streets... sorry, but I'm glad I'm gone.

The next morning we had breakfast at a local Novato restaurant, where we met the daughter-in-law of beloved retired Sergeant Julie Landman. We traded "Julie" stories for a while then off again, South down 101 to let the Aussies get a picture from the Marin Headlands with the Golden Gate Bridge below. Typical San Francisco summer greeted us in the form of impenetrable fog, so the photo ended-up being of us pointing into the fog where the Golden Gate Bridge is supposed to be.

Through the City, and down highway #35 to Alice's Restaurant on Skyline, where I bought Alice's Restaurant T-shirts for all, as a reminder of this world-renown motorcycle Mecca. Down highway #1 to Monterey for the next night's lodging, arising the next day to continue South to soak-up the splendor of Carmel and Big Sur on a gloriously sunny day.

The last day was an uninspiring trek across the Valley until we got to highway #49 which we rode back to Placerville.

Back home was laundry, and packing for the Aussies, the return of the monstrous Honda the next day, then back to SFO for the 14-hour flight back "down-under".

Steve and Leonie said they had a great time on their 1400 mile adventure, I know I did. It's ironic just how close some of the finest riding in the world actually is. I'm certain Steve and Leonie will be back, probably with friends...

Anyone want to borrow a few Aussies?

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1991 ACURA INTEGRA 2dr hatchback for sale. 230k hwy miles. white ext, blue cloth int. just detailed and has new tires. \$2300 obo. call (415) 412-8271.

Automotive; Motorcycle

2002 HARLEYDAVIDSON Road King Classic, Met Blue/Silver, Fac Alarm, maintained, vry cln. Purkins serviced, Lots chrome, Leather hard saddle bgs w/detachable Classic hrd leather Lrg rear bag & pass back rest, detachable fearing, upgraded seat & manual.12k fwy mls \$17,500 Henry (650) 755-9475 or 553-9187

1997 HONDA SHADOW VLX/Deluxe 600. 2,800 miles. Black & Yellow. \$3,000 includes helmet, blk leather jacket and battery charger. Seller Rich Oakes (retired SFPD) (650) 344-5630.

1996 KTM 360 MXC, 360cc 2 stroke. MSR bars, Rental sprockets, new tires. FAST & ready to ride! \$1,900.or B.O. Call Roland @ CSI 415.553.1506 or 575.4300(msg).

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IN-LAW APARTMENT for rent in Park Pacifica area. Deck with view of the canyon on Lerida Way. Please call Wendy James at 415-269-6446 or 1-650-738-1273 if interested.

FLAT FOR RENT Remodeled 2 bedroom. Potrero Hill. Hardwood floors, new appliances. View and yard, storage. Dog owner preferred. \$1800 per month. Call Paul at 415-648-7964

Real Estate: Vacation Rental

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

I think we're all still reeling from the outrageous outburst of Police Commissioner **Peter Keane** the when he publicly indicted members of the San Francisco Police Department as having dealt with an incident involving a school out of control in an allegedly racist manner. Peter should have first listened to the tapes of the radio channel used by the officers who initially responded when they had to call for back-up. Somehow, listening to tapes like that really set the stage. Much more so than sitting in a comfortable leather chair, in a sterile hearing room at City Hall, where you can later watch yourself on several different late night news channels spouting the rhetoric we've all grown so tired of hearing . . .

I represented over 22 officers who had responded to the incident in question and who were later charged during the investigation by the Office of Citizen Complaints. None of the multiple charges were sustained. None. Zero. Nada.

Maybe Peter should have checked the school in question out first. I hear lunch time is a real treat. Just so happens that the very next day after Peter Keane's sophomoric comments there was another call for back-up from the School Resource Officer who was assigned there. It's definitely not Lowell High School, Commissioner — no matter how much you try to compare the two.

It's a shame. We really don't need any additional distractions offered up at Police Commission meetings. There are a lot of serious crimes occurring in the City and there are very few officers around to handle them. I'm pretty sure the other six Police Commissioners want to move out of the sand box and back to the chalkboard to work on a game plan?

There's something about the 3rd story on buildings that keeps attracting Officer **Lisa Frazer**. The other day while on patrol on her beat in the Mission she saw a young man leaning halfway out of a 3rd story window. The subject was clearly intent on jumping. Lisa called for medical support, hostage negotiators, and ran to the man's apartment. There was no time for the pros, Lisa had to wing this one. And she did an outstanding job. The young man was frustrated with his inability to get off drugs and wanted to end it all three stories down. Lisa managed to keep him talking, and talking, and talking until she found the right opportunity to convince him to leave the ledge.

Next day the neighbors, again on Lisa's beat, start calling because there is a 3-year-old little girl on a deck three stories up and she keeps knocking on the closed glass door that leads into her house but no one answers. Lisa gets there in record time and jumps over four fences to get to the back of the house in question. Meanwhile, the little girl keeps walking over to the unprotected railing looking over. Lisa breaks down a gate leading to the stairway up to the deck, races up the stairs

only to face off with a huge dog that believes it is his job to "protect" the child. The child is going for the railing again and Lisa just goes for it. She grabs the child, keeps the dog at bay, and we have a happy ending.

Interesting to note that the school incident that Peter Keane was referring to actually happened two years ago... (I know, I need to move on, just one last shot...) And yet, on just one day, September 12, 2004, the members of the San Francisco Police Department handled over 100,000 bike race fans who attended the T-Mobile International Race. Same day and tens of thousands of rock fans cram into Golden Gate Park for a free concert by the Dave Matthews Band. Still September 12, 2004, and the 49ers are playing at Candlestick with what, another 50-60,000 fans? Oh, just so happened that the 3rd Street overpass to Highway 101, you know, the one near Candlestick, had to be shut down. And then another "minor" event, a free opera, also in Golden Gate Park that drew a few more people than you could fit in your average high school gym... All on September 12, 2004, and not one problem. To the officers who had their days off cancelled and to all those members who were detailed to ensure the safety of the attendees who took advantage of a great day in our City — Great Work!!

Just this past month there was a shooting at Sunset and Judah to which Officer **Mark Higa** and Officer **Dennis Cravalho**, along with other units, responded. The victim was just barely able to give a description but the officers were readily assisted by a witness who had seen the whole crime go down. Thanks to the witness the officers had a vehicle and suspect description to work with. A few minutes later and Mark and Dennis had the suspects in custody and recovered the gun used in the attempted homicide.

Of course, that was just the beginning. What a lot of our citizens don't realize is that in a case like this there's still a lot of work that needs to be done. This time it involved language translations, as well as the usual task of booking evidence, conducting the necessary cold shows, transporting, separating, and monitoring suspects, collecting evidence at the scene, inventorying and towing the suspect vehicle, making proper notifications, and on and on.

And, if the suspects aren't happy about being arrested, they will immediately contact the Office of Citizen Complaints and file a complaint that the actions of the officers were unwarranted. People never believe me about this — but it's true. If attempted murder suspects aren't happy about being arrested, it doesn't matter whether or not every single step was handled appropriately, they can still make a formal complaint that the arrest was unwarranted. Does the Office of Citizen Complaints have to take such an allegation? Supposedly. Do they have to investigate? Only to the extent that they find the officers, actions legal, justified, and proper at which time

they (i.e. OCC) are supposed to administratively adjudicate the complaint. Do they...we will soon be at the Police Commission asking the same question.

They say that prostitution is a victimless crime — but when some of the individuals soliciting in our City are only 14-years-old, don't you think there might be a victim here — somewhere?

A shooting took place in the middle of the day and Officer **Len Broberg** responded to investigate. The suspects were shooting at several individuals but missed. The same suspects, later the same day, went to the home of one of the victims and, when they didn't find him there, they shot his father — right in front of his two young daughters. Officer Broberg, along with Inspector **Sandra Ganster**, put the pieces together on this case and had two suspects in custody and had them held to answer for major felonies.

Officer **Kelly Paul** and Officer **Christine Arndt** responded to another area of the City known for random shootings and found the car that was called in as supposedly having several armed suspects on board. The call was valid. Kelly and Christine had both the suspects and guns in custody in record time.

The guy was a registered sex offender and still loved to walk around the hotel on Market Street naked. Pretty much everyone there just let it slide, being San Francisco and all... but when he showed up one day with a huge knife and threatening to use it, it was time to call the police. Even though a Mobile Crisis Unit was nearby and responded, it still came down to the uniforms doing the job. Officer **Cesar Perez** and Officer **Gary Constantine** were the first to respond and placed their lives on the line to disarm the naked tenant so that the registered sex offender with psychiat-

ric issues could be taken to the hospital, again, for evaluation...

Next time you want to negotiate a better deal on a home, car, or anything, give Inspector **Bob Totah** a call. Inspector Totah was recently assigned to a follow-up investigation and had the opportunity to interview the suspect involved who was in custody. When Bob got done with the interview, the suspect not only confessed his own crimes but gave up everyone else he ever knew who had been involved in activities that police officers love to hear about... including information that led to the recovery of a few assault weapons that were involved in several homicides.

Officer **Michele Aschero** and Officer **Kimberly Overstreet** drove by four individuals who were standing near the 1800 block of Post and who did everything possible not to be noticed... but they were. Two blocks later and the robbery call came over and the suspects involved matched the four Michele and Kimberly saw earlier. A quick u-turn and they located the suspects nearby. The usual footchase ensued with Officer **Malcolm Anderson** and Officer **Jeff Ferreira** joining in on the pursuit. Everyone who was supposed to go to jail did and the loaded gun used to rob the victim was also recovered.

We are extremely fortunate to be allowed to partner up with UC Hospital this Holiday Season. We are trying to help them raise money for a children's hospice at their site on Parnassus. The information will soon be distributed on how you can help. You can make a donation on behalf of someone else. It's a perfect gift. Something you can get for the person who has everything — or the one who is always hard to buy for — a gift that will benefit a group of precious children who need all the attention we can give.

SFPOA Bulletin

TO: All Association Members, Stations, Units, Details

FROM: Kevin Martin, Secretary
John Scully, POA Legislative Committee Chair

POA Election Endorsements

The San Francisco Police Officer Association Executive Board, Board of Directors and Legislative Committee have held meetings and have voted to endorse the following candidates in their respective races.

US Senator	Barbara Boxer	
US Representative	Nancy Pelosi	District 8
US Representative	Tom Lantos	District 12
State Senate	Carole Migden	
State Assembly	Leland Yee	
State Assembly	Mark Leno	
State Prop 66	No Change (Three Strikes Law)	
SF Ballot Measure	"Prop E"	Yes Survivor Benefits

Board of Supervisors

District 1	1) Lillian Sing	2) David Heller	3) Leanne Dawydiak
District 2	Michela Alioto-Pier		
District 3	Aaron Peskin		
District 5	No endorsement		
District 7	1) Sean Elsbernd	2) Greg Corrales	
District 9	Miguel Bustos		
District 11	No endorsement at This Time		

School Board

Heather Hiles, Jill Wynns, David Weiner

Community College Board

Natalie Berg, Matthew Juhl-Darlington, Milton Marks Jr.

The POA will continue to meet and visit the issues and candidates of District 11 as well as other San Francisco ballot propositions. The Association's members will be advised and notified of all future endorsements.