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## Taking Your Shot at F.A.T.S Training

By Brenda B. Walker

Everyone in the department has been through the F.A.T.S. course at the Academy. We all know how valuable the training has been and how much it has benefited us. Some of you have



mentioned that it would be great to have use of force scenarios that would reflect our city environment and landscapes. Guess what? Your wish has come true. Yes, we now have our own F.A.T.S. authoring station to create our own F.A.T.S. scenarios.

Officers Mam-mone, Mooney, Hicks and I went through a three-day training class at the Academy to learn how to produce scenarios with the F.A.T.S. Authoring Station. The authoring station is a computer program that is strictly used for creating and editing F.A.T.S. scenarios. It's an excellent way

to get as close to the real thing and have scenarios shot right here in our own backyard. Just think: we can film in Golden Gate Park, Downtown, the Marina, the Airport or any other prime locations.

Sgt. Dennis Quinn is in charge of F.A.T.S. and will be interested in hearing from anyone who would like to offer his or her ideas about particular incidents so that we can create scenarios to suit your needs. Keep in mind that we are looking for "use of force" scenarios and furthermore, we cannot replicate incidents involving pending cases. Please let us hear from you.

F.A.T.S. has proven to be one of the top training tools at the academy and provides a safe and personal environment to learn in. We now have the opportunity to improve and personalize our own F.A.T.S. training course. Contact Sgt. Quinn at 401-4646 with your ideas or Brenda B. Walker at 415-404-4689.



## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Gary Delagnes  
 SFPOA President

First of all I would like to thank everyone who supported me during the recently concluded presidential election. Your faith in me will not go unrewarded. I ask a lot of myself and will continue to do so when representing the interests of our members. It has been a stressful two months for me and my family. To travel around the city and talk to every watch and unit was time consuming and at the same time very rewarding.

While there are many issues that divide us, there are more that unite us in our common goal to be the best police department in the country. I have discovered through my visits that we have a very young and a very old department. We have many members on the cusp of retirement, and many more just starting their careers. The goals are sometimes different, the generational gaps are apparent, but the overall philosophy remains the same.

No other police department in the country is put under the constant scrutiny that our members are subjected to on a daily basis. We have no problem with an impartial civilian oversight process, but at times it simply doesn't make sense when charging officers with baseless allegations. Add to that dilemma, the arrogance of a police commissioner, you have created a recipe for disaster.

Every police shooting precipitates cries of murder and brutality by people and organizations with their own agendas. No police department in America is called upon to deal with the variety of issues and situations that



our officers deal with daily. At the same time we have made tremendous strides economically. Our pensions have never been better. Our working conditions (4-10) and legal defense programs are without equal. Our political strength, both locally and statewide, is in place. We have a working relationship with our own administration and an open dialogue whenever we request it. It is my job to represent you, be vocal in your defense, and cover your back. My style will continue to be aggressive. Being a cop in San Francisco is not easy, and being the president of your union can be frustrating as well. We have been very successful working within the parameters of city government to obtain for you the wages and benefits that you richly deserve. I know I will never be able to reach you all. A certain percentage of the people will never like you or approve of the way you conduct business. It has been important for me to realize that fact and always try to consider what is best for 2200 people in any decision I have to make. I commit to you my loyalty and honesty. Your trust will never be taken for granted. Thank you for the great work you do.

## The Buzz is Back

### "Buzz the Fuzz" is May 13th, 2005

By Mike Siebert  
 Park Station

In May of 2003 officers throughout the Bay Area got together for Buzz the Fuzz. The glorious day was the fourth campaign for hairless officers of the SFPD and other Bay Area agencies. The hard working officers each raised over \$1000 to participate in this worthwhile event. Over \$120,000 was raised by these outstanding officers and went directly to the kids.

In May, we are going to have another Buzz event and coincide it with our own Police Day. Boston Properties and the Embarcadero have graciously donated Justin Herman Plaza for our event. During the course of the day we will have all the Police Toys (talking car, transport wagons, police dogs, tactical entry wagon and other police tools) for the public to view. It should be a great day.

To join in the event either contact: Inspector Pierre Martinez of the DV unit 553-1075, Officer Joe Garbayo of Co. B 553-1373, Officer John Torrise Co. A 315-2400 or Officer Mike Siebert Co. F, 242-3000.



ing by 2-11-05. As soon as the POA is made aware of Judge Kramer's ruling, we will notify you VIA POA bulletin and through your reps.

Treasurer Halloran received a written donation request from the National Law Enforcement Memorial Fund Museum in Washington DC. The POA has given money to this organization in the past. Officer Pat Burke (Park) stated that he has detailed information including a video on this organization. The presentation will be given at the March Board Meeting and the request was tabled until then.

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Left to right: Tim Flaherty, Northern Station rep; Mary Halloran, Treasurer; Gary Delagnes, President; Kevin Martin, Vice President; Tony Montoya, Secretary; Bob Chapman, Airport Bureau; Ray Allen, Retirees; and Dean Taylor, Traffic, all take the oath of office at the February 16 Board of Directors meeting.

Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call  
Wednesday, February 16, 2005

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Co. H	Jennifer Marino	P			
	Mike Walsh	P			

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Calendar of Events

Mark your calendars for the following meetings and events by the POA and its friends and supporters. Check here often for the posting of new events, and the updating of old ones. 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](mailto:journal@sfpoa.org).

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	March 8, 2005, 11:00 AM	Gale Wright 415-731-4765
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm.	March 8, 2005, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley 415-681-3660
Meeting, Retired Employees of CCSF	Irish Cultural Center	March 9, 2005, 1:00 PM	Sara Johnson 415-681-5949
Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade	Market at 2nd Street	March 13, Noon	Patrick Burke, Park Sta. 415-242-3000
February POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	March 16, 2005, 1:00 PM	POA Office, 415-861-5060
POA Blood Drive	510 7th Street, SF	Wednesday, April 13, 2005 11:00 AM till 8:00 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506
Tournament, "Guns & Hoses" Charity Tennis Challenge	SF Tennis Club, 5th and Brannan	April 30, 2005, 4:00 PM	Anna Brown, 415-553-1180
Memorial, California Police Officers Memorial, Honoring SFPD Officer Isaac Espinoza	Sacramento, California	May 5 and 6, 2005	Val Kirwan, SRO Program 415-558-5400
Memorial, National Peace Officers Memorial Honoring SFPD Officer Isaac Espinoza	Washington, DC	May 13, 14 and 15, 2005	Val Kirwan, SRO Program 415-558-5400
Fundraisers, Buzz-the-Fuzz events for Wish Upon A Star Foundation	San Francisco	May of 2005	Mike Siebert, 415-242-3000



# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President 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:** Present were President Fred Pardella, Vice President Mike Kemmitt, Treasurer Jim Sturken, and Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees present were Dave Fontana, John Centurioni and Matt Gardner. Trustees excused were Joe Garrity and Rene La Prevotte. Also in attendance were Past Presidents Bob Mc Kee, Bill Hardeman and Ray Crosat.

**COMMUNICATIONS:** We had a \$100.00 donation sent from Mr. and Mrs. Richard Olsen of Edina, Minnesota for the fine work of Officer Doug Kandetzki of our Airport Bureau for recovery of a bag they left at the Travelers Aid Station. Also, a \$50.00 donation from the Red Rock Hill Association.

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

## WE HAD FIVE DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH:

**JOHN R. SOUTHERN**, 95 years (was our oldest member). Jack was born in San Jose and spent his youth in that city. He was a member of Local 85 Teamsters union before he entered the Police Academy in 1942 at the age of 33. Jack worked on the Golden Gate Bridge dropping off steel for the actual construction. His first Department assignment was Traffic for nine

years before going to Ingleside. Jack made Sergeant and worked Mission for a few years before going to Traffic APB. Jack retired from the APB detail in 1969. Jack was awarded several Captain Comp's. One was for the arrest of three burglary suspects, another for the arrest of a suspect who robbed and assaulted a shopkeeper. Jack was big in the Masonic Order and served as Captain of the Drum and Bugle Corps. He also was a Distinguished Master Shooter. Old timers who worked at the Range when Jack was shooting remember how he could split a playing card put on edge from 25 yards with his 6" .45 cal revolver. Also how he could practice shooting various handguns, totaling 300 rounds, and have every one in the black. He was also known to put rounds in the "O-ring and take a short break, have a little nip, then put the rest of the rounds in the "X" ring.

**JAMES GLAFKIDES**, 85 years. Jim was born in San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He attended Commerce High School. He served in the Navy during WW II. After being discharged, he attended USF before entering the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Ingleside for a few months before going to Southern. He then went on to Central for a year before going on military leave and into the Korean conflict as an Air Force pilot. He served for two years before returning to the department and being assigned to Central Station. He was assigned to Taraval Station when he was promoted to sergeant and transferred to Northern Station. During the Viet Nam War he was called back to military service and served for another two years as an Air Force Colonel. After that military service, Jim returned home and spent the last five years of his department service at Taraval

Station. He retired in 1975. Jim was a member of the Dolphin Club and made several Golden Gate swims.

**EUGENE L. VAN TRICHT**, 78 years. Eugene was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Excelsior District. He attended Balboa High School and served his country as a Marine in WW II assigned to the Pacific Theater. Upon his discharge he returned home and entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was Traffic. He worked the fixed post detail in the downtown area. He then went to the three-wheel motorcycle detail and worked the administration end. He made Sergeant and worked city prison for a few months before he went back to Traffic. Eugene worked with the civilian three-wheel motorcycle detail as a supervisor until he retired in 1976. He was very active with our blood bank and was a member of the 15-gallon club. He was awarded a silver medal of valor for the arrest of an armed suspect holding up a pharmacy. He worked security jobs after he retired, namely at the Trans America Building.

**JOHN W. MC CARTHY**, 82 years. John was born in San Francisco and grew up in Noe Valley. He attended Mission High School and worked in his family owned gas station on 24th Street off of Sanchez (in the middle of the block). John entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was HDQ, Cab Detail and License and Permits. He worked that detail for 15 years before he went to City Prison where he remained until he retired in 1976. John was a very accomplished photographer and loved to go to the racetrack to get the action shots he shared with all of us. He also won awards for his pictures of our San Francisco Giants Baseball team.

**PAUL P. KURPINSKY**, 83 years. Paul was born in San Francisco and grew up

in the Mission. He attended Mission High School. He served his country as a member of the Navy during WW II. Upon his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and worked as a warehouseman before he entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was Ingleside for 18 years. He then went to Park for a few years, then on to Richmond where, after four years, he retired. Paul played on the Department baseball team as a big right hand pitcher. He had a nick name "the silver fox". He loved to play golf and enjoyed his many trips to Reno.

**NEW MEMBERS:** None  
**SUSPENSIONS:** Pursuant to Article III, Section 3, of the by-laws. (Did not complete Probationary period) Darryl Webb and Warren White. President Pardella so ordered.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** The representatives from Bank of America were not at this meeting. They were at the February 1, 2005 meeting at the Bank Of America on California St. Basically they want to move us out of some of our large cap stocks and get into Mid cap stocks. They also want us in a little more on the International Equity end.

**NEW BUSINESS:** This is the first month that Secretary Hurley has used the cell phone that the trustees approved and it seems to be working well with the membership getting a quicker response to their inquiries.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Pardella had a moment of silence for our departed members and also for the members of the military serving their country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday, March 8, 2005 at 2PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

Fraternally,  
Mark Hurley,  
Secretary.



## From the archive...

### The SF Policeman, March 1985

Reeling from a series of SFPD scandals, exposes, and arrests of the notorious and the notable, the POA sprang into First-Aid mode in the March, 1985 issue of the *SF Policeman*. Piled onto the POA morale gurney was the beaten and bruised body of the association following a series of media-spurred incidents and events. Among the mainstream headline grabbers were the infamous Rathskellar sex party inquiry before the Police Commission; the arrest of Porn goddess Marilyn Chambers at the O'Farrell Theater and the subsequent arrest of her media champion, Warren Hinckle; questions concerning SFPD tapping into Public Defender files; and Chief Con Murphy's boat ownership and access to berthing privileges at Fisherman's Wharf.

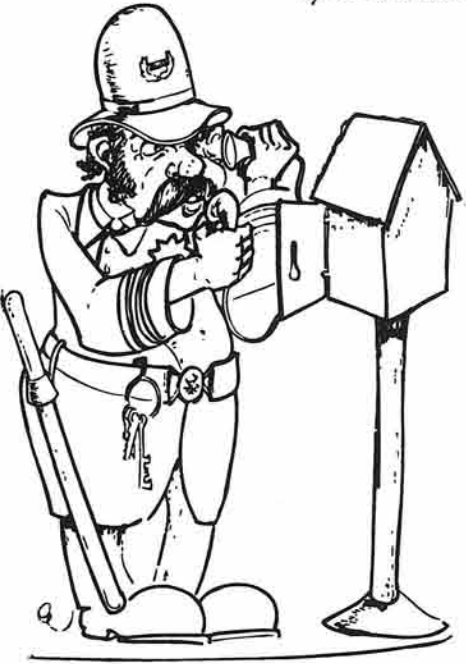
Their collective dander up, the most prominent names in the POA took pen to paper to address these issues, including the front page lead by Mike Hebel titled "What's Right With The SFPD." Also on Page One was an article by Paul Chignell reporting about OCC clearing officers in the PD files, O'Farrell Theater, and Hinckle arrest cases. On the inside pages, POA Secretary Dan Linehan defends the Chambers/Hinckle arrests, Steve Johnson wonders about the non-existent administrative support for the officers involved in the arrests, and Tactical rep Don Woolard takes on the local newspapers, likening them to the National Enquirer.

It was quite an interesting time.



# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato

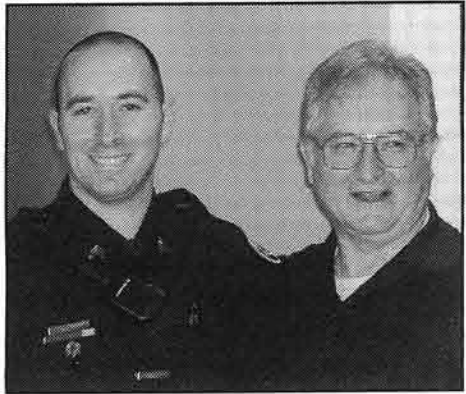


## ...Births:

**R**ob and Nancy Cebalo (Central Station) proudly announce the birth of their second child **Amira Ann Cebalo** 6 lbs. 14 oz born February 9 at 1414 hours. Big brother **Alexander** 2 years is just thrilled with his new sister. — **Joe and Michele Lynch** (Airport/REACT) are thrilled with the arrival of a set of twins. **Spencer James** 5lbs. 5oz. and **Samantha Edith** 3lbs. 5oz. were born on January 31, 2005. Joe an avid baseball coach will now have a vested interest in two teams. Little league is now just around the corner... Congrats to all, have fun and God bless!...

## ...First Time:

For the first time a law enforcement officer has received the California Emergency Services Association's Gold Achievement Award. The 2004 award went to our own retired Range Master **Michael "Mickey" Griffin** who currently serves as the Assistant Chief, Law Enforcement Branch Governor's Office of Emergency Services. Good job Mickey we are very proud of you...



Joseph Matteoni with his father, Al

## ...Promotion:

Retired Inspector **Al Matteoni** proudly reports that his son **Joseph Matteoni** was recently promoted to Sergeant in the Grass Valley Police Department. Al was honored by the Grass Valley PD when they allowed him to participate in the promotional ceremony by pinning the star on Joseph. We congratulate Joseph on his promotion and thank Al for sharing a proud moment...

## ...Delayed New Year's:

The POA New Year's dinner dance held Saturday February 12th at Fort Mason was a very nice event. Approximately 400 persons showed up and enjoyed the festivities. A big "Thank

You" to **Steve Johnson** for organizing the event and let's hope that he'll do it next year and that 800 will show up...

## ...Elections:

The POA election is now over and the work of negotiating the next contract has already begun. Our leadership will need the support of all, whether or not you voted for them. Stay informed by reading the *POA Journal* thoroughly and getting constant briefings from your station or unit representative about what is going on...

## ...Retirement Board Election:

I want to thank all of those who worked so hard to get me reelected to the Retirement Board. I will be sworn into the 5 year term on Thursday March 10, at 6PM in the 3rd floor atrium of the POA building at 800 Bryant. City Attorney **Dennis Herrera** will administer the oath of office. All are welcome to attend...

## ...Veteran POA:

The retirees have elected **John Minderman** as the new President of the Veteran POA and **Ray Allen** as their designee to the POA Board of Directors. John and Ray look forward to having the retirees work closely with the actives for the good of all...

## ...St. Patrick's Day:

Solo, **Steve Hutzler** has chosen to retire on St. Patrick's Day, Thursday March 17, 2005. Steve says this way he knows that everyone will celebrate his day with him. We wish Steve and his family all the best as they relocate to the State of Oregon...

## ...Staffing Shortage:

Both Deputy Chief **Antonio Parra** and POA President **Gary Delagnes** concur that the Department is over 250 officers short and that the situation is going to get worse before it gets better. The situation is critical and the responsibility for whether it gets better or worse rests with the Mayor and Board of Supervisors. A real hot seat when you have no budget...

## ...POST Commissioner:

Congratulations to Sergeant **Nelson Lum**, Central Station, who is serving on the POST Commission, having been appointed by the Governor. It is a great honor to have one of our own members serving on the Police Officers Standards and Training Commission. If you have any ideas or suggestions, send them to Nelson at Central Station.

## ...Need Help:

The Q2 Oral Exams will be held March 20 through 27. The Department needs raters, both sworn and community members, for the approximate 1,000 candidate interviews. Interested parties should submit names via District Station Captains. This is good experience for officers interested in taking promotional exams.

Announcements, notices or tidbits can be e-mailed to [alfrmsf@aol.com](mailto:alfrmsf@aol.com), faxed to 552-5741, or mailed to *Around the Department*, 800 Bryant St., 2nd Floor, SF, CA 94103.

## Retirement Board Election Results

Al Casciato	Police	7602
Ed Walsh	DPT	4832
Ben Kutnick	Airport	2477

# POA Election Results

The deadline for returning POA ballots was February 11, 2005. On Monday, February 14, 2005, members of the POA Election Committee collected all ballots from the US Postal Service and conducted a ballot count and the following tabulation at the POA office. Wining candidates are highlighted in bold print.

## President

<b>Gary Delagnes</b>	782
Dan Linehan	402

## Vice President

<b>Kevin Martin</b>	858
Joe Buono	308

## Co. A (Two Seats)

<b>George Rosko</b>	55
<b>Ron Ophir</b>	55
Jesse Heredia	30

## Co. C (Two Seats)

<b>Mike Moran</b>	60
<b>Derrick Jackson</b>	44
Dominic Yin	23

## Co. H (Two Seats)

<b>Mike Walsh</b>	43
<b>Jennifer Marino</b>	38
Michelle Jean	33
Maris Goldsborough	9

## Co. J (Two Seats)

<b>Jesus Pena</b>	56
<b>Theresa San Giacomo</b>	37
Hector Basurto	31

## Co. K (Two Seats)

<b>Don Moorehouse</b>	48
<b>Dean Taylor</b>	39
Alan McCann	22

## Headquarters (Two seats)

<b>Dennis Callaghan</b>	74
<b>Neville Gittens</b>	60
Matt Castagnola	56

## Investigations (Two seats)

<b>Jim Balovich</b>	116
<b>Pierre Martinez</b>	85
Glenn Sylvester	46

## Airport Bureau (Two seats)

<b>Mike Chapman</b>	70
<b>Bob Belt</b>	61
Bob Swall	31
Elizabeth Maron	22
Ken Canedo	19

# Trivia Corner

- Since its incorporation in 1946, just four individuals have served in the capacity as POA Welfare Officer. Of the four POA Welfare Officers listed below, who is the longest serving?
  - William Conroy
  - Ted Dolan
  - Mike Hebel
  - William Bigarani
- Who was the Governor of California that signed into law the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights?
  - George Deukmajian
  - Jerry Brown
  - Ronald Reagan
  - Pat Brown
  - Pete Wilson
- Forty years ago, Q-2 salary was less than \$20,000 per year. How much were the annual POA dues?
  - \$200
  - \$150
  - \$18
  - \$10
  - No dues were collected

## Answers:

- The answer is c: Welfare Officer Mike Hebel has been at his duty for 30 consecutive years.
- The answer is b: Now serving his second term as the Mayor of Oakland, Jerry Brown was the California Governor who signed the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights into law.
- The answer is c: In 1965, POA members paid an annual dues of \$18.

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Press Release

# District Attorney Secures Conviction In Torture Case

Man faces life in prison for beating girlfriend and ripping out her eyeball

By Debbie Mesloh,  
DA Kamala Harris' Office

SAN FRANCISCO, CA -- District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced the conviction of Monte Haney of six felony charges ranging from torture to assault with a deadly weapon.

The defendant, who was 29 at the time of the crime, could now spend his life behind bars for viciously assaulting Margie Holmes on June 11, 2002, brutally attacking her with a VCR and a knife. He also ripped out Holmes' left eyeball. As a result of the attack, the victim now wears a glass eye.

"This conviction should strike fear in the hearts of abusers because there are dire consequences for their actions," said District Attorney Harris. "I also hope it will encourage more victims to come forward. We will send these abusers to prison so they can never hurt anyone again."

San Francisco Police found and arrested Haney in the area of Castro and 18th Streets on the day following the attack. While responding to assist in the arrest of Haney, Officer Jon Cook died from injuries sustained during a collision between two police vehicles. Several other officers sustained severe injuries in the crash.

The jury, after deliberating two days, found Haney guilty on February 15 of aggravated mayhem, torture, assault with a deadly weapon (knife), assault with force likely to produce



Officer Jon Cook

great bodily injury, spousal abuse and criminal threats. They also found all of the allegations to be true, these being: great bodily injury, use of a deadly weapon, to wit knife. The guilty verdict followed a four-week jury trial before Superior Court Judge Carol Yaggy.

Haney faces life in prison as a result of the guilty verdicts of aggravated mayhem and torture. The sentencing is scheduled for March 11, 2005 before Judge Yaggy in Department 27.

The conviction is the result of a lengthy investigation by Inspector Tim Brophy of Night Investigations, and DAI Investigator Preston Lee and Assistant District Attorney Patrick Mahoney, who prosecuted the case for the people.

# POA Case Analysis Committee

By John Cagney,  
Chair

The election of Kamala Harris as San Francisco District Attorney has created the opportunity for a new, more constructive alliance between the Police Department and DA's office. Most of us who work closely with the DA's office would agree that this relationship has grown stronger and more focused in the last year in our joint efforts to combat crime and serve the citizens of San Francisco.

The POA Executive Board and Steve Johnson have sought to build on this momentum by creating the Case Analysis Committee. The idea behind the committee is a forum for police officers and DA's to better communicate on the nuts and bolts of why cases are handled and concluded in the manner that they are. Too often, over worked and overwhelmed Inspectors, and Deputy DA's, don't have the time or opportunity to fully explain the disposition of cases to the officers that make the arrests. Officers in the field are sometimes left with the feeling that cases are disposed of in a manner that slights the hard work and personal risks that officers take in arresting hard core violent felons, sometimes (often times) the same hard core felons, over and over again. The common refrain anyone who has worked the streets for a while hears is "why is the guy not in jail?" "What does it take to put this guy away?"

Three of the greatest sources of frustration for our members are the cases involving assaults on officers, criminals in possession of dangerous weapons, and criminals who commit violent crimes on the citizens of our city. Everyday arrests of these types of criminals often end up in results that satisfy no one but the criminals who committed the crimes. There are solid and legitimate reasons why criminal cases like these are dismissed, plead out, sentenced, or settled in the manner that they are. What has been lacking in the view of many of our members is why are cases handled in the way that they are and what can we do as police officers to improve the outcome of such cases.

The Case Analysis Committee is made up a cross section of department members: Patrol Officers, Sergeants, and Inspectors assigned to District Stations, Investigations, and specialized units. Our goal is two fold: first to educate members in the court process by researching, the cases that they bring to us, explaining how cases were adjudicated, and fostering better communication between the DA's Office, and Police Dept. Our second goal is to take a more proactive role as an association in ensuring that cases involving assaults on officers, weapons violations, and violent felons are prosecuted to the best of our two respective agencies ability.

Two members of Kamala Harris'

management team, Russ Giuntini and Lou Landini are part and parcel of why the relationship between the Police Dept. and D.A. 's office continues to improve. Mr. Giuntini and Mr. Landini have shown a solid commitment in ensuring that serious felony cases involving assaults on police officers, weapons violations, and violent felons are prosecuted to the full extent of the law, Kamala Harris and her management team have expressed to the POA that they will have an open door policy to our members in better improving on how we can accomplish this goal. The committee also sees this as a two way street. Representatives of the District Attorney's Office will be encouraged to use the Case Analysis Committee as a forum to educate and improve the information, reports, and court presentations on the part of our members.

The Case Analysis Committee will serve our members by encouraging officers to send police reports and whatever information they have on a particular case to the POA for review. These cases will be assigned to a committee member who will look into which Inspectors, Federal Agents, Probation, Parole agents, Deputy DAs and Judges handled a case, and what the results of the case were. At a minimum, the committee would like to put officers in touch with those representatives of the system who move a case through the criminal justice process. More interest, impute, and accountability on the part of all of us can only improve the final outcome of cases. The Committee also intends to take specific assault on officers, gun charges, and violent felon cases that have "fallen through the cracks" to the District Attorney's Office for consultation on what remedies, if any, are available to the officers for prosecution.

Each month the committee plans on writing an educational column in the POA Journal about some aspect of the court system to better inform our members on how the system really works. The Committee also hopes to highlight in the POA Journal the hard work done by Officers, Deputy DAs, Probation and Parole officers (our own "Close Calls" column) on successful prosecutions. We encourage officers who see outstanding work done by the Investigations Bureau, the DA's Office or the Courts to bring these to our attention.

The Committee will consult and work with the station representatives in flagging and submitting reports for review. The committee also plans to make available to our members simple and easy to use forms for submitting reports directly to the P.O.A. We hope that we can return our analysis within 30 days to the member. The Case Analysis Committee encourages our members to take advantage of this forum to improve the quality and results of the cases that are prosecuted.

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# Competitive Elections and Debate Strengthen Our Association

By Dan Linehan  
Northern Station

Now that the POA elections have passed and the results are known, our Association has been strengthened. The voice of the membership has been heard. Their choice of persons selected to represent them at the Board of Directors have the obligation to follow their promises and direction they espoused during the campaign. Campaigns come and go but the words spoken during that time are cemented.

The campaign for the POA Presidency was lively, issue filled and sometimes heated. That's a good thing. We needed to put the candidates on the record as to where they fall on the issues that are important to the membership. Issues such as legal representation, labor contracts, POST pay "poison pill" and promotions are just some of the key points. This campaign was also historic in that it offered the membership an opportunity to compare the candidates side by side in the first ever presidential debate. Strangely but not surprising even the issue to have a debate and the debate process arose through controversy and power politics. I knew it would but the right thing was done and the membership benefited. I will always be proud of that accomplishment and participation. The importance is not that it occurred but that it must continue. To affect change it must be sustained. The 200 plus members that signed their name to a petition calling for a debate were energized at that time to want a debate, I'm sure they would do it again to amend the By-laws if the newly elected Board of Directors fails to act. A mandated debate for the office of president must be added to the Association's By-laws. It must be fair to all participants, rules must be known prior to the event and those charged to organize the debate must be beyond reproach. In short, the debate we had

must be the standard that we use. We will be watching the leadership to see if this torch is picked up.

I would like to thank the members that asked me to run based upon their beliefs that their needs have not been met by our Association. They were joined by over 400 people on election day. As I traveled to speak throughout the Department I was not surprised to find hundreds of dedicated people that have chosen to be members of our Department. They are smart, educated and concerned individuals that deserve respect. They will always have mine. I was not shocked that they easily understood the issues when they were presented before them in an open and honest way. They want to know what is happening and they deserve it. I dismiss any person that says that some things are too complicated for our membership to understand.

Now that the ballots are counted we must rally together and offer our support to every elected member. The issues discussed the last four months will require clarity of thought and dedication of duty if we are to be successful. I encourage every member that cast their ballot in record numbers to stay informed. Give your Station Representative your thoughts on the key issues facing our Association. Always remember that the Board of Directors sets the policy and the Executive Board members are the daily managers of that policy. It is written that way in our By-laws for a reason, it's a smart way to operate.

As Gary Delagnes is seated as our President for the next three years, I congratulate him on his election and I support every positive action that he moves our Association towards. The Presidency is a tough and lonely position and is often a target of criticism. I offer this sole piece of advice. Build coalitions that seek people that have opposite points of view. It will make your three years much less tumultuous.

# On The SAFE Side.....

SF SAFE, Inc. (Safety Awareness For Everyone) is celebrating our 29th year of providing crime prevention education services to the residents and businesses in San Francisco. SAFE's mission is to work towards preventing crime and violence and improving the quality of life in San Francisco's neighborhoods. SAFE's partnership with the San Francisco Police Department has enabled us to effectively serve the residents and business community with resources and services to increase public safety awareness.

SAFE's crime prevention services include: Neighborhood and Business Watch Organizing, Personal Safety Presentations, Residential and Commercial Security Assessments. Check out our website at [www.sfsafe.org](http://www.sfsafe.org) to learn more about neighborhood news, upcoming events and safety tips.

As you may know, in 1994, San Francisco voters approved ballot initiative Q, which called for the creation of a citywide, community-based crime-prevention program. SAFE took the lead in organizing a program that would match those requirements. The Neighborhood Safety Partnership (NSP) was born, and won the Prop Q contract from the city. NSP arranges its workplan by police district. Each district staff (District Coordinator) oversees the work in their assigned district, cooperatively planning with the district police station, community groups and agencies, NSP collaborative agencies, and city agencies and resources. Together, this team assists public safety and violence prevention efforts by: performing needed outreach for activities and events, initiating organizing processes for issues that are not being addressed, developing community problem-solving mechanisms with police, assisting residents in effectively advocating on their own for the promotion of safer communities, and building the strength and capacity of community coalitions. Check out [www.sfnsp.org](http://www.sfnsp.org) for more information.

Meet SAFE & NSP's new Executive Director...

Cindy Wandel is the new Executive Director for San Francisco SAFE, Inc.



Cindy Wandel, Executive Director for SAFE & NSP, with Chief Heather Fong.

She has degrees in Criminal Justice and Political Science, and a Master's Degree in Public Administration. Cindy has over 10 years of experience in the criminal justice field, both in the public and non-profit sectors. She was the former Executive Director for the San Mateo County Criminal Justice Council, where she facilitated the implementation of the first countywide protocol for dealing with adult sexual assault victims, created the county's annual crime report, implemented juvenile delinquency prevention programs and provided crime prevention resources to the community. Cindy has also worked for Victim Services agencies that collaborated closely with the District Attorney's Office, Law Enforcement and Probation. She has been trained and certified in crisis intervention, victim advocacy and conflict resolution. Cindy has given numerous presentations in crime prevention and victim services to community groups and law enforcement, and has been instrumental in coordinating criminal justice trainings and events. She also participated in numerous committees and task forces which addressed various criminal justice and crime prevention policies and programs. She was recognized by the San Mateo County Victim Center and the San Mateo County Police Chiefs' and Sheriff Association for her involvement and contributions.

"I am very excited to be a part of this organization. SAFE and NSP provide such essential services to everyone in San Francisco, and are crucial link between the community and law enforcement. This unique connection allows us to effectively implement crime prevention education services and projects."

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~San Francisco Police Officer Vincent Etcheber

Marla was a godsend. She handled my first home purchase. I found her to be very knowledgeable and had complete trust in her ability. Marla was proactive throughout the entire process and explained things in a clear and concise way for me. Buying a home is a frustrating process - but Marla was the best part of my experience. She simplified the process and worked hand in hand with the mortgage broker to insure the best possible interest rate was locked. Marla stayed on top of everything and kept the ball rolling. I couldn't say enough about what a pro she is.

~Senior Deputy Daniel Rosen



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# SFPD Training and Education

## Ask The CSI GUY

By Mark Hawthorne

This month there have been several good inquiries about crime scene evidence and what information may be developed. I will consolidate those inquiries into the category of **Pattern evidence** and its importance at the crime scene. Let me begin by saying that every scene will present evidence. The principle was developed by Dr. Edmund Locard and states, it is impossible to enter an environment without changing it in some way either by bringing something in or taking something away. How the evidence is detected, evaluated, documented and collected may have an enormous impact on a case.

For example, the pattern can corroborate the series of events that were to have alleged to occur. The pattern may indicate distances between combatants, the type of weapon used, how many strikes were inflicted, the direction of the strikes, the type of injury sustained, or the subsequent movement of the injured victim. There may also be patterns on top of patterns. Where this occurs, the evaluation and analysis process is critical. What this all means is that the officer arriving at the crime scene must be vigilant regarding all aspects of potential evidence. One must also keep in mind the seriousness of the alleged crime. For instances, a petty theft will not receive the same resources that may be devoted to a sexual assault or an aggravated assault. One must put into perspective the type of incident with the available resources and the priority in which to apply at any given

crime scene.

Let me begin with an example most of us are familiar with, blood patterns. We have all seen blood patterns at crime scenes and we have followed blood trails. But are you really following the blood trail or doing the opposite. Blood patterns leave distinct appearances that should be understood. For example, if there is a reported gunshot and there are rather large droplets of blood where the event took place, was there in fact a gunshot? Absent any other evidence to the contrary, if there are no tiny droplets of blood near the event, there may have not been a gunshot. The reason for this is that a gunshot is considered a high velocity impact. Where there is a high velocity impact, the blood, like any other fluid, will be vaporized or placed in a temporary aerosol state. The blood being projected from that event will then have the appearance similar to that of spray paint. A very light spattering of blood in a localized area. If the victim then moves after the event, the blood dripping from the wound will leave a trail which will indicate the direction of movement. What causes this? When blood is dropped during movement, the blood will, in many instances, present a certain shape. Often that shape will be somewhat spherical with scallops or elongated with a slight tail. To properly follow the blood pattern, follow the tail or the scallops which will point in the direction of the movement. Where movement after the event is slight or none and there appears to be blood patterns at the scene and another instrument such as a pipe, bat, or other object was used to strike the blows, the same principles apply. Examine the blood droplets, view or trace backwards from the tail or scallops, and you will get some idea of where the blood came from. The more elongated the droplet, the

grater the angle of impact. This may assist the officer in conducting their interview and investigation. A good rule of thumb to apply, the smaller the droplets, the greater the velocity of impact. Blood patterns can take many forms. High velocity, medium velocity, cast off, aspirated, dripped, and arterial spurting.

At this point, a word of caution, do not attempt to conduct a trajectory analysis or reach conclusions about the blood droplets or patterns. Those patterns at the scene may be only thoroughly interpreted and analyzed by one who has been trained in blood spatter interpretation.

Another type of pattern evidence that may present itself is that of gunshot powder residue. Like high velocity blood spatter, gunshot powder patterns will have the appearance of aerosol or spray paint. The distance from shot to target may be indicated in the target. The closer the barrel to the target, the greater the likelihood there will be tattooing and unburned particles of gunpowder on the target. The greater the distance from the target, the less the likelihood of gunshot powder residue being on the target. One might ask, what if the clothing or garments are dark in color? How do we know if there will be pattern evidence? Always err on the side of safety. Remember, gunshot powder residue is very light and it is unlikely the residue will travel further than about 36". That is not to say the only thing you should focus on is the gunshot powder residue. There is still the bullet hole and in all probability some type of blood pattern. Protect all of the evidence as best as you can. Remember, if the item can be booked at the station and you want to preserve the pattern evidence, layer the evidence by placing clean paper between the layers of clothing. This will prevent transference of evi-



dence from one part of the garment to another part.

One other type of pattern I would like to mention has to do with glass. When glass is fractured, the fractures will only radiate where there is no line of resistance. In the instance where two holes are delivered to glass, if the glass does not shatter and remains in place, a determination of which hole occurred first can be safely made by examining and evaluating the glass. Where fractures are located and additional fractures are made, the secondary fractures will only travel as far as the first fractures. By applying simple principles, one can get an idea of what may have occurred and successfully complete an investigation. Another word of caution deserves to be mentioned, these principles do not apply to safety glass. Safety glass simply shatters into tiny pieces when struck. (as in automobile glass)

In conclusion, I would like to thank those who have sent the questions to the CSI GUY. I would encourage others to send inquiries as well. Remember, if you have a question about an issue, it's a sure bet someone else does too.

Send inquiries to Mark Hawthorne @ CSIU or e-mail to [csiprofessor@aol.com](mailto:csiprofessor@aol.com) or [Journal@sfpoa.org](mailto:Journal@sfpoa.org)

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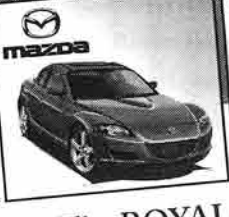
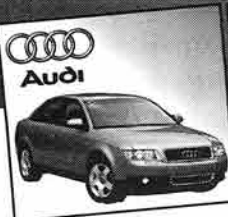


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# California Police Officers Memorial Services 2005

By Val Kirwan

You should by now have signed up with your station/bureau representative if you plan on attending the California memorial service on Friday, May 6th. The POA is providing continental breakfast and luxury bus transportation to those attending the services. We need to know how many people plan on attending in order for us to make the appropriate bus and breakfast arrangements. We will also have past survivors, along with members from Dispatch, Sheriff's Department and the District Attorney's Office traveling with us. The following are the contact people for the memorial. Company A: Steve Mathias and John Ferrando. Company B: Shaughn Ryan and Craig Canton. Company C: Brett Bodisco and Mike

Moran. Company D: Jose Lopes, Glenn Ortega and Stephanie Long. Company E: Dave Garcia, Doug Arnold, and Jude Farrelly. Company F: Walter Ware and Pat Burke. Company G: Roger Peters and Albert Encinas. Company H: Joe Giannini and Amalia Barceana. Company I: Brian Barba and Joe Finnegan. Company J: Jeremy Miller and Maria Swan. Airport: Barry Wood and Robert Deleon. Bureau/Hall:

Tom Walsh, Ann Hoke and Tom Van Overn. Narcotics/Vice: Joe Marte and Jon Kasper. TAC/606: Pilar Torres and Dan Simone. SRO/Juvenile: Francis Terry.

The majority of the contact people are members of the 184th Academy class, the same academy class as Officer Isaac Espinoza.

## Washington DC National Memorial Services 2005

San Francisco Police Department has been selected to be the California state representatives at this year's national police officers memorial services in Washington DC. This is a great honor for our department as we get to represent the state at all official functions. Chief Heather Fong will lead the SFPD contingent of almost 100 officers and families (all attending at their own expense). We will officially participate at the candlelight vigil on Friday, May 13th, the pipe and drum march on Saturday, May 14th, and the memorial

service at the capitol on Sunday, May 15th at noon. The guest speaker for the candlelight vigil will be Attorney General Alberto Gonzales. The guest speaker for the pipe and drum march will be Craig Floyd, chairman of the national law officers memorial, and the guest speaker at the memorial service will be President George Walker Bush. If you are interested in attending the national service in Washington CD, please contact me at skirwan43@aol.com, 415-310-8353, or leave a message for me at the POA office.

## 29th ANNUAL CALIFORNIA PEACE OFFICERS' MEMORIAL CEREMONY

THURSDAY, MAY 6, 2005

**CPOMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING** 8-10:00 am  
**SHERATON GRAND – Camellia/Gardenia Rooms**  
*Final briefing prior to ceremony activities for CPOMF Board of Directors, Advisors, key logistic personnel, and participating officers who wish to attend.*

**SURVIVORS' SOCIAL** 1-4:00 pm  
**SHERATON GRAND – Camellia/Gardenia Rooms**  
*This time is set aside to give honored families and past survivors the opportunity to interact with each other, as well as representatives from Concerns Of Police Survivors (COPS) and members of the law enforcement chaplaincy.*

**PRACTICE SESSION FOR PARTICIPATING OFFICERS** 2-5:00 pm  
**MEMORIAL MONUMENT – 10th Street & Capitol Mall**  
*Mandatory participation required for all officers involved in ceremony activities.*

**BUFFET DINNER** 6-7:30 pm  
**SHERATON GRAND – Camellia/Gardenia Rooms**  
*All honored families, past survivors, as well as participating and attending officers are invited to a full buffet dinner sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.*

**CHILD CARE** 5:30 - 8:00 pm  
**SHERATON GRAND – Kamilos Room**  
*Optional childcare provided by Sacramento Police Wives includes games, videos, and snacks for children of honored families.*

**CANDLELIGHT VIGIL** 8:30 - 9:30 pm  
**MEMORIAL MONUMENT - 10th Street & Capitol Mall**  
*With welcoming comments from the CPOMF President, remarks from departmental and past survivor representatives, a Roll Call of Heroes, as well as music and prayer.*

FRIDAY, MAY 6, 2005

**10- BUFFET BREAKFAST** 7-8:00 am  
**SHERATON GRAND – Camellia/Gardenia Rooms**  
*A full buffet breakfast is provided for honored families, past survivors, participating and attending officers. Sponsored by the California Peace Officers' Memorial Foundation.*

**LAW ENFORCEMENT CARAVAN** 7:30 am  
**CHP ACADEMY - West Sacramento**  
*Staging for the Memorial Caravan begins at 0730 hours at the CHP Academy, 3500 Reed Avenue West Sacramento, departing the Academy at 0900 hours sharp. The procession travels through West Sacramento, concluding on 101h Street, at the Memorial Monument site.*

**INDOOR CEREMONY** 9:00 - 10:30 am  
**STATE CAPITOL – Senate Hearing Room 4203**  
*Private ceremony with state representatives for honored families, their agency escorts, agency heads, and facilitators.*

**OUTDOOR CEREMONY** 10:30 am - 12:30 pm  
**MEMORIAL MONUMENT – 10th Street & Capitol Mall**  
*Formal ceremony begins with the 'Walk of Honor' from the State Capitol to the Memorial Monument. Presentations by state representatives, CPOMF's Executive Director and President, and a departmental keynote speaker. Ceremony concludes with a 21-gun salute, taps, and retiring of the colors.*

**LUNCHEON** 12:30 - 3:00 pm  
*Immediately following the outdoor ceremony, lunch is provided for honored families, participating and attending officers, and past survivors directly across from the memorial monument on the Capitol lawn.*

**W**hen we of the 184th Recruit Class entered the academy in March of 1996 little did we know or expect that a fellow and beloved class member, Isaac "Zac" Espinoza, would be gunned down and killed in the line of duty. There is nothing that we can do or say that will bring Zac back. However, we can make sure that his memory lives on forever. In May of this year, Zac will have his name engraved on the California Police Officers Memorial monument in Sacramento. His name will also be added to the national wall in Washington, DC on Friday, May 13.

What can we do to honor Zac and all law enforcement professionals who were slain in 2004? We can ensure that as many SFPD members as possible attend the California Memorial Service this May. The SFPOA has agreed to provide bus transportation for all officers who attend the service. The Mounted and Solo Units will be in attendance, and it is likely that the Academy recruits and members of PAL will also be attending the memorial.

I have met with and been in correspondence with Zac's family, and they are very appreciative of everything that is being done. We do however need to make sure that we have the largest ever contingent of SFPD personal at the memorial services in Sacramento. Our goal is to have at least 300 SFPD members attend the memorial service in Sacramento.

— Val Kirwan

## Police Unity Tour

By Steve Benzinger,  
Bayview Station

On May 9th through the 12th of this year, hundreds of police officers from around the country will participate in a bike ride from Ground Zero in New York City to Washington D.C. The purpose of this ride is raise money for the National Law Enforcement Memorial, and it is timed to coincide with National Police Week. This year, for the first time, SFPD officers will participate in the ride. Val Kirwan and I will make the 400 mile trip by bicycle.

The ride, known as the Police Unity Tour, has raised over a million dollars for the Memorial in the past eight years. Both Val and I have pledged to raise at least \$1500 each. This is not a motorcycle trip- we'll be pedalling the entire way, through the heat of the East Coast in summer time (well, late spring, at least). We will have several 100 mile plus days on the bicycle. On May 12th, we'll arrive in Washington D.C., in time to present a check to the Memorial, and participate in the candlelight vigil. Hopefully, we'll have time to take a shower first!

This year, the Law Enforcement Memorial will be adding Isaac Espinoza's name to the more than 16000 police officers to die in the line of duty.

Isaac's family has given permission for me and Val to give the money that we raise to the Memorial in Isaac's

name. I know that a lot of SFPD officers will be travelling to the Memorial this year, and I hope that we can have a good turn out.

I have had a number of people express interest in the ride. There's no more space available this year, but with all the interest, I hope we can have more SFPD officers participate next year. In particular, I would like for me and Val to be able to donate more than the minimum amount, to demonstrate SFPD's commitment to this worthy cause. This year, we are participating through Oakland PD's chapter, and with only a third as many police officers, Oakland has over a dozen people riding. With good participation, hopefully we can reserve more spaces for next year's ride.

If you wish to donate, or want to know more about the ride, contact me at Bayview Station. Val and I will be paying our own way for air fare, food, lodging, and will also be using our own paid time off for this trip. Donations to the Memorial are tax deductible, and the Memorial is a 501(C)(3) charity. The Police Memorial is privately funded (without any government support), so the ride is extremely important. If you would like to know more about the ride and the Memorial, check out [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com).

We'll have further details about fund raising soon, and Val and I both appreciate your support.



# Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act Of 2004 - Where We Are?

*The following update on the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 was submitted to the Journal by Al Casciato. He obtained it from the California Peace Officers' Association, January 2005 issue, and it is reprinted here with permission of the author and CPOA. The memorandum was prepared by Martin Mayer, Esq., of the law firm of Jones & Mayer of Fullerton, California. Telephone (714) 446-1400. —RS*

Since July 2004, when President George W Bush signed HR 218 [Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004 ("Act")], making it lawful for active and retired law enforcement officers to carry concealed weapons in any of the fifty (50) states, questions continue to arise. On September 14, 2004, we published a Client Alert Memo (Vol. 19, No. 14) providing information current as of that time. We set forth some recommendations - strongly urging, as we still do, that officers secure legal advice and guidance before relying upon this law — which we still believe are appropriate. The following consists of more information and specific actions being taken by various jurisdictions to implement the provisions of the Act.

### Differing Legal Opinions

We recently became aware of legal opinions providing advice and or guidance to officers, as well as management, on the implementation of this law. Reasonable minds can differ as to the interpretation of legislation and specifically, this legislation. Because of the manner in which it was drafted, it is fraught with problems caused, in part, by a failure to recognize that each state has its own definitions of various terms, which may or may not comport with the terminology used in the legislation. Additionally, the definition of what constitutes active or retired law enforcement officers is so broad that it

leaves open to debate the question of who is covered under the Act. To complicate the matter further, there has been a refusal on the part of the office of the legislator who drafted this law, as well as the United States Department of Justice, to assist in defining these terms. Rather, we have been told that individual legal advisors should provide advice and guidance. That, obviously, means each jurisdiction could have a different interpretation of the law. Some examples of the diversity of application of the law are discussed in this memo.

A few months ago, a law firm based in Chicago, issued a memo to law enforcement management which suggests, among other things, that a general order or administrative rule could be adopted prohibiting officers from carrying concealed weapons while off duty or outside their jurisdiction and that such action might be enough to make the officer ineligible under the Act. That recommendation would appear to be in complete conflict with the legislative history of HR 218.

Under the law of statutory construction, one doesn't look to legislative history if language is clear on its face. In this case, however, legislative history is essential in order to interpret various provisions of the law. During the Congressional Committee oversight hearings, an amendment was proposed by Representative Scott which stated that HR 218 was not to be construed to supersede or limit the rules, regulations, policies or practices of any state or local law enforcement agency. That proposed amendment was defeated 21 to 11. As such, the legislative history shows that a "general order or other administrative rule" cannot supersede HR 218.

Along those same lines, in the October 2004 edition of the IACP Police Chief magazine, there is an extensive article, under "Chief's Counsel," ad-

ressing many issues arising out of HR 218. Once again, recognizing that reasonable minds can differ, we take exception with the first question and answer which, in essence, also opines that a local law enforcement agency may restrict an officer's right to carry a firearm out of state. It appears that such action would violate both the intent and letter of the law. The Act specifically states "notwithstanding any other provision of the law of any state or any political subdivision thereof. . .," an active or retired law enforcement officer may carry a concealed firearm in any of the fifty (50) United States.

Additionally, it is imperative to determine, in each state, whether or not individual Chiefs and/or Sheriffs have the legal authority to restrict their officers from carrying weapons off-duty in their own states. For example, in California, peace officers are exempt from the law which prohibits anyone in California from carrying a concealed weapon and case law has addressed the limitations on a chief to restrict a peace officer from carrying a weapon off-duty, even though he or she may be restricted while on duty.

Another example of differing legal opinions is that of a law firm in Los Angeles which issued one of their alerts and stated "even when officers may be off-duty or vacationing, they are expected to assist in local crime prevention, apprehension, rescue and homeland security efforts." (Emphasis added). HR 218 in no way, shape, or form extends a law enforcement officer's authority beyond that of his or her own jurisdiction. During congressional hearings it was emphasized that this law does not extend an officers law enforcement authority and to make the statement that officers "are expected" to take such action is not only misleading but extremely dangerous to officers who may rely on that advice.

### Miscellaneous State Activity

The following is based upon information shared via e-mail and conference calls with persons throughout the country. It is intended to provide a glimpse of what may be occurring in other states but, in some cases, has not been officially confirmed.

**Illinois** — It appears that the Illinois State Police has developed a course of fire which retirees would be required to complete in order to meet established standards. However, we have been informed that, although there are eight ranges throughout the state, utilized by the Illinois State Police, they are utilizing only two, at opposite ends of the state, for retired officers to qualify.

**Philadelphia** — It appears Philadelphia P.D. has developed a policy prohibiting their department issued weapons to be taken out of state. Without having seen the actual language, it is difficult to comment upon, however, that would not appear to violate the provisions of HR 218, since an officer can carry a different weapon than his or her department issued weapon.

**Pennsylvania** — Pennsylvania has apparently drafted a bill to bring Pennsylvania into compliance with the Federal legislation. We've not yet seen that language.

**Oregon** — Oregon's equivalent of our P.O.S.T. Commission, the Department of Public Safety Standards and Training (D.P.S.S.T.), is apparently nearing completion on firearm standards which will enable qualified

retired officers to meet the HR218 standards. Once that course of fire has been designed, the D.P.S.S.T. will allow either a public or private agency to qualify the applicant. D.P.S.S.T. will conduct a criminal history and appropriate background check before issuing a "retiree firearms qualification card."

**Georgia** — Apparently the Georgia Office of the Attorney General has determined that, since Georgia lacks statewide standards for weapons qualification for current law enforcement officers, no Georgia law enforcement retiree is qualified under HR 218 and, therefore, is not eligible for a "nationwide carry permit." It is our understanding that some peace officer associations are discussing the possibility of filing suit in the near future to compel the state to comply with what they believe is a federal mandate.

### California Efforts To Comply With HR 218

As indicated in our earlier Client Alert memo, there have been numerous meetings by phone with representatives of the law enforcement profession throughout the State of California. Discussions have focused on numerous issues raised in the legislation and currently there are efforts being undertaken to draft legislation which would enable California to allow its active and retired peace officers to meet the requirements of HR 218. That is an ongoing process and, as of this date, it has not reached completion.

The Alameda County Sheriffs Office has already developed a new ID card for current deputies, to be carried in addition to the primary ID card issued by the Sheriff's Office. The supplemental card states that the individual, identified by photograph and name, "complies with Chapter 44 of Title 18 of the Unites States Code (Sec. 926B), ("Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act 2004")."

### How This Affects Your Agency:

Because the U.S. Department of Justice has taken the position that each individual jurisdiction should interpret HR 218 itself, there will be multiple interpretations throughout the United States. There are two primary concerns to those of us who represent the interests of law enforcement. First, how does one meet the requirements of HR 218 enabling that person to lawfully carry a concealed weapon in another jurisdiction; and second, what should our law enforcement officers be looking for when they come in contact with someone from our of state who claims he or she is authorized to carry pursuant to HR 218?

As a result of the heightened concern regarding terrorism, many law enforcement officials throughout the country have expressed concern as to how a peace officer can properly identify whether or not an individual is authorized to be armed under HR 218. There is no statewide, let alone nationwide, identification card for active or retired law enforcement officers.

There is an excellent legal bulletin recently published by Michael Ramage, General Counsel to the Florida Department Law of Enforcement, addressing issues related to implementing the Law Enforcement Officers Safety Act of 2004. That bulletin is posted on the F.D.L.E website and can be accessed at [www.fdle.state.fl.us](http://www.fdle.state.fl.us) by entering a search for "HR218."

## List Of Scheduled Events For National Law Officers Memorial, Washington DC

### Thursday May 12, 2005, 2:00 PM Police Unity Tour Arrival Ceremony

The Police Unity Tour has raised approximately \$1.5 million for NLEOF since 1977. This 350-mile bicycle ride begins in New Jersey, visits ground zero in New York City, and ends in Washington, DC. The 2005 event will be the first in which representatives from the San Francisco Police Department will participate as riders: Officers Val Kirwan, SRO and Steve Benzinger, Bayview Station. Money raised through sponsorship and donations will go to a foundation in memory of Isaac Espinoza. Among the organizations donating to this worthy cause is the San Francisco Police Officers Association, which has become a corporate sponsor with its \$1,000 gift.

### Friday May 13, 2005, 8:00 PM 16th Annual Candlelight Vigil at the National Law Officers Memorial, 400 Block of E Street NW

The names of the 154 officers nationwide who were killed in the line of duty in 2004 will be read at this event. Among the dignitaries scheduled to speak are United States Attorney General, Roberto Gonzales. This event usually lasts about 3 hours.

### Saturday May 14, 2005, 4:30 PM — Tenth Annual Emerald Society Pipe and Drum March

Marchers from the National Conference of Law Enforcement Emerald Societies Inc. will assemble at New Jersey and F Streets (Outside the hotel where most SFPD members are staying). They will step off at 6 PM and proceed to the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial. This event usually lasts about 2 hours. Approximately 500 pipers will participate.

### Sunday May 15, 2005, Noon 24th Annual National Peace Officers Memorial Day Services at the United States Capital building. President George Bush will be the keynote speaker. This event usually lasts 2-3 Hours, and culminates with the laying of a wreath at the memorial.



Leeds, England September 10-15, 2005

# International Association Of Women Police 43rd Annual Training Conference

By Robin Matthews,  
EEO Office

Greetings! It's time again to start planning to attend this year's annual International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference. We had a nice turnout at last year's conference in Boston, however, if you REALLY want to get a feeling for the international flavor of an IAWP Conference, you're going to want to attend this year's conference in Leeds, England. It's only the second time the conference has been held in England (1996 in Birmingham was the first). The IAWP Conference will be hosted by the British Association for Women in Policing (BAWP), supported by West Yorkshire Police and The British Transport Police.

The theme of the Conference is "Connecting Communities", and you will have access to four days of quality training delivered by speakers from around the world. Community safety is a fundamental requirement within societies; the training sessions will explore both the physical and human connections within the community safety arena. The physical aspect will look at internet, e-mail, and telecommunications in general, and examining how people with differing ethnic and cultural backgrounds interact with each other and the police service will cover the human aspect. Future articles

in the *Journal* will update you on the training program.

The Conference will open with a ceremony in the beautiful Victoria Hall within Leeds Town Hall. A parade of uniformed delegates will march through the City of Leeds to the Royal Armouries where a formal awards luncheon will take place. This event will recognize the outstanding contributions that female officers have made to the police service around the world.

The Royal Armouries Museum houses 8,000 spectacular exhibits in stunning surroundings from 3,000 years of history. This collection of arms and armour is a "must see" attraction. Breathtaking displays, costumed demonstrations, dramatic interpretations, live action events, entertaining films, interactive technology, and thrilling exhibitions can all be experienced at the Museum.

The chosen charity for the Conference is Cancer Research UK for the work they do in the cure and prevention of breast cancer, which is something that can affect people from all parts of society throughout the world — men as well as women.

As a registered delegate, you will be entitled to participate in all training sessions, the opening ceremony, awards luncheon, and final banquet, together with any other social events put on specifically for full delegates.

Delegate fees for IAWP members

up to March 31st, 2005 are £325 (British pounds) and £375 for non-IAWP members. From April 1st, 2005 to the conference, delegate fees for IAWP members is £400 for IAWP members, and £450 for non-IAWP members. As the conversion rates change on a daily basis, please check with any major banking institution, or go online by doing a search for "currency conversions" to be able to see what the current daily conversion rate is for the British pound to the U.S. dollar. Be advised, if you put your registration and hotel fees on your credit card, the conversion will automatically occur and will show up on your next bank statement.

There is also an opportunity to pay for training on the individual days rather than for the entire Conference. Registration on a daily basis (Sept. 12th, 13th, 14th, and 15th) is £100 each day. This fee covers attendance at training sessions on the specified day(s) only, together with any other events provided for delegates on the day(s) of attendance, but does NOT include either of the Gala meals.

Delegates are encouraged to bring their spouses, partners, family members, children, or other companions to the Conference. (In order to be a companion, you must either be an individual who accompanies a full paying delegate to the Conference, or be a fully retired law enforcement officer

and IAWP member in good standing). Throughout the week, a "Companions' Program" of activities will be available providing them with the opportunity to experience the sights of Leeds and Yorkshire, including, but not limited to, traveling back 1,500 years and visiting the time of the Vikings; walking in the footsteps of Charlotte, Emily, and Brandon to stand in the Bronte Parsonage; present themselves before the armour of King Henry VIII, and see the life of struggle and suffering children had to endure at the coal face.

Companion fees are £50 British pounds, which covers all the activities organized specifically for the Companions' Program, and entry to the Opening Ceremonies and Exhibition. It may also permit entry to other social events.

For more information on the Conference, please go to the Conference web site at [www.iawp2005.org](http://www.iawp2005.org). For information on the IAWP, including membership forms, go to the IAWP web site at [www.iawp.org](http://www.iawp.org). I also have a number of Leeds 2005 Conference brochures, as well as IAWP membership applications, at my office, so feel free to contact me at the numbers listed below, and I'll be happy to forward you the information. Don't forget that you will need to have a U.S. passport to travel to Leeds.

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e-mail: [RLM2214A@aol.com](mailto:RLM2214A@aol.com)

## Hotel Choices For Leeds Conference — September 10-15, 2005

There are two main Conference Hotels at this year's Conference, as well as several other hotel options to choose from within a five to ten minute walk to the main proceedings. They are as follows:

### MAIN CONFERENCE HOTEL:

#### *The Queen's Leeds; City Square, Leeds (Four star hotel)*

Situated in the heart of Leeds on City Square — adjacent to Leeds Railway Station. The Queens Leeds is an historic landmark, 4-star hotel in the heart of cosmopolitan Leeds. This traditional hotel offers 219 bedrooms where you can relax and unwind. Restaurant offering contemporary dining in elegant surroundings or for a more relaxed, informal atmosphere, enjoy a refreshing drink or snack in the Piano Lounge Bar. Five minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £95 for twin/double room; £85 for single room.

### SECOND CONFERENCE HOTEL:

#### *Park Plaza Leeds (Four star hotel)*

Located in the heart of Leeds, this stunning new hotel offers 187 guest-rooms including penthouse suites. Other facilities include Chino Latino fusion restaurant and cocktail bar, and Scene lobby bar. Two minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Five minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £86.50 for twin/double room and single room.

### OTHER ACCOMMODATIONS:

#### *The Merrion Hotel, Wade Lane (Three star hotel)*

Centrally located, the hotel offers good accommodation. An open plan lounge bar and brasserie style restaurant. Fifteen minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Five minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £80 for twin/double room; £65 for single room.

#### *Bewleys Hotel (Three star hotel)*

New hotel opened in July, 2004. Contemporary, relaxed and informal is the ethos behind every Bewley's Hotel. The newest addition to Bewley's expanding portfolio is a 334 bedroom hotel on Sweet Street. Restaurant, bar, and underground parking. Ten minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Fifteen minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £59 for twin/double room and single room.

#### *Hotel Metropole, King Street (Four star hotel)*

The Hotel Metropole is a unique terracotta building, located in the heart of the business district of Leeds and only five minutes walk from Leeds Train Station. Five minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £95 for twin/double room; £75 for single room.

#### *Comfort Inn; Bradford Hotel, Bishopgate (Three star hotel)*

Situated in the heart of Leeds, ideally located for shopping, business, and pleasure. Private residents' access to Bar Censa. Quality at realistic prices. Part of Choice Hotels — Europe. Two minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Ten minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £65 for twin/double room; £60 for single room.

#### *Leeds Marriott Hotel (Four star hotel)*

Set in a charming courtyard, the Leeds Marriott Hotel offers spacious accommodation, full leisure facilities, bar, and restaurant. Five minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Less than ten minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £99 for twin/double room and single room.

#### *Jurys Inn Leeds (Three star hotel)*

Opened in March, 2004, Jurys Inn Leeds offers 248 bedrooms, Inntrio Bar, Innfusion Restaurant, and IL Barisa coffee bar. Guaranteed Irish welcome. Ten minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Fifteen minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £73 British pound for twin/double room; £69 British pound for single room.

#### *Crowne Plaza Leeds, Wellington Street (Four star hotel)*

The hotel has 135 bedrooms and suites and a newly refurbished health and leisure club and beauty department for your added pleasure. There are fabulous menus available in the Boccagrande Restaurant. Ten minute walk from Leeds Train Station. Ten minute walk to Leeds Town Hall. Cost per night: £85 for twin/double room and single room.

### TO BOOK YOUR ACCOMMODATIONS:

The Conference has conveniently set up hotel booking online at [www.iawp2005.org](http://www.iawp2005.org). For those of you who do not have internet access, I have copies of the accommodation booking forms at my office, which can then either be faxed to Conference Leeds at 011 44 (0) 113 247 7047, or mailed to Conference Leeds, The Leonardo Building, 2 Rossington Street, Leeds, LS2 8HP, Great Britain. For more information, check out the Conference web site, or e-mail them at [conferenceleeds.gov.uk](mailto:conferenceleeds.gov.uk).

Conference rates are good from September 8th through the 18th, for your convenience. The hotels have a cancellation policy of 12 PM on the day of arrival. Any accommodation canceled after that time will be subject to full cancellation charges. Be advised when booking that a double room generally contains one double bed, of if you want two beds, you need to book a twin, which will probably have two single beds in it. There are some other options available, so please contact Conference Leeds if you have special needs or requirements.



# Getting To The Leeds Conference

Here are your options for getting to the IAWP Conference in Leeds, England. Don't forget that the flight to England is 10 hours, so your detail requests should include a travel day on either end of the trip.

## By Air

Leeds Bradford International Airport is situated approximately 8 miles to the North of Leeds. Scheduled services operate between the main "hub" airports of Amsterdam, Brussels, Dublin, London Heathrow, and Paris, as well as many other destinations. A direct train link runs between Manchester Airport to Leeds. A bus service operates between the airport and Leeds City Bus and Train stations. See [www.lbia.co.uk](http://www.lbia.co.uk).

British Airways is offering discounted rates to delegates traveling to this event which includes 10% discount on standard economy fares traveling from within the UK and Europe, and 15% discount for those traveling outside Europe. Other discounts are available in club class and first class. For further details, contact your nearest British Airways Travel Shop and quote: GGAIRBAGCONFERENCES Police Annual Training in Leeds Sept. 05. The number of your nearest travel shop can be found at [www.ba.com](http://www.ba.com).

## By Train:

GNER are offering delegates a special rate of £27 return travel from London Kings Cross to Leeds between September 1st and 24th. All tickets must be

booked by August 25th, 2005 and will be sent a maximum of twelve weeks in advance of travel. Certain restrictions apply for weekday travel: Outward (from London) travel will be available between 1105-1435 hrs. and after 1930 hrs. only. Return (to London) travel will be available between 1045-1505 hrs. and after 1940 hrs. only. (Timings are based on current timetable and may be subject to change). No restrictions apply at weekends. Tickets are non-changeable and non-refundable, once booked delegates wishing to change trains will have to purchase a new (full price) ticket.

To book, contact GNER Group Travel at 011 44 (0) 8457225010 or visit the group travel page at [www.gner.co.uk](http://www.gner.co.uk) and quote "IAWP2005" in

additional comments box.

## By Ferry

Leeds is less than an hour from the port of Hull where P&O North Sea Ferries operate services in Rotterdam and Zeebrugge.

## By Road

Located at the crossroads of the M62 and M1, and with the A1/M1 link, Leeds is easy to reach from all parts of the UK. For further information on the BA/GNER offers, visit the Conference web site at [www.iawp2005.org](http://www.iawp2005.org).

To order a free guide to Leeds, phone 011 44 (0) 113 224 3039, send an e-mail request to [tourinfo@leeds.gov.uk](mailto:tourinfo@leeds.gov.uk), or go to the Leeds web site at [www.leeds.gov.uk](http://www.leeds.gov.uk).

# Post Conference Tour To Scotland

This year's post Conference tour is going to be a fabulous tour to Scotland, departing Leeds, England on Friday, September 16th, 2005 and returning on Friday, September 23rd, 2005. There are a limited amount of seats available for this tour, so if you're interested, you MUST contact the group reservations team as soon as possible either by phone at 011 44 (0) 113 231 9930, or by e-mail at [groups@wallacearnold.com](mailto:groups@wallacearnold.com). Quote the holiday number 0200A. This tour is NOT available to the general public. The price per person for this eight day tour is only £325, which is a phenomenal rate.

Wallace Arnold has coach tours throughout Great Britain and Europe, so if you don't want to travel to Scotland but are interested in touring other places throughout Great Britain or Europe either prior to the Conference or after the Conference, check out their web site at [www.wallacearnold.com](http://www.wallacearnold.com) to see where they travel. Normal tour rates will apply to any of those tours, however.

## Scotland tour itinerary

*Friday, September 16th:* Following the Conference in Leeds, we depart this morning on the post-Conference tour of Scotland. We make our way through the north of England and the Scottish Borders to reach the Scottish Highlands and our first hotel, Wallace Arnold's own Fife Arms Hotel in Braemar. The Fife Arms is the beating heart of Braemar, a town famous for its Highland Games. We will stay here for two nights on a dinner, bed and breakfast basis.

*Saturday, September 17th:* After breakfast today, we include a full day excursion eastwards to the splendid "granite" city of Aberdeen. On our way, we journey through attractive Royal Deeside, a rich tapestry of heath-clad moorland, sparkling rivers and cascading waterfalls, passing the attractive villages of Banchory and Ballater. It is no wonder that this region is so beloved of the Royal Family!

*Sunday, September 18th:* Our journey north continues after breakfast as we make our way through the magnificent

Spey Valley and on to Morayshire and the fascinating Baxters' Visitor Centre in Fochabers. Here you can view the Baronial Hall and step back in time at the Museum Shop, a recreation of Baxters' original shop in Fochabers. We then continue to our hotel in Nairn, the Best Western Windsor Hotel, close to the beach and town center, where we stay for three nights with dinner, bed and breakfast.

*Monday, September 19th:* Our full day excursion takes us to evocative Loch Ness, famed worldwide for its monster legend. We enjoy a boat trip on Loch Ness (keep your eyes peeled!) and include visits to the Loch Ness Exhibition Centre and Urquhart Castle, a 14th century ruin on a promontory where the loch is at its deepest. On our way back to Nairn, we visit charming Inverness, with its picturesque castle overlooking the River Ness.

*Tuesday, September 20th:* Today we will give our driver a well-earned break and give you the opportunity to get to know Nairn.

*Wednesday, September 21st:* After

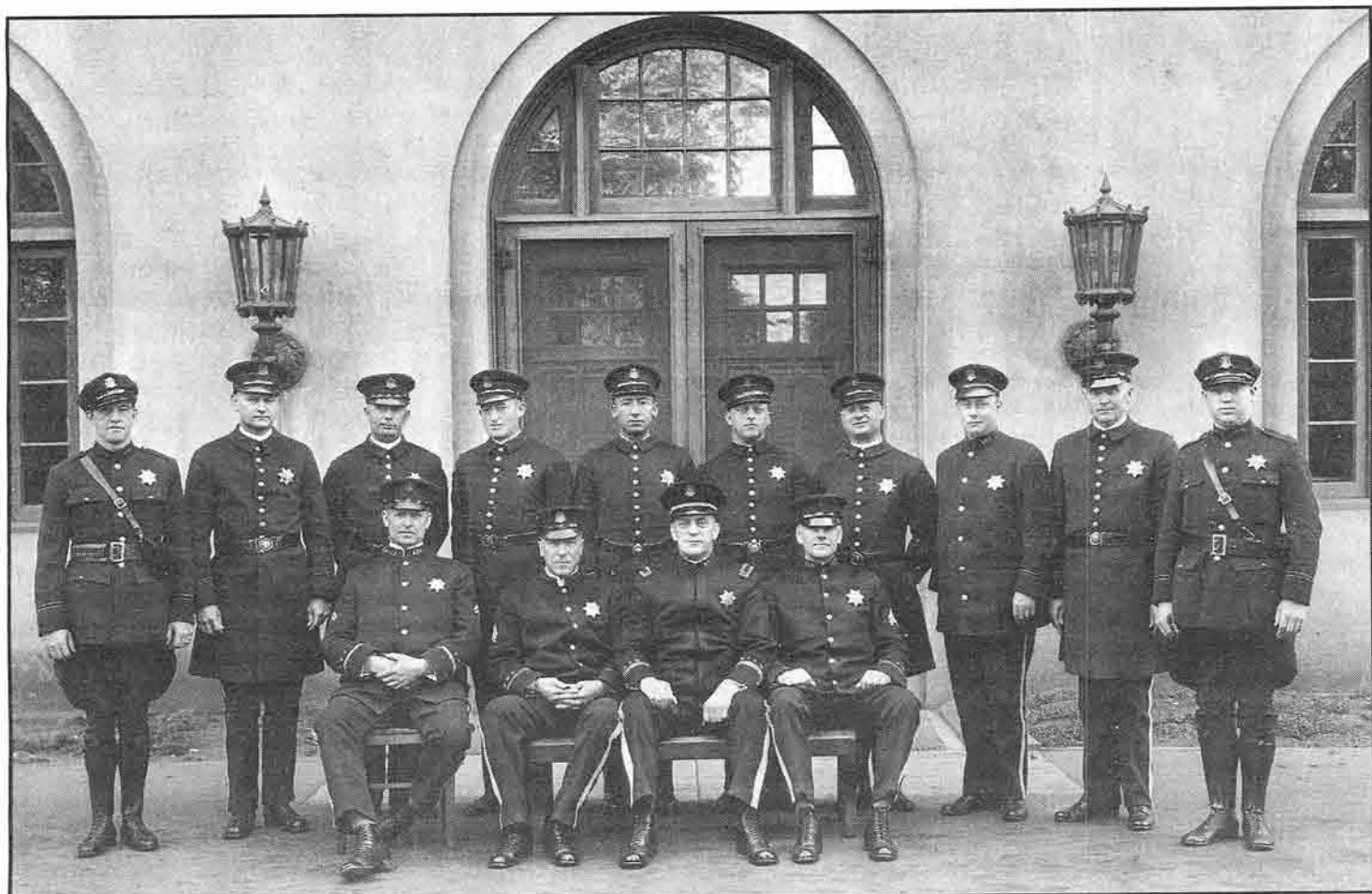
breakfast we return southwards for the next leg of our journey, stopping at the popular Highland resort of Pitlochry with an included visit to the Edradour Distillery. Continuing to the city of Glasgow, we reach our hotel for the next two nights with dinner and breakfast, the Quality Hotel Glasgow, superbly located in the heart of the city.

*Thursday, September 22nd:* No visit to Scotland would be complete without spending time in Edinburgh, Scotland's magnificent capital city. After breakfast we depart Glasgow to spend a full day at your leisure in Edinburgh, one of Europe's most attractive cities. Edinburgh is famous for its castle, set atop a hill in the center of the city, and the Royal Mile, the main street in the Old Town which leads from the castle to the 12th century Holyrood House. We then return to Glasgow for your last night in Scotland.

*Friday, September 23rd:* Today we bid farewell to Glasgow and Scotland, returning southwards to our original departure point in Leeds.

# Assigning Solos to District Stations not such an Innovative Idea

## Archive photo reveals districts once had own motorcycle units



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

When the P-2 Committee agreed to allow DC Suhr to assign the new P-2 Solos to various district stations, most of us thought that this was an innovative plan that would alleviate the personnel shortage concerns of district commanders. That plan called for at least one new Solo to be assigned to each patrol district and to be responsible for the bulk of the traffic enforcement duties therein.

That was before we received a generous gift from Mike Connolly. He gave the POA archive an old photograph taken in May of 1930. Posing in front of Park Station is, as the handwritten note on the backside explains, "part of the night watch." The list of names includes two officers who were apparently "sidcar motorcycle officers" assigned directly to that station.

It's déjà vu all over again.

L to r: Motorcycle sidcar officer Pratt; Johnson; Coe; McGraw; Murphy; Attwood; Lavell; Rhoda; Harris; Strong, motorcycle sidcar off. Sitting: Corp. Heagney; Sgt. Desmond; Lt. Kimble; Sgt. Bortfeld



# Patrol Officer of the Month



By Ray Shine,  
Editor

Seeking to acknowledge the hard work and dedication of San Francisco police officers, Police Chief Heather Fong established the San Francisco Police Department's Officer of the Month, a program that recognizes individuals who personify the admirable qualities common in all of San Francisco's finest.

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

The San Francisco Police Officers Association applauds Chief Fong and the Administration for recognizing the officer who proudly serve this city.

The Association also congratulates Officer Rachel Murphy of Mission Station for being chosen as the March 2005 Officer of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Rachel serves to exemplify the strength of character, compassion, and commitment to community that is embodied in all of the men and women of the SFPD.

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# Letters



Dear Editor,

I read on the back page of the *Journal* that Chief Heather Fong established the "Officer of the Month Award". She may have reinstated the award but the credit goes to chief Cornelius Murphy back in the 80's. The winner of the first award was a Solo. He was given a weekend with all expenses paid for at the Sierra Tahoe at Lake Tahoe. This award at the time was a joint effort of the Police Department and the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco.

The reason I know this is, I was the first Officer to be chosen for the award. Gary Epperly called me up the night before and told me the Chief wanted to talk to me; Of course my response to Gary was "Bull....! Then I heard the voice of the Chief on the phone and he politely informed me to get my butt down to the Commission Room and in "Dress Blues" for the award the next night.

The Police Commissioners were present and a group of guys from Traffic also. Each Commissioner shook hands and wished me well. Even Commissioner Daly offered to accompany me on the weekend. Not wishing to discredit Chief Fong, but let's not forget Con Murphy was the one who got this idea started and working.

Take Care of Yourself.

John Grizzel, 1569  
4B15 Solo M/C Det. Co K  
Retired

PS: Tell Minkel "GOOD LUCK ON RETIREMENT. It was great having Solo's on the Board.

*John, Thanks for setting the record straight. As you know, we strive for accuracy at the Journal. Now that you mention it, I recall when you won the award. To be honest few were more deserving of it than you. Stay in touch. —Ray Shine*

Dear President Delagnes —

Thank you for your very generous donation for Nate Sieger through Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF). A check including your donation has already been sent to him.

BALEAF provides support to law enforcement families who have had members killed in the line of duty, seriously injured, or experienced a catastrophic event.

On behalf of the BALEAF Board of Directors, please accept our thanks and appreciation for your support.

Sincerely,  
Marilyn Rosekind, President  
BALEAF

Dear Friends at San Francisco Police Officers Association —

On behalf of the boys, please accept my heartfelt gratitude for your support of Hanna Boys Center. It is because of friends like you that Hanna has been able to continue its mission of turning hurt into hope for troubled boys and their families for over 50 years.

Sincerely,  
Bucky Peterson  
Director of Development  
Hanna Boys Center

Dear Sgt. Halloran —

We would like to express our appreciation to the POA for their contribution to the Hayes Valley Community Partners' Third Annual Fostering A Safe And Caring Community-Holiday 2004 event.

Your generosity combined with that of our other supporters allowed us to again provide food boxes for 200 families, toys for 150 low-income youth and a community celebration for youth and seniors.

Additionally, we were able to continue to build a strong working relationship among a variety of residents, neighborhood associations, community based organizations, city agencies and the police department. This on-going relationship is key to establishing and maintaining a healthy and safe community.

This year, as part of our 4th Annual Holiday 2005 celebration, we will be increasing our community activities to include activities such as Black History Month celebration, National Night Out Safety Program with the SFPD, community work days in local parks, Halloween, Thanksgiving and our traditional December activities.

Sincerely,  
Richard Johnson, President  
Hayes Valley Neighborhood Association

Dearest SFPOA —

Many thanks for thinking of our boys at Christmas time. Your spirit and generosity is what makes the SFPD such a special family. Please know that should the Kracke family be able to help you, in any small way, you should not hesitate to call.

May God bless and keep you all safe always.

Thank you for honoring Tom and our boys,

Laura Kracke

Dear POA —

I want to thank the members for sending the beautiful spray of flowers to the funeral home for my brother Gene Van Tricht. It was so thoughtful, and much appreciated.

Sincere regards,  
Don Van Tricht

Dear POA —

Thank you for making a difference in the lives of those with disabilities through your generous donation to The Janet Pomeroy Center. On behalf of our board, staff, and especially the participants we serve, thank you for helping us provide valuable services to individuals with disabilities.

Sincerely,  
Lois Marshall-Ward  
Development Director  
The Janet Pomeroy Center

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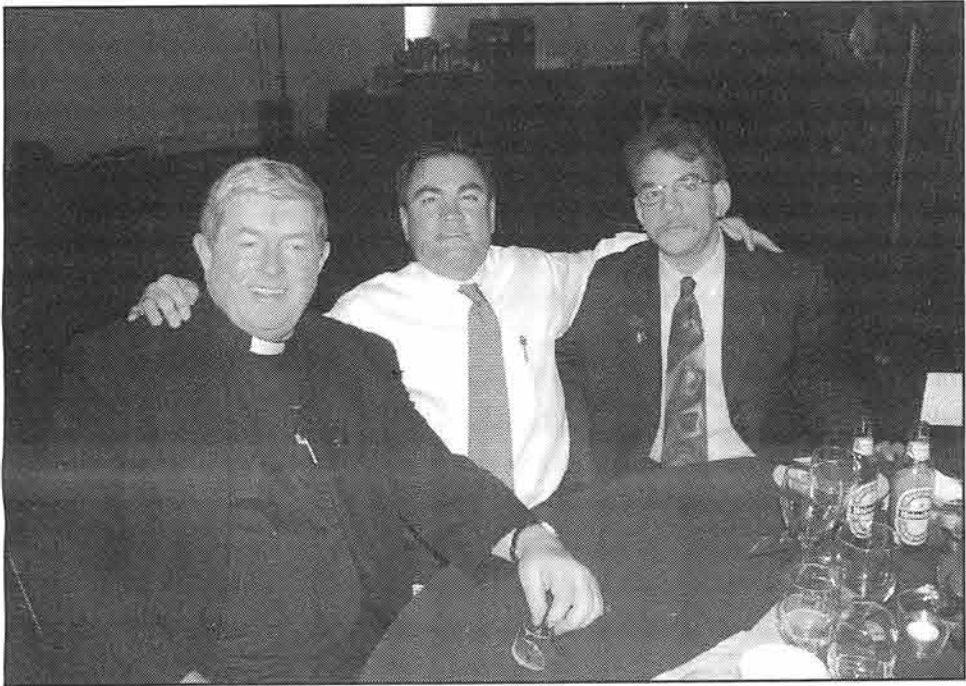
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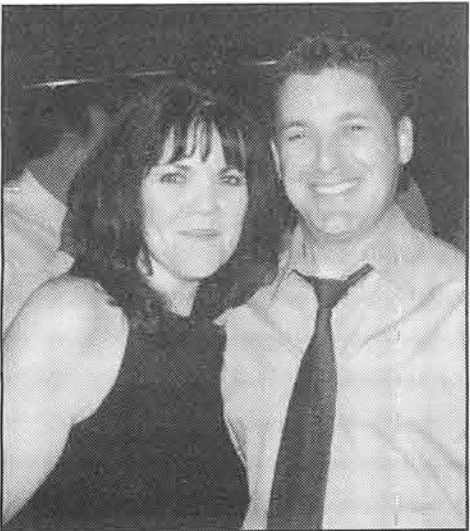
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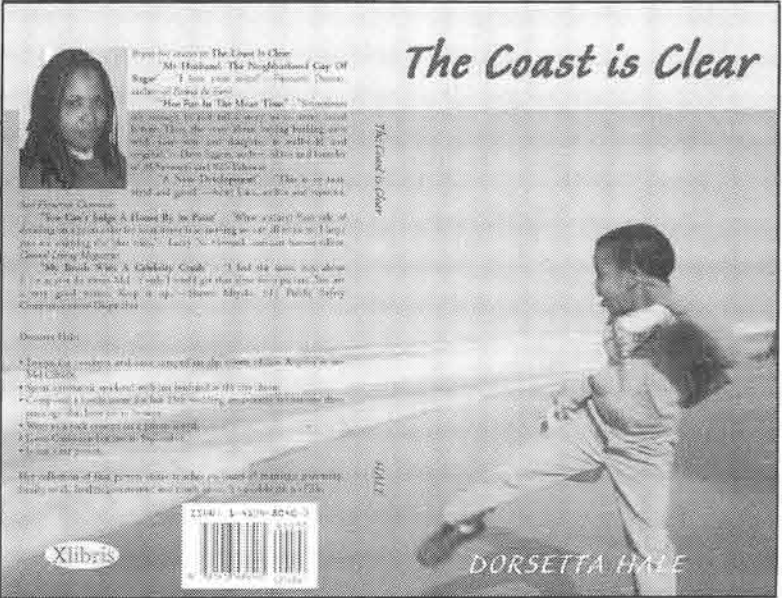
# SFO 911 Dispatcher is Also a Published Author

Journal Staff Report

SFO 911 dispatcher Dorsetta Hale has compiled a book of her published and unpublished essays titled, "The Coast Is Clear." She became an essayist by accident. A few years ago her husband's job relocated the family across the country from the San Francisco Bay Area to the Bay State of Massachusetts and she began writing about their experiences in annual Christmas letters. When she started receiving requests for copies from friends of friends who were strangers to her, she realized she might be onto something.

Without training or experience -- with the exception of being an avid reader of Erma Bombeck and D. L. Stewart's columns in the newspaper -- she sent the first essay she ever wrote on purpose to the San Francisco Chronicle and they published it. Since then, she's had first person essays pub-

lished in the San Jose Mercury News, San Mateo County Times, and she's a columnist for the Pacifica Tribune. She is the author of Twenty Three Poems And A Likely Story (Jungle



Peach Press, 1997), a grant recipient of the Philanthropic Ventures Foundation, and a Barnes & Noble Booksellers local poetry award winner. Ms. Hale is a graduate of San Francisco State University. As a 911 Public Safety Communications Dispatcher, she dispatches for SFPD Airport Bureau, SFFD at the airport, and Airfield Operations. She is also a Certified Training Officer. She writes in between emergencies.

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## California History

# Customs In Monterey

By Henry E. Leinen

The Customs Service of the United States was first formed by act of Congress on July 31, 1789. The picture on the rear of the two-dollar bill depicts the signing of the Act. Alexander Hamilton who was then the Secretary of the Treasury was charged with the responsibility of for the agency.

Customs — actually, an acronym for Cargo Under Seal To Other Manifested Stations — predated the Magna Carta and has its origins in England. Customs duties now as then are a primary source of revenue for countries.

Not all of the original 13 colonies accepted the first Act signed into law. Two of the original 13 colonies still referred to today as Commonwealths created their own Customs Service and collected duty on wares that crossed their borders. In remembrance of that, our agency displays only eleven stars on its insignia. By 1835, the agency had collected revenues enough to pay off the national debt. 90% of the moneys collected by the government were through the Customs Service until passage of the Federal Income Tax Act of 1913.

The [Monterey] Custom House was designated a Historical Landmark No. 1 by the State of California on August 21, 1935.

The history of Customs in Monterey Bay is long and colorful. The Custom House in Monterey was built in 1827. Since then, the Port of Monterey became a major trading center for the west coast of North America, now known as California. The Custom House was designated a Historical Landmark No. 1 by the State of California on August 21, 1935. At this site many historical events have taken place.

During the Spanish period of California history, the building was built and designated as a primary point of entry to all foreign ships. The penalty for failure to enter and announce the arrival of a ship was and still is punishable by forfeiture of the vessel, seizure of its stores (items on board), and confinement of the captain and its crew. Many ships tried to smuggle their stores into California without the payment of Duties (to the south of Monterey at an area known as Smugglers Cove at Point Lobos.)

The collection of Duties and Cruising fees was the primary source of income for the governments that administered California. During the Spanish and Mexican periods the *Recuador* or Collector would collect from each vessel Duties at the rate of 25% of the value of the items being imported into California. According to the manifests kept at the Custom House, the typical goods brought into California at the time were dry goods, furniture, wearing apparel, agricultural tools, salt, silk and fireworks. Besides the Duties, other fees were collected also. These fees, like Duties are still collected today. The fees were sales tax (6% from the seller and 6% from

the buyer of the goods) and tonnage tax. The tonnage tax was 25 centavos per ton. The vessel's documents listed the tonnage, a practice that goes back to the 1400's. In addition, a Cruising License was issued at the rate of 50 pesos per month if the vessel was to sail in California waters. If a vessel was to stay longer than the license allowed, the Captain had to purchase an extension from either a *Recuador* or a *Comisario*, Commissary Officer of the Military. Again, failure to pay this fee would result in the seizure of the vessel.



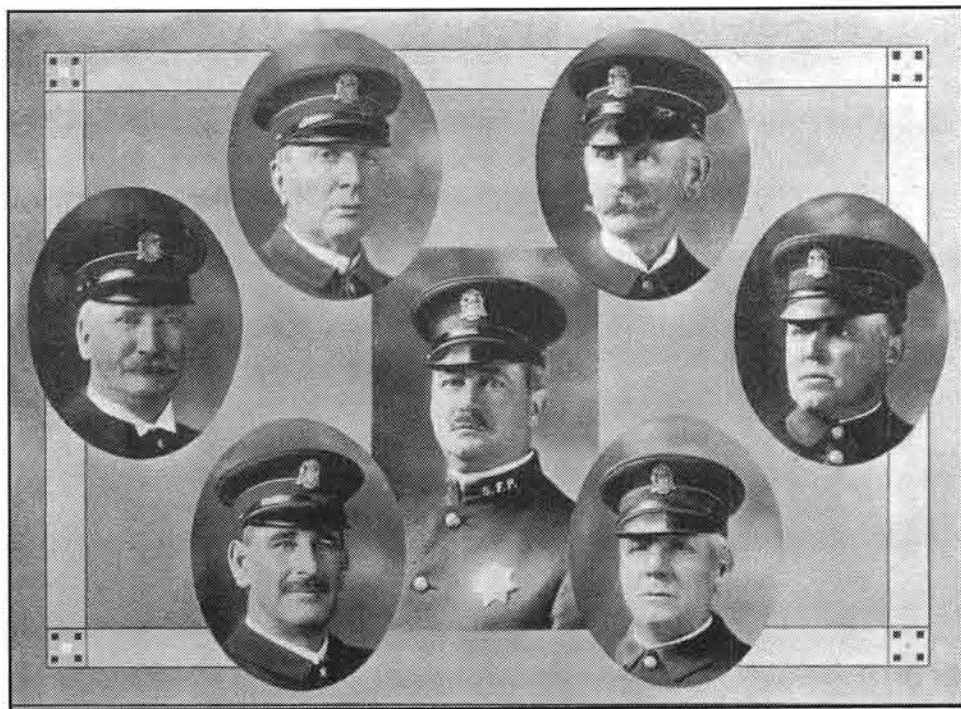
A character sketch of SFPD officer Whalen

The person who held the position of *Recuador* was held in high esteem within the community. This person was paid an annual salary of one thousand pesos plus 5% of the fees collected. In addition the *Recuador* was housed in one of Monterey's

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largest homes, now known as the Stevenson House. The *Guarda* or Guard lived with his family in the Custom House. The *Guarda* was charged with the protection of the wares stored in the Custom House that had been off loaded from the ships.

Many famous people held the position of *Recuador* in Monterey. Today you can find streets and buildings named after them. The log at the Custom House holds each of their names since 1829. They were; Rafael Gonzales, Jimeno Casarin, Francisco Pacheco, Maraoa Gonzales, Joaquin Gomez, Rafael Gonzalez, Francisco Figueroa, Juan B. Alvarado, Eugenio Montenegro, Angel Ramirez, William Hartnell, Jesus Pico, Santiago Estrada, Antonio Mari Oslo, Pablo De La Guerra, Alferaz Eugenio Montenegro,



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Jose Abrego, Manuel Castanares, and again, Juan B. Alvarado. These men worked for the governments of Spain and Mexico.

In 1842 while Jose Abrego held the position of *Recuador*, an American war ship sailed into Monterey Bay. The ship was commanded by Commodore Jones of the American navy. The Commodore ordered his men to take control of the city. They promptly came ashore under arms and the Mexican soldiers surrendered. The Commodore then raised the Stars and Stripes over the Custom House declaring the area American territory.

In 1846, the Custom House was taken over again, this time by a battalion of mounted riflemen called the Bear Flag Forces, commanded by Colonel John C. Fremont.

The next day, the Commodore was informed that the invasion had been a terrible mistake. With much pomp and circumstance, he ordered his Marines to lower the American flag. Then with a 21-gun salute from his war ship, the Mexican flag was hoisted up the flagpole. Commodore Jones then apologized to the Mexican governor, paid a substantial fee to the *Recuador* for damages to the Mexican government, and hastily sailed away.

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mission was to enforce Custom Law within the 12-mile limit of the coast. The 12-mile limit was and still is referred to as Customs Waters in Title 19 of the United States Code.

The Revenue Marines would board vessels they encountered while on patrol. Once boarded, the Captain would present the ships manifest and Customs clearance papers. If the vessel were found to be engaged in smuggling, the Captain would be shackled, and brought to shore. Once on shore, the Customs official would then seize the vessel and the contents or stores as they are commonly referred to. A Customs Auction would then be held where the stores and vessel would be sold to the highest bidder. The money raised from these auctions would then be sent to the Treasury in San Francisco.

In 1861, the second American collector, John T. Porter, was appointed. Porter and his family lived in the Custom House. Gold had been discovered by this time and San Francisco became the primary Port of Entry in California. It was during Porter's administration of the Custom House that Monterey became a Customs Station within the District of San Francisco. Today Monterey is still a station within that district.

The last Customs Collector to use the building was Thomas G. Lambert. Lambert was appointed to the position in 1868. The building closed in 1869 and Lambert moved into a new wooden structure on Alvarado Street. That building was destroyed during the construction of the Conference Center. The Custom House fell into disrepair soon after it closed. In 1930, the Department of the Treasury sold the building to the state. In 1954, work commenced to repair the historical building. The Custom House furnishings are reproductions of the originals and were made at the prison in Soledad.

Today the Custom House is open daily for tours. The building is staffed by trained personnel from California State Parks who can tell you more of the history of the building and the area. The building is also used for many events including Living History Days, Christmas in the Adobes, and the Adobe Tours.

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used the building as his headquarters until Commodore Sloat came ashore with 250 marines and sailors and took possession of the territory.

The first American customs collector was a young lieutenant in the American army. His name was William T. Sherman. Lt. Sherman held the position for several years and lived in the building known as the Sherman Quarters next to the Larkin House on Calle Principal in Monterey. William Sherman went on to become a famous general in the Civil War.

During this period of California history the Customs Service was represented at sea by way of the Revenue Marines. The Revenue Marines, now referred to as the Coast Guard, patrolled the California coast. Their



# Miscarriage, Infant Death, And Stillbirth — A Private Pain

By Sgt. Mary Dunnigan  
Behavioral Science Unit

Traumatic events such as miscarriage, infant death, and stillbirth are usually kept private. Because many of us have suffered through them, I feel that it is necessary to acknowledge their existence. Hopefully the below information can come as some comfort and support for those members and their families who have experienced this pain.

A baby's death is one of the most painful and traumatic experiences a parent will confront in a lifetime. Although nothing can take away the pain you feel right now, it may be helpful to know what others have experienced or found comforting as they struggled to deal with the intense grief that followed the death of their child.

It is important to give yourself permission to grieve. Grieving the death of a baby may last for longer than you and others expect. Frequently those around you may be uncomfortable with the intense emotions you experience. Be patient with yourself and do not expect too much too soon.

No matter what age, your child was and is a part of you, and when your baby died, so did many of your hopes and dreams for the future. Choosing a name as well as having a memorial service can help affirm that you are a parent and have the right to grieve as long and as intensely as necessary.

## Symptoms of Grief

When a baby dies, normal symptoms of grief are varied. Parental reactions and intensity of feelings may differ. Typical reactions include the following:

- Crying, loneliness, a feeling of isolation
- A need to talk about the death and the details of what happened.
- Feelings of hopelessness, helplessness, and depression.
- Anger, guilt, blame.
- Loss of appetite, overeating, sleeplessness, irritability.
- Inability to concentrate, comprehend or remember.
- Loss of goals and aims in life, a sense of desolation about the future.
- Aching arms, phantom crying, frequent sighing.

Grief can last far longer than you or others may expect and has many ups and downs. The first year can be especially difficult when parents ask themselves painful questions or torment themselves with the following statements:

- When did this happen to my baby, my child?
- Why did this happen to our family?
- Why didn't I know something was wrong?
- Why didn't I go to the doctor sooner?
- It's all my fault!
- If only...

There may be no adequate or satisfying answers to these questions or statements. Anger and guilt are common reactions and usually accompany grief. Try to share and express these feelings as a way of releasing them, eventually forgiving yourself and others. Also, many parents find it helpful to take time to acquire information that deals specifically with this loss and to become familiar with the problems associated with infant death.

## The Impact of Grief on Marriage

The reaction to the death of a baby is as individual as the person experiencing it. Spouses or partners often grieve in different ways, frequently misunderstanding each other's reactions or needs. You may be reluctant to express feelings of sadness when your partner has had a "good day" or vice versa. Some partners may not want to talk about the death but still feel comfortable when the other needs to do so.

Crying is another area where partners may differ. It is an acceptable and healthy expression of grief but many fathers may find it difficult to allow themselves to release built-up tension through crying. Fathers often the need and are encouraged by others to be strong, but crying is a normal and healthy reaction.

Grieving is emotionally, physically, and mentally exhausting and does not leave much energy for anything else. Communication may be difficult but it is essential so that misunderstandings and intense emotions do not lead to problems in the marriage. Grief, however, is stressful and couples need to be aware that grief does not always bring partners closer together.

It is helpful when spouses recognize these differences and do not blame each other or feel the other does not care or is hurting. It is more likely a difference in the ability to express intense feelings rather than a deliberate attempt to hurt. Continue to share your feelings and keep in mind that outward expressions of grief may indicate only a portion of what a person is feeling or experiencing.

Husbands and wives may react differently to intimacy as well. While one partner may need and seek this closeness and the assurance that not everything has changed, the other partner may take the suggestion of intimacy as an affront, not understanding how anyone can think of intimacy when a baby has died. Recognize that these reactions are normal. With time and patience, most couples reestablish intimacy when both feel ready.

It is important for couples to understand that there are no simple solutions to these problems, no timetable, or recipe for recovery. Every effort should be made to share what you are feeling. Your relationship may be uncomfortable for awhile as you cope with these intense feelings and emotions.

## Coping with Family and Friends

Friends, relatives, and co-workers may be uncomfortable around you. They may not understand the intensity of your grief or may feel helpless to console and comfort you. Consequently, many offer clichés or platitudes as a source of comfort. You may hear some of the following statements:

- You will have more children
- You were lucky it was early in your pregnancy.
- You're still young enough to have more children.
- You're lucky you did not bring the baby home from the hospital.

These statements hurt but there is little you can say or do to answer these platitudes offered by people with sincere intentions of helping you. Since they have not had your experience, it will be difficult for them to understand the length and depth of your grief and sadness. Another way family and

friends offer comfort is to suggest you have another baby. Let your family and friends know how important this baby was to you and ask them to be supportive by listening.

## Subsequent Pregnancy-

The decision to have or not have another baby belongs to you and your partner. There is no "appropriate" waiting period after the mother's recovery. No matter what decision you make regarding a subsequent pregnancy or adoption, it will probably not change the length of your grief for your baby who died. When planning another pregnancy, be aware that aside from the physical stress, subsequent pregnancies can often be difficult emotionally.

## Surviving Siblings

Young siblings grieve too and can be passed over for support as being "too young to understand". Encourage your surviving children to talk about their baby brother or sister. Many bereavement organizations have support groups and reading material especially for bereaved children. It might be helpful for your child(ren) to share their feelings with other children who have experienced the death of a brother or sister.

## Questions about Religious Faith

Your baby's death may cause you to challenge or question your faith or philosophy of life. For a time you may feel that life is unfair and meaningless, and that you have nothing to live for. Some of your anger may be directed at God and you may need time to re-examine your religious beliefs. These feelings may be frightening but it is important to allow yourself the freedom to raise these questions without feelings of guilt. A sense of purpose and control will return to your life,

but this is a gradual process and there is no time limit. For many, however, faith provides support and often helps parents to accept the unacceptable.

## Substance Abuse

It may be tempting to dull the pain of grief by using alcohol and/or (prescription) drugs, but this may only delay and therefore prolong the normal grief process. You cannot escape the pain of grief and disappointment until you have faced the intensity of these feelings head-on.

## Some Things You May Find Helpful

Pictures and other mementos seem to help parents grieve. Parents, however, who experienced miscarriage or infant death may have few of these. Many parents create memories by keeping a baby book or a special box containing hospital records, certificates, sympathy cards, pictures, and blankets. Spend time with and talk with other parents who have experienced a similar loss. Sharing with these parents, in an atmosphere of acceptance and understanding, can ease the loneliness and isolation of grief. Those who have "been there" can truly understand and accept your grief. These parents can help you to understand that the most painful aspects of grief will soften over time and that you are not alone in your grief.

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Articles such as this one and many more relating to mental health can be found at [www.liveandworkwell.com](http://www.liveandworkwell.com)

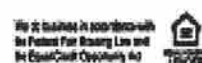
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## Remembering "Fat Ed's"

By Dennis Schardt  
Retired

On January 16th I attended a memorial service for Ed Mahan in Lakeport, California. Those of us who knew Ed remember him as "Fat Ed", famous for his restaurant of the same name at Geneva and Mission Streets in the City.

Fat Ed was born in Vallejo, CA., on September 17, 1919, and his family then moved to San Francisco where he grew up. Ed joined the Army, served in WWII and then returned to S.F. where he worked at the Chronicle. He went on to become a chef at local restaurants and then opened his own restaurant, "Fat Ed's", in 1968. "Fat Ed's" was known citywide for nearly 20 years as the place to be for many of the city's politicians, cops and firefighters. Many of you probably remember once

a year Ed would hold his famous "Eat Off" between the cops and firefighters to see who could eat the most prime rib. The winner walked away with a silver buckle and bragging rights.

Whenever the need arose "Fat Ed" was always there to support a worthy cause. His donations and support for the police and fire departments truly came from the heart. He closed the restaurant in the 80s, retired and eventually moved to Clear Lake, California.

I attended the services with his niece Penny who worked at "Fat Ed's" as a hostess and waitress in the early 70s where we met and dated. Now, after 34 years we are back together with many great memories.

"Fat Ed" will truly be missed and always remembered for his love of people, his great food and his outgoing personality.

## Concerns of Police Survivors

By Toni Mac Donald  
Nor Cal COPS, Treasurer  
Submitted to the Journal by Val Kirwan

The Northern California chapter of Concerns of Police Survivors (COPS), was founded in 1994. The purpose of this organization is to lend peer support to survivors who have lost an officer in the line of duty. We offer this help not only in words of comfort but we also attend funerals, trials, and give financial assistance to those who may need it in order to attend the various retreats sponsored by COPS. We never forget our officers and their families. We are here for them for as long as they want us to be. This is the lifelong commitment of our chapter.

The word survivor does not just apply to the family members of the officer, but also to his/her extended family and the department they worked for. Co-workers along with department heads also need support when they lose an officer and we are here to offer what help we can.

By going into the different departments and sharing our experiences of how a line of duty death should be handled we feel we are giving something to the departments that no one else can really understand, first hand knowledge. We encourage any department that would like some of our members to come in and talk about COPS to give us a call before the need arises. We also welcome departments to host one of our meetings.

National COPS also puts on different training session throughout the year to pass the word about what they can do for you.

The California Peace Officers Memorial Foundation has sent out binders with the protocol for "Line of Duty" death to each department in California. Somewhere on a shelf in someone's office, your department has one of these. Find it and read through it. Be prepared because unfortunately, it's not IF this should happen to your department, but WHEN!!

## Educational Fair at the Police Academy

By Sam Osborne

On Tuesday, April 5, 2005, the University of Phoenix, in partnership with the San Francisco Police Academy's Office of Education and Training, has scheduled an educational fair to be held at the Academy.

Sworn and non-sworn members who are interested in pursuing continuing educational opportunities are invited to attend. You will have the opportunity to learn about local college programs and degree completion options available to working adults, including transferring police work experience for college credit. You will

also have the chance to speak with college counselors regarding financial aid, grants, and scholarships.

Top universities in the bay area have been invited including the University of San Francisco, San Francisco State University, St. Mary's College, City College of San Francisco, Keller Graduate School of Management, University of Phoenix, University of Phoenix - Online, Golden Gate University and Franklin Covey Seminars.

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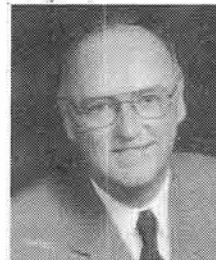
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## LRIS News

## Schwarzenegger Turns Up Heat On California Corrections Union

From The Los Angeles Times,  
February 10

SACRAMENTO, CA — The administration of Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger demanded Wednesday that the lawmaker who oversees the state's prisons budget be removed from the post.

Department of Corrections officials say Assemblyman Rudy Bermudez (D-Norwalk), a parole officer on leave from his job while in the Legislature, is a shill for the powerful state prison guards union, of which he is a member.

The officials said they were moved to act after a hearing Tuesday, during which Bermudez assailed administration officials for the recent slaying of a prison guard, allegedly by an inmate. They said Bermudez used the occasion to politicize the death, then raised a laundry list of grievances the union has with the administration — none related to finances.

"I think you can make a clear connection that he is right in the back pocket of the union," said Todd Slozek, a spokesman for the Department of Corrections.

In a letter to Assembly Speaker Fabian Núñez (D-Los Angeles) on Wednesday, Department of Corrections head Jeanne S. Woodford demanded that Bermudez either recuse himself as chairman of the budget subcommittee that oversees corrections or resign his post as a parole officer. "He cannot do

### Commentary

## America's Entitlement Mentality may be Skewed

By Rush Limbaugh

Submitted to the Journal by Matt Krimsky

"Love him or loathe him, he nailed this one right on the head." --MK

I think the vast differences in compensation between victims of the September 11 casualty and those who die serving our country in uniform are profound. No one is really talking about it either, because you just don't criticize anything having to do with September 11. Well, I can't let the numbers pass by because it says something really disturbing about the entitlement mentality of this country. If you lost a family member in the September 11 attack, you're going to get an average of \$1,185,000.

The range is a minimum guarantee of \$250,000, all the way up to \$4.7 million. If you are a surviving family member of an American soldier killed in action, the first check you get is a \$6,000 direct death benefit, half of which is taxable.

Next, you get \$1,750 for burial costs. If you are the surviving spouse, you get \$833 a month until you remarry. And there's a payment of \$211 per month for each child under 18. When the child hits 18, those payments come to a screeching halt.

Keep in mind that some of the people who are getting an average of \$1.185 million up to \$4.7 million are complaining that it's not enough. Their deaths were tragic, but for most, they were simply in the wrong place at the wrong time. Soldiers put themselves in harms way FOR ALL OF US, and they and their families know the dangers.

both without a clear conflict of interest," the letter said.

Bermudez responded angrily, saying the department was trying to distract attention away from its own incompetence. "This is a case where you have a former employee who was rank and file and is now holding the administration accountable," he said. "And the administration doesn't like being held accountable."

Bermudez said he had no plans to resign his budget post or his job as a parole officer. A spokesman for Núñez said the speaker would not ask Bermudez to do either.

The controversy highlights the continuing tension between the administration and the politically influential guards union, the California Correctional Peace Officers Assn.

Administration officials say the union has too much control over the management of prisons. They accuse the union of helping to foster a "code of silence" among guards that prevents them from speaking up when they see abuse or illegal activity, frustrating efforts to reform the system.

Union officials said they were offended by the department's attack on Bermudez.

"How many teachers are on the Education Committee? How many lawyers are on the Judiciary Committee?" asked Lance Corcoran, executive vice president of the guards union. "Of course they want Rudy removed.

We also learned over the weekend that some of the victims from the Oklahoma City bombing have started an organization asking for the same deal that the September 11 families are getting. In addition to that, some of the families of those bombed in the embassies are now asking for compensation as well. You see where this is going, don't you? Folks, this is part and parcel of over 50 years of entitlement politics in this country. It's just really sad.

Every time a pay raise comes up for the military, they usually receive next to nothing of a raise. Now the green machine is in combat in the Middle East while their families have to survive on food stamps and live in low-rent housing. Make sense?

However, our own U.S. Congress voted themselves a raise. Many of you don't know that they only have to be in Congress one time to receive a pension that is more than \$15,000 per month. And most are now equal to being millionaires plus. They do not receive Social Security on retirement because they didn't have to pay into the system.

If some of the military people stay in for 20 years and get out as an E-7, they may receive a pension of \$1,000 per month, and the very people who placed them in harm's way receives a pension of \$15,000 per month. I would like to see our elected officials pick up a weapon and join ranks before they start cutting out benefits and lowering pay for our sons and daughters who are now fighting.

When do we finally do something about this?

They don't like the scrutiny he brings to their budgetary practices. They want to be able to pull the wool over someone's eyes who has no knowledge of the prison system."

Vincent Duffy, a spokesman for Núñez, pointed to an opinion by legislative attorneys stating that Bermudez's membership in the union and employment in the department do not pose a conflict.

"It's a nonissue," he said. "There is

## Act Now To Stop A Disturbing Trend In Law Enforcement Dangers

By Craig W. Floyd,  
NLEOMF Chairman

WASHINGTON — Every December, the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund releases a report listing the names of every federal, state and local law enforcement officer killed in the line of duty during that year. It is always a sad occasion, and particularly so for the families and friends of the men and women who have died. But this year we were also able to report a glimmer of good news. In 2004, for the third year in a row, our tally of 154 deaths was well below the decade-long average of 164 annual fatalities. While our greatest wish at the dawning of this new year is that the number of law enforcement fatalities will continue to decline, we know that it will take much more than wishes alone to spare the lives of our peace officers.

To understand how to better protect our law enforcement personnel, we must first examine the circumstances surrounding those who have been killed in the line of duty. Preliminary data shows that there were two primary causes of death this past year. Fifty-seven of the officers were shot to death, and 51 died in automobile accidents.

At first glance, the number of officers shot to death (57) would appear to be the most troubling statistic, since shootings were the number one cause of death. But, in relative terms, this number actually reflects a very favorable trend in law enforcement safety. While it is true that more than half of all law enforcement fatalities throughout history have been the result of shootings, the number of officers killed by firearms has dropped by 36 percent over the past three decades. There are a number of reasons contributing to this dramatic dip in officers killed by firearms, including better training and equipment; especially the increased use of bullet resistant vests, and less-lethal weapons — like Taser stun guns — to help subdue criminal suspects resisting arrest. Tougher criminal justice has also helped because repeat violent offenders stay behind bars for longer periods of time. As a result, the public is safer, and so are the police.

There is a more disturbing trend hidden in these numbers, though. Many more officers than ever before are dying in car accidents. Consider, for example, that while shooting deaths have declined by 36 percent over the past three decades, the number of officers killed in automobile accidents during that same period has risen by 40 percent. Between 1975 and 1984, there were 339 officers killed in auto accidents, compared to 476 who died behind the wheel in the most recent 10-year period (1995-2004).

no conflict."

Bermudez, meanwhile, made no apologies for his remarks at Tuesday's hearing, and said the issues he raised were budget-related.

"When you have an officer who is killed in the line of duty, and protective vests we spent taxpayer money on were sitting in a warehouse rather than being distributed," he said, "it is a budget issue."

Better driver training for law enforcement personnel is an essential component to stemming this dangerous trend. A study several years ago showed that some law enforcement agencies were providing no high speed driver training for their officers, while still others were providing only a bare minimum. Policies governing high speed pursuits have received careful scrutiny in recent years and further reflection is necessary to determine when it is appropriate for officers to chase after fleeing automobiles, and what less dangerous options might exist.

Safer automobiles will also make an important difference. Fire prevention products and equipment in law enforcement vehicles need to be used more to reduce the risk of fires caused by a crash. Improved safety restraint systems that are both practical and effective should also be considered so that officers are given maximum protection in the event of an accident.

Stepped-up measures in each of these areas can go a long way toward reducing deaths and injuries among the men and women who protect our communities. Ultimately, though, it will be up to the practitioners, the trainers and the policy-makers to determine the best ways to improve law enforcement safety. In the meantime, we must do all that we can to honor and remember the officers who made the ultimate sacrifice and their families.

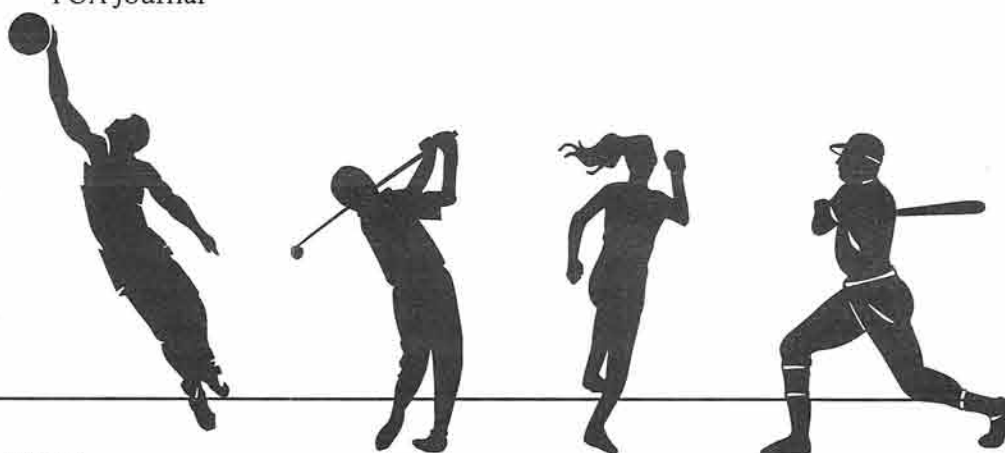
The National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund would like to encourage anyone who would like to leave a message of condolence for the families and friends of those killed in the line of duty in 2004 to do so at [www.nleomf.com](http://www.nleomf.com). Kind and supportive words for those in need send a clear message that we highly value and always remember the extraordinary service and sacrifice of our nation's law enforcement heroes.

Craig W. Floyd is Chairman of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Fund in Washington, D.C.

The NLEOMF is a nonprofit organization established in 1984 to generate increased public support for the law enforcement profession by permanently recording and appropriately commemorating the service and sacrifice of law enforcement officers; and to provide information that will help promote law enforcement safety. The NLEOMF maintains the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial in Washington, D.C., which contains more than 16,600 names; organizes the annual Police Week tribute to fallen law enforcement officers each May; runs an Officer of the Month Program; and serves as a clearinghouse of information about police officers killed in the line of duty.



# Sports



## Nick's NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,  
POA Journal Sports Editor

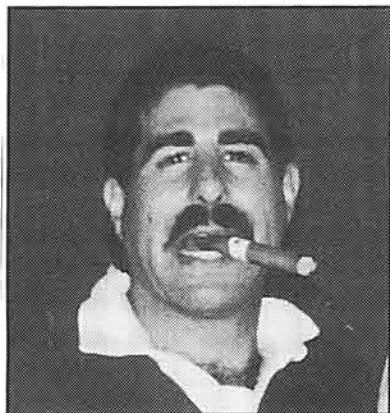
**C**HECK IT OUT: I want to proudly announce that the SF Police Soccer Club's 2005 Hall of Fame Dinner will be held on Saturday April 23rd at the Stern Grove Clubhouse. This event is held every other year and this time around the inductees are: the Mounted Unit's Danny "Pops" Inocencio (who was one of the soccer club's original members over twenty-five years ago), and Brian "Monkey" Olcomendy (who was a long time all star player with the club before suddenly passing back in the summer of 2003).

That fourth weekend in April will also feature a Hall of Fame game between SF and representatives of the Vancouver Police Soccer Club who have been long time comrades of ours and will be making the trip down to the Bay Area for the weekend festivities. A flyer with info. about the dinner appears on this page and members present as well as retired are strongly encouraged to attend. Any further questions can be directed at Joey "Stretch" Boyle or Steve Caniglia of Northern Station as well as Matt "Diego" Gardner of Park Station.

Please note the article in the sports section regarding the 4th Annual SF Police/Fire "Guns and Hoses" Charity Tennis Challenge taking place on Sat. April 30th at the SF Tennis Club at 5th St. and Brannan St. As noted in organizer Lt. Anna Brown's article, the tourney is a fun event that not only has dinner included; but, a silent auction and a raffle is taking place as well to help raise money for the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund(BALEAF) and the Firefighter's Toy Program. My tennis skills are pretty shabby, but at the very least I'll be attending the dinner. Hope to see you there as well.

Once again I want to remind managers and players of the SFPD Softball League that the season is scheduled to start the last week of March with games on Tues. the 29th and Thurs. the 31st provided the weather cooperates. As of now, it appears that there will be six teams in the A Division with each club playing each other twice for a ten game season. The B Division will have approx. nine teams and I anticipate a ten game season as well with only a few teams playing each other twice. I'm presently getting in touch with league managers and will have the schedule prepared and posted very soon.

Here's another reminder that this year's Emerald Society Golf Tournament is taking place on Mon. Aug. 29th. I've already put together my foursome for that day and suggest that those interested do the same soon. Speaking of golf, note "Grand Loon" Ed Garcia's article about the latest Loon's Nest Golf Tourney that took place at the Monarch Bay Golf Club



in San Leandro back in late Jan. He describes a good natured but competitive event that was won by Northern Station twosome Steve Landi and Rich Goss. Congratulations to those two in addition to everyone who competed.

Now on to department basketball. Narcotics #1 (9-1) is staying strong at the top of the division, while Fire #2 (7-3) has come onas of late to grab the second place position. Narcotics #1 needs to continue overcoming the nagging injuries amongst their strong men "Bid Ed" Del Carlo and Jake Fegan in order to take the division. Fire #1 (6-4) is holding its own and so was Southern/Central (4-6) until personnel problems came up. Just when the team started playing decent ball, guys stopped showing up to help the likes of Carl Bryant, Rod Tong, Tom Walsh, and Jerry Newbeck who have been showing up.

Daly City PD (2-7) made a request at the beginning to be considered for the A Division, but it sure didn't go well for them. When they got off to a slow start, their two big men showed no heart and quit the team so things got even worse. They're hanging in there the best that they can along with CHP (2-6) who is also having a disappointing season.

On to the B Division where Park/Central (6-2) recently ended Northern's (6-1) undefeated season by winning handily over them by approximately fifteen points back on Feb. 16th. The Inspector's team led by Al Honnibal is also doing well, tied with Park/Central for second place. The regular season will start winding down soon, and playoffs and championship games will be held the last week of March at St. Mary's Park/Gym.

Last month Commissioner Jerry Darcy mentioned that he may have a replacement to take over the league next season. It's now pretty safe to announce that the new "commish" will be Al Honnibal who has been in touch with Park and Rec representative Frank Cassinelli about the position. I couldn't think of a better person to continue the fine job that Darcy has done over the years.

That's all for now. So see ya next month.

## Basketball Standings

### DIVISION I

Narc #1	9	1
Fire #2	7	3
Fire #1	6	4
Southern/Central	4	6
CHP	2	6
D.C.	2	7

### DIVISION II

Northern	6	2
Park	5	2
Inspectors	5	2
Narc #2	3	3
Bayview	3	4
Mission	2	5
Tac	2	5
Airport	2	6

## Letters to the Sports Editor

Dear Editor:

"Come on Nicky light my fire" NOT! Don't you dare surface and take credit for lighting a fire under Park/Central's derriere. In a recent article, you wrote about Park/Central not being worthy of competing in the basketball's A league, let along the B league. You then claimed the statement you made led to much better play from Park/Central. You have a hard enough time lighting a fire on that cheap cigar hanging out of the hole below your nose!

Kevin Rector  
Park Station

Dear Mr. Sports Editor:

I really have enjoyed the hard edge that your sports section has taken. How about publishing articles regarding police athletes helping others through their actions? Since most people do not know of these activities, it would be great seeing these in print so that our families and those that read the paper could be informed of the great job we do when we are away from the job.

Thanks for your consideration.

Brett Kaczmarczyk  
Park Station

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# Loons Open 18th Season at Monarch Bay

By Ed Garcia

Monarch Bay Golf Club in San Leandro was host to the L.N.G.C. Two Man, Best Ball Championship as the Loons started their 18th season of competition. Rain had fallen on the Bay Area for four straight days, but a clear day was predicted for January 27th and the prediction held true. Sixty players, comprising thirty teams arrived at Monarch Bay where the Loons enjoyed a hot buffet breakfast before teeing off on the damp but very playable east bay track. We found the greens to be in surprisingly good shape and there was almost no standing water on the fairways or in the course's ninety-four sand traps. As the Loons played through the middle of the day, the sun actually shined as we enjoyed a rare pleasant day in a wet January.

As the teams turned in their cards at the 19th hole, there was a four-way tie for first place with team net scores of sixty-two. This was a repeat of last year's tournament at Rancho Solano,

where four teams tied at sixty-two. The U.S.G.A. tiebreaker rules were applied and first place went to the team of Rich Goss and former Club Champion Steve Landi of Northern Station. In second place were Tenderloin's Chris Muselman and Elaine Shiroma. Elaine and Chris had also finished with a sixty-two last year at Rancho Solano and were part of that four-way tie, as they are clearly one of the most consistent teams in the club. Third place went to the Narcotics team of Harry Pearson and Bob McMillan. Harry has done well at Monarch Bay, as he took the Spring Championship at Monarch Bay in 2004 with a score of seventy-seven. Joe Finigan of Taraval Station and Jim Dudley of Tactical took fourth place with the final round of sixty-two. The fifth place award went to Rick Parry of Narcotics and Rich Dalton of Fraud. These were some fine teams scores, considering the damp conditions. The Loon's tournament record team net score still stands at sixty, scores posted by Diodati/Gualberto in 2003 at Rancho Solano and Hanacek/Garcia in 2002 at Fountain Grove.

Senior Loon member John Wong had quite a week with his excellent iron game. John is also a member at Oakhurst C.C. and on the previous week John scored a hole-in-one at Oakhurst. John won the cash in the member's hole-in-one fund and then proceeded to take two of the four Closest to the Hole contests at Monarch Bay. John walked away with dozens of golf balls and side pot cash. The close shot of the day was by Steve Landi, as he put his shot within 3'9" of the pin on the 7th green, a 180-yard par 3 hole.

The Loon's next event will be the 2005 Spring Championship at Monterey. We will be playing the Blackhorse and Bayonet courses at the former Fort Ord site. Hope to see you there.



Winning Loons celebrate. Back row, left to right: Joe Finnigan, Jim Dudley, Chris Muselman, Bob McMillan, Rich Parry and Harry Pearson. Front row: Monarch Bay hostesses Mona and Fantasia stand in for Landi and Goss who could not be present to accept their awards.

## Loons Nest Scoreboard Monarch Bay

Team	Team Net Score	Closest To The Hole	
Landi-Goss	62	<b>Hole #4</b>	
Shiroma-Muselman	62	1st place	John Wong 4' 1/4"
Pearson-McMillan	62	2nd place	Al McCann 6' 5"
Finigan-Dudley	62	3rd place	Bruce Lorin 14'
Parry-Dalton	63	<b>Hole #7</b>	
Hanacek-Garcia	64	1st place	Steve Landi 3' 9"
Brown-Yesitis	64	2nd place	Elaine Shiroma 7' 10"
McCann-Crenshaw	64	3rd place	Eric Tapang 11' 1"
Timpano-Durham	65	<b>Hole #10</b>	
Hodge-Roth	65	1st place	Ken Lum 13' 5"
Brown-Tapang	65	2nd place	Juanita Stockwell 21' 7"
Barbero-Bellerose	65	3rd place	Sean Dougherty 22' 4"
Enright-Ochoa	66	<b>Hole #17</b>	
Schmolke-Vernengo	67	1st place	John Wong 4' 1/2"
Zigler-Siebert	67	2nd place	Rob Vernengo 7' 1"
Wong-Lee	68	3rd place	Ken Lum 11' 6"
Mar-Watts	68	<b>Long Drive Winner</b>	
Dyer-Hoover	68	Glenn Mar 387 yards	
Dougherty-Dougherty	69		
Morimoto-Moss	69		
Walton-Clivio	70		
Lorin-Del Torre	70		
Chang-Lum	70		
Johnson-Newlin	73		
Stockwell-Godfrey	73		
Roche-Miranda	74		
Fong-Boyett	75		

## Fourth Annual Guns & Hoses Tennis Tournament

By Anna Brown  
EEO

The San Francisco Police Department and the San Francisco Fire Department work together every day to keep our great city safe. We are coming together once again with the generous assistance of the San Francisco Tennis Club, the San Francisco Police Officers Association, and Firefighters' Local 798 to host "Guns and Hoses," a charity tennis challenge to raise money for two worthy causes.

The "Guns and Hoses" Charity Tennis Challenge will be held on Saturday, April 30, 2005, at the beautiful San Francisco Tennis Club located, at 5th and Brannan Streets, from 4:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m. The event will pair a San Francisco police officer or firefighter with a member of the San Francisco Tennis Club in a friendly, but competitive, evening of tennis. Players will compete at their own level. In addition to the doubles challenge, the event will include dinner, exhibitions, silent auction, raffle prizes, and a fast serve contest.

Funds raised by entry fees, donors, and sponsors will be divided between two organizations. We will donate our proceeds to the Bay Area Law Enforce-

ment Assistance Fund, a non-profit organization that provides assistance to law enforcement families who have experienced a catastrophic event (Tax ID #91-2006597). The firefighters are raising money for the San Francisco Firefighters' Toy Program that provides toys to needy children (Tax ID # 94-2598851).

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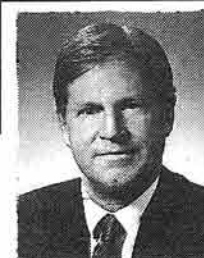
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# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson  
SFPOA

Officer Hector Basurto and his partner, Officer Keith Ybaretta, were interested in the individual who glanced over at them and then immediately started walking down Leavenworth Street. They were interested since the man's pants kept dropping and dropping...knowing that the younger set has a penchant for wearing very loose clothes, especially pants, the officers thought maybe this was just a case of fashion gone bad, very bad. It was at the point where the man's pants were at his feet that the officers believed there was something more going on than at first glance... the individual, still with his back to the officers, kept glancing back at them while trying to cradle something in his left arm and, at the same time, pulling his pants up with his right. Hector and Keith couldn't take it anymore — they had to find out what was up with this guy. As they approached the individual he briefly darted behind a dumpster and, after a few seconds, he came out around the side of the portable chute facing the officers at which time they saw that he had a machinegun-type weapon tucked at his side pointed directly at them.

The officers immediately took cover but also saw that the suspect could now move a lot quicker. The foot chase was on. It only lasted a block until Officer Basurto and Officer Ybaretta had the armed man trapped at which time, maybe because he could hear the sirens of the police cars responding, he finally gave up. The weapon, a tech-9 assault rifle, was fully-loaded.

There was no doubt that this individual needed to go to jail but the suspect, the officers later learned, had already been there the month before after having been arrested with a loaded, .357 caliber revolver in the same neighborhood...??

And this is one of the reasons why we now have the SFPOA Case Analysis Committee, chaired by Inspector John Cagney, Narcotics. John and his committee members have been meeting with representatives from our District Attorney's Office, Russ Giuntini and Lou Landini, for the express purpose of avoiding problems like this. People walking around our City who are not allowed to carry guns but are doing so, need to go to jail and stay there.

Yet it was very disturbing to find out that the night before Officer Hector Basurto and Officer Keith Ybaretta apprehended their suspect armed with a tech-9 assault weapon that the same thing happened in the Central District.

Officer Gary Moriyama and Officer Jesse Serna are normally partners. However, they had to be split up the other night because of the need for more units to handle the calls for service, which seem to be increasing at a higher rate than we are hiring new people...?? (But that's another column in the near future.)

Anyway, Gary watches a car make



Jesse Serna, left, and Gary Moriyama

an illegal maneuver in the heart of tourist land, Broadway and Columbus, so he runs the plate in anticipation of conducting a traffic stop. Turns out that the car is stolen. Gary's been around for a while so he calmly informs Dispatch and keeps track of the vehicle with 2 on board as he waits for reinforcement so that a stop can be made without a chase. First unit on the scene is his partner, Officer Jesse Serna. Jesse and Gary have made thousands of felony stops so this one is no different, at least at first.

Gary hits his lights and the driver hesitates to pull over at first, but then complies. Now there's all sorts of activity inside the vehicle. The officers get the suspects out of the car and then conduct a search. Right inside, on the front seat, is a fully-loaded, tech-9 assault weapon along with a loaded, .357 revolver.

Our Case Analysis Committee has this one also — I'll keep you posted.

Officer Joseph Lynch was helping out as the Department's Forensic Artist while also performing patrol duties when he was called to pick up a witness in an assault case and transport him to the Hall of Justice where he could work his magic. While enroute, Joe's witness/passenger called out, "Hey, there he is." pointing to an individual standing on a nearby street corner who was responsible for the vicious assault. And, with the assistance of Officer Benny Fong who just happened to be nearby, the suspect was taken into custody and charged with a whole group of serious felonies that should determine where our he will be spending the next few years...

The term 'look before you leap' turned out prophetic for an individual who failed to do so while being chased by the officers from Mission Station. Turns out his rash decision backfired — immensely... The suspect had committed several felonies, was trying to escape capture, and found himself in an apartment building with which he was, obviously, not familiar. The suspect stepped up to a hallway window that was 6 feet off the ground which he was hoping would lead to the outside. Once perched in the windowsill he tried to turn and drop but then found out that the drop was over 30 feet down to the waiting cement

patio but he had already committed. The suspect, 6' and 190 lbs, was now dangling by one hand from the ledge and certain death. Enter Officer Nancie Guillory and Officer Tom Smith — and lucky they did. Nancie jumped up to the ledge and grabbed the suspect's wrist just before he let go. Tom joined Nancie and, while they had absolutely no footing since the window was so high off the ground, they still managed to hold on to our fledgling circus performer until they could leverage him up and pull him back inside. The suspect went to jail, which I'm sure was fine with him... considering the alternative.

Officer Mike Deely, Northern Station, had stopped by Sacred Heart High School during his watch when he was approached by several students running down the street to tell him that they just walked passed a business on the 1100 block of Ellis and saw a man inside with a gun robbing the owner. Mike put the description out and immediately responded. Mike found the suspect hiding in some bushes near St. Mary's Cathedral and, with the assistance of Officer Scott Ryan, had the suspect in cuffs and the gun recovered in a matter of minutes... did we say gun, again...?

And, again... the suspect from Grass Valley, for whatever reason, stood outside the nightclub at Pacific and Columbus and opened fire on the people standing nearby. Officer Mark Chan and Officer Norm Rice were only 30 feet away and immediately charged the suspect who, seeing that uniforms were now nearby, took off running. Mark and Norm chased him down Columbus, in between cars, knowing full well that the suspect, who was still brandishing the gun, had numerous chances to shoot back at them but they still chose to place their lives in jeopardy. The officers caught up with the armed suspect and had him in cuffs before he could do any more damage.

No academy awards for the individual who broke into the store on the 200 block of Post Street. Officer Warren Lee and Officer Robert Kellog reviewed the store security tape with

the suspect prominently displayed walking through aisles placing his loot in a plastic garbage can and leaving the back door like Santa. Armed with a full description, Warren and Robert located the individual a few blocks from the scene of the crime and managed to obtain a confession and recovered all of the stolen items. The suspect chided the officers telling them that he was only trespassing at the time and that they had a horrible burglary case...

Officer Dan Gallagher was flagged down by the owner of a shop in Union Square and told Dan that there were 2 suspects who had tried to purchase items with counterfeit money. He gave Dan the license number of the car in which they had left. Dan put the description of the suspect vehicle out the exact same time that Officer Joe Mayers was about to stop a car for an expired registration... exactly, same car. Both parties involved were on probation for other assorted crimes and did have material on board that members of the Secret Service were extremely interested in talking to them about...

The guy was wanted for burglary but all the witness could identify was his clothes — he never saw his face. Officer Lyn O'Connell, Officer Alane Baca and Officer Craig Brandolino still did an outstanding investigation that recovered several items that the suspect had left behind in the residence and they requested a latent print examination. Inspector Mark Hawthorne, Crime Scene Investigations, did the rest. If there's a print, Mark will find it — and he did. There will now be a case going to court.

The man who was acting extremely suspicious, so much so that Officer Ian Furminger took an immediate interest in him, presented a dilemma. The man gestured that he could not talk. Ian understood and was trying to figure out what else the man was attempting to convey as he was using his hands in a type of sign language Ian had never before seen. The man also seemed to be trying to suppress an uncontrollable cough — but couldn't. Everything became extremely clear when the suspect's cough resulted in his losing several pieces of rock cocaine he had tried to conceal in his mouth. He then very clearly, in perfect English, asked to speak to an attorney...

## Emerald Society Events

The San Francisco Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society wishes everyone a happy St. Patrick's Day and invites all to join us while we march in the Parade on Sunday, March 13, 2005.

Starting time: 12 noon at Market and Second Streets.

Mark you calendars for our upcoming events:

**Annual Awards Dinner-Dance, Saturday, May 21, 2005.** We will honor the Officer of the Year and Citizen of the Year. The dance will be held at the United Irish Cultural Center

The date has been set for our **Annual Golf Tournament at Harding Park, Monday, August 29, 2005.** This will be the last event at Harding before the American Golf Championships are held at this course.

