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A Merrier Christmas at the VA

By Rich Struckman

On December 17th, 2003 several members of American Legion Post 456 met at the Tee Off Bar and Grill and warmed up for our traditional Christmas visit to the VA Hospital at Ft. Miley in the outer Richmond District. This year we had an exceptionally strong turn out.

Armed with Christmas cards stuffed with cash (thanks to the SFPOA and SFDSEA) and cookies galore we anxiously awaited for Santa to arrive. Sure enough, this year we contacted by the SFPD Santa Dept., and Santa Claus (Pat Cadigan) and Santa Cutie (Jennifer Forrester) arrived in red & white with a truckload of toys for the Vets. We visited with dozens of Military Veterans that night, and as always, the trip is very moving. The VA Hospital has a long-term nursing home which is a permanent home to over 200 military

veterans. We had the honor of meeting Vets from all branches of the service who shared some of their experiences with us. This year was highlighted by a couple of Vets who shared there experiences while serving at Iwo Jima and in the Battle of the Bulge. The men and women who live here rarely have visitors and truly enjoy the company. If anyone wants to share some time with those who have sacrificed for us, you can contact VA Hospital's Volunteer Services directly or contact me at the General Work Detail 415-553-7903. Either way, we will get you set up.

I want to thank all who attended

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Available on tape or DVD

New Hearts of the City Covers War Demonstrations

POA Staff Report

The seventh segment of the popular POA Hearts of the City videos is now available at the POA. For the first time, the segment is also available on DVD.

Titled "Our Streets," it is produced by the San Francisco Police Officers' Association, in cooperation with the SFPD. Hearts of the City is a documentary series that shares with its viewers an inside look into the hearts and minds of the men and women who police this city.

This segment contains video of police lines and demonstrators taken at several anti-war demonstrations in San Francisco. It is insightful and gripping, and a must see for those who support and admire the men and women in blue.

Tapes or DVDs are free to members and their families. Just drop by the POA office and ask for a copy of "segment seven of the Hearts series." Plenty of copies of the first six videos in the series are still available as well.

Special thanks goes to Bob Mamone and Andrew Cohen for editing and producing this fine documentary series.

President's Message

By Chris Cunnie,
SFPOA President

New leadership

Well, the new era in San Francisco leadership is changing the face of city government. Mayor Gavin Newsom has replaced Chief Fagan with interim Chief Heather Fong. Chief Fong now has several months to show that she has the stuff to be named as chief following a nation-wide search for candidates. We certainly encourage her to go after the permanent appointment. We wish her well, and are confident that she will make the changes necessary to improve the morale and working conditions of the cops on the street and working in the details.

We also applaud Mayor Newsom's appointment of Michela Alioto-Pier as his replacement on the Board of Supervisors. She comes from a prominent and respected San Francisco family, and is hailed as an excellent choice. We congratulate Supervisor Alioto-Pier, and look forward to working with her on law enforcement and labor issues. Both her grandfather, Mayor Joe Alioto, and her aunt, former Supervisor Angela Alioto, worked cooperatively with the association, and we expect that Alioto-Pier will be approachable and receptive to the concerns of working police officers.



A new building

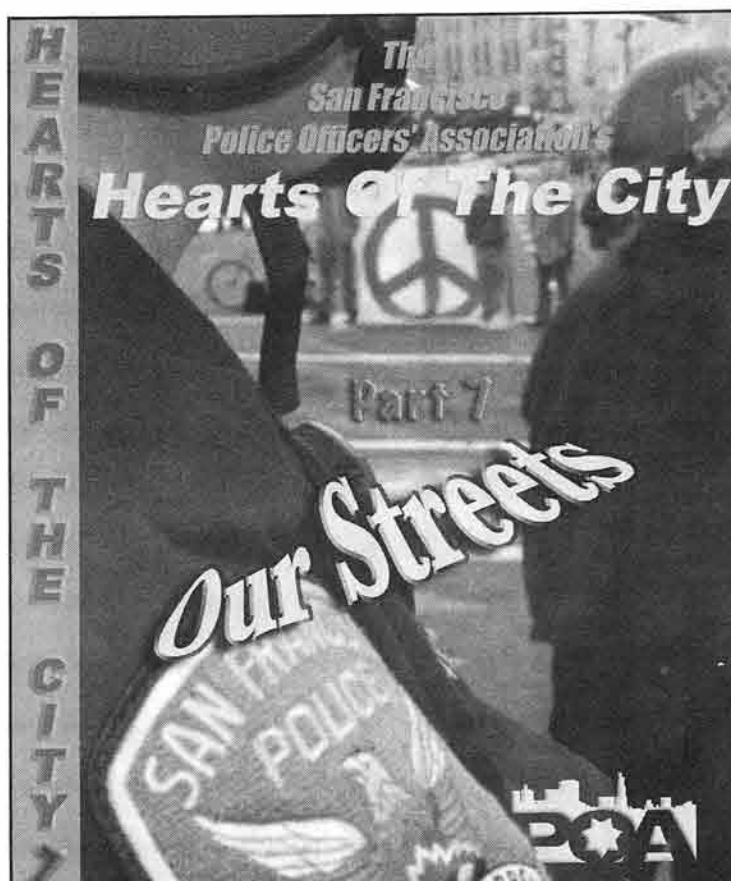
We are eagerly looking forward to the grand opening of our new POA office building. Located on the northeast corner of Sixth and Bryant streets, the three story commercial building will make all POA members proud. Treasurer Jack Minkel and the members of the Building Committee have done a great job planning and overseeing the project. Our old building was on its last leg, and is in dire need of costly improvements. With the recent changes in city government, this

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WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

January 21, 2004

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by our President Al Aguilar.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Al Aguilar, Vice President George Jeffery, Trustees Dave Fontana, Joe Reilly, Rene LaPrevotte, Joe Garrity and Mike Kemmitt. Treasurer Jim Sturken and Secretary Mark Hurley. Also present were past Presidents Bob McKee, Mike Duffy and Bill Hardeman.

MINUTES OF THE DECEMBER MEETING: Motion by Hardeman, seconded by Jeffery that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: We had additional donations made in the memory of Jack Kerrigan. Dietlin Painting Company \$50.00, Pat Daly \$20.00, Trammell Crow Co. \$100.00, Cathy McManus \$25.00, Pedro and Debra Weisleder \$20.00, Mae Parnor \$10.00, Mary Lu Buich \$25.00, and Britphil Co. \$250.00.

Donations in memory of Carl Decker: Bill Parenti \$10.00, SFVPOA \$25.00, and Jim Murphy \$100.00.

Donations made in the memory of Ray Portue: Richard Klapp \$25.00 and SFVPOA \$25.00.

Donation in memory of Norbert Guiterrez: SFVPOA \$25.00.

DEATHS: We had eight deaths this past month:

LEO SMITH, 96 years. Leo was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Mission High School. Leo worked for Southern Pacific Railroad as a clerk before he entered the Police Academy in 1942. His first assignment was Potrero. A couple of years later, he was assigned to Traffic. After 10 years at Traffic, he was detailed to the Probation Department, then to the Chiefs Office. He finished his career at Taraval. Leo was our oldest member and certainly did beat the system. He enjoyed a good Bourbon and water up to the end.

RAYMOND PORTUE, 66 years. Ray was born in Walseburg Colorado. He served in the Army and afterward settled in San Francisco. He was employed as a bartender before he entered the Police academy in 1964. His first assignment was Park. He was later

transferred to Ingleside, then to TAC. He was one of the original members of the newly formed TAC Squad. When TAC was cut back, he went to Richmond Station before going back to the CPC (Crime Prevention Company) two years later. He was appointed Sgt. and was assigned to Planning and Research. He was later transferred to the Academy serving as a TAC Sergeant. He made Lieutenant and was moved to the "Big E." Two years later, he was assigned to the Bureau. He then went to Taraval, and ended up his career at Northern. Ray was awarded several Captain's Comps and two medals of Valor. A Bronze Medal for the rescue of a man from a mob. A Silver for the arrest of two robbery suspects.

JOE McQUEEN, 78 years. Joe was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Excelsior, attending Balboa High. At 17, he enlisted in the Navy. He served on the destroyer USS Little. His ship was sunk. After he was rescued, he was given survivor leave and put on Shore Patrol. He returned to San Francisco and briefly worked as a motorman before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Ingleside. A year later, he went to Co. K, APB. He also worked fixed post traffic. He then worked the 3-wheel detail before making Sergeant and being assigned to Mission. A couple years later he went back to Traffic 3-wheel detail. He was detailed to BCI for a couple of years before he made Lieutenant. He retired from Ingleside in 1975. Joe was awarded several Captain's Comps during his career.

JOHN E. KEATING, 85 years. John was born in San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He attended Commerce High School. He served as a Merchant Marine. He returned home to San Francisco and got a job as a cab driver before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Park, followed by Central. He was assigned to BSS for a few months before he went to Co. A. He was then detailed to HDQ, Crime Prevention. He made Inspector and remained in the Bureau. He was retired in 1959 with a DP pension. He was an award-winning photographer and often worked on accident cases after he retired. He was highly decorated during his police career. Five Silver Medal of Valor. One for the arrest of three accused kidnappers and robbers, another for the arrest of three persons for robbery and murder, another for the arrest of a armed suspect who threatened his wife and officers. A Gold medal for the arrest of a 211 suspect.

JACK D. MILLER, 76 years. Jack was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Commerce High School. He was employed at Spreckles Dairy before he entered the Police Academy in 1953. His first as-

signment was Taraval. Two years later, he was transferred to Traffic as a Solo. After he was appointed sergeant, he was moved over to AIB for a couple of years before going back on the bikes. In 1975 he made Lieutenant And was assigned to Personnel, then to Mission, and then to Central. Jack was awarded several Medals of Valor during his career. A Gold for the arrest of two armed suspect in a stolen car. A Silver for the arrest of a armed robbery suspect who was caught in the act of robbing a liquor store. Another Silver for the arrest of a suspect who fired shots at a Patrol Special Officer. He returned fire and wounded the suspect in the leg before he took him into custody. Jack

was very proud of his association with the Shrine where he served as Past President of the Islam Provost Shrine Club in San Francisco. In retirement, he served as President of the Ben Ali Shrine in Chico. Jack raised Arabian Horses in retirement.

RICHARD ARMEIT, 89 years. Dick was born in Germany. At 6 years of age, his family settled in San Francisco's

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On the second Tuesday of every month, you can visit with other retired police officers at the Veteran POA meetings. We meet at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 3255 Folsom St. Parking is good in the lower yard. Arrive by 11:00 AM and be on your way by 1:30 PM.

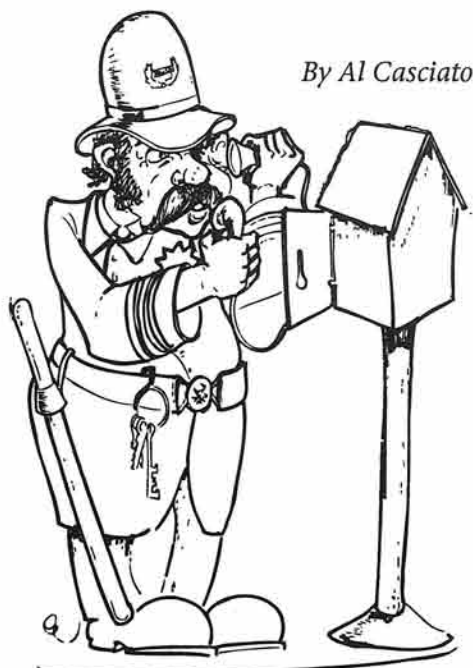
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The Veteran POA has 1045 members. Stay in touch!

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...Member In Need:

PSA Rich Artist has worked for the SFPD for 25 plus years, the bulk of the time at Bayview (Potrero) Station. Rich is still working the counter at Bayview Station, after becoming permanently wheel chair bound due to physical disabilities. Rich was conveniently living near Bayview Station in a ground floor unit that allowed him to travel to and from the station in his wheel chair. The unit has been sold and he has been forced to move to a less than desirable location. The officers at Bayview Station fear that Rich will be victimized, or that his handicap accessible van will be stolen or vandalized. Does anyone out there know of any residential facility that could help improve Rich's situation? If you can help please call Wendy Hurley at Bayview Station 1-415-671-2300 or e-mail this column...See letter from Wendy in Letters to the Editor...

...Birth:

POA Secretary, **Yvonne Huey** is a grandmother for the fourth time. On January 17, 2004, @ 0859 hours, **Noelle Yvonne Diep**, 7 lbs. 2.8 oz 20 1/4 inches was born to daughter, **Jenni** and husband **Tin Diep** at California Pacific Medical Center. Noelle joins big brother **Darren**, 2 years and cousins **Kelli** (almost 3) and **Kaia Pang** (4 months) as the joys of grandma's life. Grandpa Danny must really be smiling on the family from up above. Congratulations to all...

...Olcomendy Fund:

McCarneys' Furniture has donated three antique Irish road signs to the Olcomendy Family Education Fund. The three signs will be raffled off on March 17. Tickets are 2 for \$10 or 6 for \$25 and are available from **John Keane** (Narcotics) 415-207-5591 or 415-970-3009...

...Jon Cook Scholarship:

The Pride Alliance has instituted the Officer Jon Cook Memorial Scholarship. The scholarship is open to the son or daughter of any SFPD Officer and this year there will be three awards \$2500, \$1500 & \$750. Applications are available at www.sfpoprideralliance.org, at the POA Office or by calling 415-861-5060...

...Trust and Wills:

Last month we asked if anyone would share the names of trust and will preparers with whom they were satisfied. **Dave O'Donnell** (Mounted) highly recommends retired Deputy Chief **George Emil Esq.** who can be

reached via the POA office. **Mike Deely** (Chief's Office) strongly recommends **Peter M. Turner Esq.** (1-510-832-5060) for those residing in the East Bay...

...Body Scanning:

Manny Bonilla (Southern Station) may have saved a life without knowing. Manny is the one who arranged for the mobile whole body scanning truck to visit the Hall of Justice in December and January. A number of officers availed themselves of the service and one, "in shape" officer on a lark decided to do a drop in appointment just because the truck was there. He is now under the care of a cardiologist, and according to the POA Welfare officer, the condition is job related...The question now is, should Manny arrange to have the screening truck return? If you are interested, contact Manny at 1-650-888-7494...

...Pedro Anyone:

If Pedro is your game, send a note with your name and number to Sgt. **Tom Martin** c/o Fleet Office. Tom is putting a tournament together for April at the Mariposa Hunter's Point Yacht Club located in China Basin. All levels of players are invited to participate and lunch will be served. Seats are limited, so get your interest card in early...

...Coffee:

I complained that the SFPCU no longer had coffee for members. **Frank Luticken** (Solos) points out that I should have said that the Irving Street Branch did not have coffee, because the San Mateo branch does cater to the members with a fresh brew...

...Fire Safety:

A few months ago a fire broke out on the second floor of the Hall of Justice near the courts. Evacuation notifications were accomplished by having employees run from office to office to spread the alarm. Not all employees were notified, which caused a great concern to the responding fire fighters. Today a new public address system is being installed on all floors of the hall to prevent that situation from happening again...

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to mcasci2525@aol.com, faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to *Around the Department*, 510-7th Street, SF, CA 94103.

Thank you for your comments in the last POA newspaper, specifically the article regarding coffee at the SF Police Credit Union.

As you know coffee had been a staple in our lobby for many years and we are most happy to return a "coffee station" for our membership.

You made mention that after the remodel the coffee station seemed to disappear and you are correct. Our "coffee" area was designated to be located in what is now called our tech café, also centered in our lobby area. Our concern has been and continues to be those "little hands" which always seem to find a way to be where they should not. We will find a resolution that is both satisfying and safe for all concerned.

Michael R. Sordelli
Chief Executive Officer
SF Police Credit Union

TRAFFIC TIPS

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

Updated and Correct Addresses of Traffic Violators

The number one reason for suspending a person's driver's license is because he or she fails to appear in court after being cited for a traffic violation (13365 CVC). Eventually, suspended San Francisco drivers make their way to the STOP window at the Traffic Company to complain. The excuses I most frequently hear are "They didn't send me a notice" or "the officer told me the court would send me a courtesy notice."

I have talked to traffic administrators of the Superior Court, Room 101, and they say they hear the same excuses. Room 101 advised me that a courtesy notice is just that, a courtesy. These drivers become obligated to stand before the judge as soon as he or she signs the traffic citation — thus giving the court a written promise to appear. Officers should refrain from advising drivers that the court will notify them of any changes or the amount of the bail (Dept. Bulletin 03-290). If drivers want additional information, direct them to the Bail Information telephone number (415-553-9400) that is on the back of their citation.

Often, usually while towing a vehicle that was being operated by a person with a suspended license, an officer hears the driver complain that the DMV never notified them of the suspension. If a few basic questions are asked about residence and recent relocations, an officer will usually find that the violator failed to notify the DMV of their change of address, or that they notified the Post Office and expected that was all they had to do. Section 13106 CVC says that when the privilege of a person to drive is suspended or revoked the Department shall notify the party by first class mail

to the most recent address. This section also states "it is the responsibility of every holder of a Driver's License to report changes in accordance with 14600 CVC".

Section 14600(a) CVC obliges parties who relocate to notify the DMV within 10 days of both their old and new address. Subsection (b) requires a driver pursuant to 12951(b) CVC to present a document of change to any officer who stops them for a traffic offense. This document can be either the change of address card (form 43), or a piece of paper with the new address (see Driver's handbook page 14).

The Department of Motor Vehicles will not send a new CDL to a driver with the updated information. To make the change a party must fill out DMV form 14. They can be obtained either at a DMV office or from their Web page (www.dmv.ca.gov). This form will also change the address on their vehicle's registration, which is also required to be done within 10 days (4159 CVC). Marking out the old address on the registration and writing the new address on the face (4160 CVC) qualifies and authenticates the change.

Finally, I advise all officers to record the violator's current address on the citation and either cite, admonish, or advise the driver for failing to comply with the above discussed sections.

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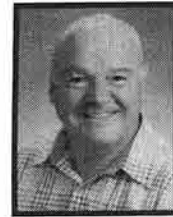
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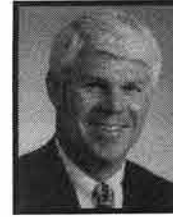
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By Magdaline Granados

The Lord God said, "It is not good for man to be alone. I will make a helper suitable for him." Genesis 2:18

How can anyone who clearly understands reality think he can make better decisions than God? Good question, but the Bible is full of accounts of people who thought just that. As I was surfing the Word during my regular quiet time, I parked to reflect on Genesis 2:4-3:24 and there, met a man who clearly understood reality but still depended on personal choice over God's will. I challenge you to read this passage and as you do, consider times when you have done the same thing. Has the outcome been positive or negative?

Interpersonal relationships are a key aspect of leadership-and of life as a human being. Even at the beginning of the world, God recognized that fact when he stated, "It is not good for the man to be alone." Many millennia later, Paul spoke to this same issue as he addressed a new and budding movement that would be called Christianity. In his letter to the church at Ephesus, he emphasized that "we are all members of one body" (Ephesians 4:25). Truly, God has ordained his creation to live in community. Besides humans, many of God's other creatures are created so that they must live in harmony and relationship. Jack Canfield, Mark Hansen and Patty Hansen's great little book *Condensed*

Chicken Soup for the Soul explains how geese function in relationships. The authors inform us that geese increase their flight range by seventy-one percent by flying in their "V" formation. "As each bird flaps its wings, it creates an uplift for the bird immediately following." When a goose gets out of line it immediately feels the added drag and rejoins the group.

"When the lead goose tires, it rotates back into the pack and another goose flies the point. The consistent willingness to lead and follow improves performance for the whole wing. Geese honk from behind to encourage those in front to keep up the pace. The followers cheer the leaders on. When a goose, for whatever reason, falls out of the formation, two other geese follow it down and provide help and protection. They stay until the goose either recovers or dies. Only then do they launch out together or join another formation to help them catch their group" (pp. 90-91)

We as people are so smart that we've figured out ways in which to succeed in isolation and competition. Imagine what we could accomplish if we were as artless as a flock of geese.

The climax of Genesis 1 is the creation of the man and a glimpse toward the creation of the woman, who would together reflect God's image (1:27). The climax of Genesis 2 is the covenantal relationship between the man and the woman, which in turn reflects God's composite unity. The Bible centers on relationships and stresses that a quality relationship with God is the key to right relationships with others.

And let us consider how we may spur one another up toward love and good deeds. Hebrews 10:24

HAPPY VALENTINES DAY!

Mission Toy Giveaway 2003

By Ethel Siegel Newlin
POA Friend and Supporter

On the Saturday before Christmas, over 1,000 Mission District boys and girls braved the rain and cold to line up for the Annual Toy Giveaway at Mission Station. Each received at least two new, high quality toys and a photo with Santa, all free. The event has been co-sponsored by Mission Police Station and St. John's Educational Thresholds Center (SJETC) since 1995, the year Mission moved into its Valencia and 17th Street location.

This huge project took the work of civilian volunteers from the community and officers from Mission Station, and beyond, to make it happen. Coordinators Steve Thoma, Mission Station, and Ethel Siegel Newlin, SJETC,

spent months preparing for the event — collecting donations of money and toys, recruiting volunteers, and planning the logistics to make it all seem effortless. Sgt. Nick Rubino and his



Dominick Gamboa and Dan Chiu watch over the line outside Mission Station.

troops passed out age-appropriate toys from inside the station to the eager kids lined up in the lobby. The Community Room became Santa's room for the day. A crew of volunteers from Walden House kept the line, which stretched around the block, moving in an orderly fashion.

Special thanks go to Supervisor Bevan Dufty for his help, to the SFPOA for all their help and support of the project (especially President Chris Cunnie, Community Fund Chair Marty Halloran, Jennifer Forrester, and Laverne), and to the folks at Cliff's Variety for serving as our toy buyers. Thanks also to Rosie Tolentino, California Savings, and

Man-Sim Tang, Wells Fargo District Manager, for placing donation boxes at their branches in the Mission.

On behalf of the kids of the Mission, we send our heartfelt thanks to Capt. Greg Corrales for keeping the tradition alive, and of course, to Sgt. Mario Delgadillo and D.C. David Robinson (it takes two shifts of Santas), who come back year after year to play Santa.



Captain Greg Corrales, Mario Delgadillo, Supervisor Bevan Dufty and Ethel Newlin.



Jennifer Forrester and D.C. David Robinson with some new friends.

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Free Classified Advertising Available for POA Members

By Ray Shine
Editor

The March issue of the *POA Journal* will feature the new classified advertising/bulletin board as a no-fee service to our members. Each month we print 5000 copies of the *Journal*. Now any active or retired POA member can buy, sell, or trade items through the Journal Classified Ads. The following rules apply to Classified Ads:

- To place a free classified ad, you must be an active or retired POA member.
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President's Message

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is an apropos time for the POA to be moving into new quarters. Not exactly starting with a clean slate, but the move does symbolize the optimism we hold for the future of this organization and for the department. The building will be ready for move-in by the first week of February.

A New Year

February always marks the longest,

consecutively celebrated civic event in San Francisco: Chinese New Year and its world-renowned parade. This is the Year of the Monkey, a sign of good opportunity, creativity, and well-being. I speak for all members of the Association in wishing Gung Hay Fat Choy to all of our Asian police officers and their families, and to all of our friends and supporters in the vibrant Asian community.

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| May 2004 issue | Monday, April 19 |
| June 2004 issue | Thursday, May 20 |
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Retirement Planning Seminar

Three Days At The Academy

By Mike Hebel,
Welfare Officer, CFP

The SFPD regional police academy hosted the SFPD-POA semiannual pre-retirement seminar (October 27, 28, & 29, 2003). The seminar has been expanded to include discussion of Social Security and Medicare benefits, Health Service System plans, Veterans Administration benefits, PERS long-term care, retired/veteran employee organizations, health and nutrition, taxation, essentials of estate planning, and critical psychological issues presented by retirement.

This seminar, titled "The Gino Marionetti and Michael Sugrue Memorial Seminar" honors its two founders. May they rest in peace. This seminar is now in its 19th year having started in March 1985.

Special thanks to Chief Alex Fagin, Assistant Chief Heather Fong and Captain Jim Lynch for providing the necessary funding to expand the seminar subjects and to allow members a three day detail to make plans for a prosperous and rewarding retirement.

25 Participants

Twenty-five participants attended this lively and informative seminar which was coordinated by Kelly O'Donnell, POA staff member.

The seat of honor, which is reserved for the most senior member in attendance, was given to Marty Bastiani of the 81st recruit class. Marty informed us that Gordon Getty and Bill Newson (Mayor's father) were classmates with him at Sacred Heart — class of 1951. A special moment of appreciation was given to senior department members Marty Bastiani (47 years' department service) and Jim Wertz (46 years' of department service).

Other attendees came from the 119th and 120th recruit classes (1971); the most junior member in attendance entered the department in 1982 (155th recruit class). Commander Bob Puts was the highest-ranking member in attendance. The Dwyers had the shortest commute to class — about 200 yards; Bill lives in Diamond Heights.

As expected, much discussion fo-

cused on the results of the election of November 2002 with the 3% at 55, 90% cap charter amendment that did pass on November 5th with an unprecedented 65% majority.

Chief Fagin welcomed the participants and urged them to consider retirement now in that he did not anticipate another retirement system improvement until 2008. He reminded the participants that police work is a stressful occupation; he exhorted them to take care of themselves, their families, and their future.

Class Comments

The class consensus was that the best time to retire, when considering financial impacts, is January of each year. The retiree can take advantage of maximum funding of his/her deferred compensation account with lump sum accumulation payments and will enjoy a presumed lower tax bracket for the longest time in the year retired.

Ken Cottura commented that this seminar, loaded with useful and practical information, was most helpful in planning his retirement. He felt that it should be mandatory for every officer upon completion of his or her 20th year of service.

Bob Johnson stated his big four-retirement plan: pay off your house, pay off your children's' education, stay married, and become a maximum participant in deferred compensation as soon as you can.

Gary Bozin, deferred compensation presenter, noted that "retirement is a whole bunch of weekends strung together." Gary noted that the police department's average deferred compensation balances are the highest amongst all city departments. He set forth the 5 most common retirement investing mistakes: miscalculating everyday living expenses, underestimating health care costs, underestimating life expectancy, investing too conservatively in retirement, and failing to recognize the impact of inflation. ING deferred compensation account representative George Brown urged diversification in the deferred compensa-

tion program; he stated that nothing would help more than spreading the risks with multiple, different style/approach funds. He recommended the use of 4 funds unless a person is a very conservative investor with all funds committed to the general, stable value fund. George urged a conservative to moderate approach as your retirement and distribution years' approach. He said that the newly added life style funds (near term, mid term, and long term), with their automatic rebalancing every 3 months, were particularly attractive offerings.

When to start social security payments? The class agreed, the sooner the better. If you began to collect at age 62 (earliest age allowable) rather than at age 66 (normal retirement age for baby boomers), it would take 14 years for the older recipients to catch up. Wow! said many: a CCSF retirement pension (at 90%), deferred compensation distributions, and social security.

George Eimil, retired deputy chief and dedicated instructor in these seminars, said that he got into estate planning as an attorney when he realized after his 1986 retirement that he needed something more than golf to keep him occupied. George does an excellent job explaining the basics of estate planning (wills, trusts, probate and its avoidance, estate taxes, powers of attorney, property titles, and medical directives). George covers a lot of territory in 50 minutes. His advice on dying remains: "if you have to, the year 2010 is best for federal tax avoidance." He again warned attendees not to put their real property in joint tenancy with anyone other than your spouse or domestic partner. With respect to titling property, he continues to urge the use of community property with right of survivorship for best tax advantages. He urged the use of a revocable living trust to avoid probate and to protect estate tax exclusions.

It was noted that the average retirement age for a San Francisco Police Officer in 1931 was 71.5 years; in 2003, the average age is 52.5. Quite a difference in two generations!

Comments from the attendees on the course evaluation form included: "Very helpful and useful information. What an eye opener. A wonderful seminar — the Department did something good for us all. I am glad I came;

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everyone close to retirement should come to these. Much needed information; should be open to officers with 20 or more years of service. Super and marvelous; I enjoyed this seminar immensely. I am now more confident in the City's retirement system. I would hate to think what would happen if we retired without the knowledge that we now have. Great class, everyone should attend, keep them up. Very good, can I come again. Most practical course I have ever attended. Great facility, coordinators, and presenters."

Other Observations

Chief Fagan continues the tradition of gifting every retiree with his/her police officer star as the Department's recognition for a job well done; this has also reduced to zero the number of missing/lost police star reports made by those members approaching retirement age.

Attendees were shocked by the costs of health coverage upon retirement. Few realized just how good the POA Memorandum of Understanding is in keeping these costs down. After retirement, there is no subsidized dental plan, but thanks to Proposition E (Nov. 2001 ballot) there now is a medical care monetary subsidy for the principal dependent.

Clare Zvansky, longest serving member of the City's Health Services Board, assured attendees that the Health Plan Trust, city health plan, is in good financial shape. She said that pharmacy benefits are now the most expensive part of the plan. She felt that the federal Medicare picture is grim and will need major restructuring within the next 5 years. It has dramatically reduced its reimbursements. She noted that as we get older "we creak more and cost more for health care." The Health Service System urges members to become Medicare eligible at age 65 to avoid rate increases especially if you are enrolled in the city's indemnity plan (Plan 1).

Special thanks to Tom Cunnane, SFPD physical training specialist, for his 6th presentation on exercise, health, and nutrition. Tom noted the top 3 police disabilities: cardiovascular, gastro-intestinal, and low back dis-

orders. Upon observing that diets don't work (he calls them starvation plans), Tom urged exercise and less eating. When asked how to determine if you need a diet, Tom quipped: "Look in a mirror!" Tom noted that the biggest health epidemic in the US is now diabetes due to excess sugar consumption. "America is getting fatter and less physically active." He urged all attendees to become avid walkers (using the proper shoes) or gardeners. He recommends a heart monitor as a Christmas gift or an annual subscription to the UC Berkeley "Wellness Letter." He praised the benefits of 6 to 8 glasses of water daily (toxin removal) and vitamins C and E (anti-oxidant).

Tom's occupational morbidity statistics show that police officers die prematurely — up to 10 years too soon when compared to other occupations. Why? Tom believes this is the result of the stress of the police employment.

During the seminar wrap-up, Al Casciato (Retirement Board president) assured the attendees that the Retirement System is well funded and quite able to meet all of its retirement promises. The plan is solidly funded with room for some benefit increases. Al noted that the Retirement System has a horizon of 35 – 40 years since it has a perpetual existence; this long-term view helps the system keep its equity allocation in line with other pension plans. Al urged members to go in for a pre-retirement interview (phone 487-7000) at the Retirement System to get an estimate of benefit pay-outs. He also said that body/heart scan and hearing

tests immediately before retirement may make good sense. Al urged all members to take at least as much time to plan for retirement as you would plan for a vacation.

Dr. Forrest Fulton, Ph.D. (formerly of the behavioral science unit, retired July 2003) reminded the attendees that men are the suicide gender with men's rates now increasing and women's decreasing. Reason: women are better at expressing their feelings. Suicide for men over age 85 is 1350% higher for men than for women of the same age group. He urged the use of stress reducers including restriction of caffeine and alcohol and the elimination of tobacco. Dr. Fulton, relying on the work of George Levin, MD entitled Aging Well, said that longitudinal research has shown what life styles led to a successful life. He mentioned: generosity with time and money, non-cynical; positive in attitude; mentoring other people; integrity and a personal value system; need for a retirement plan with fun and creativity; wisdom in old age; and a spiritual dimension helps give meaning to life.

Next Seminar

The next retirement planning seminar is scheduled for May 17, 18, & 19, 2004. The seminar will be available to the first 50 people, members and their spouses/partners, who contact the POA after the announcement is sent to all members with 20 or more years of service. Preference is give to those members who are near retirement or who have already contacted the Retirement

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this year. We had a turnout of close to twenty members. I also wanted to give special thanks to the Juarez family, Jennifer Forrester and Pat Cadigin. Joe has brought the family along two years running and having Santa support this year was a real hit with the old timers. We truly appreciate your generosity and compassion...Thank You all very much.

Happy New Year

As the year 2003 came to an end, we all have had time to reflect on a year of major changes. The men and women of our Armed Forces have once again been called on to secure our freedoms and have risen to the occasion. The war in Iraq was successful, but has come at the expense of numerous American lives. Even with the capture of Saddam Hussein, there are many hurdles to jump in the Middle East. We still have many enemies in the region, and flushing them out will inevitably result in military casualties. With the presidential election of 2004 less than a year away, we already see that our military policies will be the focal point of the race. President Bush, who I think has done an excellent job thus far, will surely be demonized for making tough decisions during difficult times. One of his opponents, Howard Dean has already compared President Bush to Adolph Hitler, and suggested that Osama Bin Laden be given a fair trial and constitutional protections for attacking the United States. As we drive on, through a year

of political and economical uncertainty, please continue to support our troops and our President. This country has a lot at stake. Don't let the antics of ambitious politicians cloud your memories of September 11. We are still at war, and there is more work to do. We need strong leadership and military experience to guide us into the future. I will continue to support President Bush and the members of our Armed Forces; I encourage you to do the same.

I would write more, but I managed to break my hand recently and typing is tough. I have included some pics from the Christmas visit; I think they say it all. Let's hope for a good year and may God Bless America.



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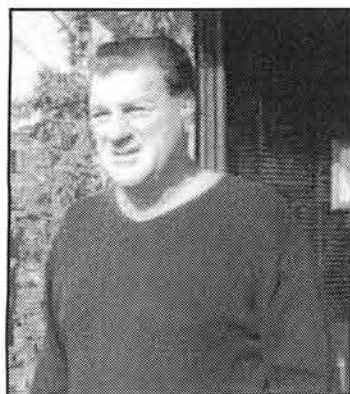
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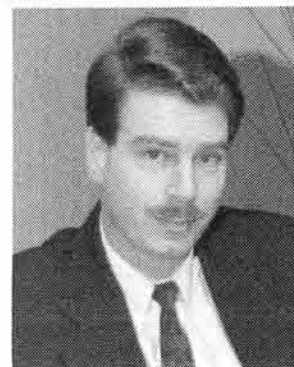
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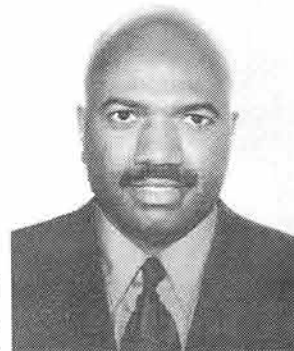
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A Day in the Life of a 911 Dispatcher

By Laura O'Reilly-Jackson
Emergency Communications
Department

Grab your headset, summon lots of patience, and get ready for a work shift full of interesting situations and tons of stress. A police/public safety dispatcher in San Francisco is all about being the vital lifeline to emergency services for help and the SFPD's silent partners.

Dispatchers in San Francisco receive between 3,500-4,000 calls per day. Ninety percent of the calls are for Police. The other 10% are for Fire/Medical services. Approximately half of all calls are 911 calls, and the other half are non-emergency police calls. Many of the 911 calls in San Francisco are wrong numbers, misdial, or just are not emergency. It has been over a year since dispatchers have begun taking and processing Medical and Fire calls. After screening those calls, they are forwarded for now to real firefighters and paramedics who are still dispatching the ambulances and fire trucks and equipment. Eventually they will be back on the street doing their job and Public Safety Dispatchers will be doing it all, taking, processing and dispatching Police Medical and Fire calls.

There has been no additional compensation or pay raises since we have taken on additional responsibilities. Dispatchers have been trained and given these added responsibilities at a time of extreme economic hardship for every city in the state and especially emergency services. Like many other city employees, we have not had a raise in a year and a half, and are now paying for our own retirement.

Dispatchers are currently classified by the City at a clerical benchmark although we are, in fact, emergency workers who triage police, medical and fire calls as well as dispatch police assignments and provide life-saving post dispatch instructions on medical calls. We are currently formulating a plan to bring to the City regarding a change in classification.

It takes over seven months of training to become a dispatcher. If a class starts out with twenty students, we might get ten full-fledged dispatchers from it if we are lucky. It takes a certain kind of person who is very detail oriented (everything that is typed into calls and runs are court documents) and someone who is very courteous and calm during emergencies. A candidate must have the ability to multitask (we call it "multifunctional dex-

terity"). An example on telephone call taking would be handling a 217 (Shooting) or a major 519 (Injury Accident) or an 801 (Suicidal Attempt). A dispatcher must process these calls rapidly and get pertinent information sent up to the channel dispatch. While interrogating a caller with police questions, these type of incidents also require a 408 (Ambulance) to respond immediately. Nowadays, a dispatcher has to change gears after obtaining the most pertinent police information, clear their entry screen and start over to send a separate call up to the Medical Fire dispatchers. We used to transfer the Medical Fire calls to their dispatch for processing; we are now doing it all.

On a very busy radio channel, especially PIC service channels, a dispatcher can have anywhere from fifty to one hundred officers on that channel. Our job is to service all of them when needed. That can be a bit much when there is only one dispatcher and several units asking for different requests at the same time. "Dispatch, I need an ambulance out at ... I have . . .

"Headquarters, I need a case number."

"Dispatch, can you run two subjects for me?"

"I need a callback to this premise, Headquarters, I can't get into the building." "Dispatch, code four this . . ."

All of these transmissions are coming over the air one after another while the dispatcher is on the phone calling the paramedics to get the ambulance rolling for the initial request. When you are on the telephone making a callback for a unit, or getting an ambulance or the fire unit to respond, you also have to be able to answer your units on the air, (radio and officer safety is first priority). A dispatcher must be able to type information and key your microphone all at once. Picture this multi-tasking situation, it happens every hour of every single day.

San Francisco was one of the premiere cities in California to receive 911 wireless cell phone calls directly. Cur-

rently in San Francisco, approximately six thousand cell calls to 911 are routed directly to ECD (Emergency Communications Department). Previously all such calls went directly to CHP (California Highway Patrol), then were transferred to the appropriate city and agency. CHP is dealing with a lot less emergency calls in San Francisco now since those calls are directly coming to us.

With this comes 911 information. Whereas when CHP used to transfer calls to us from a cell phone and no one was speaking on the line, that was it, you could just hang up. Now we receive information that shows a general cellular site from where the caller is located. The caller usually is in a one-mile radius of that cell site. We also retrieve their complete cell phone number including various area codes and their cellular company name. When an open line comes in now on 911 from a wireless cell phone, and no one speaks directly to us, we have to hang up, call back the phone number, speak with the caller, or leave a message on a voicemail. Then, we log the call in CAD. That is a lot more work for us. It is better service for the public and it equates to approximately 150-200 more calls a day for us to process.

ECD is involved in a lot of community outreach. We participate in various job fairs in the Bay Area and public events in San Francisco. We also attend police station community meetings where we teach the public about the proper use of 911. We instruct on when to call 911 and what information will be needed from the caller.

This encompasses most of what we do as San Francisco Police/Public Safety Dispatchers. In our hearts, we know that we have helped many people during some of the worst or most stressful times of their lives. We are the voice and ear on the other end of the phone. We are proud to assist SFPD's finest when they are out on the street, we are the calming voice in their ears and their helpline on the other end of their microphones.

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Widows' and Orphans'

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Mission District. He attended Mission High School. After graduating, he joined the Army and was trained to be a paratrooper. He was stationed in the Germany during the War. Upon his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and worked as a Lubricator before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. He was assigned to Company K Solos as his first and only assignment. He retired after 27 years in 1974. Dick was awarded several Captain Comp's over the years. He assisted in saving the life of a man perched on the eight floor of a hotel threatening to jump by grabbing him by his neck and with a quick jerk he was off the ledge and on the way to SFGH.

CALVIN E. FROST, 79 years. Calvin was born in Hasting, Oklahoma. He enlisted in the Navy and served on the USS Pennsylvania. He was a Pearl Harbor Survivor. His ship was in dry dock on Dec 7, 1941, and his ship's regular dock at Pearl Harbor had a French Freighter docked in it. After the War, he returned to San Francisco and settled. He was employed as a Truck Driver before he entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was Richmond, followed by Co. K. 3-wheel detail. In 1962, he went to Central, where he remained until he retired in 1974. He was awarded several Captain's Comp's over the years. One was for the arrest of a former student threatening teachers with a loaded gun. Calvin enjoyed gardening and raising and showing canaries in his retirement.

CARL L. DECKER, 79 years. Carl was born in Detroit, Mich. He moved to San Francisco at a young age and grew up in the Richmond. He attended Washington High and, in 1941, enlisted in the Marine Corps at the age of 17. He served his country in the Pacific until he got out of the Marines and returned home to San Francisco in 1945. He worked ten years driving cab in the City before he took the exam and entered the Police Academy in 1955. From the Academy, he went to fixed post traffic for his first assignment. After a year, he went on the Solos, where he remained until he retired in 1984. Carl received several Captain Comp's during his career. He was awarded a Silver Medal of Valor for the arrest of three armed suspects who just robbed a grocery store. Also, a bronze medal of Valor for the arrest of two suspects who committed an armed robbery. One thing you can not take away from Carl was his Big Heart. He would go on vacation to Mexico and would pack an extra grip loaded with dolls and all sorts of toys. He would see a family with their children and walk up and give the little girl a doll, the boy a yo-yo. He made everyone happy. (See the letter I received with a donation under new business) Carl was also active with the Police/Fire Post 456 of the American Legion.

SUSPENSIONS: Allen Siegel, pursuant to Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution. (Nonpayment of dues for one year) President Aguilar so ordered.

Daniel Borgfeldt and Michael Ramos. Pursuant to Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution. (Non-payment of dues for six months). The secretary will notify these two in writing.

REINSTATED: Roberto Salinas with the payment of all his back dues.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Bruce Bain, David Cassaro and Shane Hiller,

all from the Bank of America, were at the meeting and gave their individual reports. Mr. Bruce Bain gave the Trustees and Officers some reading material, and gave a report of the status of our account. We are up 26% on our stocks and 2.3% on our newly invested Hedge Fund. (\$11,000.00 in three months) Our REIT investment is up \$2000.00 for the month. The Market looks pretty good this year and job growth should continue, but at a slow rate. Our Asset Summary Cash 3.15 %: Stocks 44.72%, Bonds 43.26%, Hedge Fund 5.91 % and REIT 2.96%. The Bank made a proposal to Sell 850 shares of General Dynamics, 400 shares of 3M, 1,000 shares of Century Tel and 900 shares of Colgate Palmolive. They then wanted to buy 1,000 shares of Apache Corp, 1,000 shares of Alcoa, 500 shares of Weyerhaeuser and 500 shares of United Technologies. The Trustees agreed with their recommendation and Trustee Kemmitt signed the necessary document.

OLD BUSINESS: Past President Bill Hardeman swore in our members running for election this year. Treasurer Jim Sturken, President George Jeffery, Vice President Joe Reilly, Trustees Joe Garrity and Rene LaPrevotte. They will join Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Mike Kemmitt and Dave Fontana as the Officers and Trustees for 2004.

Remember our phone number is 415 681 3660 if you have any changes to your beneficiary or address. Give us a call.

NEW BUSINESS: This past month, I received several donations made in memory of our departed members. (See Communications in this article) One I thought I would like to share with the membership.

To the Carl Decker Family,

This is a hard time for any family member to get through. Hopefully, I can put a smile on your sorrow.

My name is Jim Murphy and when I grew up on 14th Ave. between Calif. And Clement all the crew of kids knew Carl.

He will always have a special place in my heart for the time he took to visit me when I had lost one eye vision. Back in 1962, I was 10-years old, and a little on the wild side. My father had become friends with some of the motorcycle officers, Al LaVelle, Harvey Harrison, John Mahoney, Tom Lord, and Carl to name a few.

The best part of my Kaiser stay was when I would hear the heavy boots and keys jingle, then smell the leather of their uniforms. I was not able to see because both my eyes were covered. Carl would always try to cheer me up with good old-fashioned humor. How you doing kid, don't worry you will be fine in time.

He brought in a glass jar and always would drop in some change. Then he would tell the other officers who he would bring to visit to dig deep in their pockets to help fill the jar. It became the highlight of my day, as I knew Carl knew it would be. The jar was full and very heavy when I left the hospital. I had told this story to my wife a couple months back and for some reason, I read the funeral notice column, which I never do. So, that's how this came about. Carl Decker was one of San Francisco's Finest with a Huge Heart.

ADJOURNMENT: President George Jeffery thanked Al Aguilar for his service as President. He then had a moment of silence for our departed members. He then set the next meeting for Wed. February 18, 2004 at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

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By Rene LaPrevotte
International Correspondent

One of the advantages of being involved in the "Buzz-the-Fuzz" program was the opportunity to meet officers from all over the world, and more specifically from Australia. Some of the friendships I made during the past five years of shaving Aussie heads resulted in lifetime friendships, and invitations to come "Down Under." Well, now that I've started the second half of my life, and am no-longer a "PoPo" (Not to be mistaken for PooPoo), there haven't been any invitations to shave "down-under", but plenty of invites to ride and party with our brothers and sisters at the bottom of the globe.

Many of you don't share my passion for motorcycle road-racing, and therefore don't realize that the highest form of bike racing (Moto GP) doesn't even happen in the US, despite the fact that this is the biggest market for motorcycle sales on earth.

To experience the thrill of 250 horsepower, 374 pound, 210 mph motorcycles banging handlebars, you have to travel overseas, which I happened to do coinciding with a four-week stay in Australia. I accepted the invitation of an Aussie Moto-head I met six years ago in Oz (when I was getting scalped for "Kids with Cancer" in Sydney), and with our helmets in hand (Don't get smart). Susan and I flew to Melbourne where we met-up with a bunch of Aussie coppers, and my Moto-head buddy, who happens to be a civilian, but whose father was a career Aussie cop.

We rode to the "Phillip Island Moto GP", which is about 2 hours from Melbourne, and while there, hooked-up with two other Yanks from the Bay Area, including our own Bobby "Hammerhead" Miller from the SWAT unit. We were positively rapt watching the races, and screamed ourselves hoarse for first-year American competitor Nickey Haydon, who managed to finish the premiere Moto GP event in third place, for his first ever podium finish at the "world" level.

As a prelude to the GP, my buddy borrowed three street bikes, to escort us down the "Great Ocean Road" from

Melbourne to Adelaide (Roughly equivalent to our highway #1), just to get us initiated to driving on the wrong side of the roadway. The scenery is spectacular, but went largely unnoticed as we were overcompensating for the terror of being on the wrong side of a blind curve when a car approaches in a lane that your brain insists is YOURS. Naturally, Susan lost her luggage again (this time a back pack strapped to the back of her CBR600) which included our brand-new hair dryer, voltage converter, more underwear, and God-forbid, two emergency beers!

The ride from Melbourne to Adelaide is roughly the equivalent of SF to San Diego, which we did on curvaceous ocean-roads in one day. Australians are notorious for being macho, and this Iron Butt journey did nothing to dispel that impression. After all, these are the same people who use their six-month old babies as crocodile training aids. We went to dinner at an Argentinean restaurant that served two-kilogram (nearly FIVE pound) steaks, hit the sack (after sufficient sampling of Victoria's brewing prowess) and awoke at 0700 for the ride back to Melbourne...in a biblical downpour!

I'm certain that all of you have driven a car past a "big-rig" in a rain-storm, and had your vision completely "whited-out" by the spray coming off the truck's tires... well in Australia they have what they call "Land Trains". This is a truck that tows three or more trailers, and when they overtake you (on the wrong side of the road, naturally), you don't see where you're going for about forty-five seconds. The trick is to just go FASTBR to get blindly out of the tire spray... great fun, and what my Aussie friend described as "character building."

We got back to Melbourne by night-fall, but had to drive agonizingly under the speed limit on a twenty-mile stretch of freeway that accounts for (true story) \$14,000 a minute in traffic fines due to "speed cameras" secreted in the area... what a bloody rip-off!! It took approximately three days of R&R for our riding gear to dry-out. At which time I continued my acquaintance with Aussie brew in the form of Victoria Bitter. A bottle of beer is called a "stubby," a case is called a "slab," and a 30-pack is a "brick," (or maybe it's the other way around) and I quickly got squared-away with terms such as "My shout mate"!

Well, as I said, we were in Australia for a full month, and I've only accounted for less than two weeks. That's because one of the trips highlights was to be a bike ride around the island of Tasmania!

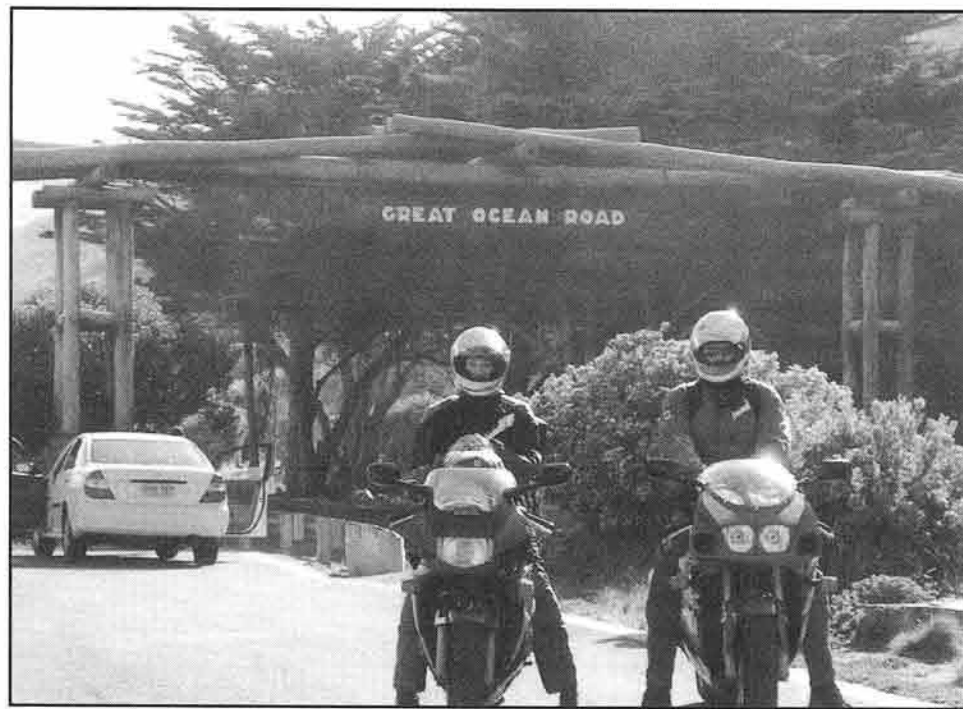
Susan and I rode our "borrowed" bikes to the wharf area in Melbourne, and at dusk boarded a ferry called "Spirit of Tasmania" for the overnight trip across the Tasman Sea. We didn't have an itinerary and planned to ride until the asses said "hotel please". In our five days in "Tassie," we never did ride for more than 130 miles a day, as the roads are serpentine, narrow and exhilarating. Our first night found us in Queenstown, which was (and probably still is) a copper mining town with very little else to attract tourists. We found an inviting pub for some Kahlua/coffees to warm us after the ride in the low 30's, (Remember, you're

500 miles away from Antarctica!) and noted that our fellow patrons shared an orthodontic inability to eat corn-on-the-cob. There were fewer front teeth in this little bistro than at a Georgia bare-fisted boxing match, although, believe it or not, one of the guys was wearing an SF Giants jacket!

We had been forewarned by the Aussies back on the mainland that "Tassie" is sort of considered the Appalachia of the Southern Hemisphere, and the denizens of this bar were doing nothing to dispel that notion. Queenstown, Tasmania just sort of had a "weird" feeling about it. That feeling was enhanced even more when the



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An Open Letter To Recent LWLP Retirees

By Rene LaPrevotte

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POA welfare officer Michael Hebel briefly looked into this matter, and was informed by "Payroll" that while there is apparently no statutory provision for this reduction in payment for your accumulated time, SP and vacation, it is "past practice" and the department plans to continue to pay-off LWLP's at a reduced rate.

If you feel as I do, that it makes no sense to pay you overtime at the "higher" rank for hours accrued for "pay" (LWOT), and to reduce that payment when you opted to take "time" instead, (as is your right under the City Charter and MOU) please contact me via e-mail at rlaprevotte@comcast.net

I am planning to contact legal council once I have a feeling for how many others were denied thousands of dollars by this arbitrary and capricious practice.

four digital photographs I took at dusk all came out with previously invisible squiggles of light streaking across the pictures. I kept them just to prove that I wasn't suffering the ill-effects of too many Kahluas.

Day three of our excellent adventure had us riding to the Southernmost city of Hobart, Tasmania. Hobart could easily be the sister city of San Francisco and has a beautiful wharf area and fine restaurants in 200 year-old abbeys.

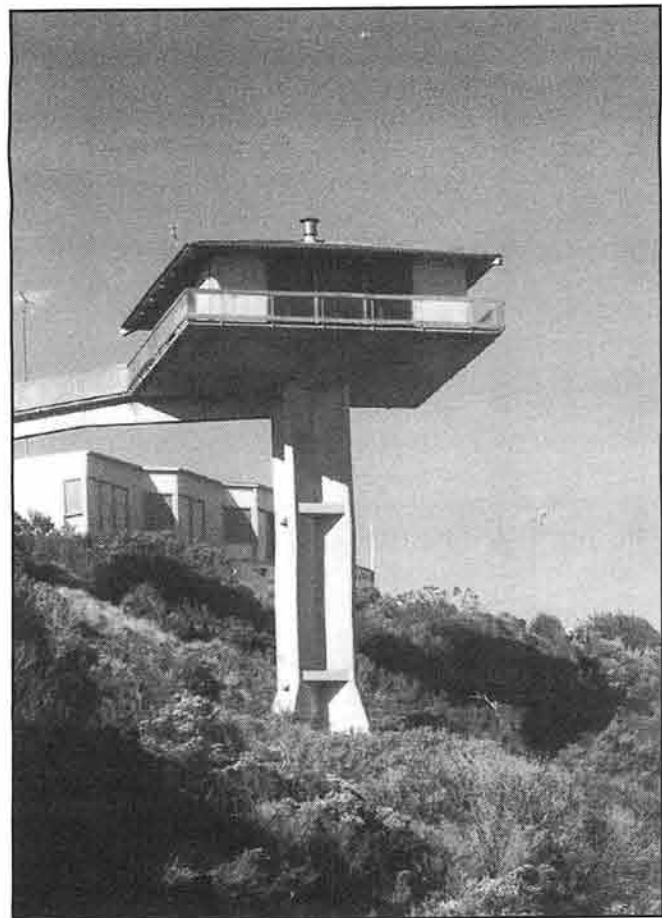
At dinner in Hobart, we met a retired '747 pilot from Singapore airlines and his wife who were also touring

haunted by the ghosts of the thousands who never left there, and there is a late night walking tour of the haunted areas that resulted in some photos taken by tourists that have been displayed in the museum depicting ghostly visions in what was to have been typical vacation snapshots. I chose to stay in a little hotel bar on the grounds of the Port Arthur prison and saw plenty of ghostly images on my own.

We awoke the next day, and spent a second day on a walkabout in the garrison area, shooting several hundred photos (They'll all be in next



San Francisco's sister city.



How would you like to paint this place?

Tassie on motorcycle, and the following day they escorted us to Port Arthur, which is one of the most incredibly beautiful places I've ever visited, to include Europe and the Alps!

Port Arthur was the landing point for Prisoners of her Majesty (POMS) who were brought to this Army garrison turned prison in the mid 1800's. When the Brits decided one of its residents was unsuitable for life in jolly old England, they were chained-up in a schooner for half a year, and taken to Port Arthur for incarceration. It wasn't until the late 1800's that prisoners as young as 12 years old were segregated from the adult prisoners. Mike Hennessey would sure be proud of this enlightened penal colony!

The Port Arthur site is reputed to be

Waiting to board the ferry to Tasmania.



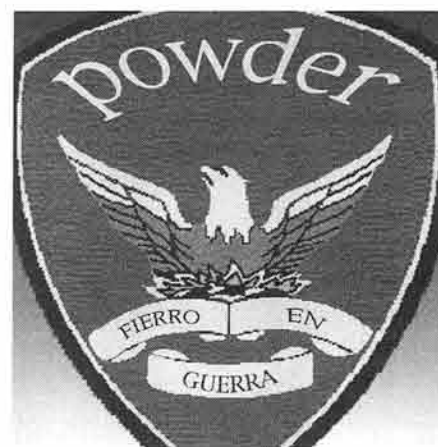
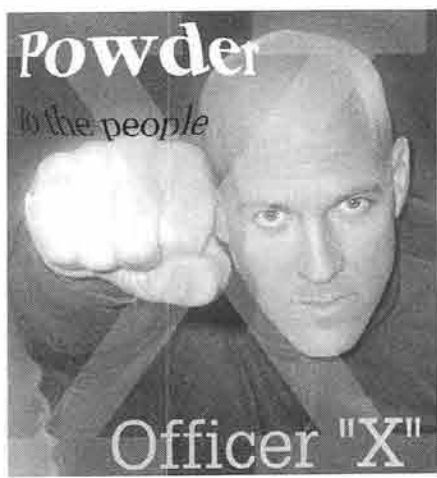
Remembering Kenny

By Andrew Cohen

It's hard to believe, but it has been nearly six years since the death of Sgt. Kenny Sugrue.

You will recall that it was through his unselfish, tireless efforts that a plan was brought to life which continues to provide friendly, competitive sporting events for the kids of the Tenderloin. The annual project that came from these efforts has come to be known as the "Sgt. Kenny Sugrue Tenderloin Children's Olympics".

As it was true of so many others, Kenny profoundly touched my life not only by his exemplary performance as a police officer, but as well as from his encouragement and kind words. I promised myself then



that I would never forget him, and would do what I could to further his good work.

It is in his honor that I am donating all the proceeds from the sales of my now 4 CDs to the Sgt. Kenny Sugrue, Tenderloin Fund.

Up to now I have not done all I could do to promote the sale of CDs, so I am hoping that through this little note the music I have created can be more widely shared and the proceeds help to keep the "Games" alive and well in the Tenderloin. If you are interested in purchasing any or all of these CDs, please call me at 415-431-6541 or come by the POA offices and pick them up. A minimum of a \$10.00 donation for each CD is requested and checks can be made out to the "Sgt. Kenny Sugrue, Tenderloin Fund".

Beware! Yet Another Telephone Scam

Forwarded to the Journal
by Michael Baglin, Narcotics

We often receive emails regarding one scam or another. Both VISA and MasterCard report a scam that is currently being worked throughout the Midwest, with some variance as to the product or amount. One man was called on Wednesday from VISA and another was called in Thursday from MasterCard. It works like this:

The person calling says, "This is Joe So-and-So and I'm calling from the Security and Fraud department at VISA. My Badge number is 12460. Your card has been flagged for an unusual purchase pattern, and I'm calling to verify a purchase. Did you purchase an Anti-Telemarketing Device for \$497.99 from a marketing company based in Arizona?"

If you deny the purchase, the caller continues. "Then we will be issuing a credit to your account. This is a com-

pany we have been watching and the charges range from \$297 to \$497, just under the \$500 purchase pattern that flags most cards. Before your next statement, the credit will be sent to (gives you your address), is that correct?"

If you verify your address, the caller continues.

"I will be starting a fraud investigation. If you have any questions, you should call the 800 number listed on your card 1-800-VISA and ask for Security. You will need to refer to this Control Number."

The caller then reads you a 6-digit number and asks, "Do you need me to read it again?"

The caller then says he "needs to verify you are in possession of your card. Turn the card over. There are seven numbers; first four are 1234 (whatever) the next three are the security numbers that verify you are in possession of the card. These are the numbers you use to make internet purchases to prove you have the card. Read me the three numbers."

When the hapless victim reads back the three security numbers, the caller says, "That is correct. I just needed to verify that the card has not been lost or stolen, and that you still have your card. Do you have any other questions? Don't hesitate to call back if you do." You actually say very little, and they never ask for or tell you the card number.

The real VISA security department verified this phone scam. What the scam artists want is the 3-digit security number. Once the charge goes through, they keep charging every few days. By the time you get your statement, you think the credit is coming, and then it's harder to actually file a fraud report.

The real VISA emphasized that they will never ask for anything on the card, they already have that information.

Letters



Chief Fagan—

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to sincerely thank all the members of the San Francisco Police Department for their support and presence following the untimely death of my husband, retired Captain Jack Kerrigan. Staff members from your office, the Honor Guard, the Mounted Unit, the Solo Motorcycle Unit, and the many other personnel that assisted our family during this difficult time were extremely professional and appreciated. All who attended the services for my husband were very much impressed by the support provided by members of the San Francisco Police Department. Thank you again for remembering my husband and our family.

Sincerely,
Elaine Kerrigan

Dear SFPOA—

On behalf of my family, I want to express our appreciation for all the support the San Francisco Police Officers' Association gave us during the wake, the memorial services, and the burial of my husband, Sgt. John G. Fowlie. He would have been so proud to have received the respect shown by all of you.

The ceremonial procedures that you chose to honor my husband were comforting and will live in our memories as symbols of John's love and respect for San Francisco and their Finest. The tremendous num-

ber of police officers that attended the services was overwhelming to me, our four sons, and their families.

John's loyalty and love for the San Francisco Police Department never faltered and your tribute reaffirmed his beliefs. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Jane Fowlie & Family

Dear Mr. Cunnie —

Thank you for your very generous contribution to the San Francisco Senior Center at this Holiday Season from your fellow San Francisco Police Officers.

This has been a busy and successful year with the continuation of all our activities, plus the expansion of our HomeComing Services Program. This program provides assistance to low-income seniors with their transition from a hospital to their home environment.

Also, we recently compiled the statistics for our last fiscal year and are proud to report that over 3,000 senior citizens attended either Aquatic Park or the Downtown Branch and we served over 40,000 hot lunches!

Thank you again for your continuing generous support. In these 'tough' economic times, we really appreciate your contribution this year.

Best wishes for the Holidays,
Robert Trevorrow
Executive Director
San Francisco Senior Center

Mr. Chris Cunnie, President San Francisco Police Officers' Association

Dear Mr. Cunnie:

I would like to take this opportunity to inform you of a recent action taken by the San Francisco Retirement Board that impacts the CCSF 457 Deferred Compensation Plan. After conducting much due diligence, the Board decided to terminate five of the investment options in the Deferred Compensation Plan. I believe that the members of the San Francisco Police Officers' Association who participate in the program will be very pleased with the Board's action. Specifically, all four of the Janus Funds have been terminated. This includes the Janus Twenty Fund, Janus Aspen Series Worldwide Growth Portfolio, Janus Aspen Series Balanced Portfolio, and Janus Aspen Series Flexible Income Portfolio. In addition, one other fund was terminated, the ING JP Morgan Fleming International Portfolio. Participants will be notified of these changes soon and have the opportunity to voluntarily transfer from the terminated funds into other options available within the Plan, or utilize the self-directed brokerage account as an alternative. In February, participants who have not made a voluntary election will have remaining assets automatically transferred to a similar fund.

During ING's tenure as Plan Administrator, since 1999, we have worked together with the San Francisco Retirement Board and its investment consultant to continually evaluate the performance of the Plan's investment offerings. This has resulted in numerous improvements including the introduction of new asset classes, lifestyle funds and several portfolio manager changes. Last August, prior to the allegations of market timing and late trading activities in the mutual fund industry, ING recommended that the various Janus Funds be replaced in our proposal response to the City and County of San Francisco 457 Plan RFP.

Recently, a new Investment Policy Statement was adopted by the Retirement Board for the Deferred Compensation Plan. The investment policy governs the core investment options offered to participants and sets forth investment objectives and guidelines applicable to those funds. Failure to achieve the quantitative and qualitative measures outlined in the investment policy will result in the fund(s) being placed on a watch

list or terminated if proper corrective action does not occur. By applying the standards set forth in the

Investment Policy Statement, portfolio managers who display sub-standard investment performance or who have material changes in investment philosophy, organizational structure, or financial conditions will be quickly identified and acted upon. This approach will assure that "best of class" portfolio managers are utilized to manage the Plan's investment options and that the best interests of participants are being addressed in a timely and prudent manner.

In summary, INC is totally committed to providing the best available products and services to the City and County of San Francisco and its employees. We will continue to work with the Retirement Board, its Staff and consultant to continuously monitor, refine, and improve all aspects of the Plan. As always, INC values the input we receive from the Police Officers Association and other employee organizations. We confidently look forward to the future and are enthusiastic about the improvements that will be made to the 457 Plan now and in the years ahead.

Sincerely,
Peter J. Belardinelli,
Regional Manager
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Dear SFPOA—

Thank you for your end-of-year gift in support of Episcopal Community Services' Rose Hotel. The Holiday season is a particularly difficult time for many, and your generous response provides much-needed support for our comprehensive programs to alleviate homelessness.

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Sincerely,
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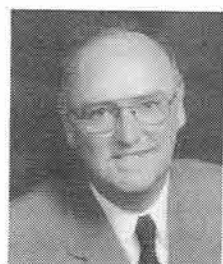
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Dear Chris —

A heartfelt thanks to you and the Police Officers' Association for being such great supporters of the San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society. Because of people like you and the benevolence of your organization, we had a tremendous response to our Second Annual Golf Tournament.

Good luck and best wishes.

Sincerely,
Patrick D. Burke,
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Bayview PSA needs our help

An Open Letter to the Membership

Editor —
I am writing to you on behalf of PSA Rich Artist. Rich has worked for our Department for twenty-five years. The members of Bayview Station are asking our POA members to help find Rich safe and affordable housing?

Rich has lived in the Bayview for many years. He recently had to move due to the landlord selling the house where Rich lived. This move is very difficult for Rich and has caused a big hardship. Rich was conveniently living within blocks of Bayview Station. Rich is physically disabled and is permanently wheelchair bound. He would prefer a lower level living area but could handle an upper living area as long as there is an elevator. Rich is moving on Friday, but is moving to a temporary living situation which is located up on Reardon and Kiska Rd. (Right in the heart of Harbor/Northridge, a very violent housing project area.)

This is unacceptable to me. Rich has been a huge asset to our Department and is invaluable to our station. Rich works station duty on the midnight shift. Rich has had to deal with so much physical hardship and never ever asks any of us for help. There was a time when Rich did not have a car as his car died and he was waiting for a handicap assessable van which took him over three years to finally purchase. Rich literally left work after a long midnight shift and rode his wheelchair home often times in the freezing cold and rain. We would see Rich and offer him a ride but he would always decline as he did not want to burden any of us. Rich would even take himself to the hospital when he got very sick. We told Rich to call the station when he has to go to the hospital due to one of his attacks. Rich would not call us. The only way we found out about Rich at the hospital was that he was too medicated and incapacitated to drive home or it his condition was so severe that he could not make it to work.

Rich is a sweet Christian man. Rich is reliable and kind. Rich works real hard and is a huge support to all of us. We all love him here. Rich never complains about his situation and simply takes each day as it comes. I can't imagine living a day in the life of Rich. He makes it look so easy.

I am hoping that you can print up an article so that someone in our department can offer Rich a comfortable living situation. If there is not wheelchair access I am sure that someone in our Department can help our with the construction of a ramp if that were an issue.

I told Rich that he should send something to the POA but Rich, as always never wants to ask for help. Rich really needs our help. We cannot settle for one of our own living up in the housing projects. Rich is well known in our community and would easily be recognized as a law enforcement employee. Rich wears a police uniform, which makes him a potential victim. We are also very concerned regarding Rich's van. The custom made vehicle cost nearly \$100,000.00 and could never be replaced if vandalized or stolen.

Can we please get the word out so something can happen for Rich?
Thanks a lot and let me know if you need anything else. From all of us at Company C.

Sincerely,
Wendy Hurley

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Police Suicide Rate Could Be Double National Average

From The Gannett News Service,
January 13

WASHINGTON — Howard Jones sometimes groused about family problems.

But no one thought the Marion, Ohio, policeman was so troubled that he would leave work one night in September, drive 100 miles to a state park he loved and kill himself with his .40-caliber Glock handgun.

"He was one of those guys who kept to himself and was quiet," Marion Police Chief Thomas Bell said. "It really opened people's eyes around here."

Jones' widow, Toni, is still so distraught she would not talk with a reporter about her loss.

The death of Howard Jones, 44, is part of a decades-old trend that does not get enough attention, some researchers said. More law enforcement officers die by their own hand than are killed in the line of duty, says Robert Douglas, executive director of the National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation in Pasadena, Md.

Federal agencies do not track law enforcement suicides, and Fraternal Order of Police officials referred questions on suicides to local departments. But Douglas estimated that 450 U.S. law enforcement workers killed themselves in 2003, compared with 148 who died on duty.

Allen Kates, author of "CopShock: Surviving Posttraumatic Stress Disorder," said his research shows that suicides among law enforcement officers — which includes police, prison guards and federal agents — could be double the national rate of 10.8 suicides per 100,000 people in 2001.

The suicides show that some of the nation's law enforcement personnel are working under too much pressure, Kates said. This stress could hinder police ability to protect the public at a time when they must handle new threats such as terrorism, some researchers said.

"They will not be operating at their maximum level," Kates said.

Other researchers said an alleged epidemic of suicides in the law enforcement profession is exaggerated.

Dr. Peter Marzuk at Cornell University's Weill Medical College in Manhattan examined New York City police suicides between 1977 and 1996. The suicide rate for white male police officers, who made up most of the force, was 16.8 per 100,000, well below the national rate for white males of 21.4 per 100,000, Marzuk said.

Another expert, American Society of Suicidology Executive Director Alan Berman, said there could be brief peaks of police suicides in some areas, but "you won't find (an epidemic) on a national level."

Douglas, a retired Baltimore City policeman who travels around the country to talk about police suicides, argues that the epidemic is real. And even Marzuk conceded that he had expected the New York police suicide rate to be lower than it was because recruits are screened for mental illnesses, such as depression, that lead to suicide.

Many factors fuel law enforcement suicides, experts said. Work conditions are partly to blame.

Although the work is mostly mundane, violence can erupt at any moment. This violence causes emotional scars that can surface years later as depression, alcoholism, drug abuse and suicidal thoughts, said Bill Genet, a retired New York City Police officer and founder of Police Organization Providing Peer Assistance. The 8-year-old volunteer group provides confidential personal and professional advice to New York City police.

For generations, law enforcement personnel were trained to keep their emotions in check, Genet said. Although that attitude is changing, some carry their stoicism over into their personal lives, making it difficult to share feelings with family and friends, experts said.

"We referred to it as the 'John Wayne Syndrome,'" said Ronny Shawber, 62, sheriff of Crawford County, Ohio. "No matter what happened, you sucked it up and moved on."

About half of the nation's police agencies offer in-house counseling, author Kates said. However, some officers avoid counseling out of fear they will be passed over for promotions if they admit to feeling stress, he said.

Some also complain that they work under intense scrutiny because of well-publicized police brutality cases in Los Angeles, Cincinnati and other cities over the last decade, Douglas said.

More law enforcement agencies are offering counseling and training to avert suicides.

Daniel Clark, a psychologist with the Washington State Patrol, offers a two-day suicide prevention seminar in departments around the country. The program is aimed at getting law enforcement counselors, chaplains and supervisors to recognize stress and suicidal symptoms among staff, he said.

"This is a problem that to a large extent is preventable," he said.

Concerns of Police Survivors Inc., a Missouri group that counsels families of law enforcement officers who die on duty, opens its counseling sessions to survivors of police who commit suicide, spokeswoman Terrie Merritt said.

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From The Los Angeles Times,
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Critics argued that the sensitive job of imprisonment should not be shared with for-profit companies. But advocates promised lower costs, and states — faced with swelling inmate populations — needed beds, fast.

Texas, Florida and the federal government signed on with gusto. In California, however, the growth of private lockups has been stifled by resistance from the powerful prison guards union.

Now comes Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, a Republican said to favor privatization. With his election, private prison operators found hope of expanding their reach in the state's \$5-billion-a-year penal system — the largest in the nation.

So far, the prospects look bleak. Of the state's 49 prisons and community correctional facilities, only nine are private, each of them a minimum security unit. And three of them will close by month's end, their contracts terminated by former Gov. Gray Davis. Their demise will cut the number of California convicts in private cells to 2,457 — a tiny fraction of the total inmate count of 160,000.

Operators of the three facilities — in Eagle Mountain in Riverside County and Bakersfield and McFarland in Kern County — have spent the waning days of December in a flurry of negotiations with the new administration, hoping to win reprieves. Eagle Mountain residents even sent a personal plea for the prison — futilely, it now seems — to Schwarzenegger, who worked there a decade ago while filming "Terminator 2: Judgment Day."

"I understand we are small potatoes in the California state budget," said Al Murphy, vice president of corrections for Management & Training Corp., the Utah firm that runs the 438-bed Eagle Mountain prison. Had Schwarzenegger had more time, Murphy said, the firm believes he "would have recognized the value privatized corrections can have in this state."

Officials at the Youth and Adult Correctional Agency, which oversees corrections, confirmed that the three prisons would close as scheduled. What the future holds for the six other private lockups, they said, is unclear.

"These facilities were mostly opened at a time when we had severe overcrowding," said Tip Kindel, assistant secretary of the agency. "Some of those needs they've served just aren't there anymore."

The private prisons' fight for survival has been complicated by two recent riots. The first, at Eagle Mountain on Oct. 25, raged for 90 minutes and left two inmates dead. The second, at a Cornell Cos. Inc. prison in Baker on Dec. 2, sent four inmates to a hospital, one with multiple stab wounds.

The melees were highly unusual for California's private lockups, which have received excellent ratings from auditors in safety and other aspects of their operations. In fact, the deaths at Eagle Mountain were the first at a pri-

ivate facility in this state. In contrast, nine inmates were killed in California's government-run prisons in 2002 and 13 the year before.

Still, the riots cast a shadow over the facilities, with some inmate advocates raising questions about security, guard training and other policies.

Corrections officials, meanwhile, said the riots had grown to a serious scale in part because officers at private lockups do not carry weapons, unlike those at state-run prisons. Company officials respond that their contracts forbid their guards to use weapons — even pepper spray — unlike guards at private prisons in some other states.

They also said the brawls had been triggered by unusual circumstances, for which they blamed the Department of Corrections.

In the case of Eagle Mountain, operators said an unusual turnover of 50% of the inmate population ordered by the department in the weeks preceding the melee had created an unstable atmosphere and rising tensions.

At Baker, officials said, a known jailhouse snitch had been transferred to the prison by the department without warning, sparking the riot. Typically, they said, such an inmate would be housed in protective custody at a state-run prison, not sent to a minimum-security private facility.

A Corrections Department spokeswoman acknowledged the turnover at Eagle Mountain, but said it was a standard part of the prison's deactivation and had not contributed to the riot. The Baker brawl, she said, was still under investigation.

The riots are only the latest flashpoint in an ongoing legal, fiscal and ethical debate over the role of private companies in the incarceration world. As critics see it, trouble is inevitable when the deprivation of someone's liberty is placed in the private sector's hands.

"The motivation of a for-profit company is very different from the government's motivation, which is supposed to be public safety and rehabilitation," said Cara Gotch, policy director for the American Civil Liberties Union's National Prison Project. "A company has obligations to its stockholders, which often leads to a desire to cut corners and can mean unconstitutional conditions for inmates."

Despite such reservations, privatization has steadily expanded its reach in corrections. For decades, entrepreneurs have supplied states and counties with a multitude of services, ranging from running work-furlough programs to operating halfway houses for parolees. In the 1980s, that role expanded as former prison wardens, social workers and others moved into the business of running entire prisons.

The appeal of such ventures was obvious — particularly in states with booming inmate populations. Private companies did not have to wait for voters' approval of bonds to build their facilities, so they could bring cells on line faster. And, largely by paying lower wages, many firms could offer states a cheaper per-inmate incarceration rate.

The U.S. Immigration and Naturalization Service — now known as U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services — was one of the first government en-

titities to contract with private firms, hiring them to provide short-term detention of suspected illegal immigrants.

Since that beginning, most states have tried private incarceration in some form or another. Proportionally, New Mexico has the most private beds of any state — with nearly half of its convicts housed by for-profit companies, the ACLU's Gotch said. Texas and Florida also have been leaders in the use of private prisons, and in New Hampshire, the governor recently expressed interest in privatizing the entire prison system.

In California, the first group of private facilities — Eagle Mountain among them — opened in 1988, a time when the inmate population was mushrooming. With state-run prisons bulging, inmates had begun challenging the conditions of their confinement and judges were issuing orders that threatened to lead to widespread releases unless crowding was eased.

"The hallways were filled with double bunks and the inmates used buckets to go to the bathroom," recalled Craig Brown, undersecretary of the Youth and Adult Corrections Agency at the time.

"We were just desperate for space," Brown added. "Building new prisons was one answer, but that took too long. So the privates became part of the mix."

Privatization appealed to the Republican governor at that time, George Deukmejian, as well as to his GOP successor, Pete Wilson. But from the start, the private facilities were bitterly opposed by the labor union representing prison guards, the California Correctional Peace Officers' Assn.

The union fought privatization in part because it does not represent guards at the company-run facilities. But Brown, now a lobbyist for the union, said its opposition goes beyond that: "Government's job is 100% to protect the public. With the privates, the job is to make money."

Though California's private prisons have won high marks from state officials and independent auditors, some private lockups in other states have been dogged by violence, mismanagement and escapes.

Over the years, the union has used such horror stories to help sway California legislators against any effort to expand private prisons, which have been limited in the state to housing small numbers of low-security inmates. The union has distributed news clippings of private prison problems elsewhere in the country, as well as a CBS television "60 Minutes" segment on troubles at a Corrections Corp. of America lockup in Ohio.

Davis was sympathetic to the union arguments. Two years ago, he proposed closing five of the nine private prisons, saying that he opposed the concept of privatization in corrections and that the tumbling population of low-security inmates made them no longer necessary.

Defenders of private facilities cried foul, suggesting that Davis had been motivated by politics. The prison guards union, they pointed out, was one of Davis' biggest campaign contributors — having spent \$2.3 million to get him elected in 1998. In 2002, a

few weeks after Davis proposed closing the five private prisons, the union gave him \$250,000.

A vigorous campaign succeeded in saving two of the prisons: the one in Baker and a highly praised women's facility in Live Oak, north of Sacramento, both run by Houston-based Cornell Cos. Inc.

But a Department of Corrections spokeswoman said the other three were no longer needed because of a dip in the type of low-security inmates they house. Moreover, expected changes in the parole system may cut that population even more, funneling parole violators into community treatment centers rather than back to prison.

"We're hoping to shave another 15,000 off our population eventually, so the need for these minimum custody beds just won't be there," spokeswoman Terry Thornton said.

Private prison operators say they are aware of the trends, but believe they can find a new niche in the system.

"The privates have consistently shown an ability to, while not coddling inmates, provide them programs that keep them from coming back to prison," said Mark Nobili, a lobbyist for Cornell. "Once the governor looks at us — and he will have to — it will be clear the benefits the industry provides."

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Two Alabama Officers Lost at The Hands of an EDP

Forwarded to the Journal by Michael Nevin Southern Station

I thought this might be good Journal material. It comes straight from e-mail I receive from Street Survival Newsline No. 680 from Calibre Press. — MN

Subject: Emotionally Disturbed Persons (EDP)

Farron Barksdale, 29, from Athens, AL often had suicidal thoughts. He frequently heard alien voices in his head, and he believed they were trying to take over his mind through the fillings in his teeth. He constantly searched for protection from these 'so called aliens' and even attempted to turn the aliens in to the police. But Barksdale believed that even the police were part of a government conspiracy to turn him and other people "dumb."

Barksdale, who reportedly had been in and out of mental institutions at least five times and was diagnosed as a paranoid schizophrenic, bought an SKS-39 assault rifle at a pawnshop on Christmas Eve. Nine days later, he used that rifle to ambush Sgt. Larry Russell, 42, and Officer Tony Mims, 40, from the Athens Police Department.

On Jan. 2 Barksdale called 911 from his mother's home asking for the FBI. Mims and Russell responded at approximately 1 p.m. Mims arrived first. According to authorities, Barksdale fired off several rounds out of a window and struck Mims seven times as he pulled into the driveway. Russell arrived moments later and was gunned down as he exited his patrol car. More officers arrived at the house immediately and Barksdale surrendered. Authorities later found tins, like the ones popcorn come in, set up in front of the window as if Barksdale had been sitting there waiting for the officers to arrive, Limestone County District At-

torney Kristi Valls told news reporters.

Officer Mims, a 15-year veteran of the department, was pronounced dead at the scene. He is survived by his wife, four children, and one grandchild. Sgt. Russell, a 19-year veteran, died in the hospital at 2:05 p.m. He is survived by his wife and five children. Barksdale was being held under suicide watch without bond in Limestone County jail on two counts of capital murder.

Never Underestimate an Emotionally Disturbed Person (EDP)

The incident in Athens is a horrible tragedy. They were ambushed without warning by an apparent emotionally disturbed person. While we can't bring our courageous brothers back, we can honor their sacrifice by reminding ourselves of the unpredictability and the heightened deadly threat posed by emotionally disturbed individuals.

"Handling an emotionally disturbed person (or 'EDP') can be one of the most dangerous situations for a law enforcement officer, and we are often the first resource contacted when family and friends need help with an EDP," says Calibre Press Street Survival Seminar Instructor and Naperville (Ill) Sgt. Elizabeth Brantner Smith. In this case in Athens, the police were the first people Barksdale himself contacted to help defend him from the aliens he believed to be taking over him. As we emphasize in the "Street Survival" seminar, NEVER underestimate the intelligence of an EDP.

Emotionally disturbed people are often very bright and quick thinking; you must be vigilant in your dealings with them. "Speak softly, slowly, and simply to them, but don't be condescending," Brantner says. Take your time, and remember, your mere presence may represent a threat to the EDP.

They may be fearful of being hurt or being taken away from their home or family and see you as the cause; they will often attack WITHOUT WARNING. Brantner adds, "Also, EDP's will often attack without giving off the 'normal' pre-attack clues we're used to looking for, such as fist clenching or moving into a fighting stance, so you must be constantly vigilant."

Remember the Characteristics of an EDP

EDP's have often been referred to as "human powder kegs" as their behavior can change suddenly and be explosive. Some things to watch for with an EDP include:

EDP's are often dissociated from what is real and may have a distorted interpretation as to why the officer is on the scene.

They can be suspicious and defensive, especially of their property and personal space, believing that you are there conspiring with others to persecute them.

They might be fearful or delusional which can prompt them to act dangerously, out of a distorted sense of self-protection.

They may fear authority and resent your intervention and "intrusion" into their life, which only makes their crisis worse to them.

They may have an exaggerated self-image of omnipotence and be dared to take you on. On the other hand, some feel helpless and worthless which perpetuates the suicide-by-cop phenomenon.

And the MOST DANGEROUS char-

acteristic is that the EDP often changes behavior rapidly, becoming incredibly violent without warning. Therefore, you MUST remember to:

Talk softly, slowly, and simply when dealing with an emotionally or mentally disturbed person.

Don't interfere with non-threatening repetitive behavior.

Remember the risks that are generated by fear in the mind of an EDP.

Maintain distance and escape routes.

Be ready to use force if necessary.

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Nick's Notes

By Nick Shihadeh,
Sports Editor

CHECK IT OUT: Wanting to know about how the SFPD Basketball League was doing so far this season, I recently called Commissioner Jerry Darcy. He told me that so far the league is going smooth, and for the first time ever all the teams were all paid up and there were no forfeits. He attributed this to the new payment rule that he enforced before the season started.

In the past, teams that always paid late (or not at all) didn't really care, and they showed up when they felt like it (Ingleside for example). Now teams show up as they want to get the most out of their investment; Ingleside on the other hand is gone.

What Darcy did was send out letters to all the possible teams and gave them a very strict deadline. If the league fees weren't paid by that date, that team would not be included into the schedule. Just ask the players at Bayview—they sent their check in a week late and are not in the league.

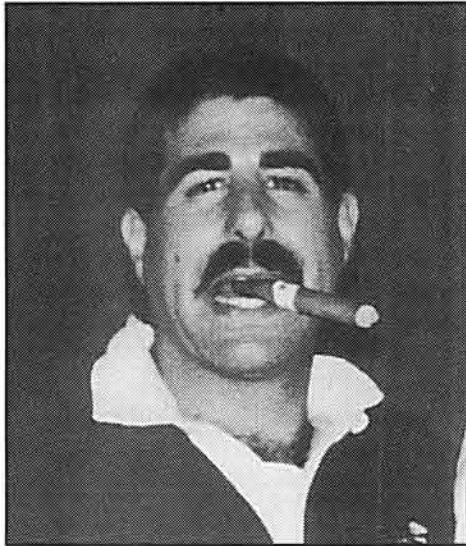
Other rules were also put into affect this year and seem to be working.

There are no more specialized teams (sorry Emerald Society), no team hopping, and no inconsistencies like in the past. Also, the schedule is shorter and isn't going to run deep into the spring and interfere too much with the softball season.

The ideas for the league overhaul were brought to light by a committee of experienced players such as Kurt Bruneman and Brian "Moose" Canedo in addition to Darcy. They even set-up the divisions different—nine teams are in the A Division while only five are in the B Division.

Speaking of the A Division, Fire # 2 picked up some new players this year and are very solid. They're in first place with a 8-win, 0-loss record. Not too far behind is Southern Station with a 6-1 record. It appears that Carl Bryant and company are playing well as usual.

D.P.T. and Fire # 1 are hanging tough with both at 5-2, while the usually powerful FBI is playing average ball is only at 4-wins and 4-losses. Teams that should be doing much better are Northern and Narcotics (both at 2-5). Everyone is wondering what is going on with Northern's big men (Thorp, Lynch and Knight) as the job is just not getting done. Narcotics has



Del Carlo, Schaffer, and Fegan but just can't seem to get it going. As far as Central Station is concerned, their 1-6 record can be attributed to both Costellos not showing up on the same day. It will be interesting to see what happens in the second half of the season for these usually very competitive clubs.

The B Division with their five teams are playing a triple "round-robin" format giving the old guys more exercise. In fact, the "old boy" Inspectors team is in first place with a 4-win 0-loss record as of Jan 16th. Hopefully they won't tucker out in the second half of the season. The Park Islanders are only 1-2 at the writing of this column but will clear their hangovers long enough to make a second half run like they always do. Look for the Islanders to make a run to the playoffs and probably through the playoffs to the championship game.

Note the standings of both divisions:

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|------------|---|---|-------|
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| Southern | 6 | 1 | 1 |
| D.P.T. | 5 | 2 | 2 |
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| FBI | 4 | 4 | 3 1/2 |
| Northern | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Narcotics | 2 | 5 | 5 |
| Central | 1 | 6 | 6 |
| CHP | 0 | 7 | 7 |

| B Division | W | L | GB |
|----------------|---|---|-------|
| Inspectors | 4 | 0 | |
| TAC | 2 | 1 | 1 1/2 |
| Park Islanders | 1 | 2 | 2 1/2 |
| Daly City | 1 | 2 | 2 1/2 |
| Airport Bureau | 0 | 3 | 3 1/2 |

The next thing I want to discuss is Gary Delagnes being inducted into the University of San Francisco's Sports Hall of Fame. He will be inducted for his very successful college baseball career that took place many years ago but most certainly hasn't been forgotten. On Friday night Feb. 6th, Delagnes along with others in different sports will be inducted during a banquet at the USF campus. I along with others in the department will be attending and anyone interested should contact the USF Athletic Department for tickets. Congratulations to Gary Delagnes for his overdue recognition.

...That's all for now, so see ya next month...

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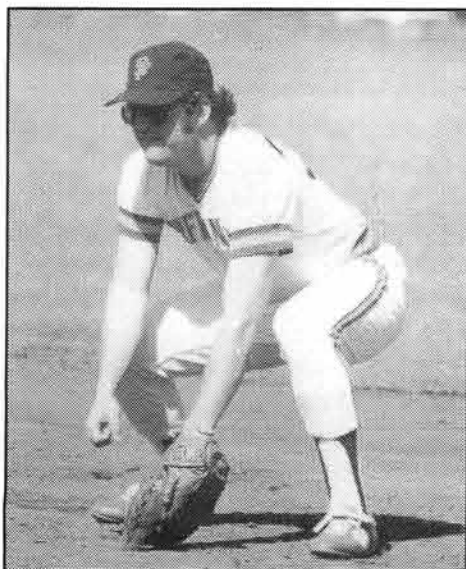
Gary Delagnes to be Inducted into USF Athletic Hall of Fame

POA Staff Report

On Friday, February 6, 2004, POA Vice President Gary Delagnes will be inducted into the USF Athletic Hall of Fame. The Alumni Association and Athletic Department of the University of San Francisco will host the popular annual program, known locally as the Father Hubert "Hub" Flynn Athletic Hall of Fame Dinner.

Gary's impact on the baseball program at USF is legendary, and many are convinced that his induction is well deserved if not long overdue. Besides setting six school records and swinging with an impressive .409 batting average, the first baseman was also the first four-year varsity baseball player in the school's history.

Gary attended USF on a baseball scholarship after graduating from Saint Ignatius College Prep in 1972. No slacker in high school baseball, Gary was named All League player, All



WCAL player, and All Northern California player.

Tickets to the induction dinner are available from the USF Alumni Association at (415) 422-6431 or (800) 449-4873.

The San Francisco Police Department Rifle Team

By Alex Takaoka
Northern Station

The SFPD Rifle Team actively recruits, trains and competes in local and state high power and small bore competitions.

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By Anna Brown
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The "Guns and Hoses" Charity Tennis Challenge will be held on Saturday, April 17, 2004, at the beautiful San Francisco Tennis Club, located at 5th and Brannan Streets, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will pair a San Francisco police officer or firefighter



with a member of the San Francisco Tennis Club in a friendly, but competitive, evening of tennis. Players will compete at their own level. In addition to the doubles challenge, the event will include dinner, exhibitions, silent auction, raffle prizes and a fast serve contest.

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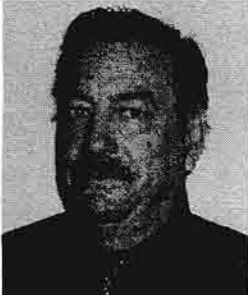
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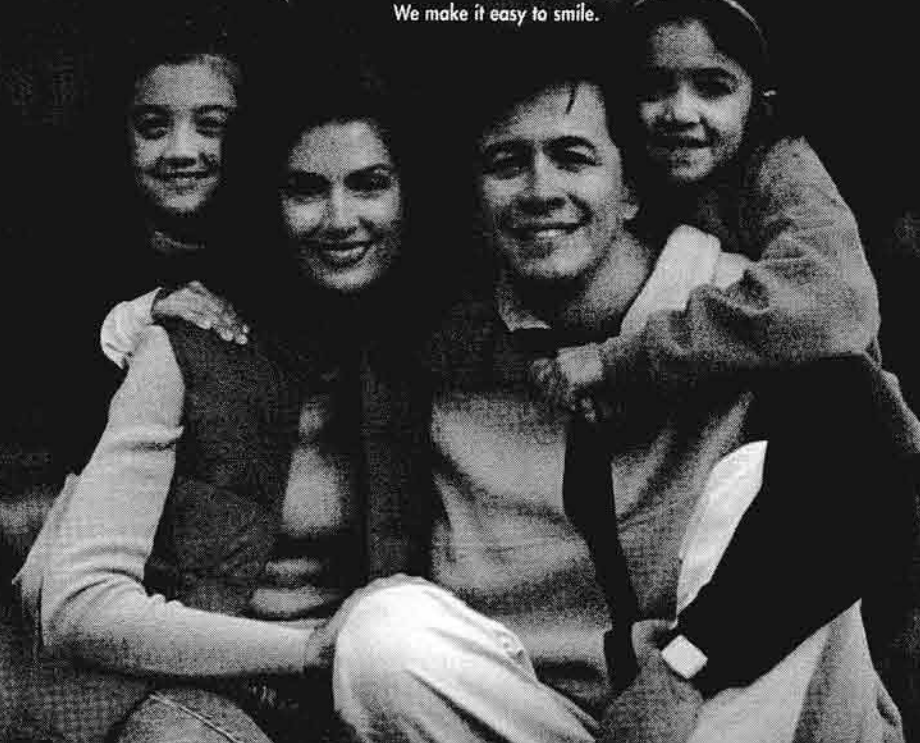
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THE LOON'S NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia,
Central Station

Pearson Smashes Par at Holiday Classic

On December 16th, the Loon's Nest Golf Club nested at the Rooster Run Golf Club in Petaluma, bringing the Loon's 17th season to a close. The Loons caught a break in a long rain pattern and were lucky to find Rooster Run in good winter condition. Fifty players made the trip and the Loons were ready for action.

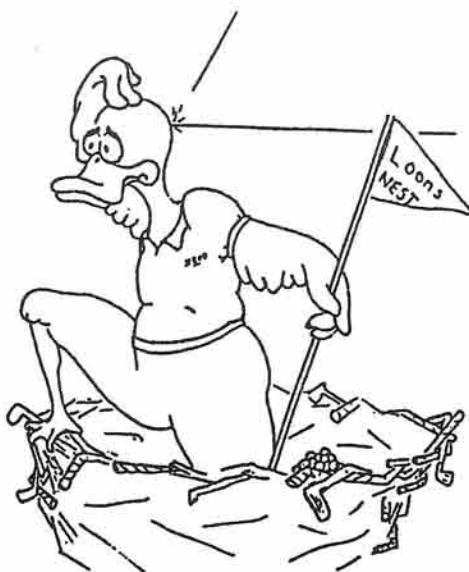
Harry Pearson, our current Spring Champion, gave the other players an early warning that he was going to be hard to stop. Harry birdied the first hole and went on to birdie three holes on the front side en route to a one under par 35. Hot on Harry's trail was Bruce Lorin, a true tournament player who is always in the hunt. Lorin had a 37 on the front side with a birdie on the 6th hole. Steve Morimoto of Robbery, still hot from his Reno victory, fired a 39 on the front that was matched by the Airport's Steve Moss.

Pearson systematically continued his attack on par, as he picked his fourth birdie of the round on the 13th hole. Harry had an even par 36 on the backside, giving him a one under par round of 71. Lorin fired a 38 on the back nine and Northern's Steve Landi fired a 39 on the back side, as did Tom Del Torre, but Pearson was not to be caught on this day.

Pearson's round made him the third member to break par in a Loon tournament. A check of the Loon archives shows that Steve Delsuc had a one under par round at Red Hawk Country Club in Reno at the 2002 Charlie Anzore Memorial. Mike Renteria fired a spectacular round of 68 at Blue Rock Springs Golf Club in the 1997 Summer Golf Classic.

Finishing second, and four strokes behind Pearson, was Bruce Lorin with a round of 75. Third low gross in the first flight went to Northern's Steve Landi, who fired a 79. Tom Del Torre also finished with a fine round of 79, but lost the tiebreaker to Landi.

In First Flight Low Net, Mission Station's Rob Vernengo took the prize, as he posted a net round 68. Rob has been a very consistent first flight competitor since joining the Loons early this year. Tom Del Torre grabbed 2nd low net with a net 70, and Steve Moss came in two strokes behind Tom with



a net 72.

In Second Flight Low Gross play, John Greenwood continued to be the 2nd flight powerhouse that he has been through the 2003 season. John fired an 88. Joe Diodati posted a 91, leaving him three strokes behind Greenwood, and 3rd place went to recently retired Solo Lieutenant Don Carlson, who fired a 92.

Taraval Station's Joe Finigan finished in a dead heat with Ingleside's Bill Dyer, as they matched net scores of 72. The tiebreaker went to Finigan, leaving Dyer in second place. One stroke behind was Northern's Jeff Roth, with a net 73.

Upon finishing their rounds, the Loons made a short trip to the Petaluma home of John Wyman, who hosted the awards ceremony, complimentary wine raffle and spaghetti dinner. The Loons were a hungry group, as the crowd made its way through four gallons of sauce, with ten pounds of Italian sausage, ten pounds of pasta and fifteen loaves of garlic bread. Not to mention plenty of red wine, other refreshments and desserts. Joe McKenna came to the party and it was a pleasure for all of the Loons to see Joe looking very fit after a recent health complication. Joe conducted the wine raffle and did a great job with his own brand of shy humor. The tournament and dinner brought the Loon's seventeenth season to an end.

The 2003 season was blessed with very good weather, including record warm October weather for our Reno trip. Not a drop of rain hit a Loon in tournament play this season and we had record fields for the TwoMan tournament and the Spring Championship. In the course of the year, Handicap Chairman Ed Anzore has brought the Loons into the computer age with on-line filings of tournament scores and membership materials. In February, we will open our 18th season with the Two-Man, Best Ball tournament. Watch your mail for this event.

The Loon's Nest Scoreboard

Rooster Run G.C.
12/16/2003

| | | | |
|-------------|----|-------------|-----|
| Pearson | 71 | Chong | 93 |
| Lorin | 75 | Muselman | 93 |
| Landi | 79 | Shiroma | 94 |
| Del Torre | 79 | Wyman | 95 |
| Vernengo, | 80 | Parry | 96 |
| Pomicpic | 81 | Brown | 96 |
| Hunter | 83 | Dyer | 97 |
| Enright | 84 | Fischer | 97 |
| Mar | 84 | O'Choa, | 97 |
| Garcia | 85 | Roth | 99 |
| Wong | 86 | Sullivan | 100 |
| Morimoto | 86 | Boyett | 100 |
| Watts | 86 | Fong | 101 |
| Anzore | 87 | Roche | 103 |
| Ries | 88 | Ballard | 103 |
| Greenwood | 88 | Vance | 105 |
| Finigan | 88 | Kiely | 105 |
| McMillan | 89 | Pursley | 110 |
| Moss | 89 | LaRocca | 111 |
| Lee | 90 | Meixner | 112 |
| Warnke | 91 | Treirweiler | 115 |
| Watanbe | 91 | Kvale | 116 |
| Diodati, J. | 91 | Diodati, D. | 119 |
| Carlson | 92 | O'Brochta, | 127 |
| Chang | 93 | | |

Close to the Hole Winners

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|----------|-------------|--------|
| Hole #2 | 1st Meixner | 7'11" |
| | 2nd Kiely | 9'2" |
| Hole #6 | 1st Garcia | 5'5" |
| | 2nd Parry | 10' 7" |
| Hole #15 | 1st Garcia | 1'5" |
| | 2nd Watts | 2'4" |
| Hole #17 | 1st Pearson | 3'7" |
| | 2nd Hunt | 24'3" |

Long Drive Winner

Harry Pearson 287 yards

2003 L.N.G.C. Tournament Results

Two-Man, Best Ball Tournament
Rancho Solano G. C.
Diodati-Guilberto 60

Spring Championship
Monarch Bay G.C.
Harry Pearson 77

Summer Golf Classic at Monterey
Del Monte G.C. & Pacific Grove G.L.
Ed Anzore 153

L.N.G.C. Club Championship
Presidio G.C.
Ed Anzore 82

Charlie Anzore Memorial at Reno
Arrow Creek C.C. & Redhawk C.C.
Steve Morimoto 159

Holiday Classic
Rooster Run G.C.
Harry Pearson 71

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

It was just a few days before Christmas when one of the most ruthless murders we've ever seen took place. It happened on Highway 80 near Pinole. A man (and I use that term loosely) set his vehicle on fire leaving his 2 small children trapped inside. The children died in the inferno. The useless coward then fled the scene in a vehicle he carjacked. The detectives who were assigned the case from the Pinole Police Department thought he might head to San Francisco (don't they all...) and they alerted our Department. Officer Tom Westbrook was way ahead of them.

Tom heard the report on the radio as he was coming to work and with a little help from Sgt. Lou Perez, they tracked down information that lead them to believe the suspect might return to the Union Square area of SF. Officer Westbrook and his partner, Officer Pat Butherus, found the car that the suspect had carjacked unoccupied and parked outside of a downtown hotel. Tom and Pat notified Sgt. Ron Banta who, with the assistance of Night Captain Steve Tittel, did the right thing and organized as many plainclothes police officers as they could to set up a perimeter and search for the murderer.

Officer Garbayo, Officer Razzak, Officer Fitzpatrick, Officer Mike Wolf, Officer Joe Salazar, Officer Mustafich and Officer Franco all volunteered and responded.

They found their prey trying to make his way out of the area and took him into custody. The most telling statement the suspect made when apprehended was a simple, "Where's the cameras?"

The apprehension of such a ruthless suspect took a great deal of coordination and a number of police officers who were available to respond. I just wonder what will happen after March 2, 2004, if Proposition C passes. Proposition C is the measure designed, once again, by a member of the Board of Supervisors, to reduce the number of police officers in this City by utilizing civilians. It's a great idea if drafted appropriately. But you have to ask yourself the question, "Self...If it's such a great idea, why weren't members of the community entitled to have some say as to the language and purpose?" Self has no idea...

If they learn nothing else in state prison you would think, at the bare minimum, they would figure out how to recognize a plainclothes police officer driving an undercover vehicle. Not the case for the lone suspect who pulled alongside Officer Jason Sawyer and Officer Sam Christ and issued them a challenge to fight. Jason and

Sam (plainclothes police officers) are still trying to figure out what planet this guy just got finished visiting when he pulls his car in front of theirs (an unmarked, huge white, 4-door, dinged-up, American-made vehicle, no rims, with a large red light and hanging wires falling off the sun visor... "Police, Hello!") and then deliberately stops in the middle of the street. The suspect then steps out of his car and raises his fully-loaded, 9mm, semi-automatic weapon at the officers. Officer Sawyer and Officer Christ immediately point back with their .40 calibers. Now the suspect gets the clue... although a little too late. He leads everyone on a chase that ends, appropriately enough, at 7th/Bryant Streets (City Prison) with Officer Kelly Paul, Officer Olson, and Officer Dorgan doing the honors.

Officer Rodney Tong, Officer Carl Bryant, Officer Cliff Chiu, and Officer Tom Walsh were working a narcotics transaction in the heart of downtown SF ready to move in and make the arrest. Everything was going fine except when one of the suspects decided to run. Now this tactic would probably work 50% of the time, since your typical uniformed officer is carrying quite a number of items that are bulky and weigh them down and the uniform shoes aren't exactly made for speed. But dealing narcotics is already a risky business, so the suspect has to take a chance once in a while. Anyway, this was not the suspect's lucky day. Officer Rodney Tong, who was chasing the fleeing felon, is a long-distance runner with a number of awards to his credit, and Rodney just kept stride with the suspect waiting for him to wind down. The suspect, unknown to Officer Tong, was carrying a fully-loaded, .380 semi-automatic weapon. He threw the weapon down during the footchase, no doubt hoping that Officer Tong would stop and retrieve it, furthering his chance to escape. Officer Tong did stop and retrieve the weapon but then immediately caught up with the suspect, again. Fresh out of distractions, the former robbery suspect (he wasn't very good at that either) will now do time for the narcotics he sold and the weapon he had stolen.

Here's another class they can give at state prison — they could title it, "You've been arrested in the area before for the same stupid reason, so why did you come back?" True story. Officer David Do and Officer Kevin Murray recognized the two individuals at Grove and Divisadero as the same ones who they arrested before, and before that, etc...for usually the same reason — selling dope. So this time when Dave and Kevin approach the two, they were hoping they might find them simply discussing the merits of scoping Mars and the difference be-

tween all of the presidential hopefuls — nope. The two individuals see Officer Do and Officer Murray walking their way and they blatantly discard the narcotics they were carrying onto the street and into their parked car with the open windows. This leads us to another class title: "Don't throw the dope in the car with the loaded gun." The officers detain the suspects and retrieve the narcotics that were discarded into the car at which time they find the weapon.

You drop 12 ecstasy pills, crash your car, try to drive off, and end up being arrested and placed in jail. Your car is towed with a hold for the Hit/Run Detail. Get over it. The one thing you don't want to do once you've been released from custody awaiting further investigation is to visit Southern Station and take out your anger (because you are a martial arts instructor) on several of the police officers on duty. But that's what happened. Officer Mark Im tried to explain to this individual how he could retrieve his car when he just went berserk, wildly kicking and using his body to slam Mark until he and Officer Tony Inocencio and Officer John Tack could gain control of him. Now the suspect's car will probably be released sooner than he will...

The neighbors were complaining about the fact that the really old and apparently abandoned camper was taking up parking space on their block since it hadn't been moved for several days. Officer Dan Silver and Officer Wendy Hurley obligingly agreed to check it out. Turned out the camper did have an owner who was just a little eccentric since he enjoyed downing all the narcotics he had stored in his vehicle in a self-prescribed manner while, at the same time, possessing a fully-loaded, dangerous assault rifle.

Seatbelts are for our safety. Not wearing them can result in something very unpleasant happening like going to jail. Typical car thief drives by Officer Al Luenow with no seatbelt on. Al conducts the traffic stop. Car thief has no license, the registration he does produce doesn't match the year of the vehicle he is driving, and the VIN and license plates don't check out either and, car thief has an outstanding warrant.

Officer Clayton Goodwin and Officer Marco Garcia took charge of an outstanding investigation. Seems like an elderly victim was severely beaten by several suspects while he was walking to a nearby friend's house and his wallet and car keys were taken. Clayton and Marco just took a chance and staked out the victim's residence. Sure enough, three felony suspects arrive just in time to be taken into custody after they tried to use the keys taken from the victim to steal his car.

Another great case...Officer L. Dutra and Officer R. Ozeene were on patrol when they spotted an individual who matched a suspect wanted in a bank robbery leaning on a nearby car. The officers stopped and investigated. The suspect had a shaved key that was being used on the stolen Toyota that housed the suspect's backpack. The car was also sporting a rifle and the glasses and hat the suspect had used in his latest caper.

Officer N. Chorley and Officer J. Felix tracked down two robbery suspects who were good for several felony assaults on the residents of the Mission District. Officer Una Bailey and Officer Jason Robinson were flagged down by a citizen who just had his car burglarized. The officers quickly searched the area and captured the suspect and returned all of the property that was taken. And Sgt. Donna Leonard was searching for an attempted robbery suspect when she found him walking, briskly, nearby. The suspect was positively identified by the victim but the officers couldn't find the gun that he had used in the crime. Donna walked a short distance and found it discarded in the playground area of a nearby school. That could have resulted in a real tragedy if Sgt. Leonard had not taken the extra step.

I could go on and on. The outstanding work being done by the members of the San Francisco Police Department is non-stop. But the numbers in rank are dwindling. 200 of our police officers retired last year and we haven't hired a sufficient number of personnel to take their place. Is Proposition C which has been placed on the ballot for March 2, 2004, really such a good idea after all?

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