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Second annual M.O.M.S. event

Holiday "Santa" Drive for Our Troops Abroad

By Michael Nevin
 Southern Station

In the 2nd Annual Troop Drive, the POA hopes to redouble our efforts from a year ago. We have again teamed up with Mothers of Military Servicemembers (M.O.M.S.). This group packs and ships care packages worldwide to our troops serving abroad. Founded in 2003, M.O.M.S. has shipped over 14,000 lbs. of community donated items.

The POA is asking our members to join in this worthy effort. Your gener-

ous contributions will make its way to places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Please refer to the "M.O.M.S. Shopping List." Donated items will be collected until December 21, 2005. POA members, especially veterans, are invited to stop by the new POA building on December 21, 2005 at 11:00 AM where the items collected will be presented to M.O.M.S.

Mike Nevin (Southern Station) and Pat Kennedy (Northern Station) will coordinate the effort and can be contacted regarding pick-up requests

M.O.M.S. Donation List Suggested items needed by our Troops

- Cotton Socks (black & white) NO logos
- Baby Wipes or Wet Ones, Q-Tips
- Hand Lotion (small 2-4 oz), Anti-Itch Cream
- Toothpaste (4-6 oz size), Tooth Brushes
- Deodorant (no gel), Razors
- Top Ramen, Cup of Noodles, Chips
- Tuna (in pouch), Small cans of fruit w/pull tops
- Peanut butter and/or Jam in squeeze tube
- 1 gallon zip lock baggies & Paper Bowls
- Small Sponges, Small Garbage Bags
- AT&T Phone Cards, Disposable Cameras
- AA & AAA Batteries
- Stationary & Pens
- Odor eaters & Gold Bond Foot Powder (small)
- Scrunches for females (black, brown & tan)
- Female Hygiene, Tampons (no pads)
- Knit caps (dark colors)
- Powdered Drink Mixes (Gatorade 18 oz., Crystal Light, etc.)
- No real large containers
- Ground Coffee, Tea Bags, Coffee Filters
- Hard Candy, Breath Mints
- Granola Bars, Power Bars, Snack Bars
- Can of Nuts (small), lunch box snacks
- Beef Jerky, Slim Jims 8 oz., Wheat Thins
- Recent Magazines
- Travel Pillows, Poker Chips, Ping Pong Sets
- Hand Held Video Games, Dart Boards
- DVDs & CDs, Board Games (travel size)
- Frisbee, Nerf Football, Hacky Sack
- CD Player & MP3 Players
- Boot Brushes (hard bristle), Pipe Cleaners
- Tubes of Lip Balm with screw caps
- Donations for postage. Checks made to: American Legion Post 21 (note M.O.M.S. in memo) These can be mailed: P.O. Box 281 Santa Rosa, CA 95402

POA Condolences for Slain CHP Officer

Once again – and all too often, it seems – I speak on behalf of the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association when I express great sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of another California law enforcement professional who was gunned down in the line of duty.

On Thursday, November 17, 2005, California Highway Patrol Officer Andy Stevens was shot to death during a traffic stop in Yolo County near the city of Woodland. He was 37.

Officer Stevens was a 13-year veteran of the CHP, and was detailed as a Commercial Vehicle Inspector at the time of his murder.

– President Gary Delagnes, SFPOA

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Delagnes,
 SFPOA President

I can't believe that an entire year has nearly passed. Things are so busy around this place that it is difficult to keep a proper perspective on time. That being said, I think we have done quite well managing the time spent working on behalf of the members. As this year draws to a close, I'd like to wish each of you and your families all the best through the holidays, and hope that your New Year will be one of good fortune, health, and happiness.

I'd also like to recap for you all that was accomplished on behalf of the membership, and also touch on a few issues that did not turn out as well as we had hoped.



President Gary Delagnes

Police Commission in the form of the politically driven termination of Tony Nelson last month.

2005 also saw the formation of the POA Patrol Committee, chaired by Chris Breen. The importance of that committee is the avenue of communi-

...the POA pledged to donate \$100 to the Pediatric Clinic at UCSF for each four-bagger hit by a Giant. I am happy to report that made for a total of \$12, 800 dollars....to make the lives of the critically ill children just a little bit brighter.

Early on in the year 2005, we received another MOU raise of 4.83 %. Again, this notched us higher on the "Best Compensated" California Law Enforcement list, but we are still not in the number one position that I feel we are deserving of. We also enjoyed another tick in July of 1.6%, and there is yet one more raise of 3.3% due in January 2006. We will receive an additional raise in July of 2006 and January of 2007. After that, we will have our work cut out for us as we prepare to negotiate the next contract. More on that in the coming months.

Early in the year we saw the final end to the so-called Fajitagate incident with the full acquittal of former member Alex Fagan, Jr. Proving that there was never any significance to the incident, the acquittal of all parties served to demonstrate how politically charged these things become, how they assume a life of their own that is not based on truth or fact. Had this not become a campaign gambit for the former District Attorney in the first place, it is not likely that we would have ended up with the Police Commission that we were to lock horns with so many times over the course of 2005. That is truly a shame considering that our most demoralizing defeat of the year was handed to us by the

cations that it established between the POA and the police administration. Chris does a great job of expressing the frustration and concerns of the street officers to the command staff, and taking back from them explanations on policy and procedure that are not evident from the station perspective.

Hand-in-glove with this vital function was Chris' hard work on the revised "P-2" system of integrating rotation into the Solos. Not only did we succeed in opening up that coveted unit to more than twenty additional officers, but we also saw the successful training and integration of the first woman Solo, Regina Berrigan.

May was our month of Memorials, and a particularly significant one for us. We dedicated a memorial garden to Isaac Espinoza at the Bayview Station, and attended en masse ceremonies in Sacramento and Washington, DC at which Isaac's name was entered onto the roles at the Law Enforcement memorials for California and the nation.

In June, we participated in a small ceremony at Dolores Park commemorating another brave and dedicated officer who gave his life for the people of San Francisco – Officer Jon Cook. Members of Mission Station collected

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POA Board of Directors Meeting November 16, 2005

Meeting called to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Chris Breen at 1305 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of the Board of Directors.

Parliamentarian Mike Hebel swore in Officer Matt Rodgers (Mission), Sergeant Gavin McEachern (TTF) and Sergeant Dominic Yin (Richmond) to the Board of Directors. Congratulations to each.

Screening Committee

After being denied by the Screening Committee, Officer Pete Schegle (Airport) addressed the full Board of Directors requesting reimbursement for legal fees. After much discussion, Sergeant Tim Flaherty (Co. E) made a motion that the POA reimburse Officer Schegle for 50% of his attorney fees, plus an additional \$500.00 for further administrative hearings. After hearing no second, the motion died.

Further discussion occurred and Officer Dean Taylor (Co. K) made the following new motion. The POA will not cover any incurred legal fees that occurred on or prior to November 16, 2005. The POA will provide attorney fees for any further administrative proceedings, providing that Officer Schegle's attorney is approved by the Screening Committee or full Board of Directors. The motion was seconded by Officer Pat Burke (Co. F) and Officer Don Moorehouse (Co. K). The motion went to a voice vote with 33 yes and 1 no. Motion carried.

Sergeant/Inspector Joe Engler (Burglary) addressed the full Board of Directors after being denied by the Screening Committee. After hearing the presentation and much discussion, Sergeant Bill Roualdes (Co. B) made a motion that the POA reimburse Sergeant Engler for his current attorney fees and future attorney fees. Motion was seconded by Sergeant Mike Moran (Co. C). The motion went to roll call vote, with 10 yes and 22 no votes. Motion denied.

Proposition H

Retired Lieutenant Larry Barsetti addressed the Board of Directors seeking support in a lawsuit that has been filed to overturn Proposition H (Gun Ban). Prior to the passage of Proposition H, Officer Mike Nevin (Co. B) wrote an excellent article in the October POA Journal. The POA also opposed Proposition H in a special election edition that was distributed last month. In addition to our own publications, the POA's opposition was noted in other mailers that were paid

for and distributed by other police unions. After much discussion, it was determined that the further research by the POA will be necessary before the POA joins any lawsuits relating to Proposition H.

PORAC

Once again the issue regarding PORAC was visited. An anonymous petition is being circulated around the department regarding PORAC. Not only are key points in the petition incorrect, the author(s) did not feel strong enough to note their name(s). This issue has been discussed on several occasions and was voted upon by the full Board of Directors during the October meeting. All 28 Board Members who were present voted unanimously that it was not in the best interest of our members for the POA to join PORAC. If you are still in need of information regarding PORAC, I suggest you contact your station/unit/detail representative.

President's Message

President Gary Delagnes reports that the weekly visits at UC Hospital have been a great success. President Delagnes extends his sincere thanks to all of our members who have been able to participate in this beneficial program.

The DROP Program is taking its natural course and the POA is optimistic that it could appear as a ballot measure in November 2006.

The Chief has not been able to give a time table on when she will be able to make Lieutenant and Inspector promotions. The Chief is more than aware of the critical shortage throughout the department. In a recent address to City Officials, the Chief has requested funding for 5 academy classes during fiscal year 2006-2007.

POST Pay

Sergeant-at-Arms Breen continues to work closely with Lieutenant Denise Schmidt on rectifying the problem of officers not being compensated for their intermediate and advanced POST certificates. If you are being affected by this disparity, contact your representative or forward your information to Sergeant-at-Arms Breen at the POA.

Financial Report

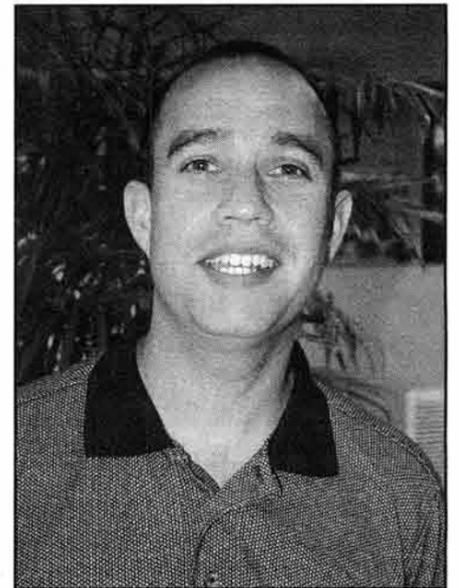
Treasurer Martin Halloran provided each Board Member with a printed copy of the POA's YTD budget. Treas-

urer Halloran also reported that \$1000.00 was paid to the campaign to re-elect Senator Don Perata.

Officer Mike Nevin (Co. B) made a motion that the POA donate \$1000.00 to the organization Mothers of Military Service Members (MOMS). The POA sponsored this organization last year. The donated money goes towards the purchase of items needed by members who are currently serving in places like Iraq and Afghanistan. Mike will also be distributing a list of items needed that will be posted on all POA bulletin boards. If you would like further information, contact Officer Mike Nevin (Co. B) or Officer Pat Kennedy (Co. E). The motion was seconded by Sergeant Bill Roualdes (Co. B) and Inspector Jim Balovich (Inv). Motion went to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned at approx. 1600 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya, POA Secretary



POA Secretary Tony Montoya

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The PORAC/LDF Petition

By Gary Delagnes,
SFPOA President

U There is a petition circulating around the Department that is extremely misleading. The petition claims that the SFPOA Board of Directors voted to reject "a comparison of current legal representation provided to active members accused of misconduct to the representation provided by the Peace Officers Research Association of California (PORAC)."

That statement is not true.

L At our meeting of Wednesday, October 19, 2005, the SFPOA Board of Directors did consider the alternative that the Legal Defense Fund (LDF) associated with PORAC offers but decided that, at this time, it would not be in the best interests of our Association neither as a financial decision nor as a complement to what we already provide. The decision of the Board of Directors was made after they were informed of the costs involved and, more importantly, the fact that the change to such a system would not improve the standard of care we currently offer our members.

E I know it is always tempting to sign a petition when the sponsors structure it to sound as though there is something questionable about a decision made. But that is not the case here. What is true, and it's very interesting to note, is that we asked the original sponsors of this petition to provide us with the research of making such a drastic move. They never did. We had to gather our own information and learned that a move to a PORAC/LDF plan could easily double our legal costs without improving upon the quality of representation we offer.

T We have absolutely no problem informing the membership of why we make certain decisions. And we will re-emphasize the facts regarding this matter at the next POA Board Meeting in December (12/21/05) so that each and every POA representative will be able to inform you of why they chose not to move to a PORAC/LDF at this time.

I And, we welcome the anonymous authors of the misleading petition to attend so that they can ask whatever questions they might want so that, next time, they'll have no excuse for misinforming you.



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December Blood Drive Announcement

By Mark Hawthorne, Chair
POA Blood Bank Committee

The San Francisco Police Officers Association and SFPD will again be holding a Blood drive in December. As you know, the need for blood donations is paramount during the holiday season. Please mark your calendars and plan to donate. To be eligible, you must be healthy, weigh at least 90 lbs, not have traveled to certain exotic places within the past year, and not have received a tattoo within the previous year. As usual, the greeters will be there, the refreshments will be there, and a good time will be had by all. We look forward to seeing you there.

WHEN: Wednesday, December 7, 2005

WHERE: 510 7th St. [The Old P.O.A. Bldg.]

Hours: 1100 - 2000 hrs.

PS - If you cannot make it, send two people in your place. Let's make this drive the most successful in department history. See you there.



Megan Fahey needs your support

Dear Members,

I work at the POA and am married to Damien Fahey (Central Station). I am training for a 1/2 marathon on February 5, 2006, to raise money for Leukemia and other blood cancers. So many people are affected by cancer, this is the least I can do to help. I am running in honor of a friend, Dottie McHugh, who was recently diagnosed with Leukemia.

Any donation will help and, believe me, is going to a great cause! I need to raise at least \$1800. You can donate by sending a check to me (at the POA) made out to LLS, or by going to my website: <http://www.active.com/donate/tntgfsf> and clicking on my name listed under the "Find Participant" pull down menu.

Any amount will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. All dates and times are subject to last minute changes, so always contact the event coordinator to confirm dates and times. If you have an event you would like posted on our calendar, contact the editor at journal@sfpoa.org.

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Gale Wright (415) 731-4765
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	POA Office, (415) 861-5060
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	Second Wed. of Every Month, 1:00 PM	Sara Johnson (415) 681-5949
Retiree Range Re-qualification	SFPD Pistol Range	First Fri. of each Month, 0730-1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

Special Events

Bayview Station Christmas Dinner Party	Hyatt at Fisherman's Wharf, SF	Sat., December 3, 2005, 6:00 PM	Off. Arndt, Co. C (415) 671-2300
Traffic Company Christmas Dinner	Olympic Club, Skyline Drive, SF	Sat. December 10, 2005 1800 hours	Joe Mayers (415) 553-1398
Ingleside Station Christmas Dinner Party	Ristorante Portofino, Pacifica, Ca	Sat., December 10, 2005, 6:00 PM	"Amalia" Co. H (415) 404-4000
Foothill Fuzz Retiree Luncheon	Lou LaBonte's Italian Restaurant, 13460 Lincoln, Auburn, Ca	Wed, December 14th, 2005 11:00 AM	Rene LaPrevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net
North Bay Retiree Luncheon	Michele's, 7th/Adams Sts., Santa Rosa, CA	Tues., January 24, 2006 11:00 AM	Al Richterman Email - alandot@sbcglobal.net
Yulanda "Yo" Williams 50th Birthday Party/New Orleans PD Charity Fundraiser	Café Cocomo, 650 Indiana St, SF	Fri., February 10, 2006, 6:30 PM	Rcandia_66@msn.com

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

November 15, 2005

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Fred Pardella at 2:05 PM in the Conference room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Fred Pardella.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: President Fred Pardella, Vice President Mike Kemmitt, Treasurer Jim Sturken, and Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Rene LaPrevotte, John Centurioni, Matt Gardner and Dave Fontana. Excused Joe Garrity.

MINUTES OF THE OCTOBER MEETING: Motion Gardner, seconded by Kemmitt that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: Dina Goldman made a \$25 donation in memory of Bill Miller. We had a few donations made in memory of Bob McKee: Elsbeth Minuth (with us for many years when we were with Hibernia Bank and Security as one of our advisors) \$150; George and Francis Jeffery \$100; Mark and Jeannie Hurley \$50 and Al Graf \$100. By giving to the Widows' and Orphans' you are helping our organization help the members in their time of need.

WE HAD SIX DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH:

GORDON D. McNAIR, 80 years. Gordon was born in Spokane, Washington. His family moved to San Francisco and settled in Noe Valley. He attended Sacred Heart High School. He joined the Marine Corps and served in the Pacific during WW II. Upon returning to San Francisco, he worked as a cab driver and did some movie stunt work. He entered the Police Academy in 1960 and saw his first assignment at Co. K traffic control in the downtown area. After that he was transferred to Southern for a short time, and then Mission, before going back to South-

ern. He retired with a D.P. pension in 1969. Gordon was awarded several Captain's Comp's. One for the arrest of suspect trying to rob a liquor store, and another for the arrest of three burglary suspects. Gordon enjoyed his retirement with many fishing and hunting trips.

JOSEPH E. GORDON, 87 years. Joe was born in Ashland, P A. In 1937, he joined the CCC and worked the Blue Ridge Mountains of Virginia. When the war broke, out he joined the Merchant Marine and served in the South Pacific. He later settled in San Francisco and worked as a Teamster before entering the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Richmond Station. He then worked two years at the "Big E" before going back to Richmond where he retired in 1975. Joe was decorated with a Gold Medal of Valor for the arrest of a suspect who committed a murder and fired at officers. He also was awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor for the pursuit and apprehension of a suspect who committed a robbery of a grocery store using a shotgun. Joe and his wife loved to travel and visited every state in the union. He also loved to tell stories about the good old days.

LAURENCE J. PALMIERI, 71 years. Laurence was born in San Francisco and grew up in North Beach. He started high school at Saint Ignatius and later ended up at Sacred Heart. He served in the Navy and was employed as a Teamster before he entered the Police Academy in 1958. His first assignment was Park Station, followed by Northern, and then Central. The "Bright Lights" of Central were too much for him and he became friendly with Don Sherwood of KSFO fame and left the Department in 1962 to pursue his dream of being a Disk Jockey. He also worked in the real estate business for several years. He was awarded a Captain's Comp For the arrest of three juveniles in a stolen auto. (He kept up his dues in the Widows' and Orphans' after he resigned).

ROGER W. MALONEY, 69 years. Roger was born in San Francisco. He grew up in the Excelsior District and attended Balboa High School. He also served in the Navy. After his discharge, he was employed as a Teamster before he entered the Police Academy in

1960. His first assignment was Park Station, followed by Central. He then was assigned to Mission Station where he made Sergeant and was assigned to the J.D. Bureau. He then worked Southern for a short time before going to Personnel Bureau as a Lieutenant. He also worked Mission, Taraval, Park and Ingleside, and as Lieutenant of the Motorcycle Detail. He made Captain and served at Potrero for two years before he retired in 1986. He was awarded a Bronze Medal of Valor for entering a burning building and directing the occupants to safety. He worked as an appraiser and a real estate broker in his retirement.

WILLIAM P. SAMMON, 77 years. Bill was born in San Francisco. He grew up in the outer Mission and attended Sacred Heart High School. He served in the Navy before entering the Police Academy in 1949. His first assignment was Richmond Station. A year later, he went to Traffic assigned to APB. In 1952, he was called back to serve in the Navy. After two years of military leave, he returned back to Traffic, APB, in 1960. He was appointed an Ass't. Inspector in 1960, and full Inspector in 1963. Bill retired in 1978. He then worked for Hillsborough Police Department and Burlingame P.D. When you total his time in the Police service you come up with 46 years. In 1956 he was honored as National Policeman of the year.

ROBERT J. MCKEE, 95 years. Bob was born in San Francisco and grew up in the upper Haight-Ashbury. He went to Lowell High School. He also went to U.C. Berkeley. He worked as a purchasing agent before he entered the police department in 1939 to work the World Fair on Treasure Island. In February of 1941, he entered the 8th Academy Class. He was assigned to Co. K. He worked several different assignments directing traffic in the downtown area and the 3-Wheel Motorcycle and the Solo's. He also worked the School Patrol. In 1956, he made Sergeant and was assigned to Richmond Station. He was there for four months before going back to Traffic. He knew every aspect of his various assignments within the Traffic Division. He handled the meter checkers with such fairness some of them still talk about him to this day. Bob also gave of himself to serve his fellow Police Officers as President of the POA. He was very involved with the Widows' and Orphans' and served as President in 1964. He then worked as Secretary for many years until he was in his 80's. Bob also served as President of the SFVPOA, and served as official greeter to all that came to our monthly meeting. He loved all the brothers of South Parlor of the Native Sons. Bob was awarded a Silver Medal of Valor for his arrest of an armed holdup suspect. You can search high and low but you will not find a finer man than Bob. We will miss him.

(See page 10 for a profile of Bob McKee.)

SUSPENSIONS: We had no suspensions.

NEW MEMBERS: 36 members of the 208th Academy Class.

Donald Anderson, Marvin Cabuntala, Brian Chan, Stephanie Chan, Stephen Chan, Raymond Chu, Christopher Cotter, Timothy Davis, John

Frietzsche, Samuel Fung, Patrick Griffin, Robert Hamblen, Gared Hansen, Scott Haynes, Josha Hinds, Donald Jackson, Leo Lamela, Mark Lee, Jared Lovrin, John Malaspina, Nathaniel Manalang, Mark Monpas, Christina Pena, Frank Pareira, Joseph Porta, Zaldy Ralleta, Marilu Ramos, Eric Reboli, Josey Russell, David Serrano, Steven Spagnuolo, Dack Thompson, Craig Tiffe, Bob Tong, Andrea Weyl and Wayman Young. President Fred Pardella accepted them as members pending they make their probationary period.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Janet Gearlds and Pam Royer of Wells Fargo Bank gave a presentation and answered questions from the Officers and Trustees. We have all the monies over from Bank of America except the Hedge Fund. (Early next year that will come over to Wells Fargo) We spoke about our asset allocation by asset class. What our current is and our targeted amount. This will be worked out at our December meeting at Wells Fargo Bank. They also spoke about our long-term cash flow and what we have to do to keep us going in the coming years. This will be taken up in New Business of this meeting.

NEW BUSINESS: With our current expenses and the amount of death benefit at \$17,000.00 we had the bank work out figures with different scenarios. They put in the Estimated Market Value for 5, 10, and 25 years. To maintain dues at \$3.00 per month with \$17,000.00 payout. Raise dues to \$5.00 per month, Raise dues to \$6.00 per month. Reduce Death Benefit to \$16,000.00 and reduce Death Benefit to \$15,000.00. The dues have never been raised for over 60 years. For some of us who came into the department in the 1960's when we were making \$450.00 per month the dues were \$3.00. After much study and discussion on this matter we decided to go for a \$6.00 per month dues. Motion was made by Centurioni, seconded by LaPrevotte. I think you can figure out how much you paid into Widows' and Orphans' since you came into the academy at \$36.00 per year. Robert McKee who just passed away last week at 95 years old paid in over 65 years a little over \$2,300.00 and his daughter got \$17,000.00. The other thing is we can get more money working for us and over time raise the Death Benefits We will have the second reading on this at our December meeting. If you have any questions or would like to discuss this change ask any Officer or Trustee or gave us a call at 415.681.3660.

NOMINATIONS OF OFFICERS FOR COMING YEAR: At our first reading Michael Kemmitt was nominated for President, Rene LaPrevotte for Vice President. Jim Sturken for Treasurer. Trustees nominated were Joe Garrity, John Centurioni and Fred Pardella. Nominations were closed.

ADJOURNMENT: President Fred Pardella had a moment of silence for our departed members and members of our military serving our Country. He set the next meeting for December 13, 2005 at 3 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. We will then have another meeting with Wells Fargo Bank at their office at 5 PM. The meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...Births:

Central Station's Paul and Kirsten Doherty joyously welcomed their first child on September 26, 2005 at 1215 hours. Kiera Grace Doherty 7 lbs 4 oz 19 1/2 inches made her debut at San Francisco's California Pacific Medical Center. Kiera is also the Granddaughter of retired Sgt. Larry and Pam Manwiller... Ed and Annette Hagan (Park Station) proudly announce the birth of their fourth child Tara Bridget Hagen 7 lbs.. 11 oz, 19-1/2 "born September 28, 2005. Tara joins sisters Katie, 10, Hope 5, and brother Eddie, 8...Retirees Dr. Forrest (BSU) and Theresa Fulton (FTO) are ecstatic at the birth of their first grandchild, Michaela Jane D'Arcy 7lbs 12 oz 19 1/2 inches born October 13, 2005 to their daughter Jennifer and her husband Joseph D'Arcy. Congratulations to all and may all the best in life come your way...

...Royal Collection:

The next time you see England's Prince Charles at an event involving horses he may just be sporting an SFPD belt buckle. At his departure from SFO the Prince requested to take a picture with some of the Officers who had protected him during the royal visit to San Francisco. Solo Eddie Dare was positioned right behind the Prince for the photo. Upon completion of the formality the Prince turned around and began shaking the hands of various officers. When he greeted Eddie the ever prepared Solo reached in to his pocket and produced an elegant SFPD Commemorative buckle and presented it to Prince Charles as a small remembrance from the SFPD. The Prince's eyes lit up and he readily accepted the gift thanking the officers present and extending

his thanks to the entire department. The Prince also asked Eddie if any officer had been injured during his visit and was very relieved when Eddie said that everyone was fine...

...Wedding Bells:

On Friday September 9 2005 retired Lt. Dennis Schardt and Ms. Penny Martin exchanged vows in the Rotunda of City Hall. Former Mayor/Chief Frank Jordan performed the ceremony. A Western Wedding reception was held the following day at the "23 Club" in Brisbane attended by many family and friends including former Chief Tony Ribera, Commander Sylvia Harper, Retired Captain Dennis Martel and others. Penny is the niece of Ed Mahan owner of the former Fat Ed's restaurant which was located at Geneva and Mission. Penny was a waitress and hostess at Ed's for many years and has some fond memories of all the members of the SFPD who patronized them. Congratulations we wish you both the best...

...DA Investigator of the Year:

Retired SFPD Homicide Inspector Art Gerrans has been named Solano County's DA Investigator of the Year. Art has been with Solano County criminal investigator since 1995 serving with distinction. Congratulations Art. Good job...

...Retirement Board Election:

Fire Lt. Joe Driscoll is running for reelection to the Retirement Board. The POA has endorsed his candidacy and I as a sitting retirement Board Commissioner, whole heartily endorse and support Joe's bid for reelection. The ballots for the election will be mailed on December 26 and must be returned by January 31, 2006. We ask that you vote as soon as possible. Every vote counts. Vote early...

...Events Calendar:

Reminder: If you are planning an event of any type and want to advertise it in the *POA Journal* please submit the flyer so that it will run in at least two editions preceding the date of the event...

...End of the Year:

As we reach the end of the year many of us will reflect on the highs and lows of the past year. We will mourn those who are no longer with us and celebrate the first New Year of the new arrivals. The *Journal* staff wishes all a "Happy New Year" and encourages all to reach out to family and friends for those are the bonds that fulfill our journey through life...

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TRAFFIC TIPS

By John Nestor, OIC
STOP Program, Traffic Company



Dealer Plates: Part I.

I have received many questions lately about "Dealer" license plates, especially on used vehicles when the registration is expired or when there is no registration information on file with the DMV.

Utilization of special (dealer) plates is governed under the Vehicle Code and the California Code of Regulations. Vehicle Code Subsection 11715 (a) allows the operation of a vehicle on the highway without registering the vehicle by dealers, manufacturers, remanufacturers and distributors. This subsection also requires that the dealer plates be displayed in addition to the plates already on the vehicle. It requires that the dealer plates be displayed and secured as defined in vehicle code sections 5200 thru 5203. These subsections require that the dealer plate be in the rear of the vehicle (5200 b), securely fastened and visible (5201). Subsection 11715 (f) requires that the owner, dealer, maintain within the vehicle the registration card or facsimile of it in the vehicle that is displaying the dealer plate.

The DMV will issue to the dealer a temporary permit while they await the metal plates. The temporary permit resembles the temporary vehicle ID paper receipt that is placed on the windshield of new and used vehicles.

If you stop a vehicle and the driver points to a dealer plate on the dashboard or says it is in the trunk they are subjected to being citing because the plate is not on the rear of the vehicle, 5200 (a). Since the plate was not clearly visible and secured to the vehicle they could also be cited 5201. If the driver does not have the registration card for the dealer plate with the vehicle they could be cited for 4462 (b). If the driver was also the dealer and does not have the registration card or facsimile with them, they should be cited for a violation of 11715 (f) CVC, which is a misdemeanor.

Remember sections 5200, 5201 and 4462 (b) are registration violations and subject to correction, sign-off by a peace officer, except when there is evidence of fraud or when the violator refuses to correct the violation (40610 CVC). If the driver claims the vehicle belongs to a dealership but the plates are not with the vehicle and the registration is expired the driver would be subject to citing for 4000(a) and if expired for more than six months the vehicle may be impounded (22651o)

Next month I will discuss who can use dealer plates, and when they may be used.



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Annual Post #456 Holiday VA Hospital Visit



By Bob Belt, Airport Bureau

On Tuesday, December 12, 2005, American Legion Police/Fire Post #456 will conduct its annual Holiday Visit to the Fort Miley Veteran's Hospital in San Francisco.

All Veterans, their families and neighbors, and anyone who is grateful to America's Veterans are encouraged to attend this worthy event.

We will gather at the Tee-Off bar and restaurant, 3129 Clement Street (at 32nd Ave.) at 5:30 PM. The visit will start at 6:00 PM.

For further information contact Bob Belt at 415.722.2371.

Retirement Board Election

Why Joe Driscoll Must Be Retained

By Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

The SFPOA enthusiastically supports and endorses the re-election of SF firefighter Joe Driscoll, for a 5th term, as an employee representative on the Retirement Board of the City and County of San Francisco. As POA welfare officer, I have observed the workings of the Retirement System, its Board, and its commissioners for over 31 years. I can state unequivocally and unqualifiedly that not only does Joe deserve to be re-elected, he must be re-elected.

Qualifications

Joe is a lieutenant in the SF Fire Department. When he was first elected to the Retirement Board in 1986, the retirement system's trust fund had \$3 billion with which to pay and improve retirement benefits. The system now has over \$13 billion with which to pay and improve retirement benefits. During Joe's tenure the retirement system became one of the most securely funded public pension plans not only in California but throughout the United States with an actuarial funding ratio now exceeding 108%.

As a commissioner, Joe led the way in developing asset allocation policies to generate superior investment returns and to help minimize employee/employer contributions. His astute and keen leadership in the management of our retirement monies has insured and help fund increased retirement benefits and the extra cost of living adjustment received by current and future City retirees. Within public sector retirement system circles, he is widely respected for his clear advice and keen knowledge of the application of investment principles for retirement systems. He has enabled our system to achieve strong performance returns while accepting only prudent risks.

In the August 2005 issue of *Insti-*



Mike Hebel

tutional Investor Joe was praised for moving and guiding the investment policies of our retirement system. Our system was acknowledged as having "an innovative investment approach that has made the San Francisco retirement system one of the few public pension plans that is over funded."

Joe is a chartered financial analyst who spends over 20 hours a week on retirement system matters. He has helped public safety and miscellaneous unions to achieve benefit increases for their members. He thoroughly understands that improved employee retirement benefits are mostly dependent upon excellent performance of the retirement fund. He also understands that only prudent risks can be taken with these trust funds in order to achieve superior performance.

My Admiration for Joe Driscoll

As a certified financial planner, I constantly survey the investment arena to see which private and public retirement funds and endowments seem to have the best management achieving superior returns. I have come to respect David Swensen who runs the Yale University \$15 billion endowment fund and Jack Meyer who manages Harvard University's \$22 billion endowment. Both have managed their respective endowments for over 15 years and both are considered by their peers as having built some of the most spectacular annual investment returns on the planet. Harvard University's endowment has grown 15.9% on an annualized basis for the last 10 years; Yale's has grown 17.4% in this same period. (The average endowment and the S & P 500 have grown 9.9% annually during the last 10 years.) These two investment managers have transformed the way endowments and pension systems invest their monies. They are talented visionaries. David Swensen is considered to be one of

became essential reading for professional asset managers. In my observations of Joe Driscoll he has well read the lessons and investment principles contained in Swensen's book; he has led the CCSF retirement system into the use of non-traditional assets such as emerging markets, sovereign debt instruments, currency overlay programs, and international real estate. The characteristics of these assets have helped the CCSF retirement fund improve its performance while lowering its overall investment risks.

Joe has an incredible institutional memory of what works and what did not with our retirement trust fund. He is a master at the skills of asset allocation, quarterly/annual review/rebalancing, and the spreading of fund monies over various investments that don't move in step with one another (thereby lowering risk and improving returns).

For me Joe Driscoll is the David Swensen of public pension plans. Joe is a dedicated master.

Re-elect Joe Driscoll

Ballots for this Retirement Board election will go out to all active and retired members of the Retirement System on December 26, 2005. The voting period is the last three weeks of January 2006. Look for your ballot and vote for Joe.

Since 1986, City employees (active and retired) have sent Joe Driscoll to the Retirement Board "to make money." To make money so that employee retirement benefits could be improved and to make money so that the supplemental cost of living adjustment could be paid to retirees and their beneficiaries. Joe has delivered magnificently. He wants to continue delivering the goods for active and retired members of the CCSF Employees' Retirement System. Thank you Joe.

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only a handful of investment geniuses currently managing money.

In 2000 David Swensen published his first book *Pioneering Portfolio Management: An Unconventional Approach To Institutional Investment*; this quickly



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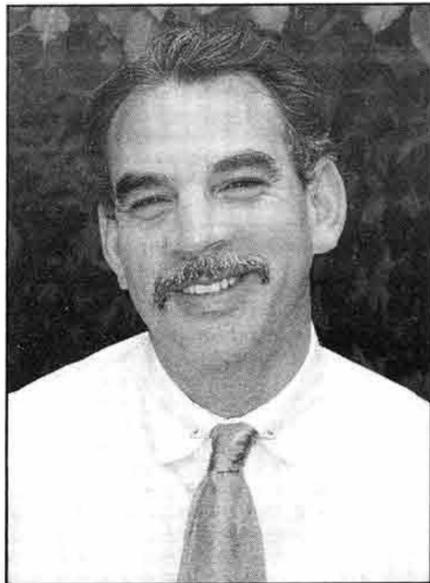
*Vice President's Message***Leading by Example**

By Kevin Martin
POA Vice President

Recently, I was approached by a veteran officer who pointed out that he thought some members of our department do not get their just do. He added that when a great arrest is made, or outstanding police work is performed, quite often the officer is rewarded with a Captain's Complimentary Commendation. He also thought that when sergeants, lieutenants or captains make great arrests that they too should be recognized.

I began thinking about the many supervisors I've worked for over the years and realized that almost to a man or woman that they did just as much work as anybody else and in some examples, even more so. I have always considered myself very fortunate to have been led and guided by some very outstanding people.

My first street sergeant out of the program was a man by the name of Bert Gutierrez. He was as rough and tough as they came but he never asked anybody to do anything that he himself was not doing or had not done one time himself. He handled many runs and made plenty of collars all the



Vice President Kevin Martin

they will be as impressed and inspired as I was.

To single out any present day names might be thought of as unfair to others but we all know who these people are. They are the ones who have led the way in the past, the ones who are leading us today, and setting the groundwork and foundation for the leaders of tomorrow. A tip of my hat to

those men and women who are those leaders. You do a great job, and please don't think your efforts are lost on those who work for you. You have a critical job at a most difficult time for our department Thank you.

Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

A special tip of my hat to all those involved with the first annual POA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet. Gary and Nick Shihadeh, along with the POA Sports Committee, did an outstanding job. The looks on the faces of the recipients and their family members were just wonderful. There were many proud moments dedicated to many outstanding athletes. These outstanding athletes were presented with plaques and a wonderful tribute. It was great to see some of the older fellas who indeed were the leaders of their day.

Everybody had a great time and stories and memories were shared. One of my all time favorite coppers, Frank Machi was there and even allowed me to take a picture with him. Frank was the POA rep at Central station when I was a younger buck. Needless to say I kept Frank busy at OCC for almost five years. Frank was always there for me, and many others as well. Frank was a cop who always was a great leader because he led by example. God Bless and protect us all.

"Sometimes people can mistake rank for leadership, but true leadership cannot be mistaken or dismissed."

while supervising the midnight watch at Central Station - "The Big Apple" - which was no easy task. There was no question that he was our leader.

Since that time I have worked for a battery of sergeants, lieutenants, and captains and am just as impressed now as I was back then. I can only speak for myself in this matter, but I absolutely believe in leadership by example. I find this leadership is very well alive in the Central, Tenderloin and Southern Police Districts. I don't by any means mean to leave anybody out or shortchange any supervisor of any police district, but I operate on PIC channel 2 and have companies A, B and J on that same channel.

I often hear line supervisors coming up for runs, taking on 917's, making arrests, and performing pro-active police work. I hope the many officers of our department are sharing the same experiences. Sometimes people can mistake rank for leadership, but true leadership cannot be mistaken or dismissed. I hope that in every officer's career, he or she gets to work for someone like Bert Gutierrez where

President's Message

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funds needed to place a plaque in Officer Cook's honor on a bench overlooking the park. Sadly, as we close on the year's end, we count no fewer than five officers from Northern California who were killed in the line of duty.

In mid-year we ran up against another politically-driven assault from the new Police Commission that sided with a handful of community activists who were condemning officers involved in the Camerin Boyd case. Once again, the POA was in the middle of a tempest in a teapot that jeopardized the integrity, morale, and careers of a group of dedicated officers involved in the incident. Less than a month later, two officers from Mission Station were set upon by a roving gang of thugs at an anti-war demonstration. One officer was seriously injured in the attack, and in the aftermath a serious review was made of the procedures that SFPD should follow to avoid such ambushes in the future.

At the end of summer, and following painstaking negotiations with the Chief and City Hall, we were delighted to see Chief Fong make 29 sergeant appointments from a list set to expire just hours before she made her move. These 29 jobs made for a total of 52 positions filled in the 30 days prior to the expiration of the list. Now, we are in the unenviable position of applauding these much deserved promotions while the ranks of active members continue to spiral down in numbers as retirements outpace hiring in the department. With even fewer patrol officers made available following the

promotions, morale for the street cop continues to diminish because of the inability to take days off and the mandatory overtime forced upon them to make up for the staff shortage. Now we sit poised on the brink of an actual staffing crisis as even more members prepare to retire in 2006.

The culmination of the 2005 Major League baseball season tallied a team total of 128 home runs by the San Francisco Giants. At the beginning of the season, the POA pledged to donate \$100 to the Pediatric Clinic at UCSF for each four-bagger hit by a Giant. I am happy to report that made for a total of \$12,800 dollars presented to the hospital to make the lives of the critically ill children just a little bit brighter.

There was much accomplished this past year, but much remains to be done. Already, we are mapping out the plan for 2006, and steeling ourselves for the inevitable unforeseen events that will waylay our plan and send us to the trenches in defense of a member or our organization. We are prepared for the fight, and we are prepared for the successes we will gain as we prevail through unity and perseverance.

And most recently, we take some credit for the defeat of the anti-union propositions that were put forth by Governor Schwarzenegger on the November ballot. We stand now ready to move forward with our next round of political campaigns and contract negotiations free of the hamstringing that Prop 75 would have imposed on those vital efforts.

On behalf of the POA Executive Board and office staff, I wish each of you a happy and safe holiday season.

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Bureau Tips

Auto Theft And Recoveries



Insp-Sgt Matt Krimsky
Hit & Run Detail

The second most commonly committed property crime in the State of California is Vehicle Theft.

On average, there are approx. 6800 vehicles stolen in San Francisco every year (averaging about 18 stolen vehicles every day) and, in California, in general, there are about 200,000 stolen vehicles every year (Approx. one every 2 1/2 minutes).

Vehicles rank high on the list of property to be stolen because:

- 1) They have wheels and are easily moved (Compared to other large durable goods)
- 2) Their parts can be sold after market once stolen (A \$40,000.00 car could cost twice that to re-build after being stolen and stripped)
- 3) They are relatively easy to steal and
- 4) Carelessness by their owners/operators

Combating Vehicle Theft is a multi-million dollar business, working hand-and-glove with the vehicle manufacturing and insurance industries.

Anti-theft locking devices ("The Club" and similar locks), Electronic Counter-measures ("Lojack" and other tracking devices) are but only two of the myriad of theft defeating mechanisms presently available to consumers.

The key (literally) to a successful vehicle theft arrest re-booking lies in the preliminary investigation. Your report and your actions in the field either make or break the case.

Of the many ways vehicles are ultimately taken from the care, custody, and control of their rightful owners, the most common is simply to drive away with the vehicle. Yes, there ARE people who leave the keys to their car IN their car...reasons vary from forgetfulness to apathy.

Yet, it's still the Police responsible for the recovery of the vehicle, its return to the vehicle's rightful owner, and the appropriate documentation of the circumstances surrounding the recovery.

Helpful hints when dealing with Auto Thefts

1) DO a good search of the entire vehicle when you recover it, whether it's a "rollin' stolen, or just an abandoned. There could be evidence inside the vehicle that will lead you to finding a suspect (like an abandoned wallet, receipts from things bought by the suspect, etc.)

2) Digitally photograph evidence of prior knowledge of the vehicle's theft. These include punched ignitions, stripped steering wheel columns, broken windows, cut keys, etc.

3) If you deal with a victim vehicle that cannot be secured and legally parked, whether it's a CA. (Or, even more important, an out-of-State plate) TOW the vehicle and hold it for the Auto Detail! The owner will HAVE to come in and get a release, and, in some cases, this may be the ONLY contact in a follow-up investigation.

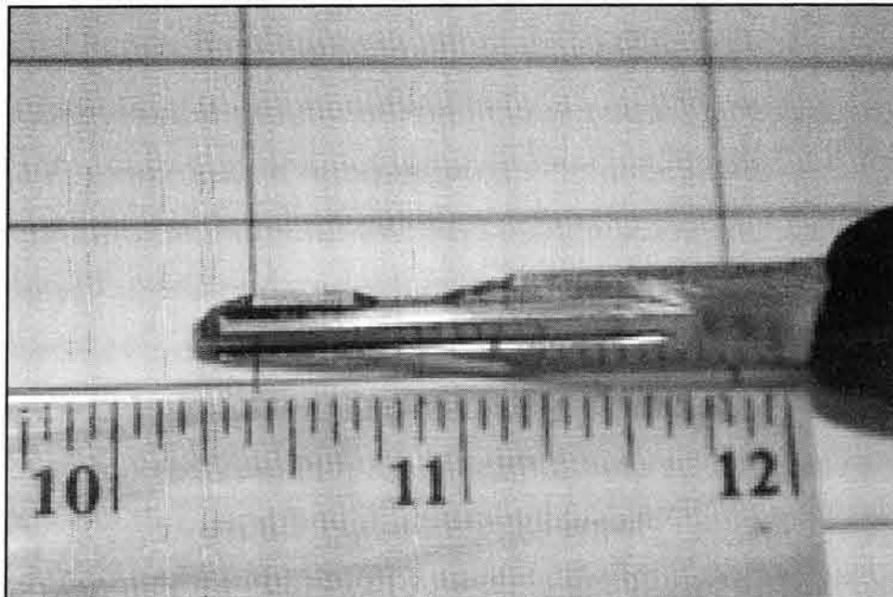
4) DON'T automatically refer people to "Call the Auto Theft Detail" (Or, for that matter, ANY Detail) if there is no arrest, no evidence, or no specific reason to do so. Having people call details, especially on a Monday morning, is a guarantee that the caller will not get the help they need. PLEASE keep this in mind ESPECIALLY for misdemeanors in general, and Hit & Run specifically. DON'T tell people to call the Detail. Tell them to notify their insurance company.

5) DON'T take an "Embezzled report and enter an embezzled vehicle into SVS! Advise the reportee to call the Auto detail. Entering a NON-stolen Vehicle into SVS is likely to result in a problem, and for more than just the victim...

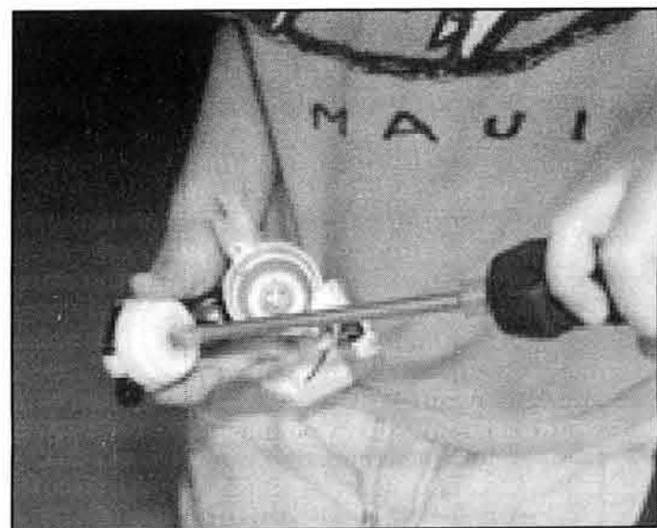
6) Get a fresh "Hot sheet" before the start of your shift. I know, that's a gimme...but do it anyway. It's your life insurance....

Questions and comments should be addressed to me by inter-department mail at the Hit & Run detail.

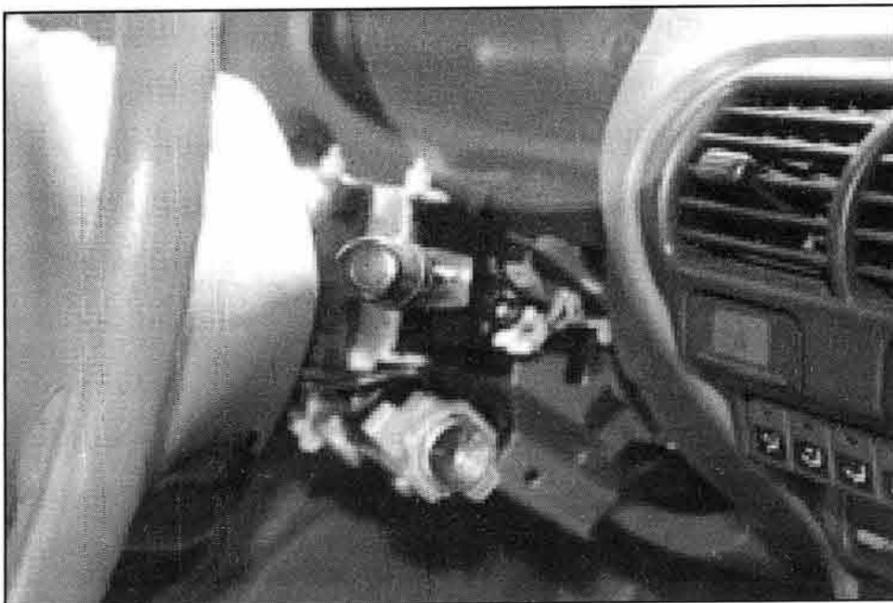
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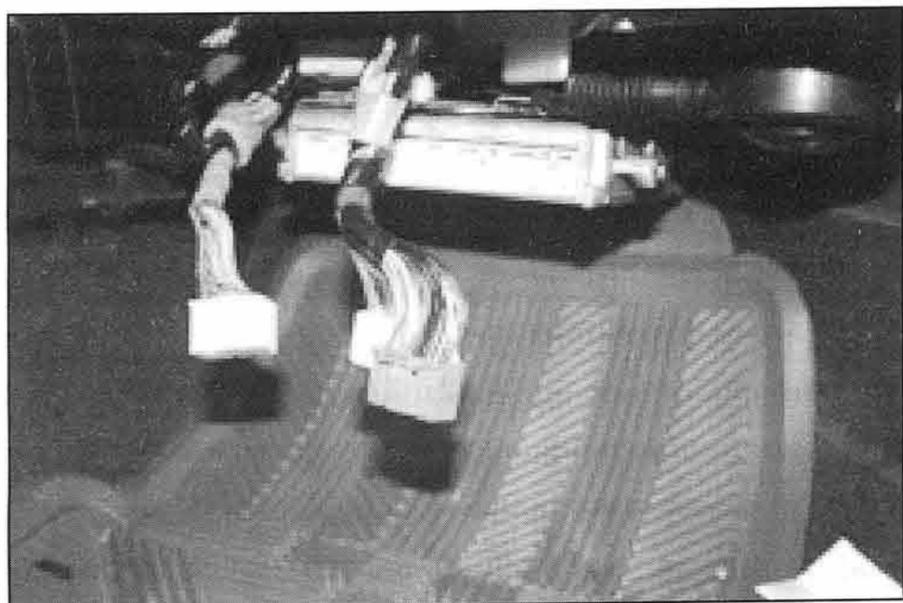
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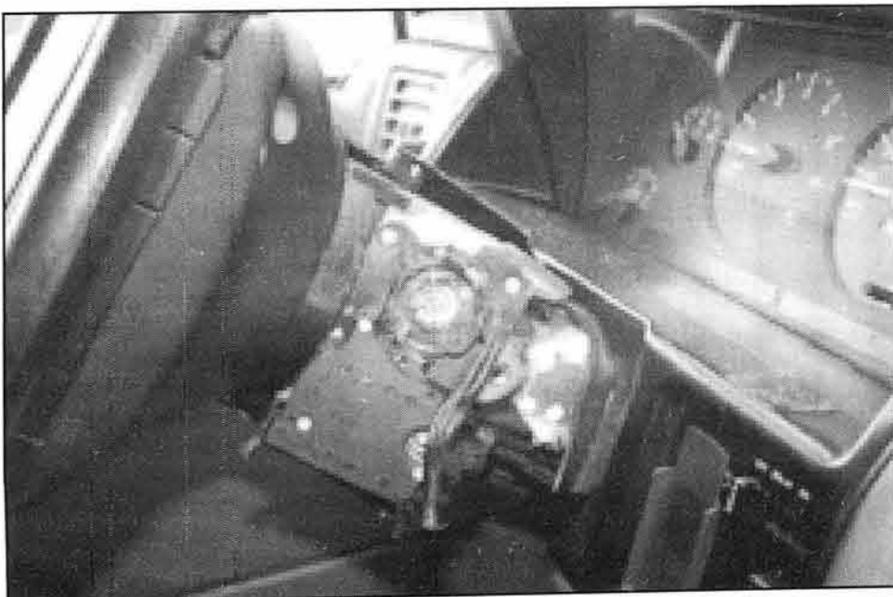
Sometimes the local hardware store can provide "keys" other than the ones which are made with a template duplicator on the lock and key aisle...



It is difficult to claim "I didn't know it was stolen" when you see stuff like this...



Ignition systems that are pulled, disconnected, "jumped", "crossed" or "How wired" MUST be documented. They're great indicators of theft...



Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association – August 1998 SFPOA Notebook

30 year run as Secretary closes an era

Bob McKee Retires from Widows and Orphans

By Ray Shine, Editor

Just as another July "retiree stam-pede" draws to a close, and we figure to have seen the last of our most valued personnel heading for greener pastures, word comes down that Bob McKee is also retiring - again!

You see, Bob has already retired once. It was back in 1975 after a distinguished 36 year career with the San Francisco Police Department. Since then, he has dutifully carded out his responsibilities as the Secretary of the Widows and Orphans Aid Association. Now he is stepping down as the person who has consistently arid accurately chronicled the business of the W&O for the past 30 years. His report of the minutes of each monthly meeting has appeared in this space in the Notebook for as long as I can remember. This month the space is dedicated to him.

Few people have been as directly involved in the lives and times of San Francisco police officers as has Bob McKee. Over the course of the last six decades he has tightly interwoven his activities in the police department, the POA, and the W&O into one lifelong pursuit: service to his community, and aid to his fellow officers and their families. Since July 20, 1939 Bob has actively participated in the affairs of this city and those who risk their lives to protect it.

It was 59 years ago this summer when Bob first took an oath to serve and protect the people of San Francisco. He was hired as a temporary Q-2 to help alleviate the personnel demands of the World's Fair that the City was hosting on Treasure Island. In February of 1941 Bob was appointed to a permanent position and began

collecting his regular salary of \$200 per month!

Bob was assigned to the Solo Motorcycles directly from the Academy. "No," he recently explained with a chuckle "I didn't have a choice in that assignment. They sent eleven of us to the Solo's from the Academy. Don't forget, there was no premium pay in those days, and it wasn't that popular of an assignment."

There were also no crash helmets in those days, and Bob toured the Market, Fell and Oak Street corridors on his Harley-Davidson wearing only a brimmed soft cap. Despite being trained "by some excellent riders" Bob endured several crashes. At one such mishap he suffered a hernia while picking up his overturned Harley. A very short while later the Japanese attacked Pearl Harbor and it was that injury that prevented him from serving in the military.

So, throughout the war years, Bob kept the traffic moving in this bustling port city. San Francisco was a debarkation point for thousands of servicemen and women passing to or from the Pacific theater. Still, despite the urgency of the times, traffic was not the congested mess that it is today, and Bob enjoyed helping everyone get around the town. "The only place we ever had a traffic jam was the bridge ramp at Second and Bryant," he explained. "There just wasn't that much traffic back then. We helped people, and they liked us."

Besides lacking crash helmets, Solo's of old also lacked radios. Long before the era of PIC, the motorcycles were equipped only with one-way scanners. There was no such thing as running a check of a license over the airwaves.



Solo officer Bob McKee and his son, Jim

Nor was there a capability to radio for back-up or help. "I did pull this one guy over once," Bob recalled, "and he pulled a gun out of the glove box. You know who backed me up? A cab driver! People were a lot different then"

Bob was appointed a limited tenure Sergeant in 1952 and was transferred to Co. B. He was appointed to civil service Sergeant in 1956 and transferred to Co. G. After a brief stay there he returned to Traffic Bureau where he served in the Accident Investigation unit.

In 1975 the Personnel Bureau received a notice from the city Retirement Board advising them that one of their employees had achieved the maximum employable age for police officer and must be retired. That employee was Bob McKee, and he retired from the Department on

August 1, 1975 at age 65. Did the City and county have to force Bob out the door? Only Bob knows for sure, but if his record of longevity, dedication, and service in the Widows & Orphans is any indication, they probably did.

Bob has served as the Secretary of that organization since the late Sixties. He has kept the written record of the affairs, the elections, the investments, the debates of that service organization for as long as most of us can remember. He has spoken to numerous SFPD Academy classes about the benefits of joining the W&O, and usually leaves each session with a large majority of new member applications in hand.

One of the most disheartening tasks that Bob was responsible for was the recording of the deaths of W&O members in each of the monthly minutes. While it is not required that he do so, Bob has always made a respectful extra effort to record the assignment and job history of each passing member, to create the image of an actual person to go along with the name. So there he would be at the end of every month, in the record archive at Personnel, the "old Sarge" pawing through the card drawers, researching the careers of deceased police officers, making his notes, then closing in finality the file on each.

Now Bob moves on. He has logged his final minutes and passed the quill along to Jim Sturken. An era of dedicated service ends. Former police officer, former POA President (1961), and Secretary Emeritus to the W&O Robert McKee is off to enjoy the rest of his life, and takes with him our grateful prayers that it will be as rich and meaningful as the first half.

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**1939 Police Newsletter —
Note SFPD hiring of recruit Robert McKee**



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**New Patrolmen
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The freshman class of the Police academy welcomed 13 new probationary patrolmen July 21st. Those selected from the eligible list were:

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A Farewell Salute

By Paul Cummins

I grew up surrounded in school and sports by future cops. In the class behind me at Holy Name grammar school, there were to be two police captains, one lieutenant and one inspector. Not bad for a sleepy little school way out in the Sunset. A lot of guys I knew were going into the police department and a few were getting ready for state prison.

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During a basketball game in 1960, Joe Currie of St. Emydius mowed over me in a basketball game and I got called for the foul. Holy Name won but I never forgot the pain. In 1965 I got to return the favor while playing middle linebacker for USF against San Francisco State where Joe was a running back. I dropped him for a three-yard loss all by myself. If you knew Joe then or now, you would know why I consider that the highlight of my sporting career. By the time I was in Hastings Law School, Joe and his brother, John, and plenty of other guys I knew were in the department.

Throughout my career I was surrounded by hard-hitting, honest, professional cops. I, for one, am fiercely proud of that association.

So when the Los Siete case went to trial in approximately 1970, it got my full attention. Bob Brodnick's father was murdered during a burglary. I went to the trial everyday and was absolutely shocked when the jury acquitted on all counts. It was then that the lightning bolt hit me and revealed that I should be a D.A. and maybe, just maybe, I could try murder cases.

It is now 34 years later and I am retired from the SFDA's office. My wishes came true and I am so very thankful to all of you who helped perform the miracle of making me look good in the courtroom. I had a good run of ten years in homicide and ten in arson.

In my fourth year as a junior DA I was given one of the Zebras on an attempted murder case. He was convicted. Special thanks to Telly Sledvdt on that one. Inspector Joe Toomey was my patrol officer on my first murder case, which came out the right way back in 1979. At the end of my career I was honored to have been helped by Joe and the inimitable Holly Pera in working on the David Hill case, which ADA Harry Dorfman so capably held to answer last month. It was a great but trying experience to work with Ed Erdelatz and Jeff Brosch on the 5-year process of getting mass murderer Charlie Ng back from Canada. Napoleon Hendrix and former Chief Earl Saunders were always at my side in big name murder cases like the See's candy murder on Clement and the devil worship murder case near the

Hall of Justice. Throughout my career I was surrounded by hard-hitting, honest, professional cops. I, for one, am fiercely proud of that association.

When I was the arson DA we had the second highest conviction rate in the country. None of that was because I was better than my adversaries. It was because we had a good team effort. The police and fire department were partnered with the district attorneys office. At first, the police and fire members didn't get along too well. It was like trying to referee a fight between a cobra and a mongoose, but eventually we all got on the same page. I responded to a lot of the major fires and they came to know what I wanted and expected. My first night on the job we had the largest arson fire in the history of San Francisco. With great inspectors like Bergstrom, Kennedy, and Stone we made the arrest three days later, interrogated the suspect for hours, and brought him back to the scene. I taught my troops to anticipate defenses and we figured that the defense would go the insanity route. They did. They lost. Defendant Otis Bloom was found guilty and sane and sentenced to the maximum term in state prison. We also secured three arson murder convictions, which is testament to the quality and dedication of my inspectors.

I was lucky to have taught over 600 San Francisco officers in the ICI course on case preparation and courtroom presentation. With the help of Dan Dougherty, Kurt Tomioka, Captain Dan Lawson we brought defense at-

torneys into the classroom to speak on their perspectives. My Cummins' commercials were always on integrity and professionalism.

My career with you was a great run. A blink. I loved playing football in a bar league with the guys who rode the Hondas in the park like Piro and Rodriquez. Participating in the police Olympics was a kick. Our DA softball team always got crushed in the police league but we had a lot of good laughs. I found that if I dove for abalone and served it at training sessions for the arson group that attendance really improved. I owe a special debt of gratitude to Ed Kenny and Paul Morse each of whom has only a temporary passport to reality. Ed was my handball partner for years at the South End. Paul and I dove for and fished hundreds of times. I could not have made it through without them.

I didn't want to be gone for too long before offering this final thank you. I commend you all for your bravery. Too many guys I knew were killed in the line of duty during our time together. I will never forget the heroism I saw in the likes of John Payne and Al McCann and many others. They won't talk about what they did but I always will.

So this is my farewell salute. Be safe. Be strong. You owe a duty to justice. You hold her honor in your hands. Thanks for the ride along.

Roger, wilco, over and out.

ASK THE CSI GUY

By Mark Hawthorne



The holiday season has begun. Soon you will be seeing an increase in thefts, fraud, robberies, and general crime. To ensure getting the biggest bang for our buck, so to speak, I feel it incumbent on me to review a few issues about evidence to reinforce policy and practice by members of the San Francisco Police Department.

When trying to determine what items may be of evidentiary value, ask yourself, "What is it that I am trying to prove or refute with the evidence?" Keeping that question in mind, you will be able to quickly assess what may be of value to the investigation. Attempt to determine what was the focus of the suspect's intention. By this I simply mean, what did the suspect most likely handle and how was it handled.

As a reminder, there must be three criteria present for there to be evidentiary fingerprints: an appropriate or suitable surface; a transfer medium (usually in the form of perspiration); and appropriate handling of the object. If you can establish that these three things are present, you have a good probability of the presence of fingerprints.

Where objects may have biological evidence present, you can collect, package, and book unless the amount of biological fluid is substantial and you cannot air-dry the item at the station.

For example, in an incident involving a purse snatch or grabbing of packages and you later discover a purse, a wallet, or packages where the paper has been ripped open or boxes opened, these surfaces may be good items as they were the focus of attention of the suspect. Additionally, what type of surface is present? If the surface of the item is stippled, or extremely rough, the possibility of usable fingerprints being present is diminished. Street crime in and of itself most often is not productive for evidence.

There may be an increase in residential burglaries during the holiday season. Remember, when contacting CSI for a response, be able to distinguish between a hot prowling burglary and a standard burglary. Also be prepared to discuss what of evidentiary value, if anything, is present. Simply saying it's a crime scene gives little information to the responding CSI unit. Members of CSI want to respond with the ap-

propriate tools to properly process the scene and evidence. As a reminder, body fluids may also be present at burglaries, especially the presence of blood. If you know or suspect the burglary is part of a series, advise CSI of that fact as well. More and more attempts are being made to obtain DNA for entry into CODIS.

Crimes involving the use of firearms may also increase. Remember, determine the type of firearm and, if recovered, handle the object with fresh latex gloves. A rise in the use of certain types of firearms has peaked the interest of the investigative details and well as CSI and the Crime Lab. More and more weapons are being processed for the presence of contact DNA as well as fingerprints. Remember to handle the weapon in such a manner as to not diminish the possibility of fingerprints. Handle the weapon by the checkered grip, or trigger guard. If the weapon is a long gun, handle by the butt or front stock.

Where you will be conducting the initial investigation and there will not be a need for an investigative or CSI response, remember to document the scene thoroughly. This means using the station camera to take photos and making notes of the condition and location of the evidence.

I know I have merely highlighted some of the more obvious crimes you will be encountering in the coming months, and I know you will act professionally. Over the past ten months, I have given you some good tips to utilize to assist you in your daily undertakings and I hope you will use the information to enhance your abilities and career.

Remember, you are not alone out there in the streets. Advice is only a phone call away. Don't hesitate to ask questions.

In conclusion, as we enter into the holiday season, remember to be courteous, sympathetic, empathetic, and professional. And most of all, don't forget to take care of the home front.

Thanks again for all the inquiries. Should you wish to contact me, you can send inquiries to CSI GUY at:

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From the District Attorney's Office

Jury Convicts Maintenance Man of Twelve Felony Counts for Sexually Assaulting Woman in Her Apartment

Potential Exposure is in excess of 200 Years in State Prison

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Francisco Partida, 38, was convicted of twelve felony counts of sexually assault, burglary, assault with a knife, and false imprisonment along with multiple allegations of personally using a knife and blindfolding the victim during forced sex acts. The convictions expose the defendant to a potential sentence in excess of 200 years in state prison.

According to court documents, the defendant served as a maintenance man in the victim's California Street apartment building. On June 4, 2004, the defendant used a pass key to let himself into the victim's apartment. The victim, 54, came home from work to change for a choir concert at her church. The defendant threw a towel over her head, forced her against a wall and fondled her breasts. He then took her to the kitchen where he grabbed a 13-inch knife. He then put the knife to her ribs while kissing and fondling her. He forced her to lie down on her bed while he continued his assault. When the victim tried to escape, the defendant grabbed her, put her into a chokehold and told her that he would break her neck if she tried to escape again. The defendant then forced the victim to call her friend, who was going to accompany her to the concert, and tell him that she wasn't feeling well and could not go. Over the next several hours, he repeatedly digitally penetrated her vagina and anus.

Three hours later, at the urging of the victim's dear friend, San Francisco Police Officer Filamore contacted the

November 10, 2005

Defendant Who Used Semi-Automatic Firearm Guilty of Six Felony Counts

Man convicted of attempted manslaughter, felony gun possession; faces 22 years in prison

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that Christopher Bautista, age 23, #2069922, was convicted of attempted voluntary manslaughter, assault with a semi-automatic firearm, assault with a firearm, assault with intent to cause great bodily injury, and two counts of felony gun possession by a jury.

The jury, after deliberating three and a half days, found that the defendant was guilty of carrying a loaded, concealed handgun and shooting a then 25-year-old man on Broadway in the North Beach area of San Francisco on September 22, 2002. The guilty verdict followed a month-long jury trial before San Francisco Superior Court Judge Kay Tsenin.

The victim was walking with a friend when they got into an altercation with the defendant and his friends outside of a San Francisco strip club around 2:10 a.m. The defendant shot the victim in the back of the thigh. SFPD Sergeant Arlin Vanderbilt and SFPD Officer Thomas Johnson responded immediately to a call of shots fired and apprehended the defendant in possession of a loaded firearm.

"My office is committed to vigor-

ously prosecuting gun crimes," said District Attorney Harris. "This verdict sends a clear message: we're not going to tolerate illegal guns on the streets of San Francisco."

The maximum statutory penalty for the count in violation of assault with a semi-automatic firearm is nine years in the state prison. In addition, the defendant faces statutory enhancements of an additional 13 years for causing great bodily injury and using a firearm. Sentencing has been scheduled on January 20, 2006, in front of Superior Court Judge Tsenin in Department 26. Diana M. Garcia is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

Through the creation of a new gun specialist team and focused prosecution, District Attorney Harris has secured an 88% conviction rate at trial on 2005 gun cases. In addition, the DA recently announced \$400,000 in federal funding for specialized prosecution of juvenile gun crimes. The funding, secured with the assistance of United States Attorney Kevin Ryan, will assist in reducing gun violence in San Francisco through specialized prosecution and increased community education.

landlord, who along with the police, entered the victim's apartment and caught the defendant as he was restraining the blindfolded and naked victim on her bed.

Upon his arrest, the defendant admitted to the sexual assault and also confessed to a previously unsolved burglary at which time he stole between \$3,000 and \$4,000 from the victim's apartment in January 2004. At trial, the defense unsuccessfully argued that the defendant believed that the victim had consented to the sex acts. The defendant had not sustained any prior convictions.

The District Attorney's office charged the defendant with eight felony counts of sexual assault, one count for each time the defendant digitally penetrated the victim. The DA's office also charged the defendant with burglary, sexual battery, assault with a deadly weapon and false imprisonment. After deliberating for approximately seven hours, the jury found the defendant guilty.

"This case sends a message loud and clear to the predators who would harm the women of San Francisco – we will throw the book at you," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris.

Frank Lee was the San Francisco Police Inspector who helped to prepare this case. Marianne L. Barrett was the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted this case. The next court date is December 13, 2005 in Department 27 of the Superior Court at which time the sentencing date will be selected.

Man Found Guilty of Killing Girlfriend and Setting Her Ablaze

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Francisco Ortiz, age 31, CTN 2187154, was convicted of killing his girlfriend and then setting her ablaze. According to court documents, on February 24, 2004, the defendant killed 25-year-old Felicia Moore at her home on the 900 block of Bay Street and then set the bed on fire. Her body was so badly burned that inspectors were not able to determine cause of death. SFPD Inspectors arrested Ortiz eight months later after determining that he was the last person known to have seen Smith alive.

After deliberating for four days, the jury delivered the verdict today and found the defendant guilty of 2nd degree murder and residential arson. The defendant faces 18 years to life; sentencing is scheduled for December 5, 2005 before Judge Yaggy.

"This was one of our most difficult cases," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "Assistant District Attorney Dennis Cashman had to convince the jury that this defendant committed this brutal crime using only circumstantial evidence. The verdict is a testament to Dennis' skill

November 4, 2005

DA's Office Obtains Conviction In 1968 Cold Case

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today William Speer, 63, (Municipal Court Number 2144786; Superior Court Number 192559), was convicted of violating Penal Code section 187 by a jury. The jury, after deliberating approximately 4 hours, found William Speer guilty of murder in the first degree. The guilty verdict followed a 3-week jury trial before Superior Court Judge Jerome Benson. The 1968 murder case is believed to be the oldest cold hit case in California.

Mr. Speer was incarcerated in the state of Arizona as a Sexually Violent Predator where he was arrested on January 12, 2004. He was charged with murdering Linda Harmon, then 14 years of age, as she was babysitting at a neighbor's apartment. Harmon had been raped and stabbed repeatedly with a carving fork and kitchen knife. There was not enough evidence to arrest a suspect at the time. But for

First Degree Murder Conviction for Brutal Crime

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today the conviction of Philip Sands, 26, CTN 2131939, of all counts – 245(A)(1) assault with great bodily injury, murder in the first degree 87-1, and possession and discharge of a machine gun. The jury, after deliberating 1.5 days, found that the defendant assaulted Robin Clarke and then killed Robert Ramirez, a witness to the assault on Clarke. The jury found the defendant then assaulted Brendan Burke. The guilty verdict followed a jury trial before Superior Court Judge Stewart. Tony Serra was the lead defense attorney in this case.

The potential exposure for this defendant is a life sentence in prison

and expertise. Our office thanks SFPD Inspector Dennis Maffei for his excellent work and the jury for their time and service."

According to court documents, on the night she died, Felicia Moore and the defendant had an argument and she asked him to leave her apartment. Once he left her residence, he pleaded with her to let him to let him back into the apartment so they could talk.

When questioned by the police, the defendant said he had gone home around 1:00 a.m. after the argument with the victim. However, cell phone records and subsequent cell tower activity placed the defendant at the front of Moore's home at approximately 3:00 a.m. The cell phone records and records of the cell phone tower activity were instrumental in the prosecution's case. Other evidence presented at trial included a portable camera that showed images the defendant had taken of himself on the bed of the victim.

The case is the third successful homicide conviction the District Attorney's Office has secured in one week.

37 years, DNA evidence on the crime was preserved. In December 2003, the SFPD Crime Lab matched the DNA evidence to William Speer.

"For 37 years, the Harmon family has been waiting for justice," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "This case is a prime example of why DNA testing is so important. Finally, this defendant will answer for this brutal crime."

The maximum statutory penalty for each count in violation of Penal Code section 187 is life imprisonment. The sentencing of Mr. Speer is scheduled for December 7, 2005, before Judge Jerome Benson in Department 21.

The conviction is the result of a 2-year investigation by the San Francisco Police Department, the Medical Examiner's Office, and the District Attorney's Office. Linda Allen is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

without the possibility of parole.

"This was a brutal crime and we are gratified that the jury dispensed justice today," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "San Franciscans are that much safer with this murderer behind bars. I'd like to thank the jury for their service and to SFPD Inspector Maffei and Assistant District Attorney Ana Gonzalez for their hard work on this case."

The conviction is the result of an intensive three month investigation followed by continual investigation up to and through the trial. Inspector Dennis Maffei of SFPD was the lead inspector in the case. Ana Gonzalez is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

The Holidays at Northern Station

By Sharon Ferrigno

For the past three years, members of Northern Station have helped me raise money for UCSF. Three years ago, we began by raising money to light the Christmas tree at Union Square, which the POA has graciously taken over. The next year, Northern began collecting money for Halloween Costumes for the kids who could not go home for Halloween, as well as selling Christmas Tree pins. Then we began carving pumpkins in the teen room. Sitting down with kids and getting dirty is a great way to break the ice and give these brave youngsters a few minutes away from the constant pain they face.

Then of course there is Bingo, where Northern's swing watch became gifted number callers.

This year, Officers Bill Conley, Chris Schaeffer, and Kim Overstreet have stepped it up even more. Bill has been

Santa for the last couple of years. For the past few months, Bill and Chris kept saying "wouldn't it be great if we could buy the kids in the hospital a really nice present?"

Bill, Chris and Kim have been raising money, buying costumes and providing trick-or-treat goodies at the hospital.

I would like to thank everyone at Northern Station for his or her continued effort and commitment to this cause. As many of you know, this is a deeply personal issue for me, what started out as simple gesture has grown into a continued commitment throughout the years. On behalf of my family and all of the children who receive care at UCSF I would like to thank Northern Station. Thanks Captain Dillon and Bill for getting slimy at pumpkin carving, Thank you Chris and Bill for raising money, and visiting the kids throughout the year, and Kim those costumes were great!

SFPD Behavioral Science Unit

Catastrophic Illness Program 2005

On behalf of the recipients in the Catastrophic Illness Program, the S.F.P.D. Behavioral Science Unit would like to thank everyone who donated time to the program. Ordinance rules that govern the program do not allow us to print a list of these donors.

Recipients of these donations greatly appreciate your generosity and concern as they are challenged with life-threatening circumstances and oftentimes with complications. Your donations make it possible for the recipients in the program to focus on life and their health without the added burden of wondering how to survive economically. These donations are literally life-savers for these recipients.

Members of the San Francisco Police Department have been like "Blue Angels" when it comes to giving hard earned time to fellow members in need. They do this from their genuine concern, compassion, and desire to help others. It is a call above and beyond duty that should be highly commended from all of those who care about life and dignity.

This year the S.F.P.D. Catastrophic Illness Program had a total of 293 donors and 98 of these donors gave multiple times throughout the year to

multiple recipients. The average donation was 32 hours – and one donor gave the maximum of 480 hours for the year!

The S.F.P.D. Catastrophic Illness Program received a total of 9,768 hours of donated time, and of this, 6,296 hours were SP time and 3,472 hours were VA time. While the year has been difficult, members of the San Francisco Police Department have done an outstanding job with genuine care and concern for recipients of the program!

Certificates of Appreciation were sent out the week of Thanksgiving to these donors. It is our humble way of acknowledging these donors for their kind act of generosity. If you donated to the program and have not received your certificate by the time you are reading this, please call Ernie McNett at the BSU 837-0875.

Again, on behalf of the recipients of the program, a heartfelt and very grateful "THANK YOU"!

The Staff of the Behavioral Science Unit,

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Maggie Ortelle, Officer Roy Priest,
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ON THE SAFE SIDE

Stay SAFE during the Holiday Season!

The December Holidays are a time to enjoy festivities, and celebrate with friends and family. Most people do not think about safety or crime prevention during this cheerful season. However, some criminals take advantage of the holidays. Fortunately, there are things people can do to minimize their chances of being victimized. San Francisco SAFE, Inc. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) encourages you to stay safe during the holidays. Please read some of our safety tips... and have a happy and joyful season! Visit our office for printed materials that you can distribute.

Personal Safety:

- If shopping after dark, take a friend, and park in well-lighted and well-traveled areas.
- Don't overload yourself with packages and hinder your own visibility and freedom of movement. Keep one arm free at all times.
- Be Alert! Look confident, walk with a purpose.
- Lock the doors of your car, whether driving or parked.
- Keep car keys available in your hand when walking to your car or home.
- Notice anyone who approaches as you arrive at your car or home, and as you load/unload the car.
- If someone demands your purse or wallet, surrender it immediately – it's not worth your life. If anything is stolen, report it to the police.

Prevent Auto-Boosting (someone breaking into your car):

- Keep the visible interior of the car empty.
- Lock packages out of sight in the trunk, even if this means making several trips to the car.
- Move your car to a different location each time you move things to the trunk.
- Lock your car doors and trunk securely.
- Invest in some sort of anti-theft device for your car, which may deter criminals from stealing your car.

Home Burglary Prevention:

- Keep all doors and windows locked.
- Gifts and valuables should be kept out of sight and away from windows
- If you are traveling during the holidays, ask a neighbor to watch your house.



- Put timers on different lights throughout the interior and exterior of the house.
- Have newspapers, mail and other deliveries held or picked up by someone you trust.

Prevent Pickpocketing and Identity Theft:

- Bring only the cash and credit cards you will need. Keep cash separate from ID & credit cards. Do not carry your social security card or passport.
- Be Alert! Your purse or wallet may be a target for crime in crowded shopping areas, bus stops, and on buses. Be wary of those creating distractions.
- Strong, confident body language and eye contact with others is likely to discourage pickpocketing.
- Men should keep wallets in hard to reach spots. Women should keep wallets deep inside their purse.
- If taking public transit, keep your fast pass separate from your purse or wallet.
- Shred receipts that show your credit card number.

SAFE is having a Sports Memorabilia Sale & Fundraiser – Just in time for the Holidays!

Need a perfect gift for the ultimate sports fan for the Holidays???

SAVE the Dates!!! On Wednesday, December 7th and Thursday, December 8th, SAFE will be hosting a Sports Memorabilia Sale in the Lobby of the Hall of Justice, 850 Bryant Street, from 8:30 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. There will be many items available for all types of sports: baseball, football, tennis, golf and cycling—from signed pictures to other memorable items – featuring Barry Bonds, Joe Montana, Lance Armstong, Tiger Woods, and more! All proceeds will benefit SAFE in our efforts to continue crime prevention education and public safety services citywide.

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First Annual POA Sports Hall of Fame Induction Dinner

The first annual POA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet was held on Friday, November 11, 2005 at the Italian-American Athletic Club on Stockton Street. A large crowd of inductees, family and friends filled the large banquet hall to honor some of the finest athletes ever to play for the SFPD. POA President Gary Delagnes – an accomplished athlete in his own right – emceed the event after a special guest appearance by San Francisco comedian Bob Sarlatte.

Shown on these pages are a few photos of the event, and a short recap of each inductee's athletic accomplishments. –Ed.

JEFF BARKER

- Two-time All-Conference basketball at SF City College.
- All-Conference honors in baseball at Sonoma State College.
- Joined the SFPD in 1972.
- Excelled at flag football, SFPD and All-Star basketball, as well as SFPD and All-Star softball.
- Co-coordinator of the California Police Games held in San Francisco in 1981.
- Won 12 SFPD sport championships, and earned over 15 medals in various California Police Games.
- A player on the softball and basketball All-Star teams that won over 60 tournaments.
- Named to over 20 All-Tournament teams in both sports, and was victorious in over 500 games representing the SFPD in both basketball and softball.
- Passed away in November of 1994.

JOHN BRANDT

- Joined the SFPD in 1969.
- Excelled in semi-pro soccer leagues in and around San Francisco competing with the SF Glens, Skyline United, Hayward United, and Tatology.
- Joined the SFPD Soccer Club in the 70's.
- Recipient of numerous medals at the California Police.
- Played on the Centurion Football teams in the 80's playing defensive back and on special teams while in his 40's.
- Coached soccer at St. Anne's Grammar School.
- Retired from SFPD in 1998.
- Passed away on February 22, 2002.

GARY BERTUCCI

- Third basemen for SFPD, playing on the great, undefeated teams of the 70's, and was an outstanding hitter.
- Passed away in the early 1980's.
- Will be fondly remembered as a great softball player as well as a first class human being.

JAMES PATRICK DEASY

- Played club soccer with the Shamrock Rovers, helping lead the team to many championships during the 60's.
- Helped form the S.F.P.D. Kickers soccer team.
- Took a fourth-place Bronze Medal in Alameda.
- Assisted the Killer Bees (Second SFPD Soccer Team) by coaching.

- Played in his last California Police Summer Games during the summer of 1994.
- Retired from SFPD in 1994
- Died in September of 2000.

LAYNE AMIOT

- Served over 30 years in the SFPD.
- An avid softball player, he served as SFPD Softball Commissioner 1983 - 1991.
- His 9 years as commissioner and member of Park Station and the over 40 Olympic Softball teams were very important to the morale of this department through some difficult times.
- Passed away on October 29, 2000.

BRIAN OLCOMENDY

- All-WCAL soccer player at Saint Ignatius High School.
- All-conference soccer player at SF City College.
- Entered the SFPD in 1982.
- Joined the SFPD Soccer Club in 1983 and played until 2003.
- Won many soccer medals at the California Police Games, and was also part of the team that won North American Police Soccer Tournament in the 80s.
- Inducted into the SFPD Soccer Club Hall of Fame.
- Active in SFPD softball where he played for and managed the Park Islanders for many years.
- Served as SFPD Softball Commissioner in 2002 and 2003.
- Passed away on July 26, 2003 at the age of 43.

GERRY CALGARO

- Served in the SFPD for 34 years.
- Played center for SFPD basketball teams for 8 years, winning 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze Medals.
- Won a Gold medal in the 1977 Games that included wins over LAPD and Berkeley.
- Winner of the Gold Medal in the Northwest Police Games in 1982.
- Played tight end for the SFPD Centurion Football Team that defeated LAPD in 1982.

STEVE VENTERS

- A 32-year member of the SFPD.
- A member of the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team from 1975-1987, and known as an outstanding defensive player.
- Accumulated 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3

- Bronze Medals in Basketball.
- Participated in the Police Games Triathlon between 1991-1995, winning a Gold medal in 1994.
- Participated in the Police Winter Games in Downhill and Cross Country Skiing from 1980-1994.
- Has won over 40 Olympic Medals in his career.

ANN MANNIX

- Played softball, basketball, and tennis for Washington High School.
- Played softball, basketball, and took part in Track and Field for SF City College.
- Received an athletic Scholarship to Loyola Marymount University where she played Basketball and softball while earning a BA degree.
- Joined the SFPD in 1986.
- Has competed in the California Police Games since entering the SFPD and has medaled in Softball, Basketball, Tennis, and the Javelin.
- Has won over 30 medals in Police Games Competition.

BOB PUTS

- Spent over 30 years in the SFPD.
- Played on the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team for 8 years winning 1 Gold, 3 Silver, and 4 Bronze Medals.
- Played on the team that took the Gold Medal in the 1982 Northwest Police Games.
- Won a Bronze Medal in the California Police Games in Softball.
- Co-founder of the SFPD Basketball League.
- Served as Basketball Commissioner from 1975-1985.

JAMES DEIGNAN

- A member of the SFPD for 33 years.
- Player/coach of the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team from 1975-1982.
- Winner of 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze Medals.
- Player/coach of the team that captured the Northwest Police Olympics in 1982 and a Bronze in the International Police Games in Florida.
- Co-founder of the SFPOA Basketball League.

ED RODRIGUEZ

- Served 30 years in the SFPD.
- Member of the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team from 1975-1988.
- Won 2 Gold, 4 Silver, 3 Bronze Medals as a member of SFPD Basketball Team.
- Won a Gold Medal in the Northwest Police Games in 1982.
- A member of several SFPD League Championships while at Central Station.

TONY RODRIGUEZ

- Served with the SFPD for 33 years.
- Played on the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team from 1975-1988 earning 2 Gold, 4 silver, and 3 Bronze Medals.
- Played on the team that captured the Gold Medal in the Northwest Police Games in 1982.
- Participated on several SFPD All-Star Softball Teams in the 70's.

CHARLIE MAHONEY

- Played Varsity basketball and baseball at Sacred Heart High School where he attained All-WCAL honors as a basketball player in 1971, and was also named team MVP.
- Member of Sacred Heart Sports Hall of Fame.
- Played basketball for St. Mary's College where he played basketball for one year and then transferred to San Francisco State where he also played basketball.
- He entered the police Department in 1975.
- Played point guard for the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team from 1976-1988, achieving a total of 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze Medals.

LEON SORHONDO

- A 33-year veteran of the San Francisco Police Department.
- Played on the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team from 1975-1985.
- Received 2 Gold, 4 Silver, and 3 Bronze medals. Also a winner of several basketball titles in the SFPOA Police League while at Central Station.

PHIL DITO

- Joined the SFPD in 1971.
- Joined the SFPD soccer club in 1979, and played for 21 years until his retirement in 2000.
- Played wing and goalie winning three Gold medals and numerous Silver medals with the soccer team at both the California and National Police Games.
- His soccer teams also won the North American Police Soccer tournament made up from law enforcements teams throughout the US and Canada.
- Inducted into the SFPD Soccer Club Hall of Fame.
- Played on the SFPD softball team that won the California Law Enforcement Championship in 1974. Won many medals in the "over 40" Police Games softball competition.
- Recipient of the prestigious Mike O'Brien Award for his softball excellence.
- Co-founder of the annual SFPOA Golf Tournament that provides scholarships for the children of our members.

BILL DYER

- Played for the semi-pro Greek American Athletic Club and competed against fellow inductee John Brandt on many occasions.
- Played for over 20 years with the SFPD Soccer Club and was part of teams that won over 15 Police Games medals and competed all over the western states and Canada.
- A charter member of the SFPD Soccer Club.

TOM BRUTON

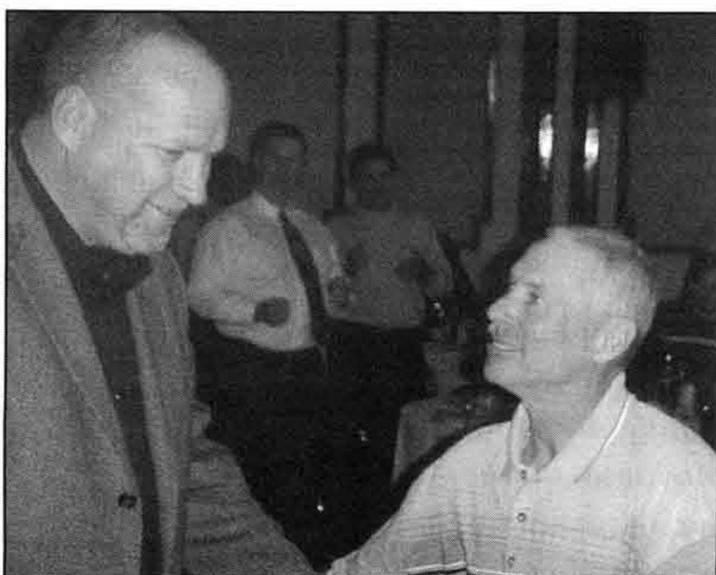
- Played football and baseball at Sacred Heart High School and made All-City as a catcher in 1968.
- Entered the SFPD in 1972.
- Played on the Mission Station 1975 Softball Championship Team.
- Played on the SFPD All-Star Softball Teams of the mid-70's under Frank Falzon.
- An original member of the SFPD Soccer Club, playing in the Police Games from 1977-1999 winning numerous medals including several Gold.
- Inducted as one of the original members of the SFPD Soccer Hall of Fame.
- Served 32 years in the SFPD.
- Member of the SFPAL Board of Directors, and is currently a coach and referee for youth soccer in San Rafael.

HARRY BROWN

- Entered the SFPD in 1970.
- One of the original members of Frank Falzon's All-Star Softball Team.
- Played on the undefeated All-Star team from 1974-1975 and was part of those state Law Enforcement Champions.
- He was a lead off hitter and will be remembered as one of the fastest and best softball players ever in the department.

MIKE KEYS

- Joined the SFPD in 1972.
- Member of the SFPD All-Star Softball Team in 1973.
- Played on the undefeated teams of 1974-1975 winning many state law enforcement tournaments.



Gary Delagnes and Mike Keys.



The famed SFPD Round ball team.

- Played with the next generation of softball All-Stars and continued until 1996 for a total of 23 years.
- From 1978 through 1996, he accumulated 14 medals, won over 45 tournaments, and was named to at least 10 All-Tournament teams.
- Played on the department flag football team during the 70's winning two city championships.

MARK PORTO

- Played football and baseball while attending Sacred Heart High School and St. Mary's College.
- Played Quarterback on the SFPD flag football team.
- Was a player on the SFPD softball, basketball teams, and played tennis, and racquetball.
- Member of the SFPD teams that won two basketball titles, and six softball titles. Won Police Games medals in both basketball and softball.
- Was the "Mike O'Brien" award winner in 1987.
- Served as the SFPD softball commissioner for 4 years.
- Retired in 2004 after 32 years in the SFPD.

JERRY DONOVAN

- Graduated from Westmoor high in 1965 where he was an All-League and All-County basketball player.
- Played from 1978-1981 with the SFPD All-Star Basketball Team winning a Silver and 2 Bronze Medals.
- Considered one of the most feared long ball threats in the state.
- From 1978-1995, played with the SFPD All-Star team that won over 30 tournaments and 14 medals in the California, Oregon, and Arizona Police Games. During his career the SFPD All-Star Softball team won over 400 games while losing less than 70.
- Served more than 30 years with the SFPD.

JACK MINKEL

- Entered the SFPD in 1975.
- Played basketball, softball, and flag football for the department and was a 17-year member of the SFPD All-Star softball team that won over 14 medals in competition at the California Police Games, Oregon Police Games, and Arizona Police Games.
- Won over 400 All-Star softball games while losing less than 70.
- Won 4 medals for Track and Field where he emerged as one of the fastest men in state law enforcement.
- His track and field career culminated in his defeating a member of the LA Sheriff's Department in the final 100 meters of the 400-meter relay to win the Gold Medal in 1978. (That member that he defeated was also a member of the United States Olympic team from 1972).
- Played halfback for the original SFPD Centurion Football team in 1980, and played a prominent role in handing the LAPD their first ever football loss in a game at Kezar Stadium in 1981.
- Was named MVP in 6 different games during his Centurion career.
- One of the fastest athletes in the history of the SFPD, he retired from the department in 2005.

DAVE HERMAN

- Joined the SFPD in 1975.
- Was recruited to play SFPD All-Star Softball and played on that team for the next 25 years.
- Played for the SFPD Soccer Club for many years earning many medals at the California Police Games.
- In over 25 years of sports involvement in the SFPD, won a total of 30 medals, Played in more than 400 All-Star

- Softball games, won more than 40 softball tournaments throughout California, Oregon, and Arizona.
- Was named to at least 20 All-tournament teams and was also part of the SFPD All-Star teams that defeated the Navy All-Stars 3 straight times in the 80's.
- Played soccer all over the state of California and in Canada winning many more tournaments and awards.
- Remains an active member of the SFPD.

JOHN CURRIE

- Was an All-League athlete in both Football and Track and Field at Riordan High School.
- Was inducted into the Riordan Sports Hall of Fame.
- Entered the SFPD in the 1960's.
- Was one of the first and most successful athletes in the newly established California Police Olympics where he won numerous medals in Weight lifting.
- An Original member of the SFPD Centurion football team, and a major factor in their defeat of the then undefeated LAPD.

JOE CURRIE

- An All-League athlete from Riordan High School in Football and Track and Field.
- Inducted into the Riordan Sports Hall of Fame.
- Another star athlete of the early years of the California Police Olympics, won numerous medals in Weight lifting.
- Was an original member of the SFPD Centurion football team and one of the original founders.
- Played a key role in the win over the LAPD in 1981.
- Served the SFPD for over 30 years.

FRANK FALZON

- A member of the City Championship Baseball Team from St. Ignatius High School in 1958, and City Championship Football Team in 1960.
- Was named All-City and also to the Examiner All-Star team in 1960.
- An original founder of the SFPD Softball League in 1964.
- Served as the SFPD Softball Commissioner from 1965-1973.
- In 1974, as player/manager, he took the SFPD All-Star Softball Team on the road competing in tournaments up and down the coast winning nearly every tournament they entered and going undefeated for two straight years in 1974 and 1975, winning the state law enforcement championship both of those years.
- Winner of 9 SFPD Softball Championships.
- Was awarded the prestigious Mike O'Brien Award in 1992.
- Served more than 30 years in the SFPD.
- Will always be remembered as the founding father of SFPD softball.

ROBERT RED

- Attended Wilson High School where he was an All-City Football player.
- Was named Player of the Year and All-American at City College of San Francisco.

- Played professional football for the LA Rams and Denver Broncos.
- Joined the SFPD in 1981.
- Was dominating defensive force on the SFPD Centurion Football Team for several consecutive seasons.

HARRY PEARSON

- Member of the 1969 Turkey Day Champion Lincoln High Mustangs who were rated 4th in the state of California.
- He entered the SFPD in 1977.
- Played basketball and softball at Northern, Headquarters, Inspectors, and Narcotics.
- He has been part of seven SFPD Softball Championships, and has won three medals in California Police Games softball.
- Won 6 golf medals in the California Police Games and is the current POA Golf Champion in the SFPD.
- An original member of the SFPD Centurion Football team that was established in 1980, and was an instrumental player in the defeat of the LAPD in 1981 handing them their only loss in history.
- Named MVP in 1983 for his play against Santa Cruz Public Safety.
- Made over 30 sacks in his centurion career.

JOE GARRITY

- An All-American football player at San Francisco State College.
- Joined the SFPD in 1981.
- Became one of the most dominant defensive players on the SFPD Centurion Football team, winning numerous MVP awards for his efforts.
- Was the most dominant player in the history of Centurion football.

JOE MOLLO

- Joined the SFPD in 1966.
- In 1967, he took a three-man team from the SFPD to the first California Police Olympic Games and won a Gold Medal.
- In 1968, he was asked to form the Board of Directors for the California Police Olympics and served in that capacity until his retirement in 1993.
- In 1971 and 1981 he has instrumental in bringing the California Police Olympics to SF.
- Earned 5 Gold Medals in Judo, a Gold Medal in Wrestling at a national police competition, and three additional Silver Medals in judo and Wrestling in other meets.
- In 1964, he was invited and competed at the United States Olympic Judo trials and later led a northern California Judo team to a National Championship in Idaho.
- Achieved a 6th Degree Black Belt in Judo and a Black Belt in Jujitsu.

LOU PEREZ

- Joined the SFPD at the age of 21 and has been on the department for almost 25 years.
- Became enamored with the triathlon and endurance events when he entered one of the early SFPD Ironman Events in the early 80's.
- SFPD Ironman Lake Merced Run record holder with a time of 25:22
- First 3-time SFPD champion at the SFPD Hook and Ladder Run.
- First and only SFPD winner of the LA Sheriff's Zuma Beach Triathlon.
- First SFPD 3-time Gold Medal Champion for the 18-mile Road Race at the Police Summer Games.
- 3-time Gold Medal Triathlon Open Champion at the Police Summer Games for three straight years.
- Gold Medal champion for the SFPD at the 10,000 meters and 5,000 meters in the Police Summer Games.
- Won numerous local biathlons, triathlons and road races at various distances. Raced as a professional triathlete during the 1988 season.
- Gold Medalist Champion at the 1996 Long Beach Summer Games.

- Gold Medalist Champion for the 2-mile ocean swim at the Long Beach Police Summer Games.
- SFPD Champion in the 1500 Meter at the Pasadena and San Bernardino Police Summer Games.
- Numerous other championship victories throughout the state of California.

FRANK PETUYA

- Joined the SFPD in 1964.
- Bowled on the 1969 SFPD Bowling Team and took a Bronze Medal in the California Police Olympics.
- Started swimming in 1970 and swims competitively for the Tamalpais Masters Swim Team in Marin County.
- Has swum competitively for the SFPD all over the state and the country.
- Won two Gold Medals in men's relays, and 2 Gold and 3 Silver Medals in individual events.
- Continues competitive swimming in retirement.

BEN VIGIL

- A member of the SFPD for almost 30 years, he remains on active service.
- Participated in many sports, medaling for softball.
- Boxed for the SFPD in five California Police Games winning 4 Gold and 1 Silver Medal in his division - 156 lbs.
- Coached and mentored other boxers, and will always be known as one of the finest boxers in the SFPD.

JAY CHRISTMAN

- Member of the 86th Recruit Class in 1958, and was a member of the SFPD for 38 years.
- Was introduced to pistol shooting by the range staff while in the academy.
- Drafted into the Army 2 years later, he was a member of an army pistol team that competed all across the US.
- A member of the SFPD pistol team, the Olympic Club Pistol Team, the California State Pistol Team, and many others.
- During a shooting career that lasted over 40 years he won over 5000 trophies and awards and set national records.
- Won the National Distinguished Pistol Award.
- Was California State Champion several times, ranked #1 in the California Governor's "20" 4 times.
- A 12 time member of the California Governor's "20" Team.
- Won the California Police Olympics in Pistol several times, as well as the National Police Olympics in Pistol.
- Won the SFPD Mike O'Brien Pistol Match many times; the last time on his 65th birthday.

JEFF BROSCHE

- Played division level baseball for three years in the US Army.
- Joined the SFPD in 1965.
- Became an avid jogger and bicyclist; ran his first marathon at the age of 40.
- Has run 45 marathons including 3 New York City Marathons with the SFPD Running Team.
- Has competed in the California Police Olympics, World Police Games, California Police Winter Games, and International Police Winter Games.
- Medaled in many sports including the Marathon.
- As a cyclist, he has received 74 medals from the Police Games including 6 in 1998 representing the Alameda DA Investigators.
- Retired from the SFPD, he still competes in the Police Games at age 66.

KEN SANDSTROM

- Joined the SFPD in 1964, retired in 1996.
- Played on the 1965 Park Station Championship Softball Team.
- Played on the SFPD All-Star Softball Team through the '70s.
- Played on the undefeated All-Stars that won 2 state championships.
- Considered one of the first legitimate power hitters in SFPD softball.

Letters



Dear POA –

On behalf of all the men and women of the Indio Police Officers Association and the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank you for all you did to make our 2nd Annual "Widows & Orphans" Golf Tournament a success.

With all the worthwhile charities and causes soliciting your time and/or money. I am honored that you chose to support the police officers of Indio.

Again thank you for your continued support. I hope to see you again next year.

Respectfully,
John Rose, Chair

Dear POA –

On behalf of the Trustees of the Bruce Verhoeven Foundation, I would like to extend our sincere appreciation for your recent donation, in memory of Deputy Joseph Kievernagel and Deputy Kevin Blount. Letters will be sent to Joe's family and to Kevin's family to acknowledge your donation.

Again, I would like to express our grateful appreciation for your contribution.

Sincerely,
Sue Randazzo
Secretary

Dear President Delagnes –

On behalf of the members of Central Station, I would like to thank you for your pointed and forthright speech to the Police Commission regarding the staffing shortage of our department. Once again you led the charge and brought to the public eye the critical issue of under-staffing, morale, and officer safety. This staffing shortage, as you know, has adversely impacted every aspect of police service that we provide the public. The challenges facing our officers has never been greater as they confront violent and sometimes surreal encounters on a daily basis, not knowing if back-up is close or faraway. I watched closely as you quoted the City Charter charging the Commission with not fulfilling their obligation to fully staff this department. Much dialogue regarding the aforementioned issues was made between the command staff and Commission. We will wait and see. I'm sure the officers of this department will continue to face their challenges as they always have. With pride, dedication and zeal.

Thank You Again,
Ed Browne,
Central Station

Dear POA –

I want to personally thank you for your contribution.

These are unusual and difficult political times in California and I don't underestimate the challenges they present. Yet, working together, we can make a real difference. Courage, common sense and sound, independent thinking are what our state desperately needs. My experience equips me-in a unique way-to offer that kind of leadership.

In Oakland, I have had great success revitalizing the downtown and reducing crime. My approach was very practical and down-to-earth. That's the spirit I will bring to the office of attorney general.

Thanks for believing in me and, supporting my campaign [for Attorney General].

Best Regards,
Jerry Brown

Hi, Steve [Johnson] –

I was moved to write after reading the article, Gary Delagnes addresses the commission October 5, 2005. I wish to personally thank Delagnes for having the salt to publicly address and correctly dress down the outrageous behavior of Commissioner Veronese. Over the past 20 years I have seen the nuts come and go under the guise and title of Commissioner. Veronese is the most dangerous type. (Certifiable.) He falls into the newly created Psychiatric Diagnostic Category; Politician Syndrome; DSM-IV 333.333 where the narcissistic personality is dominant.

The Merck Manual of Diagnosis and Therapy/ Section 15. Psychiatric Disorders/ Chapter 191. Personality Disorders describes Narcissistic personality disorder are grandiose; ie, they have an exaggerated sense of superiority. Their relationships with others are characterized by their need to be admired, and they are extremely sensitive to criticism, failure, or defeat. When confronted with a failure to fulfill their high opinion of themselves, they can become enraged or seriously depressed. Because they believe themselves to be superior, they often believe others envy them and feel entitled to have their needs attended to without waiting. Thus they can justify exploiting others whose needs or beliefs they consider less important. Such characteristics often offend persons they encounter, including their physicians. This personality disorder occurs in high achievers but may also occur in per-

sons with few achievements.

Although I have not always agreed with Delagnes political views and opinions, I know he will always have my back. I retired officially from the SFPD in 1994 and it could very well been a funeral instead of a retirement. While working undercover in Vice, Gary Delagnes put his life on the line, without hesitation, to save mine during a kidnapping attempt. During my years in the SFPD, I have had many heroic brother and sister officers step up to the plate in dire times of need. It is often taken for granted that somewhere in the job description it reads "Must sacrifice own life for life of another." That description does not exist in the written form however; officers instinctively do this every day for people they do not know. These officers are often, but not always, recognized for their commitment and bravery by way of Special Awards.

I do not see Special Awards or enough recognition given the officers that make another sacrifice on a different type of firing line. Dodging the verbal bullets fired at them from self-serving political activists. It is also taken for granted that somewhere in the job description of PO A Representative it reads, "Once you willingly step into a tank of sharks, you are solely responsible for being eaten." This is another wrong assumption. These officers take precious time away from family and friends, are publicly disparaged and privately attacked. They take this abuse all for the betterment of the department as a whole.

Delagnes and I have had many heated debates in the past over SFPD politics and I have walked away angry several times. Nonetheless, I have always walked away knowing his foremost concerns are for the long term best interests of each and every SFPD Officer. He has in the past, and I know he will in the future, continue to put our interests before his own. It is as instinctive as saving a life.

Susan Canaan
Retired SFPD

Dear Sergeant Halloran –

I want to thank the San Francisco Police Officers Association for the \$500 college scholarship that I received. It will help fund my education at the University of Southern California. Thank you again for your generosity.

Fight on!
Courtney Porter

Dear SFPOA –

Thank you for your contribution of \$10,000 to NAPO's Relief Fund. Your donation will be used to aid the officers affected by Hurricane Katrina along the Gulf Coast. Every bit of support can make a big difference.

Sincerely,
William Johnson
Executive Director
National Association of Police Organizations Relief Fund, Inc.

Dear SFPOA,

All of us at the Haight Ashbury Food Program would like to extend our sincere gratitude to you for your generous contribution.

Contributions like yours make it possible for the Haight Ashbury Food Program to continue to provide a healthy, homemade meal to all in need and to create a pathway out of poverty for those whom we serve. The kindness of your donation is reflected in our daily dedication to being a source of compassionate support for our neighbors in need.

Again, we thank you for your support of our mission to offer food and compassion to between 200 - 500 women, children and men each day and to train individuals for full time employment in the food service industry.

Your thoughtfulness is greatly appreciated!

Sincerely,
Judy Woods
Food Service Project Director

Dear President Gary Delagnes –

The only reason to vote Democrat is for the pay and benefits. It is a bitter trade off and I would say it is not worth it.

First, you take your money to the suburbs because the city run by Democrats is less and less desirable to live in. Every neighborhood in San Francisco is physically the best place on earth to live and many are inexpensive. So why don't you live there?

In 1970 when Al Neider was Chief, law enforcement in California was headed toward a higher professional standard. In police departments like Berkeley and San Jose an Associate College Degree was required to enter their police departments and it was expected that in the near future a Bachelor Degree would be required. Then the Democrats got the idea of affirmative action.

So now they hire those that will never be able to do the job and when they graduate from the police academy and are assigned to a station instead of taking care of and training these rookies, as we were trained before affirmative action, they are evaluated and washed out. But be careful not to wash out too many and only those of the right demographic. Then you can put your career on hold and be supervised by the incompetent.

Sure the Democrats give you high pay and benefits this is the only way they can get votes to support their wacky ideas. They buy every union and welfare recipient vote, with public money.

When the populous discovers they have the keys to the public treasury and they can vote themselves all the money and benefits they want it is all over for free enterprise.

When you think of benefits, health care is the first thing that comes to mind. The City Health Plan just about went bankrupt due to poor management. While we have good health plans otherwise between the employees and the city we pay a high price for these plans. Hard as it is to believe if there were no employer paid health plans we would have to get a private plan. Private plans would be better and cheaper, because they would be competing in the free market. A private, individually paid for, health plan does not depend on who you work

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for. You can change jobs or remain unemployed and still have health care coverage. Health Care Plans don't compete in the free market when they have captured employers and government managers they can fleece.

In fairness why would you expect Republicans to support your pay and benefits, you are not their constituents? Not one organized labor dollar has ever gone into their campaigns. Republicans represent tax paying citizens who are creating the jobs and capital, which Democrats take for granted. Republicans are for less government interference and free enterprise. They also support law and order as a legitimate function of government.

This is a mute point in San Francisco, because there are no Republicans there.

A high tide raises all boats. This is a saying that means if the citizens in San Francisco are financially successful everyone around them would be better off, including the public employees. Something the Democrats do not want people to know.

Consider school teachers for an example. They should be well qualified, collage educated, with a specialty degree in teaching and a degree their area of expertise. I would always support high wages and benefits for them. What we discover is that they are not required to come up to minimal standards. They tolerate in their ranks the, incompetent, and criminally lazy. Public education for many reasons is going down hill and never once have the teachers' union addressed one of those problems that did not have something to do with the teachers' pay or benefits. I hope this does not remind you of anybody you know.

When the Lincoln Company showed they could take the worst performing school in San Francisco and turn it into the best performing school for less money, the Democrats could not allow that. We don't wonder why, because the Democrats manage everything the same way, politics first, common sense never.

How much do you feel you are worth as a professional Peace Officer? Say you have a college degree; you have completed intensive training in a police academy, specialized training in your chosen field of law enforcement and have on the job experience. This is the level of experience required in the smaller cities throughout California and they pay those qualified peace officers quite well. When a promotional position becomes available it is open to any qualified candidate in the state. It is awkward that one may have to move to another city to obtain a promotion, which is a personal decision that each officer must make. But they can take their state retirement (PERS) with them and they do not need a union or Arnold Schwarzenegger to tell them how much they are worth.

The "big cities" keep police officers because many of them would not qualify for a law enforcement jobs elsewhere; the officers are locked into the city retirement system and/or they just love working there.

I know Republican San Diego has always been one of the lowest paid departments in the state, now the city of San Diego is in financial trouble. I can only wonder what they did with all the money they saved on salaries. Good for the officers who are bailing out, they should have left years ago. But unlike San Francisco, who would not want to live in San Diego?

Every now and then the politicians in San Francisco make a grab for our well funded retirement plan, if you love and trust the Democrats so much, why don't you let them use those funds for some good purpose?

Let's go down the list of what you support in order to get better pay and benefits.

The Democrats hate the U.S. Military, in Viet Nam, in Iraq and in San Francisco. . The next time you are standing on line at a demonstration remember those flag burners are not Republicans.

If you hate America you can't help but love the Democrats.

You must feel good about being a sanctuary city where no matter how offensive the crime no Federal authority can be notified of the suspect's legal status.

Democrats' one claim to fame is they are for abortion, over 25 million and counting. We won't be over populated, by the competent. And when your wife or dependent daughter get an abortion don't worry, you will never be notified.

If you are a practicing Jew or a Christian, Democrats consider you stupid and you are requested to keep silent about it. Any other religion, while not condoned, is preferred.

While Democrats hold the Constitution and religion in disdain they are powerful supporter of every form of vice. As an example look at what your fellow travelers in Hollywood offer up as entertainment today. Say your child is struggling with decisions like whether to smoke, use drugs, steal or participate in an uncommitted sex. She will see an attractive popular movie star happily participating in all the above, on prime time TV and she can listen to her "B's" & Hoes' rap CD while she contemplates her next move?

No more laws in California will be felonies, because Democrats do not support the three strike law. Heaven forbid their constituents should be sent to prison. And you are so wrong that not addressing crime will not come back to hurt you and your family. It has crept up and hurt many of us already. You are just lucky, but like any good liberal don't acknowledge it is happening until it happens to you. . Democrats can accept the label socialist, but they do

not like to brag about it. What they really are is communist. A system that has never worked except for short periods of time in small tribal or family groups. Rent control is one of their crowning achievements. They believe that their social engineering works better than capitalism. Like nature capitalism always works as communism never works.

Public housing is another good idea that has never worked. Compare the Western Addition projects to Park Merced. The same buildings, two different worlds. Then compare the Western Addition Projects to the housing along Geary Boulevard across the street from the Japan Center. The same buildings, built at the same time. They appear to have the same demographics. Why are the police so often called to the public housing and never to the private housing? Could it be that people in private housing have a vested interest in their housing and in fact a vested interest in their lives?

The Democrats are the champions of the underprivileged and the impoverished and they have kept these constituents underprivileged and impoverished for many generations now. And who got the idea that bums should be allowed access to flop in every public place in the city? A few years ago it just was not allowed and they did not do it. I defy you to say the bums were worst off then. The City was much better off.

Democrats believe banning guns is the answer to rampaging gang wars that are going on in San Francisco. No thought is given to the fact that few if any of these criminals are legally allowed to possess a firearm. For most of them it is a felony. And all those women in the projects that are armed, with good reason, are now either breaking the law or left defenseless. Now the criminal with a gun is more in charge than ever.

The Democrats are against oil drilling off the coasts of California or Florida. No oil drilling is allowed in ANW A. They are against the development of oil shale in Colorado. No refineries have been allowed to be built in years. No nuclear power plants are allowed. Coal production is discouraged. The most powerful economy the world has ever seen is being strangled because of short sightedness and mistrust of modern technology. I know all the ecological arguments. These arguments are emotional not factual.

You've got to love your leaders, Dianne Feinstein, Barbara Boxer, Howard Dean, Jessie "Hi" Jackson, Al Sharpton. The latter two have been referred to as "Poverty Pimps". That is true of all of them. Where would they be without the losers of society?

And the list goes on.

Democrats are popular in our large cities where there is a accumulation of the disenfranchised, the dysfunctional, the impoverished, those with no vested interest in their community, with no responsibility to a wife, husband, children, or employees and of course Public Employees. While in the minority nationally, Democrats tend to be the majority in the areas of communications such as, news, art, movies, music and education. Therefore, their ideas are pervasive and persistent. Two moving forces in the Democratic Party are those who are empathic to the extreme, any cause is worthy of your money and those who are the super parent, gifted with the ability to know what is best for everyone else. So what category do you fall into?

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Book Review

Honor Killing: How the Infamous "Massie Affair" Transformed Hawai'i

By David E. Stannard
 Publisher: Viking Adult
 (April 7, 2005) 480 pages

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Honolulu, Hawaii is one of the most sought after vacation spots in the world today, but in 1931, the place was quite different. Although there was a great United States Naval presence, Hawaii was a Territory, not a State, and not yet filled with high-rise hotels. But it definitely had a night life. And those nights were filled with hard-drinking naval officers and, sometimes, their spouses. The story of this book seems more like fiction, more like a noir crime

thriller than an attempt to explain a rather complex and infamous part of American history.

Thalia Massie was a twenty-year old wife of a naval officer who had come from a background of privilege. Her parents claimed to be related to both the Roosevelt clan and Alexander Graham Bell, but they spent more than they had. In spite of her heritage, Thalia Massie was no prim and proper lady. She drank excessively, cheated on her husband and had a horrible temper. One weekend night she walked away from her husband while at a dance and was found several hours later by a passing vehicle. She had been punched in the face and, shortly after being found, claimed she had been raped by Hawaiians.

That same year a similar charge was made in Alabama; the infamous Scottsboro Boys case, which has left a more lasting imprint on the American criminal justice system. But on different levels, this case, known in Hawaii as The Massie Affair, is every bit as interesting. The writer, David E. Stannard, earned his Ph.D. in history at Yale. He teaches American Studies at the University of Hawaii. As one would expect, he has done his research well. He might, however, be trying to make this case more of a catalyst than what it actually was. He feels the impact changed Hawaii's cultural and legal systems, but what this reviewer discovered was how well Hawaii's criminal

justice worked, at least on the level of police work, trial lawyers and juries.

Although five suspects were in custody shortly after the allegations,

end of his notable career and likely needed the money, but it certainly put a shadow over his reputation. Not to mention, he lost this case. At least he

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a native Hawaiian lawyer fought the charges successfully enough that the jury came back after four days in deliberation with a hung jury and his clients walked. That would just not do for the mother of Thalia Massie. She arrived with money she raised, contacts and a plan: the kidnapping of one of the freed suspects in order to obtain a forced confession. The plan went wrong and the kidnapped young man was shot to death and her conspiracy was discovered. Because of her society connections she was able to convince the most famous trial lawyer in the country to come to Hawaii to defend her and her gang of henchmen; Clarence Darrow. It seems unbelievable that Darrow, the champion of the underdog and working man, would end his career representing the right of a society matron to engage in lynch law murder. Darrow had reached the

lost the verdict. The sentencing phase, however, was much to his and the Massie's approval, if not the victim's family. The courtroom depictions are some of the best sections in the book

Some reviewers of this book found Mr. Stannard to be overly fawning of the Hawaiians and overly condemning of those who weren't. There is some merit to the criticism, as most criminal cases have varied degrees of complexity as opposed to simple answers, and this case is no exception. However, what makes the reading so magnetic are the island and its people. For many years Hawaii has had a truly polyglot of racial politics. The book does a great job of creating the feeling for the era and how criminal proceedings took place. It succeeds as modern American history, criminal thriller and social commentary.

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The Best American Crime Writing 2005

Edited by Otto Penzler and
 Thomas H. Cook
 Publisher: Harper Perennial (paperback)

If reading a book as large as the one described above is not to your liking there is a recently released edition of The Best American Crime Writing. This compilation is issued every year and contains a list of 16 shorter pieces that were published during the previous year, all pertaining to real-life crime incidents. James Ellroy wrote the introduction and contributed a 17-page essay on his debt to Joseph Wambaugh. Ellroy is an acquired taste, one which I have adopted, and if you find you can't read him, fear not. There are plenty of other authors with entirely different styles and stories to tell. A long story by Peter Landesman of the New York Times describes the humanity-crushing dirty business of female sex slaves, "The Girls Next Door." Hubris bags more fools in the story, "The Self-Destruction of an M.D.," by Neil Swidey and

"A Long Way Down," by Bruce Porter. There is a look at terrorists' doings in Spain, which gives credit to hard-working, low-level police work which revealed very pertinent evidence. Perhaps my favorite was the very funny "Punch Drunk Love," by Jonathan Miles, written for "Men's Journal." Mr. Miles describes, with some accuracy, the not-so-common bar fight, which he divides into "psycho fights" which require no ignition, and "non-psycho fights" which usually have some rationale. He points out, however, that even the non-psycho fights' usually begins with "...seven Coors and two shots of Cuervo." What prompted this essay was his own involvement with a brawl when he punched an editor at a party.

Whatever story you pick, you can entertain and educate yourself for a short break. Not every story will be a winner to everyone, but I'm confident you will find more than a couple that will make it worth the paperback price.

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Commentary

Calling More Cops

By Douglas S. Chan

Chief Heather Fong's courageous call to recruit and train 250 police recruits a year for the next three years to avert an impending staffing crisis was welcome news to Asian and other neighborhoods who want more beat patrols by the San Francisco Police Department (SFPD).

The SFPD now faces a looming reduction in the number of available patrol officers, a loss that has only recently been addressed by the City Hall officials who hold the city's purse strings. Current police academy classes will only stabilize partially the effects of normal personnel attrition. In the meantime, the SFPD faces the real prospect that scores of the most experienced patrol officers will soon retire, straining current staffing levels, and accelerating overtime expenditures. This means that the SFPD will soon be hard-pressed to field the beat officers that are badly needed to implement the City's renewed commitment to community policing.

mourned the tragic shooting death of Officer Isaac Espinoza by an AK-47 assault rifle, the men and women of the SFPD compiled an exemplary record in crime suppression.

Numbers tell only part of the story. The untold story of police operations in the City is that the real reduction in crime has not occurred at the expense of the citizenry's lives, limbs or civil liberties. In 2004, SFPD officers responded to 130,000 calls for services. Only one of the calls produced a complaint about "unnecessary force" that was sustained by the city's Office of Citizen Complaints. According to one senior commander, "the men and women of the department do their duty every day with tremendous courage and restraint. We continue to do more with fewer officers."

Fiscal chaos in Sacramento or federal parsimony inside the Beltway has long starved the treasuries of local governments throughout California. More than ever, public safety and homeland security budgets are being stretched, and many jurisdictions are

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In recent years, the men and women of the SFPD have been regularly asked to do more with less. The Department assigns approximately 1,500 officers to patrol the streets of the City and to fulfill new and expanded duties due to the press of assignments to new neighborhoods and the Department's new community policing initiatives. Under Chief Fong, the SFPD's new command staff has worked diligently with the City's newly reorganized Police Commission to help restore public confidence in the Department after SF voters approved a restructured commission with far broader prosecutorial powers for the Office of Citizen Complaints in police discipline cases.

By most objective indicators, the SFPD has responded well to the challenges. In 2003, the Department seized approximately 1,300 firearms; while in 2004, it seized 1,500 firearms, including 150 assault weapons. The SFPD, along with its partners in other law enforcement agencies, reduced Part I (Serious Offense) crime by 4.8% in 2003. In 2004, the numbers of serious crimes remained virtually flat. According to the San Francisco Chronicle (March 2004), violent crime in San Francisco has dropped over the last nine years by an impressive 57.24%. Even as they

demanding that the "first responders" – fiscally precarious police and fire departments – fulfill their expanding missions with fewer resources.

San Francisco's Asian communities have a direct stake in whether City Hall responds to the Chief's call for more officers. All San Franciscans have the right to protection of their lives and property. For example, Associated Press reporter Erin Teixeira wrote on November 13 that Asian students nationwide say they are "often beaten, threatened and called ethnic slurs." According to the AP, school safety data suggest that school assaults on Asians may be worsening. The SFPD's School Resource Officer program (which is just one of the dozens of innovative police units and programs operating in the city), is currently compiling local data about a disturbing increase in local school-related assaults.

The Mayor and Board of Supervisors have thus far avoided a crisis in the delivery of public safety services. Aggressive recruiting efforts, hard budget choices and creative financing will be needed to assure that the city continues to see reductions in serious crimes while it hastens to fill the empty ranks in the "thin blue line." City residents should demand nothing less.

The Raffle

Inspector Joe Cordes
Sex Crimes Detail

On the Friday after the final round of Sergeant appointments, I went to a dinner/bar-be-cue with three friends. The event is held 3 times a year by the club we belong to. The dinner is traditionally adults only. However at this particular dinner, there was a young boy, about 12 or 13, whom I'll call "Johnnie". Johnnie seemed to be a nice kid, a little rambunctious, but very out-going. I did notice that his parents had a somewhat difficult time keeping him under control.

Commentary

When we entered the building, after we paid for our dinner, we were all given 10 raffle tickets. There was to be a raffle at the end of the night. The prizes weren't much, sweatshirts, polo shirts, baseball caps, etc., as well as two tickets to a Giants game.

Eventually, it became time for the raffle. We all spread out our 10 raffle tickets and waited for the numbers to be called. The first prize went to little Johnnie. There was a round of applause, as Johnnie ran forward to collect his prize. The 2nd prize, amazingly enough, also was won by little Johnnie. There were more cheers, but not quite as loud as before.

The 3rd prize was won by someone else in the crowd, but prize # 4 also went to Johnnie. At this point I looked over at Johnnie's table and I noticed about 100 raffle tickets spread out in front of Johnnie. Apparently Johnnie's parents had bought 10 extra dinners, (which of course they couldn't eat), in order to get 100 extra raffle tickets, thereby increasing Johnnie's chances in the raffle.

Two or three others from the crowd won the next few prizes, but Johnnie did win the big prize, the Giant tickets. By this time, the crowd had soured

on little Johnnie, as everyone realized that Johnnie's parents had 'rigged' the raffle.

Naturally a discussion at our table began, regarding the raffle.

My friend, Dean, who recently had his 2nd child, said that he would never do that for his kids.

"What kind of lesson is that teaching little Johnnie?" he asked.

"Johnnie should learn that every thing in life should not just be given to him, just because he knows someone, or his parents arrange things for him. He needs to learn that life is full of disappointments, that he has to earn his way, through hard work, trial and error, and that even failing on occasion is good for him."

My friend, Lou, spoke up next. I disagree," he said. "Life is hard enough, and there's going to be plenty of competition out there, and I don't think it's so wrong to give someone a little edge, as long as he doesn't take it for granted, and does a good job with the advantage that he's been given."

Lou owns a computer business, and was asked about giving his son a job at his company, over someone more qualified.

"Of course I would, first of all, because I can. Secondly just because someone was successful at a different company, or at college, or at a lower level position in his job, doesn't mean that he will do a good job working for me. And even if my son is not as qualified, at least I know him, can trust him, and I'm confident that he can learn to do the job. When asked for my opinion, I started to get up from the table.

"Where are you going?", I was asked.

I just smiled, and then walked over to Johnnie's table to introduce myself, to Johnnie and his parents, and to congratulate him on his winning the raffle. After all, in a few years, he may join the police department, and I have a feeling that he's going to climb the ranks very quickly.

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Police Suicides May Exceed Line-of-Duty Deaths

From The Orlando Sentinel

Each year, so many cops kill themselves across America that the number of suicides sometimes exceeds those who die in the line of duty.

Just how many die ranges from estimates as low as 120 to as high as 500.

But the true number remains unknown because no agency tracks police suicides nationwide, and few speak openly about the deaths. Survivors of officers who killed themselves and some law-enforcement leaders view the suicides as an epidemic – and say much more prevention is needed.

"It's common knowledge that we eat our young," said Orange County Undersheriff Malone Stewart, who advocates making mental-health training mandatory each year for every deputy, officer and agent in Florida.

Central Florida cops are still struggling to understand the suicide of Orange Deputy Sheriff Paul Terry, who also killed his son Ian, 8, and daughter Elyse, 10, on Oct. 10 – the day a judge likely would have ordered shared custody for his estranged wife.

Parents asked how anyone, especially someone sworn to protect public safety, could kill his own children. The truth is another hidden horror in the story of police suicide.

Terry's children were the sixth set of victims killed so far this year by a law-enforcement officer who then committed suicide. There were at least 23 more murder-suicides nationwide involving officers in the previous five years.

"Murder-suicides are on the increase in police families," University of Buffalo professor John Violanti, an authority on police suicides, told the Orlando Sentinel.

Agencies teach recruits the technical skills and legal knowledge needed to be law-enforcement officers, but Violanti and other researchers say few prepare officers to endure the emotional toll from daily exposure to human misery.

Suicide victims often are those who won't ask for help and try to blot out their feelings with alcohol, multiple romantic relationships or denial; others are overwhelmed by debt or accusations of corruption, researchers say.

"We have this image that we can never show we're weak," said Stewart, whose agency does not have suicide-prevention-awareness training. "We are masters at masking our emotions."

Officers shun help

During the past two decades, 10 Orange deputies died in the line of duty. Two weeks of interviews show at least six deputies or recent retirees killed themselves in the same period.

At least a dozen other officers and deputies killed themselves in Central Florida in the past 20 years, according to interviews with several agencies.

In the absence of a national database, the deaths are tracked by what amounts to a guerrilla movement. Grieving family members, former cops, therapists and academics collect the information through a network of police and news sources.

They say their numbers represent a

fraction of the total police suicides, in part because the news media generally don't report on suicides. And many agencies list them as accidental deaths or don't release any information.

"What we want to do is get the numbers so we know exactly how we can go about preventing this," said Teresa Tate of Florida, who in 1995 founded a support group, Survivors of Law Enforcement Suicide, after the death of her husband.

In each of the past 10 years, an average of 164 police officers have

Brits attributed that reluctance to being a police officer and said Terry was trying to deal with anger completely unrelated to his wife and children. Brits would not discuss the source of Terry's anger.

The deputy's defenses shattered in late September when his wife told him she wanted a divorce.

"For the first time, I saw him break down and cry," Brits said, speaking at the request of Leigh Ann Terry. "He was always very self-controlled, very self-assured. He was always in charge.

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died in the line of duty in the United States, according to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund. Police suicide-awareness groups estimate that twice that many kill themselves each year.

Police agencies do provide help for the kind of stress that can lead to suicide. For example, psychological and marital counseling was available to Terry.

But records show Orange County deputies hardly ever use the agency's employee-assistance program. That's common in police agencies nationwide, especially when officers are not encouraged to seek help for the overwhelming job-related stress routine of police work, suicide prevention experts say.

"Individuals who perceive themselves as problem solvers often have great difficulty admitting that they have problems of their own," said Tom Gillan of the Central Florida Police Stress Unit, a branch of Catholic Charities in Orlando. "As a result, some officers who feel that they can no longer tolerate psychological pain choose to solve the problem themselves though suicide rather than by asking others for help."

Last year, the sheriff's assistance program billed 323 hours for counseling the agency's 2,280 employees. That worked out to less than two one-hour sessions for each of the 184 workers who sought guidance for emotional, marital, family and alcohol-related issues, records show.

Perception of weakness

Terry followed a common pattern and went outside the agency to try to keep the private side of his life from falling apart.

"He liked to be in control and, I think, that is where the problem started," said the Rev. Ferdi Brits of the Presbyterian Church of the Lakes in Orlando, who conducted weekly counseling for four years with the Terrys, who lived in Windermere.

Terry was known as a loving parent but was guarded and unwilling to show any emotion that might be perceived as weakness.

... And he was emotionally breaking down."

The only public sign of trouble was a domestic-violence call at the Terry home in 2001, when Leigh Ann accused Paul of verbal abuse and told deputies that he hit her during an argument two years earlier. The agency's internal-affairs unit investigated and ruled that the incident was too old to prosecute.

Studies show that domestic violence occurs in up to 40 percent of law-enforcement marriages – more than twice the national average for couples – and is common in the background of cops who kill themselves.

Leigh Ann Terry would not comment through her lawyer, Joan Wood of Orlando.

Terry's family could not be reached.

New Orleans Fires 51 Police Absent After Katrina

From Reuters, October 28

NEW ORLEANS – The New Orleans Police Department on Friday fired 51 staff who walked away from their posts during or just after Hurricane Katrina, a department spokesman said.

Another 15 officers chose to resign while investigators examined their reasons for not reporting to duty, said New Orleans Police Department spokesman Capt. Marlon Defillo.

"It is unfortunate that some members did not uphold their oath of office," acting police Superintendent Warren Riley said in a statement. "We should not dwell on them because they did not have the best interest of the city or their colleagues at heart."

Riley has said that about 15 percent of the force did not show up for work after the August 29 storm that leveled whole neighborhoods and unleashed a deadly flood.

New Orleans police have been widely criticized for failing to control lawlessness after Katrina.

The 51 who were fired on Friday

Attacking the stigma

Untreated depression, post-traumatic stress and a culture that ridicules seeking help as weakness – major causes of police suicide – strike every age, gender, race, rank and religion.

"If your serotonin level is out of whack, you could be Billy Graham and you will still put one in your head," said the Rev. Robert E. Douglas Jr., founder of the National P.O.L.I.C.E. Suicide Foundation, referring to the neurotransmitter linked to depression.

Another issue is failing to train officers how to leave the skills needed on the job at work.

"To be successful as a police officer, he or she must function as a warrior in combat. Without that mind-set, not only are officers likely to fail, they may not survive on the street," said Douglas, a former police officer. "The problem is that officers frequently do not separate the street from home."

Learning that lesson sometimes takes years and a failed marriage or two, police instructors say.

Here in Florida, police-suicide awareness is going mainstream after advocates persuaded Gov. Jeb Bush to add police officers to an upcoming campaign by a state suicide-prevention task force to reduce suicides among the young and elderly.

"Law-enforcement officers have SOPs [standard operating procedures] for absolutely everything else, but where are the SOPs for protecting our most valuable assets: Florida's law-enforcement officers?" asked Donna Schulz, a police-suicide widow who works for the U.S. Attorney's Office in Tampa and belongs to the state task force.

"If we can attack the stigma attached to suicide . . . we can teach officers and agents it's an illness and that we can get them help."

– 45 officers and 6 civilian employees – walked away from the job and have not reported back for duty, Defillo said.

Another 228 officers remain under administrative review, where their cases will be examined by a panel of police officers and city officials who will determine if the officers should be sanctioned for failing to report, Defillo said.

Police will not be disciplined if they had good reason for not reporting, including those who were trapped on rooftops awaiting evacuation or out of radio contact, he said.

Another 54 New Orleans police officers who were not under administrative review either resigned to take jobs in other cities or retired in the first few weeks after Katrina.

Some officers are under investigation for possible involvement in looting, including the theft of nearly 200 cars from a local dealership.

The firings, resignations and retirements left New Orleans with 1,448 officers.

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After Bruising Battle With Organized Labor, California Governor Schwarzenegger Loses All Four Ballot Measures At Polls

From *The Los Angeles Times*,
November 9

In a sharp repudiation of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger, Californians rejected all four of his ballot proposals Tuesday in an election that shattered his image as an agent of the popular will.

Voters turned down his plans to curb state spending, redraw California's political map, restrain union politics and lengthen the time it takes teachers to get tenure.

The Republican governor had cast the four initiatives as central to his larger vision for restoring fiscal discipline to California and reforming its notoriously dysfunctional politics.

The failure of Proposition 76, his spending restraints, and Proposition 77, his election district overhaul, represented a particularly sharp snub of the governor by California voters. It also threw into question his strategy of threatening lawmakers with statewide votes to get around them when they block his favored proposals.

Also, Schwarzenegger's defeat on Proposition 75 was a major victory for his rivals in organized labor. It would have required unions for public workers to get written consent from members before spending their dues money on politics.

On a Beverly Hills stage Tuesday night next to his wife, Maria Shriver, Schwarzenegger pledged "to find common ground" with his Democratic adversaries in Sacramento.

"The people of California are sick and tired of all the fighting, and they are sick and tired of all the negative TV ads," he told supporters at the Beverly Hilton. He did not concede,

saying instead that "in a couple of days the victories or the losses will be behind us."

Dogging the governor, as it has for months, was the California Nurses Assn., which organized a luau at the Trader Vic's in the same hotel. As Schwarzenegger's defeats mounted, giddy nurses formed a conga line and danced around the room, singing, "We're the mighty, mighty nurses."

At labor's election night party in Sacramento, union leaders were not in a forgiving mood, vowing revenge against the governor next year when he seeks reelection. They were particularly incensed that he had not given union members their due for what they believed to be a clean sweep of his agenda.

"He never apologized once for trashing every one of us," said Mike Jimenez, president of the California Correctional Peace Officers Assn. "And I can tell you, tomorrow we're not going to apologize for the way this election turned out. Tomorrow starts Round 2."

California Teachers Assn. President Barbara Kerr told several hundred activists in the ballroom: "This governor wasted \$50 million, and he does not have the courage to apologize to all of you for the trash he talked about you. He doesn't have the courage to say he was wrong, that we're the real heroes of California."

For months, labor and its Democratic allies called Schwarzenegger's agenda an assault on nurses, firefighters, teachers and other public employees. Labor's \$100-million campaign against the governor this year has battered his public image as he prepares to seek reelection in 2006.

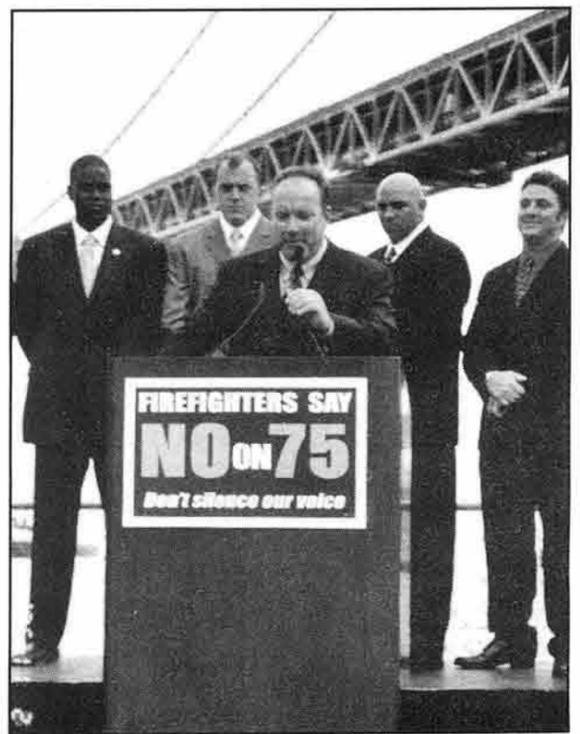
Also on the ballot were four other initiatives. Voters were narrowly defeating Proposition 73, which would bar abortions for minors without parental notification. The state Republican Party promoted Schwarzenegger's endorsement of the measure among evangelicals and other religious conservatives in a bid to boost turnout of voters who would back the rest of his agenda.

By a wide margin, voters also rejected rival measures on prescription-drug discounts. The pharmaceutical industry spent \$80 million on a campaign to defeat Proposition 79, a labor and consumer-group proposal, and pass its own alternative, Proposition 78.

Voters also turned down Proposition 80, a complex measure to revamp rules governing the electricity industry. The initiative, sponsored by consumer advocates, tried to draw on public anger from the state's 2000 energy crisis, but polls suggested that it confused voters.

Overall, the special election called by Schwarzenegger to win public validation of his agenda sparked a campaign that became the costliest in California's history. All told, the yes and no campaigns on the eight initiatives spent more than \$250 million.

Schwarzenegger put in \$7.2 million of his own money. That brings his total personal spending on political endeavors to \$25 million since he ran



POA President Gary Delagnes campaigned against Prop 75.

for governor in the 2003 recall race.

Former Gov. Pete Wilson, a political mentor to Schwarzenegger, watched returns with the governor at the Hilton. "It took courage to do it," Wilson said of the special election. "Why run for office if you're not going to do anything with it?"

But state Senate leader Don Perata, a Democrat from Oakland, said Tuesday night that Schwarzenegger had "sowed the seeds of his own demise" by taking on the full gamut of public workers, who make up more than half of the union members in California.

"He got a lot of really bad advice," Perata said.

Federal Appeals Court Rules Deliberately False Accusations Against Police Are Protected Speech

From *The Associated Press*, November 4

SAN FRANCISCO – A federal appeals court on Thursday nullified a California criminal law adopted after the Rodney King beating that made it unlawful for citizens to knowingly lodge false accusations against police officers.

The 9th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals said the law was an unconstitutional infringement of speech because false statements in support of officers were not criminalized. The decision, hailed by civil liberties groups and opposed by the California District Attorneys Association and law enforcement groups, overturns the California Supreme Court, which in 2002 ruled that free speech concerns took a back seat when it came to speech targeting police officers.

The case concerns Penal Code Section 148.6, which lawmakers enacted after a flood of hostile complaints against officers statewide following King's 1991 taped beating. The 1995 law is punishable by up to six months in jail.

"The imbalance generated by section 148.6, i.e., only individuals critical of peace officers are subject

to liability and not those who are supportive, therefore turns the First Amendment on its head," Judge Harry Pregerson wrote for the unanimous three-judge panel.

The case concerned Darren Chaker, now 33 of Beverly Hills, who was convicted in San Diego County in 1999 of making a false complaint against an El Cajon police officer.

Chaker was originally arrested for "theft of service" for retrieving his car from a mechanic without paying – charges that were later dropped. He complained that the arresting officer, without provocation, hit him in the ribs and twisted his wrist.

Authorities charged him for allegedly making up the story, and he was convicted by a jury in 1999 after a hung jury in the initial trial. He was sentenced to two days in custody, 15 days of community service and three years' probation.

Chaker appealed to California's courts, to no avail. A federal judge had ruled against him as well, so he went to the San Francisco-based appeals court.

"It was up to the police department to determine if the speech was false," Chaker said. "I made a complaint

against a police officer for twisting my wrist and was charged as a criminal."

The American Civil Liberties Union hailed the decision.

"To us, it was a clear example to cut off criticism of the government," said ACLU attorney Alan Schlosser.

Michael Schwartz, a Ventura County prosecutor who on behalf of the California District Attorneys Association urged the appellate court to uphold Chaker's conviction, said he was disappointed with the outcome.

"It's a controversial issue that people disagree about," he said. He said the statute in question is only used sparingly.

San Diego County prosecutors said they were considering asking the appeals court to reconsider or asking the U.S. Supreme Court to review the decision.

Pregerson wrote that precedent for his ruling stemmed from a 1992 U.S. Supreme Court decision striking down a hate-speech ordinance in St. Paul, Minn., which banned speech that "arouses anger, alarm or resentment in others on the basis of race, color, creed, religion or gender."

Justice Antonin Scalia wrote that the law imposed special prohibitions

on speakers who express views on "disfavored subjects" but did not punish those speaking on behalf of favored topics.

Thursday's decision undercuts the California Supreme Court, which in a 2002 unanimous decision by Justice Ming Chin, upheld the statute and the 30-day sentences of two Oxnard residents who complained that an Oxnard police officer exposed himself to about 50 teenagers at an awards banquet. The Oxnard Police Department said it investigated the couple's allegations and could not corroborate them, so Ventura County prosecutors charged Barbara Atkinson and Shaun Stanistreet for filing a false complaint.

The two, who vigorously maintained the allegations against the officer were true and were being covered up, were convicted by a jury and ordered to serve 30 days. California's justices, in ruling against the pair's First Amendment challenge, ruled the potential harm from false reports could damage an officer's credibility and even waste police resources investigating the complaints.

The case decided Thursday is *Chaker v. Crogan*, 03-56885.

Police And Peace Officers' Journal, January, 1932

A Hero Goes Home

This poignant piece was penned by the SFPD reported to the Oakland Tribune in January of 1932. It is a well-written description of the tragic December murder of a San Francisco Police Officer. POA Archivist, Mike Truman, Retired, found the piece and submitted it to the Journal for reprint. — Ed.

By ED GILLEN, San Francisco Police Reporter, Oakland Tribune

"As we forgive those who trespass against us."

That prayer was whispered through the lips of a clean boy with a clean heart, William Manning, as life slowly stole away from him — a life to which he had only contributed 25 years.

And the prayer was for his murderer.

With eyes that were still bright after long days of suffering, young Manning turned with the reverence of supplication toward his brother, Rev. Father James Manning, and smiled.

"Jim, I mean Father," he murmured, "I'm sorry I had to shoot that fellow — but I gave him the chance — he shot first — when I was hit I knew I had to get him — pray for him — it — it's too bad."

His voice trailed off. Father Manning administered the last rites of the church. Then blessed unconsciousness robbed him of the sorrow of parting from those he loved. He died as he had lived — game, heroic, gallant.

His death is not only felt in the Police Department, but all San Francisco bowed in reverence as the time came to place young Bill to rest.

If prayers will help him, George Rankin, that 65-year-old murdering

street car bandit, will receive help. The dying wish of that young officer will be carried out.

His lack of bitterness, his spirit of forgiveness has touched them to whom he made his last plea.

William Manning entered the police business three years ago. He served through the various stages of training, finally being assigned to the Mission Station, where his youthful vigor and personality endeared him to all with whom he came in contact.

Then came that series of streetcar holdups. Something must be done to halt them.

On the night of December 18th the watch was read at Mission Station and Bill was detailed at the end of the No. 11 car line, where depredations had been committed.

Hours he watched and waited. Nothing happened. Suddenly an elderly man jumped from a car and started to run. Manning commanded him to halt. He halted but for a moment. He whirled upon the young policeman and with murderous precision fired. Three times his gun spit out and each time a deadly slug tore through Manning's body. It was only then he drew his own weapon. Mortally wounded, he called out feebly once more to halt. The man ignored the command. Manning aimed and fired twice. His aim was unerring, the man dropped.

Unbearable pain tearing through him, young Bill crawled to where the crumpled figure lay, and handcuffed him.

Then, with unbelievable fortitude, he crept across the street, broke in the window of a store to summon aid, and collapsed.

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The bandit was dead. He was identified by all the streetcar crews he had held up and also was found to be George Rankin. That he had not intended to be taken alive was discovered when police went to his apartment and found a note asking various friends and relatives to be informed "in case something happens to me."

Then the real drama was enacted. Ever since William Manning was on night duty he would return home to his mother, Mrs. E. E. Manning, with whom he lived. He would ring the bell and when answered he would call out "Police Department." The night of the tragedy the bell rang a little earlier than usual.

With misgivings and a mother's intuition, Mrs. Manning timidly answered the bell. A uniform clad figure in the dark informed her it was the "Police Department." "What are you doing home so early?" she asked. Then she saw a strange face. It was then Mrs. Manning learned that her gallant son was lying desperately wounded at the San Francisco Hospital.

Every means known to medical sci-

ence was used to save Bill Manning. Dr. George Rhoades, one of the finest surgeons in the city, exerted all his knowledge, but the splendid physique and resistance could not withstand the seventeen perforations that Rankin's vicious bullets had torn in Manning's intestines.

Three times a blood transfusion was ordered and each time hundreds of fellow officers responded. Frank Lucey, Anthony Navarro and Joseph Norton each gave a pint to sustain the swiftly ebbing tide of life, but their efforts were of no avail.

At Mission Dolores Church, where the last mass was read, the Police Department tried to show Mrs. Manning what they thought of her and her boy. But the thoughts they hold speak more than their actions and, as a whole, the policemen of San Francisco swallow hard when the name of that gallant young man is mentioned.

We take this opportunity to extend in writing our deepest sympathies to Mrs. Manning for the loss of a wonderful and loving son and our loss of a brave and heroic officer.

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The Lighter Side of Cyber Life

Submitted by John Thelen
SFPD Retired

You have to be old enough to remember Abbott and Costello, and too old to REALLY understand computers, to fully appreciate this. For those of us who sometimes get flustered by our computers, please read on.

If Bud Abbott and Lou Costello were alive today, their famous sketch, "Who's on first?" might have turned out something like this:

Costello Calls To Buy A Computer From Abbott

ABBOTT: Super Duper computer store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: Thanks. I'm setting up an office in my den and I'm thinking about buying a computer.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: No, the name's Lou.

ABBOTT: Your computer?

COSTELLO: I don't own a computer. I want to buy one.

ABBOTT: Mac?

COSTELLO: I told you, my name's Lou.

ABBOTT: What about Windows?

COSTELLO: Why? Will it get stuffy in here?

ABBOTT: Do you want a computer with Windows?

COSTELLO: I don't know. What will I see when I look at the windows?

ABBOTT: Wallpaper.

COSTELLO: Never mind the windows. I need a computer and software.

ABBOTT: Software for Windows?

COSTELLO: No. On the computer! I need something I can use to write proposals, track expenses and run my business. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yeah, for my office. Can you recommend anything?

ABBOTT: I just did.

COSTELLO: You just did what?

ABBOTT: Recommend something.

COSTELLO: You recommended something?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: For my office?

ABBOTT: Yes.

COSTELLO: OK, what did you recommend for my office?

ABBOTT: Office.

COSTELLO: Yes, for my office!

ABBOTT: I recommend Office with Windows.

COSTELLO: I already have an office with windows! OK, let's just say I'm sitting at my computer and I want to type a proposal. What do I need?

ABBOTT: Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: Word in Office.

COSTELLO: The only word in office is office.

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: Which word in office for windows?

ABBOTT: The Word you get when you click the blue "W."

COSTELLO: I'm going to click your

blue "w" if you don't start with some straight answers. OK, forget that. Can I watch movies on the Internet?

ABBOTT: Yes, you want Real One.

COSTELLO: Maybe a real one, maybe a cartoon. What I watch is none of your business. Just tell me what I need!

ABBOTT: Real One.

COSTELLO: If it's a long movie, I also want to watch reels 2, 3 and 4. Can I watch them?

ABBOTT: Of course.

COSTELLO: Great! With what?

ABBOTT: Real One.

COSTELLO: OK, I'm at my computer and I want to watch a movie. What do I do?

ABBOTT: You click the blue "1."

COSTELLO: I click the blue one what?

ABBOTT: The blue "1."

COSTELLO: Is that different from the blue W?

ABBOTT: The blue "1" is Real One and the blue "W" is Word.

COSTELLO: What word?

ABBOTT: The Word in Office for Windows.

COSTELLO: But there are three words in "office for windows!"

ABBOTT: No, just one. But it's the most popular Word in the world.

COSTELLO: It is?

ABBOTT: Yes, but to be fair, there aren't many other Words left. It pretty much wiped out all the other Words out there.

COSTELLO: And that word is real one?

ABBOTT: Real One has nothing to do with Word. Real One isn't even part of Office.

COSTELLO: STOP! Don't start that again. What about financial bookkeeping? You have anything I can track my money with?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: That's right. What do you have?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: I need money to track my money?

ABBOTT: It comes bundled with your computer.

COSTELLO: What's bundled with my computer?

ABBOTT: Money.

COSTELLO: Money comes with my computer?

ABBOTT: Yes. No extra charge.

COSTELLO: I get a bundle of money with my computer? How much?

ABBOTT: One copy.

COSTELLO: Isn't it illegal to copy money?

ABBOTT: Microsoft gave us a license to copy Money.

COSTELLO: They can give you a license to copy money?

ABBOTT: Why not? THEY OWN IT!

[A few days later]

ABBOTT: Super Duper Computer Store. Can I help you?

COSTELLO: How do I turn my computer off?

ABBOTT: Click on "START."

Tony Nelson Benefit

By Kevin Martin
POA Vice President

Club NV at 525 Howard Street in San Francisco was the site for the Tony Nelson Benefit on Wednesday, November 16, 2005. There was an overwhelming response by our POA membership, as well as from members and organizations of Pride Alliance, LPOA, Officers For Justice, and Women's Officer Network. A great time was had by all. Highlights of the evening were the mariachi band "Los Cachorros" and of course the thoughts, sentiments, and words from Tony Nelson. A tremendous thanks from the bottom of my heart to all who supported this event. I really appreciate all the kindness, courtesy, and consideration for all those involved.

Of course it takes many, many hands to put on an event such as this, and I want to graciously thank the following: Manny Bonilla; Michael Nevin; Patrick Kennedy; Mike Moran; Mark Marquez; Johnny Ferrando; Neville Gittens; Ana Morales; Jason Fox; Paul Ospital; Bob Guinan; Matt Mason; Marty Halloran; Don Moorehouse, and Dean Taylor. A very special thanks to Lea Militello of Pride Alliance; Julian Hill of Officers for Justice; Sally Dehaven of W.O.N., Tony Flores and Maria Oropeza of the LPOA; and the San Francisco Law Enforcement Emerald Society, Pat Burke and Mike Moran.

This event would not have been possible had it not been for the outstanding continuous support and kindness of Mr. Britt Hahn and Mr. Ray Bobbitt of the San Francisco Mirror Corporation. The relationship between the POA and the Mirror Corporation is as strong as ever and Ray Bobbitt is the reason why. A true gentleman who has been a good friend and supporter of many of our causes, from Buzz the Fuzz to underwriting RWS, and so many other causes in between. Ray has always been there and I want to thank Ray and all his professional staff for their work and support. A tip of the hat to Carlo who oversaw the event at Club NV.

I would also like to express sincere thanks to the following who so generously donated outstanding quality products and goods for the benefit event: I ask that you please support and patronize these friends of the police department and certainly of the POA.

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Recognizing the Signs of a Stroke

Re-submitted by Rene LaPrevotte
Retired SFPD

During a backyard BBQ, a friend stumbled and took a little fall. She assured everyone that she was fine (they offered to call paramedics) and had just tripped over a brick. They got her cleaned up and prepared her a new plate of food. While she appeared a bit shaken, Ingrid went about enjoying herself the rest of the afternoon. Later that evening, Ingrid's husband rushed her to the hospital at 6:00 pm, Ingrid passed away.

Ingrid had suffered a stroke at the BBQ, and had anyone known and recognized the signs of a stroke, perhaps Ingrid would be with us today.

Recognizing A Stroke

Sometimes symptoms of a stroke

are difficult to identify. Unfortunately, the lack of awareness spells disaster. The stroke victim may suffer brain damage when people nearby fail to recognize the symptoms. An aware bystander can recognize a stroke by asking a person in distress three simple questions:

1. Ask the individual to SMILE.
2. Ask him or her to RAISE BOTH ARMS.
3. Ask the person to SPEAK A SIMPLE SENTENCE (Coherently) (i.e.. It is sunny out today) If he or she has trouble with any of these tasks, call 9-1-1 immediately and describe the symptoms to the dispatcher.

Widespread use of this test could result in prompt diagnosis and treatment of the stroke and prevent brain damage.

Put the Cell Phone Down

Forwarded by Marshall Wong,
Retired

If you get asked to test your cell phone at the airport, this is the reason - cell phone guns have been discovered. These phones are not in the US yet, but they are in use overseas. Beneath the digital phone face is a .22 caliber handgun capable of firing four rounds in rapid succession using the standard telephone keypad.

European law enforcement officials are stunned by the discovery of these deadly decoys. They say phone guns are changing the rules of engagement in Europe "We find it very alarming," says Wolfgang Dicke of the German Police Union. "It means police will have to draw their weapons whenever a person being checked reaches for their cell phone."

Although cell phone guns have not reached the U.S. yet, the FBI, Bureau

of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms and the U.S. Customs Service say they have been briefed on the new weapons. All U.S. ports of entry have been alerted. These covert weapons were first discovered in October of 2000 when Dutch police came upon a cache during a drug raid in Amsterdam

In another recent incident, a Croatian gun dealer was caught attempting to smuggle a shipment through Slovenia into Western Europe Police say both shipments are believed to have originated in Yugoslavia. Interpol sent a warning to law enforcement agencies around the world. "If you didn't know they were guns, you would think they were cell phones," said Ari Zandbergen, a spokesperson for the Amsterdam police. "Only when you have one in your hand do you realize that they are heavier than a regular cell phone."

Retirement

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association congratulates Officer Patricia Hanson #1671 on her recent service retirement from the SFPD. We are always disappointed when old friends move on, but it must be agreed that Patricia - as are all service retirees - is deserving of a long and healthful life after her law enforcement career in San Francisco.



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Thanks again for the great turnout. It seemed to work out well for us. I'm hoping to get some new blood in the group and some help from some young guys in the future. See you on January 24th. Remember to e-mail Al Richterman with your response. alandot@sbcglobal.net.

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Sports



NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
POA Journal Sports Editor

The 2005 POA Sports Hall of Fame Banquet

CHECK IT OUT: The inaugural POA Sports Hall of Fame dinner was a huge success when it took place on Fri. Nov. 11th at the Italian American Athletic Club in North Beach (see center spread in this same Journal). POA President **Gary Delagnes** ran great program while reading off the impressive accomplishments of the inductees to the over on hundred fifty people that were in attendance. Of the thirty-seven hail of fame recipients, only four weren't able to make it (or didn't have family present if posthumously) to claim the impressive trophies given out.

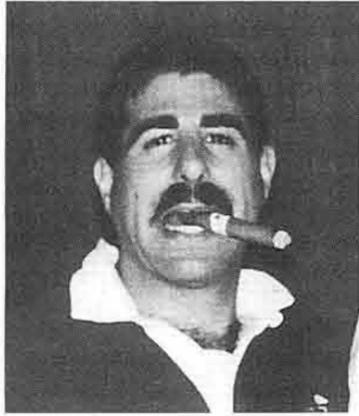
Part of the evening that was most moving for everyone present, was when some of the awards were given to those athletes who have since passed away. **Jeff Barker's** widow and adult son went to the podium with Jeff's son wearing one of his dad's old softball jerseys. **John Brandt's** son Dave accepted the award very proudly for his dad's soccer prowess, and **Jim Deasy's** widow, son and daughter were emotional as well when accepting for Jim for excellent contribution to soccer over the years.

Because of the numbers involved and to keep things moving along, no one was allowed to speak any words of gratitude. No one except for one person; and that person was fourteen year old **Frank Olcomendy**. Frank stood up at the podium like a man and thanked everyone on behalf of his sisters and mom for remembering his dad Brian. This really touched the crowd and lead to yet another standing ovation that was plentiful during the event. It was an evening to remember.

As far as the venue, the Italian Athletic club did a wonderful job as usual. Comedian **Bob Sarlatte** should also be thanked as well for graciously performing a very funny routine early on. Thanks next go to **Megan and Damien Fahey** for their great help managing the list of people attending that night.

Great thanks go to **Roland Tolosa** for assistance with the presentation as well as setting up his fantastic sound system. **Marty Halloran** helped by ordering the statuesque glass trophies and arranging for the various sports jerseys to be framed. Speaking of the famed jerseys, they will soon be hanging in the Isaac Espinoza Memorial lounge at the POA building.

As far as I'm concerned, the POA should be thanked with exemplary kudos going to Gary Delagnes as this



was "his baby". Without Gary, this event would have never gotten off the ground.

When it comes to next year's dinner, the Hall of Fame committee will continue leaning on current members and retirees when it comes to suggestions on worthy candidates. Remember that the person nominated has to be a POA member in good standing in the department and has to do more than be a regular participant. They had to have participated regularly and at a very high level at their particular sport. Anyway, the help is very much appreciated and those deserving will definitely find their way being inducted into this exclusive group of athletes.

Hot News Off The Department B-Hall Press

This just in from a very reliable source out of Northern Station concerning the basketball league: apparently this is about Brett "Ogle" Thorpe who retired from the Northern Bull Dogs last season because he was "gunning" too much and his teammates asked him to pass the ball around a little more. Apparently, he was heard to have wished that this year's team out of Northern would start forfeiting so that they can hurry-up-and-fold. This way he can go play for Southern Station's team. The nerve of some people. Anyway, the Northern Bulldogs didn't forfeit their first game but rather they showed up and played against the Park/Central combo team on Tuesday Nov. 22 at St. Mary's gym. The results weren't good as they lost by a score of 64-52 but at least they fielded a team and played. This of course with no help from Thorpe who remains retired at the present rule. The saga continues...

Even More Results From The Police/Fire Games

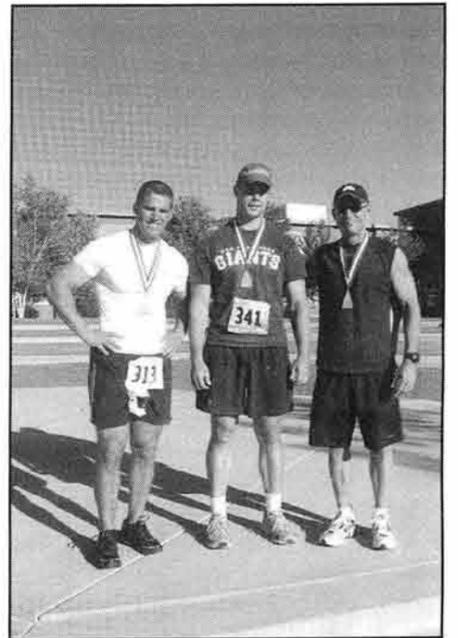
I ran into **Kevin Dempsey** (Bayview) the other day and inquired on his performance in the TCA (Toughest Cop Alive) competition in the Reno Police/Fire Games last July. He was proud to tell me that he won a gold medal in the grandmaster category. Kev also wanted to tell me about **Matt Neve** (Mission) who won bronze in the over 200lb division, as well as **Randy Brandt** (Dave's brother from San Leandro PD) who actually won the

gold in that same over 200lb division – note their picture accompanying this column. I want to congratulate those guys on their medals and say good luck in San Diego next year.

With all the talk about a rekindled department bowling league, I was glad to receive a note from retired **Sergeant Roger Farrell** about his results in the summer games. He was glad to compete at the National Bowling Center in Reno, which is in his own backyard. Roger came away with a bronze medal in the individuals, a silver medal in the team event, and another silver in the "all combined" event. With a 217 average throughout the competition, I'm surprised that he didn't win any golds; nevertheless, congrats to Roger Farrell on his impressive accomplishments and good luck on the tour. Anyway, congrats to those guys and good luck next year in San Diego.

SF Police Soccer Club News

Take a look in this same sports section at **John Anton's** article and pics about the soccer club's trip to Arizona for their Police/Fire Games that took place in mid October. They had fourteen players compete in very warm weather and were able to come



Left to right: **Randy Brandt** (San Leandro PD), **Matt Neve** (Mission Station) and **Kevin Dempsey** (Bayview).

away with a silver medal. Kudos to the SFPSC for representing the department well on the road as usual.

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

Letters to the Sports Editor

Dear Sports Editor,

On behalf of the men and women of the San Diego Police Athletic Federation, I would like to compliment you on your outstanding publication. I recently read the September 2005 issue. I was particularly interested in the articles and photos of the men and women of S.F.P.D. who participated in the Western States Police and Fire Games in Reno, Nevada. As the host agency for the upcoming 2006 edition of the Games, our board of directors was in Reno for the Games. I had the opportunity to interact with athletes from your agency as well as watch them in competition. They are a dedicated group of professionals who can be proud of their individual and team accomplishments.

As I read the article about Over-The-Line, I had to chuckle when I read about the venue where the event was held. The conditions were indeed less than desirable, but then Reno isn't known for having miles of beachfront acreage. Early in 2005, I advised the Reno director on the location and needed improvements. The problem was, the recommended improvements were not made. As you know, Over-The-Line or OTL as we call it here, was originated on the beaches of San Diego many years ago. OTL is our form of beach soft-

ball and is played year-round in San Diego. As the director responsible for securing the venue and coordinator for OTL for the 2006 Games, let me assure your players they will be very happy with our venue. I can promise them level beach sand at Mariner's Point on beautiful Mission Bay. We hold an annual OTL tournament in memory of one of our deceased officers at Mariner's Point, and it is an excellent venue for that sport. So, let me invite all the athletes from S.F.P.D. to San Diego to enjoy the 2006 Western States Police and Fire Games June 18-25, 2006.

Best wishes and stay safe,
Randy Hill, Director
San Diego Police Athletic Federation

Dear SFPOA –

Thank you for the wonderful job in putting together the first annual SFPOA Sports Hall of Fame.

It was an honor to be one of the first athletes inducted into the Hall of Fame.

Thanks again for a job well done.

Frank Petuya

THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

Ed Anzore Victorious in Memorial at Reno

The second week of October saw the Loons Nest Golf Club return to the high Sierra's for the playing of Charlie Anzore Memorial at Reno. Last year, the Loons lost one tournament day to a blizzard that shut down the greater Reno area, but this year there was once again sun and ideal conditions. The Loons changed the Reno nesting spot from the Circus, Circus Hotel to the Atlantis Casino Resort and this was a big improvement.

The tournament began with a trip to the Lake Ridge Golf Club, a Robert Trent Jones designed course. A famous golf course with great views of the Washoe County area, as the trees were turning colors under clear skies. The temperature hit highs in the upper seventies and low eighties and only very light winds moving the mountain air.

As the players completed the front nine at Lake Ridge, Tim Lee enjoyed a one-stroke lead, as he posted a thirty-seven. Steve Morimoto was one back with a thirty-eight, and Ed Anzore and Tom Hanacek had scores of thirty-nine. As the players moved through the back nine, the scores remained close, as Morimoto had to birdie the eighteenth hole to finish as the first day medallist with a score of seventy-six, four over par. Anzore and Lee completed their rounds with scores of seventy-seven. Steve Moss fired a thirty-eight on the back side to post a score of eighty, which was matched by Ed Garcia, with Tom Hanacek finishing the day at eighty-two.

Steve Morimoto of Robbery had won the Anzore Memorial in 2002,



when we played Red Hawk and De Andre Ranch Golf Clubs. Steve was once again ready to taste victory, but this was not to be. The second day brought the Loons to the Wolf Run Golf Club, the home of the University of Nevada Wolf Pack golf team and a tough test of the game.

Steve Morimoto became the first leader to be devoured by Wolf Run, as the opening round medallist blew out to a score of ninety-seven. Wolf Run was so tough, that no players shot scores in the seventies and only five players managed to post scores in the eighties. Ed Anzore, relocated to Ingle-side Station upon a recent promotion, managed to post a round of eighty, but had to birdie the eighteenth hole to finish the side with a thirty-nine. Tim Lee managed an eighty-six at Wolf Run, leaving him in second place for first flight low gross.

In first flight low net play, John Wong had the lead going into the last hole at Wolf Run, only to double bogie the hole. This allowed Ed Garcia to slip by Wong by one stroke.

In second flight low gross, Tom Hanacek ran away from the field with a two day score of one sixty-eight. This left Tom thirteen strokes ahead of second place finisher Dies Ries from T.T.F. Hanacek was one of the five players

who managed to score in the eighties at Wolf Run, as he had a fine round of eighty-six on one tough track. Hanacek combined some careful putting with consistently massive drives through the thin mountain air.

Second flight low net saw the victorious return of T.T.F.'s Gregg Watts after an injury that kept Gregg out of tournament play for one year. Watts, a former college and N.F.L. football player not only won the low net spot in his flight, but took one of the Long Drive contests with a tremendous blast of three hundred and forty-one yards at Wolf Run. Watts posted a two-day net score of one forty-one, leaving him

eleven strokes ahead of retired motorcycle officer John Wyman.

On our last evening at the Atlantis, the Loons gathered for a banquet dinner and awards ceremony, which included an open bar cocktail hour, followed by a prime rib feast. We all raised a glass to our fallen comrade, Charlie Anzore, and we were happy to see his fine brother Ed Anzore win the tournament this year.

Our next event will be the Club Championship, to be played at the Presidio Golf Club with awards banquet at Caesar's Restaurant, North Beach. Please make every effort to attend and get entries in early.

Loons Nest Scoreboard

Player	Lake Ridge	Wolf Run	Gross	Net
Anzore	77	80	157	149
Lee	77	86	163	141
Moss	80	85	165	151
Hanacek	82	86	168	138
Garcia	80	91	171	149
Morimoto	76	97	173	157
Lum	93	85	178	154
Wong	86	92	178	150
Ries	85	96	181	151
Ochoa	85	104	189	157
Muselman	86	105	191	157
Chang	92	105	197	172
Wyman	95	103	198	152
Watts	99	102	201	141
Shiroma	100	111	211	173
Ryan	103	116	219	155

Long Drive Winners

Lake Ridge	Ed Anzore	308 yards
Wolf Run	Gregg Watts	341 yards

Close to the Hole, Lake Ridge

Hole #2 Chang 11' 1"; Hole #6 Garcia 42'3";
Hole #12 Chang 5'1"; Hole #15 Wong 18'

Close to the Hole, Wolf Run

Hole #5 Ochoa 3'11"; Hole #7 Wong 15'7";
Hole #14 Lum 14' 6"; Hole #17 Lum 4'5"

Mesa, Arizona 2005

San Francisco Police Soccer Take 'Silver' Medal

By John Anton,
Tenderloin Station

For the third year in a row, the San Francisco Police Soccer Team traveled to Mesa, Arizona to compete in the Police/Fire Games Tournament on Oct. 13th. There was only one sure thing that the boys could count on, that the weather would be Hot!

San Francisco started the tournament playing a team made of a combination of three different departments. This club called themselves IV United, and in my opinion one of the most talented teams skill wise. San Francisco came out going toe-to-toe, exchanging chance after chance with

United. Both clubs held tough on the defensive aspect, as San Francisco's Defensive Unit played spectacularly throughout the week.

Unfortunately, the united team's offense was superior - in full time they were better by a score of 3-0 over SF.

San Francisco would then play El Centro P.D. in their next match. This was a close, hard fought battle with SF scoring first with a rocket of a shot by "Big" Pat Mullins (Domestic Violence Unit). The assist was provided by a wonderful through ball from Peter Richardson (Mission Station). El Centro answered back with an equalizer. Then before full time, Pat Mullins split the defense and slid a beauty across the

penalty box to Johnny Anton (Tenderloin Station). Anton dribbled past the defender and hit a right footer into the corner net for the 2-1 victory.

San Francisco would now face an undefeated Phoenix P.D. club. The winner was to move on to the Gold Medal round, and play the winner of the United vs. El Centro game. Phoenix came out blasting shot after shot at SF only to be stopped by a defensive unit guided by Eddie Castillo (Northern Station), Dave Brandt (Park Station), Fabian Fowler (Bayview Station), John Geraty (Juvenile), Dan Cunningham (Narcotics), Sean "The Spider" Frost (FNG Academy) and Ernie Mendieta (Parole Officer). The combination of this unit and the fantastic goal keeping skills of the newly acquired Justin Erb (Bayview Station) proved unstoppable. The question asked over and over throughout the week was... "Who brought the Keeper?"

A corner kick was given to SF and this would be the time. Johnny Anton hit a low drive to the near post, which came off the defense of Phoenix and right to the waiting foot of none other than the "Big Man" Pat Mullins. Mullins made no mistake and buried it into the net for a 1-0 SF lead. This was a tense and hard match heading into the second half. At half-time Ed Castillo

stood up and with intense emotion said it all "Oscar, you do the 'Ching Ching'; Johnny do the 'Tippy Tap'; Pat do the 'Boom Boom'; and Pete mark No.# 7 and we win!" That's the way it ended, and the next match would be the Championship! The "Filthy Fourteen" ride again!

This tournament showed the skills and determination of the likes of midfielders Mike Cleary (Lt. at Southern Station), Pete Richardson (Mission Station), Oscar Padilla (Ingle-side Station), Ernie Mendieta (Parole Officer), and Gary Watts (Narcotics). The final game proved once again that United was tops and with a 3-1 victory sent SF home with the Silver Medal. With two Bronzes and now the Silver over the last three years, we are well on our way to, hopefully, the Gold next time around. We all want to give a special thanks to Shareena Fowler our "Soccer Mom" - thank you for all your soccer help! And of course to Gary Watts for leaving us all, "Your little soccer problem." Nudge, Nudge, Wink, Wink...

A great few days of soccer and fun memories were left in Mesa, Arizona. With just one more achievement to accomplish...GOLD. Thanks to all the "Lads" for putting it all on the pitch each day. See you all soon in San Diego.



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By Officer Michelangelo Apodaca
Taraval Station

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

The Police Commission had been asking **Chief Heather Fong** for an update on personnel staffing within the Police Department for the last few weeks. Well, Wednesday, November 16, 2005, to be exact, was the date that the members of our Police Commission will not soon forget. It was on that date that Chief Fong informed the Commission that 380 San Francisco police officers could walk out the door and retire the next day. The Chief went on to explain that while the Department normally figured full-staffing would be calculated at 1,971 personnel but, in reality, that was an arbitrary number that in no way reflected the current needs of the Department nor the City (the 1,971 was determined before we had a Tenderloin Task Force, Treasure Island, a Domestic Violence Unit, School Resource Program, and numerous other demands that Heather listed). And, Heather continued, even if 1,971 was an adequate accounting of required personnel, we are still 264 short of that goal!

It was at this point that I noticed **Commission President Louise Renne** with her head in her hands while the other 5 members of the Commission weren't doing much better. Two of the Commissioners actually stated that it sounded like the San Francisco Police Department had a 'personnel staffing crisis' on its hands . . . I wanted to make a small correction in their assessment but they were in no mood to hear any worse news . . . I just wanted to place the responsibility where it belongs – it's the San Francisco Police Commission that is responsible for the 'crisis' – while this Commission bent over backwards to make sure the Office of Citizen Complaints had sufficient staffing to continue in a management frenzy of inflating their numbers, the San Francisco Police Department was put on hold.

Our Police Commission is faced with leaving behind a horrible legacy of critical management failure just when violent crime is making a run at a new homicide record. If it wasn't for **Commissioner Doug Chan** and **Commissioner Theresa Sparks**, we'd still be facing severe personnel issues. Fortunately, Doug and Theresa seem to be the only two who actually took an interest in the well-being of the Department and who are open to looking at ways to correct the downturn.

And, before we forget, thank god for Proposition H, the ballot measure that just barely passed, increasing the number of Police Commissioners from 5 to 7 – wow, what a difference that made . . .

But is there really a need for additional police officers? The members who responded to 18th and Texas Streets would probably say so. They showed up having to deal with an extremely agitated, suicidal subject who had slashed his throat, was covered in blood, and armed with a broken bottle warning the officers that he had Hepatitis C (which is generally defined by medical personnel as Hepatitis B with an 'attitude'). Anyway, the officers who responded used several less-than-lethal alternatives none of which worked. It came down to **Sgt. Lou Perez** arming himself with a plastic garbage can and rushing the subject, pinning him up against a wall while the other officers tried to cuff the still struggling and bloody individual in order to get him the medical and psyche attention he desperately needed. The entire Bayview Station swing watch worked this one out – in addition to Sgt Lou there was **Officer Justin Erb**, **Officer Tauvaa Johnson**, **Officer Tim Nichols**, **Officer Joshua Olson**, **Officer Sean Archini**, **Officer Rex Calaunan**, **Officer Rolando Escobar**, and **Officer Alex Rodatos**.

Two unsuspecting citizens were walking through the neighborhood at Tiffany and Duncan when they were set upon by several robbery suspects. The armed suspects viciously stabbed their victims several times and ran with the wallets they took. **Officer Katherine Schwarz-Choy** and **Officer Michael Brown** were right on top of this investigation. They were just able to get a description from the victims before they were rushed to SF General Hospital in critical condition. Katherine and Mike located all of the suspects involved in a nightclub not far from where the crime was committed. The gangsters still had the knife they used as well as the wallets they took.

It's Silver and Mission where the woman and her small son were about to board a Muni bus when they were set upon by several suspects. The woman was thrown to the ground where the beating continued. She sustained major injuries to her face. **Officer Ignacio Martinez** arrived and managed to track all of the suspects down at Mission and Appleton where they were taken into custody. I believe at the Police Commission meeting of two weeks ago there was a report as to the status of our Muni Transit Police Division. (These are the officers who

staff muni buses throughout the City making sure the passengers can reach their destination without a detour to the hospital.) Well, it was a Division at one time . . . went from 48 officers to the present contingent of 9!

And you'd think at 5:00 a.m. you might not need as many police officers as you normally would . . . think again. It was just that time when a resident of the Ingleside District was awakened by a noise in her home. She discovered an individual going through her file cabinet located in the family room of the house. She screamed, he ran, and then the victim made a quick call to 9-1-1. The 9-1-1 Dispatchers took charge and had the information to **Officer Stephanie Otaguro**, **Officer Katherine Schwarz-Choy**, **Officer Rommel Baldovino**, and **Officer Chris Anderson** in record time. Everything worked just like a Commission meeting . . . oops, sorry, bad example. Let's just say that the officers had the burglary suspect in custody four blocks away. And it's a good thing they did – he was a homeless parolee with no place to go – another problem solved.

There is nothing in the application for police officer in San Francisco that says you have to work a plainclothes assignment. It's a job that is totally voluntary and brings just as much risk, if not more, than the uniforms face every day. It's especially dangerous when you plan to go after a very dangerous felon who is known to be armed with a gun . . . but then, in the Bayview, who isn't? Anyway . . . **Officer Carlos Mustafich**, **Officer Louis DeJesus**, and **Officer Eric Solares** find the suspect they are looking for and he also finds them. The chase is on. Carlos falls and injures his knee just as he is about to grab onto the suspect but notices that the felon has a semi-automatic weapon tucked into his waistband. Now, for most people, this would be a good warning to simply give up the chase and wait for tomorrow. But that's not the nature of police work nor is it part of the work ethic of these three outstanding officers. The officers knew that every day this particular suspect was on the street there was a very good chance that he would use the gun he was carrying. Carlos, Louis, and Eric continue on and run the suspect down and retrieve the 9mm he was carrying – the same one that was fully-loaded and ready to go.

Ever wonder where our gang members go for target practice? **Inspector Bob McMillan** found out the other day. It was right in the neighborhood where he was conducting a surveillance. 2-3 individuals showed up admiring their newly acquired Mac 10 assault rifle just like it was Christmas morning. The next thing Bob knew they were firing the damn thing in the middle of the day into a nearby hill. Bob was in a position to direct responding units – Hey, Commissioners, how would you like to go on that run? "Dispatch: Can we please have a unit to respond and check out the gang members who are using our public streets as a target range, making sure their Mac 10 assault rifle works". Great. Nevertheless, **Sergeant Gabe Gallaread**, **Officer Clodagh Cole**, **Officer Marion Campion-Healy**, **Officer Bud Massey** and **Officer Rich Morgante** responded without hesitation, managed to track down the armed suspects and took the shooter and his weapon into custody. And, by the way Commissioners, all of those uniforms who responded are working one-officer units, so there's plenty of room in the passenger seat for a ride-along!

One of our Commissioners will soon be leaving. She took the opportunity the other night at the end of the meeting to say goodbye and briefly lecture the SF Police Officers Association for not being in tune with the community and criticized the manner in which we represent officers. The Commissioner was obviously unaware that the San Francisco Police Officers Association donates over \$170,000 a year back to non-profit, community organizations and, in addition, contributes hundreds of hours each year to voluntary projects in the Mission, Tenderloin, and Bayview Districts. And, as far as representing police officers – Yes, Commissioner, that's what we do. And for anyone in her capacity to confuse our providing the very best legal representation for the officers accused as a delaying tactic – well, it's just scary that anyone in her position would have the ability to judge our members when she can't understand the very fundamentals of due process . . . and that's probably exactly why this Department is in such dire circumstances.

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wishes you all a
Happy and Safe
Holiday Season