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SF Officer awarded by Governor

Barry Parker Honored for Valor

POA Journal Staff Report

San Francisco police officer Barry Parker was one of four California public safety officers to receive the Governor's Public Safety Officer Medal of Valor, the state's highest award for valor. Governor Arnold Schwarzenegger bestowed the honor on Officer Parker in a public ceremony held at the state capitol in Sacramento on February 7, 2006. Among those in attendance were family, friends, and co-workers of Officer Parker, as well as Chief Fong and members of the command staff.

Officer Parker was working with Isaac Espinoza on the evening that the two were suddenly fired upon by a gunman wielding an assault rifle. Both officers were hit, and Officer Espinoza died from his injuries.

Bayview District police sergeant

recounted for the Attorney General's office the outstanding and heroic actions performed by Officer Parker in an effort to protect his fallen partner from further harm. In part, Sergeant Fabbri wrote:

"Despite being shot, Officer Parker showed incredible bravery and dedication to his fellow officer, and got to Officer Espinoza who was laying on the sidewalk. Officer Parker used his body as a human shield to protect Officer Espinoza from another possible attack from [the shooter's] assault rifle. Officer Parker was aware that by leaving his position of cover, he faced possible death. In a great display of heroism, Officer Parker looked death in the eye and attempted to rescue Officer Espinoza."

In his address, Governor Schwarzenegger said the following:

"This award honors the bravest of the brave in our public safety professions including law enforcement, firefighters and emergency service officers. Each of these four men has shown incredible character and bravery going beyond the call of duty to protect the lives of their fellow officers and members of the public. None of us can say how we will act when standing in the face of fear, but these brave men threatened by the very real possibility of losing their own lives looked fear

in the eye and refused to stand down. Each of these heroes has the courage, the selflessness and the camaraderie it takes to serve on the line. On behalf of all Californians I want to thank them for their courage. They are an inspiration to us all."

"The Medal of Valor award is the



highest recognition that can be bestowed upon a California peace officer. These four individuals earned this special honor through acts of bravery that went above and beyond the call of duty," said Attorney General Bill Lockyer. "In addition to recognizing their individual achievements, today's honorees also serve as representatives for the more than 100,000 sworn peace officers in this state who have chosen to dedicate their lives to making ours safer. We honor all of them today for their commitment and bravery.

In addition to Officer Parker, the following California public safety officers also received the award:

Sergeant Hector Feliciano of the Los Angeles Police Department who took the initiative and led his fellow officers in a hostage rescue situation at the Mexican Consulate in Los Angeles. He negotiated with the suspect and used his exemplary marksmanship skills by shooting the suspect who was going to kill his pregnant hostage.

Deputy David Tilstra of the Orange County Sheriff's Department who was the pilot of the helicopter being used to help officers on the ground locate an armed suspect in Black-Star Canyon in rural eastern Orange County. He displayed exceptional valor by continuing to pilot the helicopter after he had been shot by the armed suspect.

Emergency Medical Technician Matt Wilson of the City of Imperial Beach Public Safety Department who

responded to a cry for help from a boy who witnessed his three teenage friends jump into the turbulent and icy waters of Imperial Beach. After calling for backup, Matt Wilson proceeded to jump into the ocean three separate times, rescuing each of the victims from being crushed into the Municipal Pier by the deadly eight-foot waves.



Barry Parker congratulated by Co. C rep Derrick Jackson

Carl Fabbri initiated the nomination through the office of Chief Heather Fong to the Attorney General of California. It is the AG who chooses who will receive the annual award. The actions of Officer Parker earned him the award for the year 2004. In his three-page memo, Sergeant Fabbri



Officer Parker congratulated by VIPs.

PHOTOS BY BRENDA WALKER

POA Mourns In Line of Duty Death of Another CHP Officer

CHP Motorcycle officer Gregory John Bailey, 36, was killed on Interstate 15 near State Highway 395 in Hesperia, about 80 miles east of Los Angeles shortly after 10:30 p.m. Saturday February 25, 2006. He was investigating a suspected drunk driver when he was impacted while standing on the shoulder of the freeway by a second, unrelated motorist, also suspect of DUI.

He was the sixth CHP officer killed in the line of duty in the last five months.

A 10-year veteran of the Highway Patrol, Bailey had been back on duty for just a few months after serving for 14 months in Iraq with the Army National Guard.

Officer Bailey is survived by his wife and four children.

POA Grieves for Murdered CHP Officer

Once again, the San Francisco Police Officers Association extends our heartfelt sympathy and condolences to the family and friends of a slain officer of the California Highway Patrol.

Early on the morning of February 17, 2006, CHP Officer Earl Scott was gunned down during a routine traffic stop near the town of Salida in California's Central Valley. A suspect is in custody.

Officer Scott was just 36. He was a five-year veteran of the Patrol, and is the son and nephew of three retired members of the Patrol. He is the fifth CHP officer killed in the line of duty in the past five months.

POA Board of Directors Meeting February 15, 2006

Meeting called to order by Sergeant-At-Arms Breen at 1310 hours, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and roll call of the Board of Directors.

Recently retired Inspector Jim Balovich was presented a plaque and gift certificate for Harris' Steak House for all of his years of service and dedication to the POA.



President Delagnes presented a \$10,000 check to the Glowworm Foundation which was voted upon and approved at the January Board of Directors meeting.

New Board Member

Inspector Pat Mullins (Inv.) was sworn into the Board of Directors by Parliamentarian Mike Hebel. The POA congratulates Pat and we all look forward to working with him.

Legislative Committee

After several meetings, the Legislative Committee recommended that the POA endorse State Treasurer Phil Angelides for Governor. Officer John Scully (Co. I) made a motion that the Board of Directors supports the Legislative Committee on their recommendation. The motion was seconded by Sergeant/Inspector Larry Mack (Narc). The motion went to voice vote and passed unanimously.



Attorney Allison Wilkinson

OCC Defense Committee

Officer John Evans (CSI) introduced Mrs. Allison Wilkinson of the law firm Lucia, Rains and Wilkinson. Mrs. Wilkinson has spoken at previous POA in house training classes for the POA OCC Defense Team. Mrs. Wilkinson has expressed interest in working with the POA's OCC Defense Team on addressing issues related to the OCC's policies and practices.

New Business

Officer Andrew Cohen and his attorney Harry Stearns addressed the full Board of Directors requesting legal defense from the POA. Officer Cohen was denied further POA representation by the Screening Committee in December 2005. After Officer Cohen and Mr. Stearns made their presentation, the Board of Directors went into an Executive Session to discuss the matter. After much discussion, Sergeant Tim Flaherty (Co. E) made a motion that the POA provide Officer Cohen representation for further administrative proceedings with a POA approved attorney. The motion was seconded by Officer Pat Burke (Co. F).

During further discussion, a second motion was made by Sergeant Mike Moran (Co. C) that the Board of Directors supports the Screening Committee's decision to deny Officer Cohen further POA representation. This motion was seconded by Officer Derrick Jackson (GTF).

After final discussion, each motion went to a roll call vote.

On Sergeant Flaherty's motion, the results were Twenty Three (no) and Seven (yes). Motion was denied.

On Sergeant Moran's motion, the results were Twenty Three (yes) and Seven (no). Motion carried.

Officer Cohen will be notified of the results by a letter from President Delagnes.

Justice Facilities Improvement Program

Vice President Martin was approached by Sergeant Steve Shanahan (Admin) regarding a committee being formed. The committee will be called The Justice Facilities Improvement Program. Committee members will be

comprised of members from the Police Department, Sheriffs Department, District Attorneys Office, Probation Department and City Hall. The POA was invited to join this committee however nobody has shown any interest. If you are interested in learning more or want to join the committee, contact Vice President Martin at the POA.

Consolidation of Ranks

There has been much talk about the possibility of consolidating the ranks of Inspector and Sergeant. Doctor Bruce Topp from DHR has produced and will be releasing an informational video on this subject. Copies will be made available to all stations, bureau's and details. The POA will continue to attend meetings regarding this subject as it progresses. Neither the Police Department nor DHR have presented a final draft to the POA for review.

This topic became the subject of a 90-minute discussion by members who were present at the Board Meeting.

Inspector Pierre Martinez (Inv) stated that members of the bureau have mixed feelings on the possibility of combining the ranks. During his poll, Inspector Martinez said that the one thing all people he spoke to agreed upon was that if the Police Department proposes the consolidation, the subject should be voted upon by the entire POA membership by way of ballot.

Inspector Martinez made the following motion. If the Police Department wishes consolidate the ranks of Inspector and Sergeant, the subject



Secretary Tony Montoya

should be voted upon by the full POA membership by way of ballot. The motion was seconded by Inspector Pat Mullins (Inv).

During further discussion, a second motion was made by Officer John Scully (Co. I) that the subject be tabled until the next Board of Directors Meeting. This motion was seconded by Officer Theresa SanGiacomo (TTF).

By the time both motions were heard and discussed, there were not sufficient Board Members present to vote on either motion. Both motions died.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer Halloran provided each Board Member with a printed copy of the POA's YTD budget. No new financial requests were submitted.

Meeting adjourned at approx. 1550 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,
Tony Montoya, POA Secretary



Cohen Attorney, Harry Stearns, appeals to Board of Directors.

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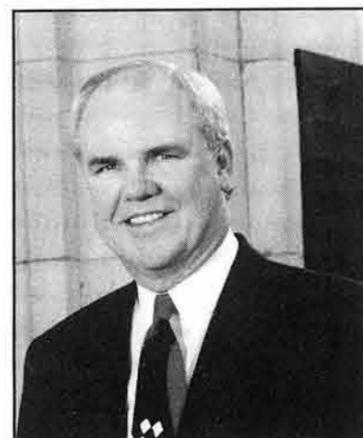
POA Reception for State Senate Candidate Mike Nevin

Wednesday, March 8th 6:00 PM
POA Atrium, 3rd Floor,
800 Bryant Street San Francisco

The POA Board of Directors has endorsed Mike Nevin for State Senate. Mike is a former San Francisco Police Inspector who has also served in San Mateo and local government and commissions for many years. He is considered one of the most experienced and most capable leaders in the Bay Area, and it is a pleasure to work with him to greet his constituents in the SFPD. Please plan on attending this worthy event.

Cocktail reception to be held Wednesday, March 8th from 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the POA Office for Mike Nevin's State Senate campaign.

Please contact Kevin Martin at the POA Office (861-5060) to R.S.V.P.
Suggested contribution: \$50



Mike Nevin

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Ray Shine,
Editor and Circulation Manager

Joe Driscoll Re-Elected to Retirement Board

By Mike Hebel
POA Welfare Officer

The POA-endorsed candidate, Firefighter Joe Driscoll, was officially declared the winner of the recent Retirement Board election. His new term commences on February 20, 2006 and runs through February 19, 2011.

Thank you all who voted to re-elect Joe. It is very important that we maintain our public safety employees on the Board.

Results of Retirement Board Election

Joseph Driscoll	7857
Edward F. Walsh, Jr.	5439

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

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

Specially Scheduled Events

Reception/Fundraiser for State Senate Candidate Mike Nevin,	POA 3rd Floor Atrium, 800 Bryant St., SF (Enter on 6th St.)	Wed. March 8, 2006 6:00 PM	Kevin Martin 861-5060
Foothill Fuzz Retiree Luncheon	Casa Ramos Mexican Restaurant 6840 Greenleaf Dr., Placerville, CA	Wed March 22, 2006 11:00 AM	Rene LaPrevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net
SFPD Special Olympics Fundraiser	Paragon Restaurant 701 2nd Street, SF	Thur. March 23, 2006 5 - 11 PM	Debra Neil 401-4780
Retirement Dinner Honoring Lt. Bob Barnes	Italian-American Social Club, 25 Russia Street, SF	Fri. March 24, 2006 6:00 PM	Dan Gardner 553-1201
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th St.	Wed. March 29, 2006 11:00 AM-8:00 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506
Tennis Tournament, Guns And Hoses 5th Annual Charity Tennis Tournament	San Francisco Tennis Club 645 - 5th Street	Saturday, April 29th, 2006 4:00 PM	Robin Matthews, 415-553-9261
2006 California Police Officer's Memorial	Sacramento	May 4 and 5, 2006	Val Kirwan 415-310-8353
North Bay Retiree Luncheon	Michele's Restaurant 7th and Adams Streets, Santa Rosa	Tues. May 23, 2006 11 AM	Al Richterman alandot@sbcglobal.net
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th St.	Wed. July 26, 2006 11:00 AM-8:00 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th St.	Wed. Oct. 4, 2006 11 AM - 8 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th St.	Wed. Dec. 13, 2006 11 AM - 8 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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February 14, 2006

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

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Mike Kemmitt.

ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS: Present: President Mike Kemmitt; Treasurer Jim Sturken; Secretary Mark Hurley; Trustees Fred Pardella, Joe Garrity, Matt Gardner and Dave Fontana. Also present were Past Presidents Mike Duffy and Ray Crosat. Excused: Vice President Rene LaPrevotte; Trustee John Centurioni.

MINUTES OF THE JANUARY MEETING: Motion by Crosat, seconded by Pardella that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

BILLS: Motion by Fontana, seconded by Gardner that the bills be paid. Motion carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Donation of \$77 from retired Inspector Jan McKay to the good of the Association.

We Had Six Deaths This Past Month.

RICHARD T. WOOD, 88 years. Richard was born in Mill Valley and attended Tampalais High. He joined the Navy in 1939 and was assigned to submarine service. He saw a lot of action in the South Pacific and remained in the Navy until 1945. He was employed as a warehouseman before he entered the Police Academy in 1947. He was assigned to Traffic as his first assignment. He worked until 1951 before he

resigned and went to work for PG&E. He retired from PG&E and moved to Roseville, Calif. He worked as a volunteer at St. Anthony's Kitchen and Project Open Hand. He enjoyed his retirement playing golf and at the age of 85 scored a Hole-in-One. According to his son, he wasn't sober for several days after that.

ALFRED J. TANTARELLI, 90 years. Al was born in Columbus, Ohio. His family moved to San Francisco when Al was four years old. He grew up in Visitation Valley and attended Mission High. He joined the Navy and proudly served with the Seabee's. He entered the Police Academy in 1940. He was assigned to Traffic and Motorcycle Detail. When the war broke out, he went back to the Navy and served in the Pacific. Upon discharge, he returned to San Francisco and back to his job as a Solo. In 1958 he retired on a D.P. pension. He moved his family to Lake County and opened a Hardware Store. He remained active on his ranch, working the hardware store, and still riding his motorcycle.

JOHN F. ELB, 86 years. John was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission, attending Mission High School. He was employed as a shipfitter before entering the Police Academy in 1942. His first assignment was Richmond Station. He worked a couple of years before he was called into the Army. After two years he returned back to San Francisco and went back to work at Richmond. He then went to the "Big E" for a short time before going to Company K, APB. He was ap-

pointed an Inspector and worked several years in the Bureau before retiring in 1969. John was awarded two Silver Medals of Valor, one for the capture of an armed 211 suspect who had held up a Drug Store; another for the capture of an armed 211 suspect who just held up a Safeway Store.

JAMES G. HERMOSILLO, 83 years. Jim was born in San Francisco and grew up in Bernal Heights. He attended Mission High and was employed at the Coca Cola bottling plant and also as a guard at San Quentin before he entered the Police Academy in 1954. His first assignment was Traffic for a short period of time before going to Southern. In 1962, he was retired on a disability pension. He used his retirement years well working as a horse trainer at the Santa Rosa Fairgrounds. He served as the barn manager and trained some very fine horses. He also founded the Hermosillo's Board and Care for mentally ill adults. Up until a few months ago, he was working as the night manager and cooking meals four days a week. In the 1950's, Jim played semi-pro football. Jim had a big heart and, even through he had five children, he would take in kids needing a hand and treat them like his own.

FRANK R. BRAIRE, 78 years. Frank was born in San Francisco and raised in Stockton, Calif. He served his country during the Korean Conflict as a member of the Army. He was employed at the P.E. O'Hare plumbing before entering the Police Academy in 1955. He was assigned to Richmond Station as his first assignment and worked the Mounted unit in Golden Gate Park. He was assigned to Taraval and the Tac Unit but still did the same thing with the Mounted Unit. He was in the middle of the demonstrations at State College and all over the City during the 1960 and 70's as a member of the famed "F" Troop as we all called them at the demo's. He worked all the New Years Eve's his entire career. Frank enjoyed woodworking, baseball games, and getting together with retired cop buddies. Frank was blessed with a great smile and love of his job and the officers he worked with.

GEORGE B. SWARTZ, 54 years. George was born and raised in Minnesota. After high school entered the Army from 1971 to 1974. Upon his discharge, he came to San Francisco and was employed as a security guard before he entered the Police Academy in 1982. He worked FOB before going to Co. E. a few months later he went to Richmond for a few years before going on Medical Liaison. He returned to Richmond for a few more years before going to the Record Room. He worked Crime Scene Investigations before going to The Operations Bureau. George was not in the greatest of health and had a four way by pass that kept him off the streets. He kept going and was waiting for the day he could retire. He suffered a heart attack on his way to work that proved fatal. George was known as a guy who would give you the shirt off his back. One thing that most people did not know about his character and the simple, modest, monk-type existence he lived, was

he was using most of his pay check to support his little sister and his very ill aunt living in Minnesota. He made a promise to his parents that he would take care of them. Job well done, George.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Section 4 of Article III of the Constitution (Non-payment of dues for one year) Michael Wilson and Michael Farrell. President Kemmitt so ordered that they be stricken from the rolls.

Pursuant to Section 3 of Article III of the Constitution (non-payment of dues for six months) Michael Turkington, Gary Elsenbroich, DeMarco Foster, and Richard Moses.

If you know any of these individuals, have them call us at 681-3660 so we can get them back on track.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Shane Hiller and Jerome Paolini of Wells Fargo Bank gave a very outstanding report and outlook for our association. A lot of questions remain in our economic outlook for the coming months. We have a new Fed Chairman. What will he be like? The Bank thinks he will continue the same course as Greenspan. We have to stay in low term Bonds and not go to far out. We are doing well in our account and are ahead of the Standard and Poors 500. We are up 7% since Wells Fargo took our account in November. Jerome Paolini has got our asset allocation to 1.61 % in cash, 53.72% in equities, 39.79 % in fixed income and 4.88% in hedge fund. We have eleven different managers of our account who report directly to Jerome. Our new team at Wells Fargo are very enthusiastic and watching our account very closely. Your officers and trustees will also keep a close eye on our account over the next couple of months.

OLD BUSINESS: Past President Mike Duffy talked about his experience with the Widows and Orphans Aid Association and how it has grown. He suggested that the Treasurer and Secretary be given a raise. The last one was five years ago. The Trustees took it under submission to look at a possibility in a few months.

ADJOURNMENT: President Mike Kemmitt had a moment of silence for our departed member and for members of our military serving their country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday, March 14, 2006 at 2 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3:30 PM.

I think as a retired San Francisco Police Officer and Secretary of the Widows' and Orphans' the articles in the *San Francisco Chronicle* the past week did not show the proper respect we deserve. Daily, as Secretary, I talk to the wives and families of our deceased members. Every one has a different story. Besides being outstanding police officers, look what else they did for their neighbor. Just this month, you just have to look at what George Swartz did in his life, and he was an active cop.

Fraternally,
Mark Hurley, Secretary

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AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

...Births:

Off. Wendell Jones (Tactical) and his lovely wife Danette are the proud parents of a new addition. On Oct. 26th 2005, Danette gave birth to Giana Rose Jones, a healthy 8lbs., 5oz daughter. Both mom and baby are doing well. Dad is beaming with pride.

Robert and Suzie Terry (Northern Station / Solo) proudly announce the February 2, 2006, 0027 hours, birth of twin daughters. **Emily and Haley Terry** both weighed in at an even 5 lbs. and measured 18 inches long. Dad will be taking family leave to help out with the double duty.

Robert Forneris, Southern Station, and his wife Cheryl are proud parents of their second child, **Anthony Vincent Forneris**, 10lbs, 22-1/2 inches, born January 17, 2006 at Kaiser in Walnut Creek. His sibling is **Madison**, age 5, and is very proud of her new little brother.

Congratulations to all and may the future hold nothing but happiness and success...

...Killed in Action Honor Guard:

Over the last several years members of the San Francisco Police Department, Fire Department, Neighboring County Safety Departments and the California Highway Patrol have, on an ad hoc basis, been assisting the families and friends of military personnel killed in action while serving in Afghanistan or Iraq with the return of their loved ones. We would like to take you through the latest arrival so you have idea of how you have been represented.

The Arrival of Army Pfc. **Caesar S. Viglienzone**, 21, of the 101st Airborne started with a call from **Doug and Connie Newton** of Mothers of Military Service members (M.O.M.S.) to friends in the law enforcement community along the route Caesar would be coming home to Santa Rosa. The San Francisco call went to **Mike Nevin**, Southern Station, who put the following into action.

On the evening of Wednesday February 8, 2006, Caesar's family and friends gathered at San Francisco International Airport to await his arrival. While waiting they were comforted By Airport Bureau Members Sgt. **Dan Greely**, K-9 **Pete Damato**, Specialist **Pete Schlegle** and Solo **Bob Belt**, Past Commander American Legion Police/Fire POST 456. Upon arrival of the plane they facilitated the unloading of the casket and preparation of the motorcade. The motorcade headed north towards the City led by CHP/

San Francisco. At 19th Ave SFPD Solos led by Lt. **Kitt Crenshaw** picked up the escort and were joined by a fire engine arranged by **John Hanley** SFFD. The motorcade slowly and silently made its way through the City enroute to the Golden Gate Bridge from where CHP/Marin led them up 101 to Santa Rosa transferring to the awaiting Santa Rosa PD. The **Viglienzone** family has passed on a heartfelt thanks to all of us for the honor and respect shown Caesar...

...Health Service Open Enrollment:

Open enrollment for making health plan changes is normally held in May, has been moved up to April. Be sure to keep an eye on your mail and watch for announcements...

...HSS Election:

Also during April the Health Service Election will be held. Commissioner **Karen Breslin** is running for reelection. She has provide excellent service to our members...

...Referees Needed:

The Referee Association of the City and Peninsula are currently recruiting. If you are interested in becoming a "ref" and would like to participate in either the Spring or Summer training session contact **Mike Etcheverry** (Airport Bureau) at 650-821-7530. A real good way to help out the young people and interact with the community...

...Stories You won't see in the Chronicle:

On Friday, February 24, at about 2045 hours some 100-200 critical mass bike riders clapped, waved and thanked Captain **Greg Corrales** and the CHP/SFPD detail that had monitored their ride that evening. - **Solo Joe Mayers** stopped a motorist for an expired registration. Unfortunately the motorist's driver's license was suspended and his vehicle had to be towed. The motorist was stranded with no money for bus fare. Joe gave him \$10 and sent him on his way. Several days later Joe received a Thank You card with a \$10 dollar bill enclosed. - **Solo Chuck Simpson** responded to an incident where a driver's vehicle had to be impounded. The driver had his wife and small child with him and no money. Chuck ordered a cab and gave the driver \$20 to cover the fare. Everyday there are hundreds of stories of police officers doing good deeds while doing their jobs. Know they are there and know that you are not going to see them in the media. But don't lose faith because when you analyze the voting patterns of San Francisco voters they always have been and continue to be very generous with City employees. All those daily good deeds are not going unnoticed. Keep the faith...

...1906 Earthquake Anniversary Expo:

The San Francisco Fire Department's Historical Society will be sponsoring an Expo of the 1906 earthquake and fire at Pier 48 on April 15, 16 and 17, 9 am - 6 pm, admission is free. If you have any memorabilia from that era and would like to display it please contact Firefighter **Paul Barry** at 415-706-7994 or Police Museum Curator Inspector **Liane Corrales** at 415-558-5529. The Fireman's Ball will be held April 15. The program for April 18 will start at Lotta's Fountain 3rd and Market 5:13 AM, move to 20th and Church followed by a variety of breakfast, lunch and evening events... Paul is also looking for volunteers to help make the sets in the pier and to staff the booths during the Expo...For more information visit www.1906expo.com...

TRAFFIC TIPS

By John Nestor, OIC
STOP Program Traffic Company

Handling Out-of-State License Suspensions

Recently, an officer stopped a driver for a violation and was subsequently informed by communications that the motorist's driver's license had been suspended by another state. Could the officer cite the driver for a 14601 violation, or should he cite for 12500(a)?

To answer this question you have to look at the elements of the crimes. Section 12500(a) only requires two elements: that the person is driving a motor vehicle; and that the driver does not have a valid driver's license.

CVC Sections 14601.1(a), 14601.2(a), 14601.4(a), and 14601.5(a) have three elements in common:

- 1) The person must be driving;
- 2) Their license has been suspended;
- 3) The driver had knowledge of the suspension.

The California Legislature in Vehicle Code Section 13106 states that there is presumption that the party has knowledge of their suspension when the DMV mails them a notice by first class mail or when personal notice is given by the DMV, Court, or by a peace officer. The type of notification is noted in the Service Code in the suspension record on the driver's license history.

An out of state driving record does not usually contain the suspension notification information. Thus, to prove that the driver had knowledge of the suspension, an officer would need to solicit an admission of the suspension from the driver during the traffic stop.



So, if the driver said something like "I know it was suspended in Oregon but it was a long time ago" the officer would have the third element and could cite them for the appropriate 14601 violation. This is one of the reasons there is a box on the 14601-report form for the driver's statement. This acknowledgement would also help in prosecuting California suspensions to counter claims by the defendant that they never received notification.

Remember, both 12500(a) and 14601 are misdemeanors so the driving needs to be committed in an officer's presence, or needs to have someone who saw them driving sign a citizen's arrest. However, if you can't get a citizen's arrest, Section 14602.6 allows an officer to impound a vehicle without citing the driver when that officer is investigating an accident and determines that one of the driver's license has been suspended, revoked or they have never been issued a driver's license.

In summation, an officer could cite a violator for a 14601 if their license was suspended out of state if he or she can articulate in their report that the driver had knowledge that their driving privileges were suspended at the time they were driving. Finally, issue a 310 form for any party that has a suspended license, especially if they have a service code A, I or R to help in future prosecutions.

Thank You!

By Megan Fahey
POA Staff

Well, the race is over and I went the distance!

I ran the Team in Training Half Marathon on Super Bowl Sunday and couldn't have wished for a more beautiful day, especially in February. The event was a fundraiser to fight leukemia, and I participated in honor of my friend, **Dottie McHugh**, who was recently diagnosed with this terrible illness. The course went through Golden Gate Park and along the Great Highway, making it easier to tune out the fact that I was running for what seemed like forever.

I want to thank everyone who supported me and donated to this very important cause. I am so grateful for the bountiful generosity that helped me raise over \$3,000 dollars! It's so comforting to know that I am associated - through marriage and employment - with such a wonderful group of people. You all really are *San Francisco's Finest*.



"Thanks," says Megan.

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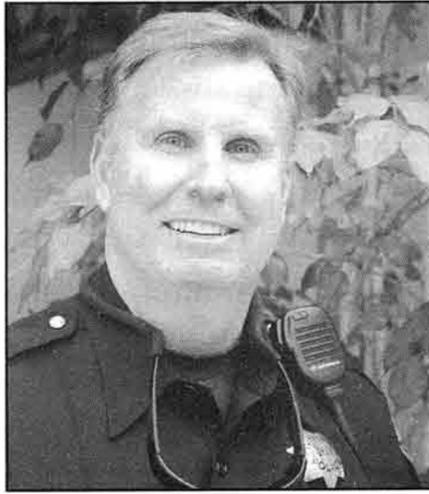
POA Patrol Committee Report – January 2006

By Chris Breen, Chair
POA Patrol Committee

On Friday, January 24th, I had an opportunity to sit down with Deputy Chief David Shinn, FOB, to discuss a variety of subjects that were discussed at the recent Patrol Committee meeting. Since the Patrol Committee has been meeting for a little over a year, this meeting also gave us a chance to discuss some of the successes and failures of the Committee during that time.

The first item that we discussed dealt with the concept of "Train-The-Trainer". This idea, which allows two officers from each station to receive special training in a variety of subjects, and then return to their respective stations and teach other officers in that particular subject or skill, has been stalled. DC Shinn said that he likes the system of "Train-The-Trainer" and he doesn't know why it has sputtered. The Deputy Chief told me that he will mention to the Captains how important this system is to the over-all efficiency of the Department.

The second subject that we discussed had to do with implementing night traffic court. Since I have returned to the midnight shift after 13 years, it is not uncommon to hear officers tell me that the reason they don't write citations for moving violations is due to the fact that traffic court begins at 1300 hours, which is in the middle of their sleep. DC Shinn told me that certainly understand the issue, but when the Department last tried to implement night traffic court, back in 2001, they found that only a few officers actually showed-up for court.



Patrol Committee Chair Chris Breen

Based on that problem, the Department discontinued night traffic court. After a lengthy discussion, DC Shinn agreed to forward a request onto the Legal Division to look into this matter closer. DC Shinn also warned that the final decision lies with the Traffic Commissioners, since they would have to adjust their hours, and it is unclear how they feel about that change.

One of the biggest concerns of the Patrol Committee has always been the importance of staffing the radio cars before any other assignment. I explained to the Deputy Chief that several officers have brought to my attention the fact that certain Captains choose to staff their specialized details before staffing the sector cars. DC Shinn told me that it has always been his policy to have the platoon commander's staff radio car sectors before any other assignment. Once again, the Deputy Chief told me that he will speak to the Captains regarding his wishes. DC Shinn went-on to

say that it is equally as important to have the same officers working the same sectors and beats every day as a way of promoting the Department's community policing policy.

The Deputy Chief told me that the 100 new high velocity bulletproof vests have arrived and are currently being issued to all district stations. The vests, which were secured by the POA in the wake of Officer Isaac Espinoza's death, will be capable of stopping a .223, .308 and AK47 round. Each station will have company identification on each one of them (Co. A, Co. E, etc...). Since these vests are very heavy and cumbersome, it is expected that officers will more than likely check them out only when they expect to make a high-risk entry, or a similar type situation.

There are currently 150 touch screen computers in patrol vehicles throughout the city, with another 50 to be installed in low-mileage vehicles in a short time. Since the touch-screen computers were obtained through a federal grant, it is hoped that all the new patrol vehicles, wagons and 35 cars will be equipped with these new technologically advanced computers when they hit the road.

As I'm sure everyone who works at the district stations has seen recently, the Sheriffs Department is now making all of the prisoner transfers. This is being done after several discussions between DC Shinn and the Under-Sheriff, as a means of relieving one of the burdens from the patrol officers. DC Shinn also told me that he continues to talk to the Sheriffs Department administration about the possibility of

them guarding our custodies at MEH. These discussions have been going very well, according to DC Shinn, but as always, the sticking point is money. DC Shinn is willing to work with the Sheriffs Department on their financial constraints, if it means them taking over prisoner responsibility at MEH.

The yellow cards that we are expected to fill-out when we guard a prisoner at MEH are here to stay. I conveyed to the Deputy Chief the officers disdain for these cards, but he responded that they are necessary component of the upcoming COMSTAT crime tracking system.

The Deputy Chief is well aware of how officers feel when their days-off are cancelled. Even though canceling days-off is a fact of life we have to deal with, DC Shinn said that he is attempting to give as much advance notice to officers as possible, in order for them to make the appropriate arrangements in their personal lives. The Deputy Chief went on to say that such planned events as the anniversary of the Iraqi war, and the 100th anniversary of the 1906 earthquake are going to require an enormous amount of personnel staffing, and consequently going to require days off to be cancelled.

I have decided to publish a list of names of the officers who are on this committee, in the event you want to contact them with suggestions.

- 1) Captain John Erhlich- Park Sta.
- 2) Off. Kevin Mannix- Backgrounds
- 3) Off. Matt Lobre-Northern Sta.
- 4) Sgt. Bob Johnston- Northern Sta.
- 5) Off. Jose Pubill- Taraval Sta.
- 6) Off. Tess Donati- Record Room (Taraval Sta.)
- 7) Lt. Mike Connelly- CSI

POA Patrol Committee: Year in Review

By Chris Breen, Chair
POA Patrol Committee

As the POA Patrol Committee completes its first year developing creative ways to improve the performance of the Patrol Bureau, I thought this would be a good opportunity to take a look back at some of the Committee's accomplishments. In addition, I will discuss some of the current issues that are being resolved by both the Police Department Administration and the POA.

Inadequate Staffing

One of the complaints that we most often hear from patrol officers is that the current staffing at district stations is grossly inadequate when considering the ever-increasing demands. Sector cars not being staffed on a regular basis; Officers continually being turned down for a weekends off; specialized details being staffed in order to appease the politically powerful community groups, are but a few of the complaints that have been brought to our attention. In order

to address these concerns, Field Operations Bureau Deputy Chief David Shinn has directed all district station captains to staff sector car beats before any other specialized detail is staffed. DC Shinn has re-iterated his concerns regarding this issue during the January "All Hands On Board" meeting.

Manadnok Baton

In terms of upgrading our safety equipment, the Manadnok collapsible batons, which are currently being carried by several bicycle officers, may soon be an optional piece of equipment carried by officers in Patrol. Officer David Herman, Northern Station, is scheduled to make a presentation before the Police Commission in February outlining the advantages of the Manadnok baton.

More Specialists

Several months ago, another Patrol Committee member brought to my attention the fact that certain stations are dangerously short of officers who are qualified to carry long rifles. After several months of discussion with the

Administration, OIC of the Specialists Unit and the range staff, it was decided that the most practical method to remedy this problem would be to increase the number of specialists. Deputy Chief Shinn concluded that the specialist unit would eventually consist of 100 members. Since it would be impractical to train such a large number of specialists in a short period of time, it was decided to phase-in the additional number of specialists over the next several months. DC Shinn has assured me that the money needed to purchase the additional equipment has already been set aside.

Train-the-Trainers

Another suggestion that the Patrol Committee made to the Administration was the implementation of "Train-the-Trainer". This plan, which would entail each district station designating three officers to attend training on a variety of subjects. Those officers would then train their fellow officers at their respective stations in that particular skill. As it currently stands, the task of training the entire Department in a particular skill is both a daunting and expensive one; as a result, officers are not given the opportunity to participate in training that they would benefit from. At this point, several stations are in the process of selecting officers who are interested in participating in the program.

New Record Management System

Another common complaint from officers is the inefficient search engine

the Department uses on the intranet system. It is very difficult, if not impossible for an officer to locate an updated Department bulletin on a particular subject. I have been assured that navigating the Intranet system will be made easier with the new RMS system, which will be phased-in during the next several months.

Night Traffic Court

Deputy Chief Shinn is currently looking into the possibility of bringing back Night Traffic Court. This idea was tried 5-years ago, but was abandoned when it was discovered that most officers failed to show-up for court. Now that the Department has implemented disciplinary procedures for those officers who fail to appear in court, it is hoped the Department will attempt to bring back Night Traffic Court. This would certainly give midnight officers more incentive to issue citations for moving violations, while at the same time not jeopardizing their badly needed sleep.

SFGH Details

At the urging of the Patrol Committee, Deputy Chief Shinn revised the old policy requiring two officers to guard prisoners at all times. Under the revised policy, one officer is now permitted to guard a prisoner at MEH, under most conditions.

The "Patrol Committee" is going to remain active in the coming year in an attempt to make the duties of the patrol officer safer and more efficient. Please send me any suggestions you may have.

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St. Patrick's Day Parade

All S.F.P.D. members are invited and encouraged to participate in the St. Paddy's Day Parade. This is the 154th anniversary of the St. Patrick's Day Parade in San Francisco. Let's continue this fine tradition with a good showing of members.

When: Sunday March 12, 2006

Where: Market St. & 2nd Street at 1100 hours SHARP

Class A uniform for all non-commissioned officers and Class AA uniform for all commissioned officers. Gore-Tex jackets if rain is imminent.

Reception to follow for all uniformed participants and their immediate family members. Tickets will be distributed at the beginning of the parade.

No Ticket, No Entry, No Exception!

Contact the below listed members for further information.

Marty Lalor/Co. E	Joe McFadden/MCD
Val Kirwan/Co. E	Mike Moran/Co. C
Ed Carew/Co. D	Patrick Burke/Co. F
Steve Murphy/Co. E	Marty Halloran/Narcotics



March 1 – 11, 2006, San Francisco

Crossroads Irish-American Festival 2006

The Crossroads Irish American Festival is an annual event which celebrates and explores the Irish-American experience and its creative energies, historical reflections, and cultural expressions. This year's Crossroads 2006 programming will feature Irish-American musicians, writers, scholars, social justice activists, journalists, politicians, professors, law enforcement professionals, nuns, community leaders, poets, and Nobel Prize nominees. All events are free to the public, unless noted.

Wednesday, March 1: An Evening of Resistance Music to Commemorate the 1981 Irish Hunger Strike, featuring musicians Pat Hamilton, Ben Hunter, Tony McMahon, and Liam Tiernan of the legendary group *Barleycorn*, 998 Guerrero & 23rd Street, S.F., 7:30 – 10 PM.

Thursday, March 2nd: An Evening of Music with Karen Casey and Flook at the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave. & Sloat, S.F., 8 PM. Tickets, \$20.00

Friday, March 3rd: The Irish-American Memoir, A Conversation and Reading with Irish-American writers Maura Conlon-McIvor, *She's All Eyes: Memoir of an Irish-American Daughter*; Bridget Connolly, *Forgetting Ireland: Uncovering a family's Secret History*; Maureen Murdock, *Unreliable Truth: On Memoir and Memory*; and Maureen Waters, *Crossing Highbridge: A Memoir of Irish-America*, at New College of California Cultural Center, 766 Valencia & 19th Street, S.F. 7:30 PM.

Sunday, March 5th: Poetry Night with poets Jack Foley, Words for Adele, Host, Cover to Cover, KPFA, Katherine Hastings, Maureen Hurley, and Chad Sweeney; moderated by Liz Burke, at Bird & Beckett Books, 2788 Diamond Street & Chenery, S.F., 7:30 PM.

Tuesday, March 7th: 25th Anniversary of the 1981 Hunger Strike: A Lasting Impact. Join us for a conversation about the events surrounding the Irish Hunger Strike of 1981 in Long Kesh prison and its powerful impact on the politics of Ireland and America

down to the present day. Features former California State Senator Tom Hayden, author, activist, and educator; Hon. Bobby Lavery, former Sinn Fein Belfast City Councilor; John Fogarty, Irish American Unity Conference; Nadya Connolly-Williams, Global Exchange, and Bill Simmons, International Indian Treaty Council. At the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave. & Sloat, S.F., 7:30 PM.

Wednesday, March 8th: A Celebration of the Life of Peter Tamony. A night celebrating the life and work of a forgotten Irish-American folklorist and scholar from the old Irish Mission District of San Francisco, featuring Karen Ellis, author, teacher, and publisher; Michael Corrigan, *Confessions of A Shanty Irishman*; and Daniel Cassidy, Co-Director, New College of California, Irish Studies Program, New College Cultural Center, 766 Valencia & 19th Street, S.F. 7:30 PM.

Thursday, March 9th: The Irish in the Sunset District. An exploration of the history of the Irish-American community of the Sunset District of San Francisco, featuring panelists Anne Carew, Diarmuid Philpott, Patrick Maguire, Bob Twomey, and Jeffrey M. Burns, the Archivist for the Archdiocese of San Francisco. Moderated by Margaret Mc Peake, Co-Director, New College of California, Irish Studies Program. At the United Irish Cultural Center, 2700 45th Ave. & Sloat, S.F., 7:30 PM.

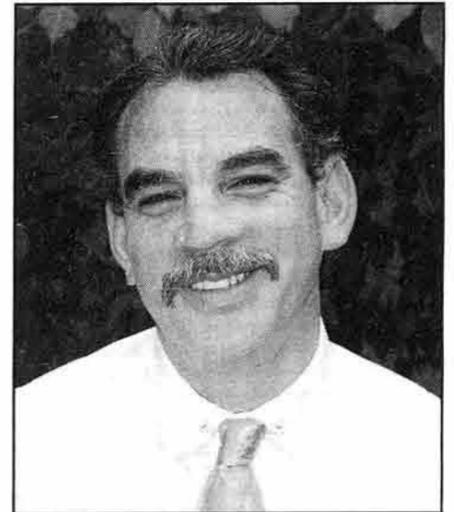
Saturday, March 11th: Music with Topsy House, an Irish traditional music group, 1:30 – 2 pm. **A Conversation and Panel Discussion: Irish-Americans in Social Justice Movements**, featuring Ellen Barry, prison rights activist, lawyer, organizer, and 2005 Nobel Peace Prize nominee; Kevin Fagan, award-winning San Francisco Chronicle journalist; and Sister Maureen Hally, RSM, educator and activist, moderated by Hillary Flynn, Crossroads Festival Community Program Director. San Francisco Public Library, Koret Auditorium, 100 Grove Street, S.F. 2 – 4 PM.

A Question of Credibility, Or Tramp Journalism

By Kevin Martin
Vice President

By now, we have become all too familiar with the series running in the San Francisco Comical regarding the San Francisco Police Department and the use of force by its members. This series was written by three Comical staff writers/journalists (?) Susan Sward, Bill Wallace, and Elizabeth Fernandez.

These three devoted the better part of two years putting this special report together. Many officers in this department were contacted by the Comical in relation to this story. A tremendous amount of time, effort and resources went into the production of this special series, and the authors and editors were all chomping at the bit to get this horror story out to their readers. Finally, after all the painstaking efforts were completed and the story finally hit the headlines we were treated to... a picture of a cab driver ... and a hack story on a decorated officer and sergeant. We were treated to the first of



Vice President Kevin Martin

the law enforcement profession (Note the consistent lack of journalistic integrity of the "Chronicle"). Many of us at the POA believe in an early warning system that is beneficial to both the individual officer and the department as a whole. We all suffer as a department and as a community

Sensationalism can go only so far. Symbolism will never trump substance.

many stories flavored with a distinct and blatant anti-police bias which unfairly portrayed police conduct. To her credit, Chief Heather Fong lashed back at the Comical for its laundry list of factual errors. The chief pointed to documented errors committed by the authors in reference to statistics and names of officers and inspector's whose names were incorrectly included in the series. The chief referenced the inflated number of OCC complaints offered by the Comical than those of the OCC by more than 200 complaints (207) during the years 2001-2004.

Once again the Comical is keeping up with its motto of "Never let the truth get in the way of a good story."

I am not blind to the fact that in law enforcement there are officers who have overstepped their authority at one time or another. If such a pattern exists with a particular officer, the situation should be addressed immediately. However, I do not believe that this is an issue peculiar to police officers in San Francisco. Nor do I believe that "bad apples" only exist in

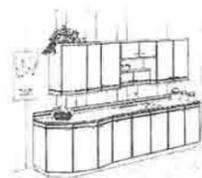
when proper steps are not taken to address a problem. All we ask is that an early warning system is fair and practically implemented.

Sensationalism can go only so far. Symbolism will never trump substance.

I would love to see the "Chronicle" do a story or series on assaults against officers. I would love them to do a story documenting the statistics of officers injured on the job at the hands of violent offenders. How many offenders are charged with 148 PIC resisting and what subsequently happens to those charges and said offenders? Why has this city created an environment where offenders are openly encouraged to physically resist arresting officers' efforts to affect an arrest? How many charged assaults and batteries against police officers fall off to the wayside? Why is it conventional thought for some to think that an officer getting assaulted is part of the job description?

Nice try Comical. Better luck next time.

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Gala Celebration

Star Performers Investment Club Celebrates Its \$600,000 Portfolio

By Mike Hebel, Club President

On January 31, 2006, the Star Performers Investment Club members met, with their spouses/partners, at Alfred's Steakhouse on Merchant Lane to commemorate and applaud another milestone. Its portfolio had just exceeded \$610,000 in value.

The 25 partners (mostly active and retired SFPD members) toasted each other for having the patience and endurance to remain together since October 1995. The Club is now in its 11th year. It was formed with the three "E's" as its foundation – education, entertainment and enrichment – and over the years, this is exactly what the Club has done. It has diligently studied stocks and mutual funds, invested wisely – stayed the course, and celebrated each \$100,000 milestone.

Like most clubs and individual investors, Star Performers saw its portfolio erode during the dot com crash of 2000-2002. Its portfolio reached an all time high (\$539,000) in August

the Hawaiian Islands for its first million-dollar portfolio is under active consideration. The partners are committed to remain with the Club for the long term.

Top Ten Holdings

T. Rowe Price Group	5.7%
Starbucks	5.5%
Aflac	5.1%
Novellus Systems	5.0%
Vanguard Health Care Portfolio	4.8%
Long Leaf Partners International Fund	4.5%
General Electric	4.2%
Wal-mart Stores	3.8%
Cisco Systems	3.6%
Boston Scientific	3.6%

The Club also holds significant positions in Amgen, Boeing, Corning, Costco, eBay, Ensco International, Home Depot, Intel, Medtronic, Microsoft, and Pfizer.

Investment Process

The Star Performers Investment Club is affiliated with the National



The Club relies on Value Line, Standard and Poors, and Morning Star for its research. Also, members subscribe the Wall Street Journal, Barrons, Money Magazine, Kiplinger Personal Finance Magazine, Forbes, Fortune, and the NAIC Monthly Publication Better Investing. Some are committed listeners to Bob Brinker (Starship Money Talk) and to Jim Cramer (CNBC).

The Club is looking for companies who are strong and growing revenues, earnings and (to a lesser extent) dividends. It is also concerned with price. At its best, Star Performers buys good to great companies and fair to good prices.

Like many investment clubs, Star

make strong and impression single digit gains; but no record highs. The S&P 500 would have to climb 22% and NASDAQ 128% before they would regain their 2000 levels.

Star Performers Investment Club's Partners

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- Al Casciato
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- Sylvia Harper
- Mike Hebel, President
- Richard Kahn
- Franklin Lee
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2000; thereafter, it painfully declined to \$309,000 in September of 2001. Then it began its climb to the present value, exceeding \$610,000.

Star Performers meets the last Tuesday of each month, 4:00 p.m., at Northern Station's Community Room. At its typical monthly meeting, the Club will review its equity portfolio, its partners' capital accounts, and any significant events affecting its holdings. Partners review and present reports on individual stocks and mutual funds – both those presently owned and those under consideration. Buy and sell decisions are then made.

The partners are already making plans for their \$750,000 and \$1,000,000 celebrations. A trip to

Association of Investors Corp. (NAIC) – a national educational organization of over 20,000 U.S. investment clubs. The Club invests monthly, reinvests all dividends, looks primarily for growth companies that are "best of the breed", and seeks a broad diversification of industries. It has two mutual funds: Long Leaf Partners Trust International Fund (international company exposure) and the Vanguard specialized portfolio – health care (a health care sector fund).

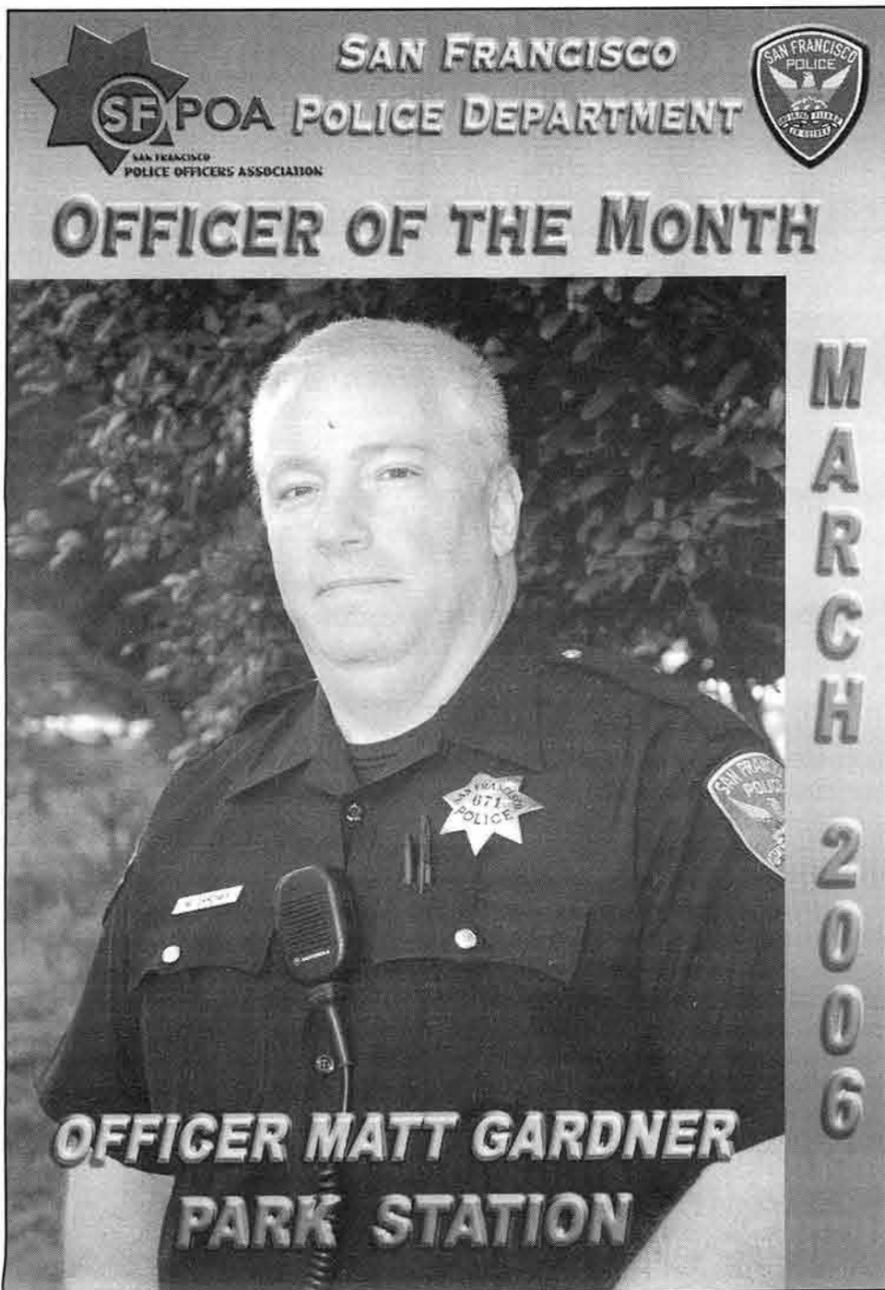


Performers struggles with "when to sell." It is work8ing on a written sell discipline to take the emotional factor out of this important decision.

The Club remains optimistic that the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJI) will hit a new high in 2006 – surpassing the \$11,000, 723 level not seen since January 2000. It believes that the S&P 500 and NASDAQ will

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Patrol Officer of the Month



COLLAGE BY MOONEY AND HICKS

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 officers who proudly serve this city.

The Association also congratulates Officer Matt Gardner of Park Station for being chosen as the March 2006 Officer of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Matt 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.

Mark your Calendars!

2006 SFPD Blood Drives

All Blood Drives Will Be Held At The Old SFPOA Building (510 - 7th St.) unless Otherwise Noted.

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Spring Blood Drive - Wednesday, March 29th - 1100 - 2000

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Catastrophic Illness Program

The S.F.P.D. Catastrophic Illness Program is in critical need of donations of time for the following three recipients:

#000212	Richard Artist	Co. C
#001142	Arthur Hernandez	Co. C
#001219	Kay Trimble	Hit & Run

Richard Artist and Arthur Hernandez are both in the process of trying to get to their retirement but there are extenuating circumstances involved. We hope to get them to their much deserved retirements but need more hours so that they do not have to go without checks in the meantime.

Kay Trimble is a new recipient to the program and has not received a check since November of last year.

Donations should be submitted to the Behavioral Science Unit to ensure processing. (837-0875)

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2006 California Peace Officers Memorial

By Val Kirwan
Northern Police Station

On average, one Law Enforcement officer is killed somewhere in America every 53 hours. The first known line-of-duty death occurred in 1792, when New York Deputy Sheriff Isaac Smith was shot and killed. Since then, over 17,000 officers have died while performing their duties. New York City has lost more officers than any other department with 584 deaths. The state with the highest number of police deaths is California, with 1,377. Vermont has the fewest with

18. (Source: National Law Officers Memorial Fund)

Unfortunately, California again leads the nation with the most officers killed in the line of duty in 2005, eighteen. On May 4 and 5 of 2006, the California Police Officers Memorial Foundation (of which I am a Director) will be honoring those 18 officers and their families. The ceremonies will be held in Sacramento (See attached flyer for complete details).

This year I will be the facilitator from the memorial board to the Pittsburg Police Department and the family of Officer Larry Lasater. Larry's

wife Joann was seven months pregnant when Larry was murdered; Joann along with her son Cody and family will attend the memorial.

This year we will also be honoring two officers who were killed in the line of duty but were never properly honored. If you know of any SFPD officer who was killed "in the line of duty" in the past but was not honored please contact me with the information.

If you have never attended the annual State Memorial, you should plan on doing so. I will keep you posted as to any arrangements the S.F.P.D. makes in attending as a department.

I know that some SFPD officers are participating in the national "Police Unity Tour" (Bike ride from New Jersey to Washington DC). These cycling officers will be contacting you shortly. Please support them in their fundraising efforts. All the money they collect goes to the National Memorial and towards the new National Museum.

If you have any questions, concerns or need clarification please free to contact me 415-310-8353 Cell, 415-614-3400 Work

Stay safe

30th Annual California Peace Officers' Memorial Ceremony

Thursday, May 4, 2006

- CPOMF BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING 8:00 - 10:00 A.M.
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 1:00 - 4:00 P.M.
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 2:00 - 5:00 P.M.
MEMORIAL MONUMENT - 10th Street & Capitol Mall
Mandatory participation required for all officers involved in ceremony activities.
- BUFFET DINNER 6:00 - 7:30 P.M.
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.
- CANDLELIGHT VIGIL 8:30 - 9:30 P.M.
MEMORIAL MONUMENT - 10th Street & Capitol Mall
With welcoming comments from the CPOMF President, remarks from departmental and past survivor representatives, a Roil Call of Heroes, as well as music and prayer.

Friday, May 5, 2006

- BUFFET BREAKFAST 7:00 - 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 begin 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 10th 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 P.M.
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 President, and a departmental keynote speaker. Ceremony concludes with a 21-gun salute, taps, and retiring of the colors.
- LUNCHEON 12:30 - 3:00 P.M.
Immediately following the outdoor ceremony, lunch is provided for honored families, participating and attending officers, and past survivors directly across from the memorial

Causes Of Police Deaths (1995-2004)

CAUSE OF DEATH	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996	1995	TOTAL
Aircraft Accidents	3	1	7	5	7	4	4	5	2	9	47
Auto Accidents	51	52	44	42	50	51	55	47	37	48	477
Beaten	0	2	2	2	2	1	1	0	2	0	12
Bicycle Accident	0	0	0	0	2	0	0	0	0	0	2
Boating Accident	0	0	0	2	0	0	1	0	0	0	3
Bomb-Related Incident	3	0	1	0	1	0	1	1	0	8	15
Drowning	3	4	3	1	3	0	7	0	0	1	22
Electrocuted	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Falls	1	2	0	2	4	3	1	6	5	4	28
Horse-Related Accident	0	0	1	0	2	0	0	0	1	0	4
Job-Related Illness	10	6	11	6	8	18	14	15	14	18	120
Motorcycle Accident	9	11	7	8	10	7	4	5	4	1	66
Poisoned	0	1	1	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	2
Shot	57	50	60	70	53	46	63	68	61	73	601
Stabbing	0	1	2	0	2	2	0	5	2	3	17
Strangled	0	1	0	0	0	0	0	1	0	0	2
Struck by Falling Object	1	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	0	4
Struck by train	0	1	2	0	0	1	1	1	2	1	9
Struck by Vehicle	13	13	14	24	17	10	15	15	9	13	143
Terrorist Attack	0	0	0	72	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Total	153	146	156	235	161	143	168	169	139	179	1649

Updated 3/30/05

OTHER FACTORS	2004	2003	2002	2001	2000	1999
Female Officers Killed	9	6	15	12	7	12
Alcohol-Related Deaths	25	13	13	25	11	10
Drug-Related Deaths	14	13	2	12	7	8
Officers Killed Wearing Body Armor	58%	74%	62%	36%	61%	51%

Updated 03/29/2005

The Hebel Economic Forecast For 2006

- Dow Jones Industrial Average range: 11,800 to 12,200
- Inflation (CPI): 2.9 %
- Real growth of domestic production (GDP): 3.1 %
- Average yield on money market funds: 4.1 %
- Unemployment: 5.2 %

- 30 year fixed rate mortgage: 6.7 %
- 10 year treasury bond yield: 4.75%
- Interest rate trend: gradual upward movement at a "measured pace"
- Increase in S&P 500 corporate earnings: 8.5%
- Expected real return on equities: 6.5% to 7% over next 5 years

The United States historically has had a perfect record when it comes to rebounding from the most difficult times. In the past 50 years prior to the most recent recession of 2001, we have had 9 recessions and 9 recoveries. The stock market goes through difficult times such as the market of 2000 - 2002. Our economic system, the strongest in the world, recovers and goes forward offering Americans the standard of living that is the envy of the rest of the world. It has done so again and I forecast that in this year (2006) the Dow Jones Industrials will exceed its former high of 11,723 reached in January 14, 2000. Equity investing is an act of faith. It is a faith in the United States and an increasingly global capitalistic system. In the long run equity markets reward investors for taking the risk of owning shares in publicly traded companies.

History's lesson is that people who invested steadily and sensibly over the years have done very well. They wisely created an asset allocation formula, and held to it, save periodic strategic adjustments. They practiced dollar-cost averaging. They diversified their investments. And, perhaps

most important, they were not in-and-outers, but they invested for the long haul. As John Bogle (Vanguard Funds founder, creator the indexing strategy) has noted: "Investors in mutual funds have been almost criminally missserved. Encouraged by the industry's marketing techniques, investors now tend to hop in and out of funds. The average fund holding period has dropped from 16 years in the 1950's to 2 1/2 years now. And investors have done a pretty horrendous job of timing those hops. From 1984 through the end of 2001, when the S&P 500 advanced at a compound rate of 14.5% and the average equity mutual fund rose 11.5%, actual fund investors made just 4.2% a year, according to financial research firm Dalbar."

While somewhat slower than in 2004-2005, the U.S. and global economic growth should continue at a re-



Mike Hebel, Certified Financial Planner

spectable pace in 2006. Profit growth will continue, but at a noticeably reduced pace due to a slow down in demand, moderating productivity gains, rising compensation costs and already record profit margins. The indomitable U.S. consumer will remain the mainstay for the world's economy. So long as John Q. Wal-Mart and his uptown cousin Jane Q. Neiman Marcus have a yen to

spend and the means to indulge their wants for worldly possessions and services, the wheels of global commerce will continue to spin.

The Hebel Maxim:

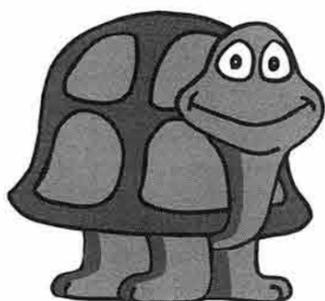
There is no safe, quick and easy way to build wealth. A firm commitment to a well conceived long term investment strategy using a well diversified portfolio is required to accumulate wealth over time. This endeavor is best viewed as a marathon rather than a 100 yard sprint. Within the context of alternating bull and bear markets, the main long term forces of the market have historically favored the bull.

CCSF Deferred Compensation Plan Honored

Our Deferred Compensation Plan was honored at the 2005 annual meeting of the National Association of Government Defined Contribution Administrators (NAGDCA) – the largest national organization for government defined contribution plans. Our plan received the 2005 Leadership Recognition Award for 457 Plan Design and Communication.

Congratulations to Carol Cypert, CCSF Deferred Compensation manager, Clare Murphy, CCSFRS executive director, and Retirement Board Commissioners Al Casciato and Herb Meiberger who serve on the Board's Deferred Compensation Committee, and the ING investment team.

Long Term Investing Pays Off: ING's Net Investing Performance "Stay The Course"



Slow and Steady

Calendar Year	Compound Average Annual Total Returns				Fees
	2005	3yr	5yr	10yr	
Stability of Principal					
Stable Value Portfolio (F) <i>Not part of the Separate Account</i>	4.50%	4.73%	5.00%	5.41%	0.00%
Bonds					
Active Fixed Income					
Core Bond Portfolio	2.89%	4.53%	6.63%	6.91%	.43%
Asset Allocation					
Lifestyle/Asset Allocation					
Long Term Portfolio	9.85%	-	-	-	.59%
Mid Term Portfolio	7.75%	-	-	-	.48%
Near Term Portfolio	5.41%	-	-	-	.37%
Large Cap Value					
Large Blend					
Large Cap Core Equity	4.90%	14.38%	.54%	9.13%	.05%
Large Value					
Large Cap Value Equity	3.61%	15.41%	2.98%	-	.48%
Large Cap Growth					
Large Blend					
Large Cap Core Equity	16.94%	20.15%	6.64%	12.09%	.68%
Large Value					
Large Cap Growth Equity	10.14%	-	-	-	.73%
Large Cap Social Equity	4.10%	13.71%	-0.87%	-	.25%
Small/Mid/Specialty					
Mid-Cap Blend					
Mid Cap Core Equity	18.30%	27.01%	12.32%	-	.71%
Mid-Cap Growth					
Mid Cap Growth Equity	4.84%	17.53%	4.55%	-	1.09%
Mid-Cap Value					
Mid Cap Value Equity	8.71%	19.64%	-	-	1.10%
Small Blend					
Small Cap Core Equity	3.62%	-	-	-	.83%
Small Growth					
Small Cap Growth Equity	6.25%	20.01%	6.75%	-	.46%
Small Value					
Small Cap Value Equity	0.92%	16.38%	11.28%	14.39%	1.07%
Global/International					
Int. Equity Portfolio	21.05%	24.38%	7.72%	10.82%	.90%

The Hebel Recommended Reading List

Become Your Own Personal Financial Manager

The 10 honor roll members have much to teach about long term wealth accumulation using the CCSF Deferred Compensation Plan. These members have urged the continuance of investment education. I know that their wisdom works. To that end, I have put together a recommended reading list to help deferred compensation participants become more knowledgeable about their investments choices. I urge you to begin reading some of these books. Take your time. The months you spend perusing this list will be well spent. Since the list is rather long, I have placed the recommendations into three categories.

Very, Very Important

- Common Sense on Mutual Funds: New Imperatives for the Intelligent Investor* by John Bogle.
- Asset Allocation: Balancing Financial Risk* (3rd edition) by Roger Gibson.
- Stocks for the Long Run: The Definitive Guide to Financial Market Returns and Long-Term Investment Strategies* (2002 edition) by Jeremy Siegel
- Winning The Losers Game: Timeless Strategies for Successful Investing* (2002 edition) by Charles Ellis
- The Millionaire Next Door* by Thomas Stanley and William Danko
- One up on Wall Street: How to Use What you Already Know to Make Money in the Market* by Peter Lynch
- The Four Pillars of Investing* by William Bernstein
- The Warren Buffet Way* (Second Edition) by Robert Hagstrom
- The Only Investment Guide You Will Ever Need* (2005 updated edition) by Andrew Tobias
- The Intelligent Investor* by Benjamin Graham

Very Important

- Global Investing* by Roger Ibbotson and Gary Brinson
- The Intelligent Asset Allocator: How to Build Your Portfolio to Maximize Returns and Minimize Risk* by William Bernstein
- Earn More (Sleep Better): The Index Fund Solution* by Richard Evans
- You're Retired, Now What? Money Skills for a Comfortable Retirement* by Ron-

- ald Yolles
- The Dividend Rich Investor* (1999 edition) by Joseph Tigue and Joseph Lisanti
- Ordinary People, Extraordinary Wealth* by Ric Edelman
- Winning the Investment Marathon* by Bradlee Perry
- John Bogle on Investing: The First 50 Years* by John Bogle
- Straight Talk on Investing* by Jack Brennan
- A Random Walk Down Wall Street* (2003 revised and updated edition) by Burton Malkiel.
- The Future For Investors – Why The Tried And The True Triumph Over The Bold And The New* by Jeremy Siegel

Important

- Against the Gods: The Remarkable Story of Risk* by Peter Bernstein
- Character Counts* by John Bogle
- Capital: The Story of Long-Term Investment Excellence* by Charles Ellis
- Devil Take the Hindmost: A History of Financial Speculation* by Edward Chancellor
- Built to Last: Successful Habits of Visionary Companies* by James Collins and Jerry Porras
- Discovering the Laws of Life* by John Templeton
- Economics in One Lesson* by Henry Hazlitt
- Rational Investing in Irrational Times: How to Avoid the Costly Mistakes Even Smart Investors Make* by Larry Swedroe
- The Successful Investor Today: 14 Simple Truths You Must Know When You Invest* by Larry Swedroe
- Triumph of the Optimists: 101 Years of Global Investment Returns* by Elroy Dimson, Paul Marsh, and Mike Staunton
- Live It Up Without Outliving Your Money – 10 Steps To A Perfect Retirement Portfolio* by Paul Merriman

These 30 books, in my opinion, are amongst the best that have ever been written on investing and investment related subject. If I have missed your favorite, please let me know. In future articles, I will do book reviews on these important titles.

ING Aetna Financial ★ Phone number: 415/364-2000
 Gary Bozin, Police Department account representative
 Shawn Campas, District Manager ★ Peter Belardinelli, Regional Manager
 1 Front Street, suite 1425, San Francisco, CA 94111
 Annual contribution limit for 2006: \$15,000
 Age 50 and over in 2006: additional \$5,000
 Accumulated lump sum payments in last year of service
 Catch up provision for 2006: \$30,000

Top Ten Police Department Accounts

\$1,100,000	\$430,000
\$601,000	\$430,000
\$585,000	\$407,000
\$459,000	\$399,000
\$445,000	\$383,000

(as of December 31, 2005)

Honor Roll

Top Ten City Employee Accounts

\$1,130,000	\$733,000
\$1,100,000	\$715,000
\$859,000	\$711,000
\$812,000	\$696,000
\$804,000	\$688,000

(as of December 31, 2005)

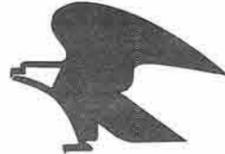
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SFDCP Stable Value Portfolio	\$476,887,219	36.86%
SFDCP Large Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	\$249,396,814	19.28%
SFDCP Mid Term Portfolio	\$155,146,483	11.99%
SFDCP International Equity Portfolio	\$94,095,179	7.27%
SFDCP Large Cap Core Equity - S&P 500 Index	\$81,868,743	6.33%
SFDCP Small Cap Value Equity Portfolio	\$45,469,530	3.51%
SFDCP Mid Cap Core Equity Portfolio	\$38,240,077	2.96%
SFDCP Core Bond Portfolio	\$34,559,500	2.67%
SFDCP Long Term Portfolio	\$29,982,356	2.32%
SFDCP Large Cap Value Equity Portfolio	\$20,386,055	1.58%
SFDCP Small Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	\$16,499,971	1.28%
SFDCP Large Cap Core Equity - Active Portfolio	\$16,212,216	1.25%
SFDCP Mid Cap Value Equity Portfolio	\$10,161,424	0.79%
SFDCP Near Term Portfolio	\$7,879,605	0.61%
Harrisdirect Account	\$7,719,204	0.60%
SFDCP Large Cap Social Equity Portfolio	\$5,105,760	0.40%
SFDCP Small Cap Core Equity Portfolio	\$2,669,286	0.21%
SFDCP Mid Cap Growth Equity Portfolio	\$1,554,656	0.12%
Total Plan Balance	\$1,293,834,077	100%

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Executive Director

Dear SF POA –

On behalf of the young people, board, staff and volunteers of St. John's Educational Thresholds Center (SJETC), we would like to express our deepest gratitude for being the leading sponsor of SJETC's First Annual Fundraiser event. Through your support and enthusiasm, we were able to raise over \$9,000 for youth and community programs. Having community partners like you makes it possible for us to continue offering the vital mix of education, leadership and arts programs that have enriched the youth and families of San Francisco's Mission District for 34 years.

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Sincerely,
Alison Gooding
Development Director
St. John's Educational Thresholds
Center

Dear POA –

On behalf of Project Open Hand, allow me to express my warmest thanks for your donation of \$500 to our Fourteenth Annual Hand to Hand Luncheon. With your support, we hope to sustain nutrition services for people living with HIV/AIDS, those homebound with other critical illnesses and seniors.

Again, thank you for your very generous donation. We hope to see you at next year's Hand to Hand Luncheon.

Sincerely,
Joy Iwasa
Director of Special Events
Project Open Hand

Dear President Delagnes –

On February 9, 2006 San Francisco Police Officers Association employee Steve Johnson provided

training to sworn supervisory and management staff of the San Francisco Regional Office of the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement. This training included protocols for Officer Involved Shooting (OIS) and other critical incidents occurring in San Francisco. With the recent acquittal of a BNJ Special Agent in a Santa Clara County criminal trial (following an OIS), this training was particularly relevant and timely. Mr. Johnson did an outstanding job of dealing with the various issue encountered in these types of situations. The feedback I received from my staff was that his presentation was very informative and provided practical tips for supervisory personnel dealing with an Officer Involved Shooting or other type of critical incident.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank you and two other members of your association for the hospitality you extended, by allowing us to use your facility and also providing lunch to our personnel. Vice President Kevin Martin personally saw to our needs in conducting this training and, Treasurer Martin Halloran was instrumental in providing for the use of your facility and the refreshments during our meeting. In the challenging fiscal times faced by the State of California and, the Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement, it is gratifying to know that our members can depend on our brothers and sisters in Law Enforcement to share their expertise and provide training and assistance to our employees. Please pass on my thanks to Steve, Kevin and Martin for a job well done.

Sincerely,
David K. Darrin
Sr. Special Agent in Charge
Bureau of Narcotic Enforcement
San Francisco Regional Office

Dear Gary –

Excellent front page editorial in the January 2006 *POA Journal* [When it Hurts to Laugh]. It did a great job of communicating the daily situations that officers cope with and the strategies and mechanisms that we use to deal with them.

Thanks for articulating what many are feeling and sharing the human side of our police subculture.

Best to you and the Department
Susan Manheimer
Chief of Police
San Mateo, California

Dear Lieutenant Lazar,

It is with gratitude that I write to commend the many San Francisco Police Officers who served on duty last Saturday, January 21 at the Second Annual Walk for Life West Coast. I write not only for myself, but on behalf of the many friends of our program here in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland who came into the City to participate in that day's peaceful pro-life events.

We were impressed by the large number of officers on duty for the

Walk, and are grateful that their presence ensured the safety of our many walkers. We appreciate their courtesy and professionalism, as well as their proactive efforts to avert obstruction and other difficulties that might have otherwise clouded the event's success.

In short, we deeply appreciate you, your colleagues, and their service to us on Saturday, January 21. Please relay these sentiments to all those in uniform at the Walk for Life, and let them know we pray for their safety as they continue to serve San Francisco each and every day of the upcoming year.

With gratitude,
Monika M. Rodman, M.Div.
Respect Life Ministry
Department for Evangelization and
Catechesis
Roman Catholic Diocese of Oakland

Dear SFPOA –

On behalf of the women, children, Board and staff of La Casa de las Madres, I would like to thank you for your generous donation. It is with such help that we continue to reverse the isolation caused by domestic violence, break inter-generational cycles of violence and work to end violence against women and girls.

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Your support enables us to provide these important services and programs. With your help, victims of domestic violence can rediscover their strengths, their potentials and their choices and those at risk of involvement in violent' partnerships can learn to build and expect healthy and supportive communities.

Again, we thank the SFPOA for its generous support, and happy New Year!

Sincerely,
Kathy Black
Executive Director
La Casa de las Madres

Dear SFPOA –

Thank you very much for the money. It is very nice to know that you were thinking of me and my brothers and sisters during the holidays.

Have a great Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
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An Open Letter to Deputy Chief Morris Tabak

Deputy Chief Tabak,

I, and numerous officers from Park Station, would like to publicly thank you for your presentation before the Police Commission on the 18th of January. For some reason, it has become too acceptable to blame the police department, and hence its members, for the city's problems. Every day and night we patrol the streets, answer calls for service, and intervene in illicit activities only to constantly hear that we need to do more. Staffing and budgets are stretched, yet we keep making arrests.

Subjects are stopped with dope and guns every day. Sometimes they fight or run. We feel relieved when we manage to accomplish our job unharmed

and have our subject in custody. Yet, all too often we get hurt, or worse, only to have to do it all over again with the same people within days.

This political game risks the health, safety, and lives of the officers involved. This occurs every day and still we hear no outrage, no speeches of "dark days", or any solutions to protect us, the protectors of this city's citizens. Instead, we are told by city leaders and department management that we can or should do more.

What more can we do other than risk our lives to apprehend a violent person with a gun? We shouldn't have to repeatedly do this with the same people. Sooner or later the outcome will be the sacrifice that Isaac made. We shouldn't have to wait for feigned outrage to be spoken at our funerals. We should hear outrage when a violent parolee decides that trying to kill a cop is easier than returning to prison for possessing a gun but somehow only manages to get punished for a weapons violation. But no, the rank and file only hears silence from

our so-called leadership. If they can't publicly speak up to prevent us from getting hurt, then it is insulting to hear words of support in private.

San Francisco, like every major metropolitan area, has its problems. The burdens of these problems should be shared responsibly by every person and every department in this city. For those in positions of power to utilize the Police Department as a scapegoat for the social and political failings of the city is an outrage. For those who would use our daily sacrifices for political or financial gains, it

You did not play the political game that risks our lives. You said what needed to be said.

is disgusting. As police officers it is our job to stand up for what is right. We are supposed to protect those that need protecting. Many of us expect this department's leaders to uphold that same oath we all took and use their positions to protect us when we need it. There is no shortage of politicians willing to sell us out for their gain. What we really need is leadership to speak out on our behalf.

I cannot claim to speak for all members of this department. I can say that those whom I've spoken with, and have heard your presentation, are appreciative of your efforts to stand up for what is right. You did not play the political game that risks our lives. You said what needed to be said. Our only hope now is that your words don't fall by the wayside or are forgotten. We hope your presentation will inspire others with the courage to speak out. After all, those of us on the streets have the courage to be there.

Officer Timothy Paine #763
Park Station

March 2006 Inspector of the Month



Insp. Ronan Shouldice was born and raised in Ireland. He wanted to become a San Francisco police officer from an early age. American culture and its many nuances interested him. Ronan immigrated to the United States in 1978. His keen sense of observation and eye for detail would signal a certain direction in his future law enforcement career.

Ronan joined the Department in 1989. He transferred to CSI in 1994. At CSI his talents with fingerprints, crime scene investigations and reconstruction excelled. He was promoted to inspector in 2001 and became a mainstay in the unit. Ronan is a resource to everyone in the unit, as well as in the Investigations Bureau and District Attorney's Office.

Ronan was posed the question, "Which of your cases was the most intriguing?" He thoughtfully answered, "Actually, they all were." This is true to Ronan's nature and work ethic. His dedication to the Department and the citizens of San Francisco is exemplary.

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Dear SFPOA –

I am Mark Schneider. I am Kurt Schneider's son. I can't explain to you how thankful I am for your support. You guys are so nice to remember us. Thank you very much for the check and I hope you have a very merry Christmas.

From,
Mark Schneider

it in the bank to save it. Thank you very much.

From,
Michael Schneider

Dear POA –

I am Ashley Schneider and I am writing to you to say thank you for the check you sent me for Christmas. That was really a nice surprise and I'm very grateful. Thank you for making this a nice Christmas for me and my family.

From,
Ashley Schneider

Dear POA –

On behalf of Alexis and Hanna, the two youngest Schneiders. I'd like to say thank you for the checks you sent to them for Christmas. That was very generous and thoughtful of you to remember them. We all appreciate your kindness and continued support. May you and your families have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year.

Sincerely,
Robin Schneider

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From the District Attorney's Office

Unlicensed "Doctor" Charged with More than 100 Felony Counts Related To Allegedly Providing Fake Immigration Medical Exams

Defendant allegedly falsified blood test results and injected many victims with saline solution rather than vaccines

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris and the California Medical Board announced that Stephen Brian Turner, 51, (CTN 2254997) has been charged with 131 counts, including 106 felony counts, related to allegedly providing fake immigration medical exams while unlicensed. The felony charges include 49 counts of practicing medicine without a license, 27 counts of mishandling blood samples and 30 counts of offering false records for filing.

The defendant, who was allegedly paid in cash for the examinations, is also charged with felony grand theft of over \$247,000 relating to the fees collected from 1,417 different victims. The fees generally ranged from \$189 to \$209 per medical exam. Court documents state that the grand theft charge is based on receipts found by investigators for purported medical services provided by the defendant since 2003.

The defendant is also charged with 20 misdemeanor counts of battery, 2 misdemeanor counts of cruelty to children, 1 misdemeanor count of elder abuse, and 1 misdemeanor count of battery on an elder.

According to court documents,

the defendant lost his California medical license in 1998 but continued performing immigration medical exams in several San Francisco Bay area counties until at least December of 2005. A medical examination is a routine part of the application process for obtaining entry and/or residency to the United States for individuals of all ages.

According to court documents, investigators believe that, in many cases, the defendant injected patients – including children and the elderly – with saline solution rather than vaccines for Measles, Mumps, Rubella, Tetanus, and Diphtheria. He then allegedly falsely reported on immigration forms that patients received vaccinations when they were injected only with saline.

Court documents also state that in many cases the defendant drew blood from individuals, but never submitted their blood samples for testing. He then reported on immigration forms that the test results were negative for the HIV antibody and Syphilis.

"The alleged actions of this defendant are outrageous," said District Attorney Kamala D. Harris. "According to the evidence we have collected,

this individual preyed upon innocent people who wanted nothing more than to become citizens of this country. Instead of helping these people, this defendant allegedly manipulated them for his own personal profit. We will continue to aggressively pursue white collar criminals who prey upon the innocent. We thank the California Medical Board for their help and leadership in investigating and helping to secure the arrest of this defendant."

The defendant is alleged to have performed medical examinations at two locations in San Francisco's Mission District under the name "Center for Health Control": 2601 Mission Street in San Francisco (from approximately 2002 to December 2005); and 3004 16th Street in San Francisco (from approximately 1999 to 2002). He is also alleged to have conducted examinations at Catholic Charities in Santa Rosa and Fresno. He allegedly performed examinations in private homes, as well, and allegedly advertised within the immigrant community in San Francisco and throughout the Bay Area.

"The Medical Board recommends that anyone who believes that they may have received a medical examination from Turner should go to a doctor to be re-examined," said David T. Thornton, Executive Director of the Medical Board of California. "Further, the board recommends confirming your doctor's license status online at its' Web site (www.caldocinfo.ca.gov)."

The District Attorney has set up an information line for individuals who believe they may have been victims and requests that anyone with information about defendant Stephen Brian Turner should call 800-868-1933.

Individuals can also visit the Office's website at www.sfdistrictattorney.org for information.

The defendant was arrested on Wednesday, February 15, 2006, at his home in Hayward. He is presently in custody on an arrest warrant with a bail set at \$1.45 million. The defendant's arrest is the result of an investigation by the Medical Board of California. June Cravett and Max Peltz are the Assistant District Attorneys who are prosecuting the case.

Man Convicted of Second Degree Murder in Stabbing Death of Victim

SAN FRANCISCO, CA – District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Michael Rogers, age 51, # 2196902, has been convicted of second degree murder for stabbing Lawrence Kimble to death in August 2003 in the Western Addition.

According to the charges, the defendant stabbed the victim to death with a knife on August 17 and left him to die on the victim's own kitchen floor.

The two knew each other over 30 years. The victim was stabbed three times and slashed twice. The defendant was questioned by police one day after the murder and claimed an alibi that he was with his girlfriend at the time of the killing. However, the defendant's DNA was discovered on the handle of the knife recovered at the scene. The defendant was later

indicted by the grand jury.

The defendant claimed self-defense at trial, but after deliberating for two and a half days, a jury found the defendant guilty of murder in the second degree and the use of a deadly weapon.

The guilty verdict followed a two-week jury trial before Superior Court Judge John Stewart in Department 24. The defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of 15 years to life in state prison. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled.

The conviction is the result of an investigation by SFPD Homicide Unit Inspectors Herman Jones and Edward Wynkoop.

Elliot Beckleman is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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Enough is Enough

By John Evans
SFPOA Defense Representative

If you have been in our business, in San Francisco, for any amount of time then you've probably had to deal with the Office of Citizen Complaints.

If you've had to deal with the OCC, then you probably have a horror story to tell. You have heard them, you have seen them, and far too many of you have had to live through them.

Member Commentary

- OCC names you in a complaint, for a place you were not at, at a time you could not have been there, while you were on vacation, out of the country...
- OCC names you in a complaint, when the description of the involved officer is a different age, height, weight, hair color, race, sex, and has a different name and star number than yours...
- OCC takes a complaint from the woman wearing tinfoil on her head, at Psychiatric Emergency Services, who alleged that you raped, mutilated and murdered several people (including unborn fetuses)...
- OCC Charges you with "Unwarranted Action", for responding to a 911 call, about a violent crime in progress, in your district, in your car sector, that Communications dispatched you to...
- At the OCC interview, the "investigator" refuses to tell you what you have been accused of, repeatedly, because - "He can"...
- OCC investigates you for asking the police to cite a car blocking a driveway. Your driveway, while you are off duty, at home, in another county...
- An OCC "investigator" demands to interview you, while you are off duty, at the front door to your home...
- OCC charges you with not having probable cause to make a search, even with your search warrant, that the judge gave you, for probable cause...

These are all true and, unfortunately, common cases of OCC "fact finding".

All of us could go on and on about the mind-numbing bad faith, bias, fraud and aggressive incompetence of some individuals at OCC. The question is, what to do about it? Let's see...

Tell the public? The good people we are lucky enough to get to meet each day are just a little too busy trying to earn a living, make a home, provide for their family and educate their children (all in San Francisco no less) to keep up with the goings-on inside our little bubble. With what little time they do have, they tune into the news media to get the scoop.

Tell the news media? When was the last time you saw an accurate report in the news about officers? While our job is to report incidents as accurately as possible, the media's job is to hype stories, so as to better sell advertising time and space. Stories of police misconduct, however inaccurate, sell. Stories about an out of control OCC, however true, just aren't 'sexy' news items.

Tell the Board of Supervisors? While some Supervisors have enough confidence in cops to plan for us defending

the nation against a D-Day style military invasion, their appointments to the Police Commission (among other things...) cause us to lack a little confidence in them.

Tell the Police Commission? You work for them, not the other way around. It seems they would rather keep a section of the populace (primed on media stories of police misconduct) happy, and other groups fed their pound of cop flesh, than be heroes to us.

Tell the Command Staff? They may empathize with you, but for obvious political reasons, (Media, Supervisors, Commission) they don't want to be seen as "fighting" with OCC.

So, what should we do? Well, in meetings with the POA, Police Commissioner Sparks expressed amazement at the reported actions of the OCC, as well as wonder at why the POA had not sued over them.

When the POA met with OCC Director Allen, he expressed that he was aware of problems with the actions of OCC personnel, but was unable to control certain employees of his organization, and that the POA would simply have to sue to fix such problems.

We get these cues from the Commissioner and OCC Director and then this little gem comes along...

OCC clears you of a complaint, but adds their own complaint against you, then sustains their own complaint, and suppresses the evidence proving your innocence. When your representative points out that it may be a crime to do what they did, they banish him from representing anyone at OCC...

This last case was the situation I recently found myself in. POA Vice President Kevin Martin stood next to me in disbelief, as OCC Director Allen admitted that it was a violation of law, and the officer's rights, but he was going to do it anyway.

What did we do? Well, enough is enough. After years of waiting for "the right case", of meetings, of talking, of letter writing, and begging OCC to play by the rules, it was way past time to take the next step. We took them to superior court for violating the law.

What happened? Low and behold, OCC was spanked, and they were forced to back down, follow the law, and allow officers the representative of their choice. Funny, how that works. Every time we are able to get an unbiased, independent person to view the inner-workings of Planet-OCC (where rules of logic and the real world have had no place) we win.

Now what? I can't tell you all the details, yet. But after the parties are served, there will be much to show. For several years now I have been advocating for a couple of key moves. With vital input from the POA Defense Committee, we have unanimously forwarded these in a coordinated plan of action. Kevin Martin has enthusiastically endorsed the plan, and POA President Gary Delagnes has approved it, and asked for more.

Is this the right thing to do? Look, we as police officers understand the fact that we have fewer rights than the public we serve. We accept it. Living up to standards that others cannot, or will not, is a point of honor we embrace. But this does not mean that we should sheepishly fail to act while a few individuals, with biased motives, continually violate the law and trample on what few rights we do have.

Oro en paz, Fierro en Guerra!

Watching the Watchdog

By Michael Nevin
Southern Station

San Francisco police officers are no strangers to public scrutiny. Since 1983, with the formation of the Office of Citizens Complaints, and more recently in 2003, with Proposition H, San Francisco voters have passed measures meant to strengthen civilian oversight of the police. As Sgt. Pete Thoshinsky would say, "Life is a fishbowl. Cops are the fish." In San Francisco, cops are the Koi in a five-gallon tank.

Member Commentary

Accountability is paramount to any organization interested in professionalism and public relations. Government workers have a unique duty to their clients since they don't elect every civil servant. Taxpayers must trust that their dues are well spent. Unlike some public employees, police officers and their work product can be measured in many ways; calls for service, arrests, written and/or chronological reports are just a few of the myriad duties bestowed upon a police agency. But the mission is simple—keep the city safe. We do this by arresting bad guys, thus lowering crime rates, and making the cost of doing business too expensive for fledgling criminal enterprises. Identifying the "root causes" of crime might be better left to ivory tower professors or radio talk show hosts. Whether you're in the Southern "3 Car" or walking a beat in Chinatown, you're expected to identify criminal behavior and take appropriate action.

It would be great if every parolee-at-large turned themselves in or every drug dealer decided to turn a new leaf, but back here on planet earth, it doesn't work like that. Since it's not uncommon for people to walk away from a police encounter with a ticket or maybe even in handcuffs, it would only seem fitting that cops would be subject to citizen complaints from time to time. I could be skeptical and suggest that some of these complaints are written with legal assistance in an

overt attempt to dissuade proactive police work but that's for another day. The point is that a system needs to be in place to facilitate citizen complaints for any police agency. A credible system would screen these complaints to save time and money, something any cash-strapped city would applaud. But more importantly, a credible system must have rules and regulations that are understood by all parties involved and accessible for review. And therein lays a major rift between the POA and the OCC.

Accountability is a two-way street. Police officers are expected to familiarize themselves with General Orders and Department Bulletins and be able to articulate this knowledge during investigations. Investigators of police misconduct are expected to adhere to the Peace Officers' Bill of Rights Act. Due process is guaranteed. It's guaranteed for a suspect on trial for robbery or a cop facing an allegation of misconduct. Some specific issues deserving attention and remedy regarding officers under investigation by the OCC include:

- The right to appeal sustained complaints in front of an independent arbiter.
- Understanding the nature of the investigation with allegations that are clear and specific.
- Having mediation offered on a more consistent basis.
- Legal matters, such as the validity of search warrants or the issuance of traffic tickets, being kept in the proper venue of a Traffic, Superior or Appellate Court where a judge will evaluate the complicated and evolving issues.

It is understood that the OCC is a perennial player in civilian oversight of police misconduct in San Francisco. But the mission of the OCC is not to sustain complaints against police officers. It is to provide an avenue for citizens to voice their complaints and have those complaints properly investigated. The process must be fair, transparent, and accountable. The POA must stand ready to ensure that such a system is in place. The survival of the Koi may, in fact, depend on it.

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Book Reviews – by Dennis Bianchi, retired

Cobraville

By Carson Stroud

I recently discovered the author Carson Stroud and consider myself fortunate for doing so. He is a writer of fast-paced action novels that keep the reader flipping the pages. His plots and characters vary immensely from book to book, yet his research is so thorough you would think him an expert on every field he takes on.

I had a difficult time deciding which book of his to review because they are all so well done. His book, *Iron Bravo*, is on the Sergeant Major of the U.S. Army's Recommended Reading List for all noncommissioned officer candidates. His more recently released novel, *Cuba Strait*, has been placed on Fidel Castro's list of forbidden books. Bruce Willis has purchased an option on *Black Water Transit*, for a possible forthcoming movie.

I finished those and was about to write about one or the other and then I read, *Cobraville*, and decided that this would be the one to tell others about as it contains so much information about how governments obtain intelligence throughout the world and about how shifting are government alliances. The book is dedicated to "...all the men – the living and the dead – who were serving on the USS Liberty on the eighth day of June 1967."

I admit to my ignorance of that incident and that ship, and learning about it while reading this novel didn't set me at ease, but that is just one of the excellent qualities that all of Stroud's book has: challenging the common beliefs of his readers while educating us in a most entertaining manner.

The book features Drew Langan, a U.S. Senator who is given, in an unauthorized fashion, top-secret intelligence reports about al-Qaeda activity in the Philippines. At the same time his son, Cole Langan, from whom he had become estranged, is assembling a CIA unit to surreptitiously enter the jungles of Mindanao near Iligan City, and allegedly repair a National Security Agency (NSA) surveillance monitor. There is a so-called peace-keeping unit of United Nations soldiers near the sight that Cole's unit must avoid,

as well as terrorists in the area. Both men quickly learn that nothing they had been led to believe as true can be relied upon. Lies pile upon lies, and the liars are at every level, whether soldiers in the jungle, intelligence gatherers in the field or politicians in the halls of governments.

Stroud's language can be descriptively coarse but accurate: "Cole is under no illusions as to the nature of the conflict he's stepping into: "What was actually happening here was obvious to anyone with a functioning cortex: Iligan City was the yawning iron gate of yet another United Nations feel-good rat-fuck fiasco, a doomed-from-the-get-go cub-scout jamboree that was slowly but inexorably sinking into the blood-drenched malarial swamps of Southeast Asia."

Some readers might be offended by Stroud's characters' intolerance toward other governments and nations, but that is to be expected when a truly gifted writer is trying to make certain characters come alive. As both father and son battle their way on different stages the reader learns about some of the history of modern intelligence gathering. The significance of what is now referred to as "The Zimmerman telegram" is explained. This telegram was intercepted by British cryptographers and revealed Germany's intent to use submarine warfare on civilians during World War I. There is even a photocopy of the original displayed in the book. The purpose, I believe, for recalling this World War I incident is to help the reader understand the complexity of intelligence gathering and the proper use of that knowledge in countering enemies' intents.

And for the first time in my life I learned about the USS Liberty and how Israel attacked that U.S. Navy intelligence-gathering vessel, an unarmed vessel in neutral waters, and sent Mirage jets after it for four-plus hours in 1967. The entire incident was hushed up. The commander of the ship was one of the very few who survived and was awarded the Congressional Medal of Honor, but it was presented, not in the White House as it would normally, but in what amounted to a scrap yard belonging to the Navy. As Stroud's fictitious Senator Langan points out, "There are no lasting loyalties in the global dynamic. There are only transient accommodations."

It is that kind of research that readers find frequently in Stroud's books. The stories by themselves are exciting and filled with biting humor and plot twists aplenty, but the information intertwined with those stories make reading Stroud worth the time and money.

Riding With Reagan From the White House to the Ranch

By John R. Barletta, U.S. Secret Service [Ret.]
With Rochelle Schweizer

The Editor of the *Journal*, Ray Shine, loaned me this book about a month ago and it took me awhile to get around to it. Ronald Reagan was never my favorite subject but I could never deny his immense popularity among Americans and with Californians particularly. His Hollywood good looks, his charming manner, his optimistic attitude all gave him what is often referred to as charisma. I remember being with a group of officers assigned as security for then-Governor Reagan's attendance at a celebration in San Francisco for the United Nations. He was vibrant and no one could deny his happy exuberance. That glowing positive personality comes through in this book.

This book was written by someone who developed a close, personal relationship with President Reagan and, therefore, is not exactly objective. It does, however, give us some snapshots of the man and provides the reader with how the Secret Service goes about protecting a president in his private life.

President Reagan provided a new challenge for the Secret Service in modern times, particularly when it came time for the President to visit his ranch and go horseback riding. A quote from President Reagan reveals how much he not only enjoyed riding but felt it a duty: "There is nothing better for the inside of a man than the outside of a horse."

That philosophy works for those capable of riding, those fit enough and knowledgeable to do so, but at the time of Reagan's presidency the Secret Service was woefully short of such agents. The first several agents sent to ride with the president found themselves in violation of the first rule of riding a horse – Rider on top, horse on the bottom – and found themselves on the ground more than on the horse. As the purpose of Secret Service Agents is to protect and care for the president, this situation was intolerable. The president found himself having to care for the agents! A search through the agency for an agent who could ride revealed the writer of this book,

who definitely knows his horses and equestrianism. And so did President Reagan.

I always presumed President Reagan learned to ride while in Hollywood but the book states that he served as a reserve cavalry officer at Fort Des Moines. His training was very strict and developed him into a first-rate equestrian. One can learn plenty about caring for a horse as well as riding techniques and style by reading this book. I rode a horse for the San Francisco Police Department for more than seven years and found the writing not only educational but accurate, honest, and from the heart.

One of the more fascinating inside views expressed in this book was the description of the day that President Reagan was shot. Agent Barletta had been with the First Lady and, as he had done with the President, he had developed a great relationship based on his job of securing her safety but also admiration for the woman's grace and courage. The President's sense of humor comes through in the scenario when, while lying on a hospital bed, he is met by his wife and tells her, "Honey, I forgot to duck." What I didn't know previously is that the Secret Service was so unsure of what had happened, and the President kept insisting that he had not been shot, they came perilously close to not going to the hospital. When pushed to the floor of his vehicle by the Secret Service Agent he injured his ribs and complained of the pain from that but truly did not believe he had been shot.

The book is not a close examination of that president's politics, nor a minutely researched biography of his life. For that a reader should look for Lou Cannon's biographies of Reagan, either *President Reagan: The Role of a Lifetime* or *Ronald Reagan: A Life in Politics*. Both books are considered among the best in-depth looks at Ronald Reagan and Cannon's name is mentioned in the book. But for a sincere, warm re-telling of a friendship that matured while a president was in office, this book fits the bill perfectly.

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Thank you, Joe Giacomini

JANUARY ATTENDANCE 125

Retirements

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

- Inspector James Balovich #478 from Burglary
- Lieutenant Robert Barnes #1787 from Tenderloin Station
- Lieutenant Jill Brophy #2030 from Medical Hold (Disability)
- Officer William Cooke #403 from Central Station
- Inspector Joseph Curtin #1353 from Burglary
- Sergeant George Gulbengay #1607 from Airport Field Operations
- Sergeant Francis Kang #2206 from Airport Bureau
- Officer William McIntosh #1188 from Park Station
- Officer Michael Norman #1014 from Central Station
- Officer Richard Sheehan #361 from Central Station
- Inspector Farrell Suslow #1631 from Permits Bureau
- Officer Robert Wood #126 from Park Station
- Sergeant Joe Zamagni #346 from the Academy



Retirement Dinner Honoring Lieutenant Bob Barnes

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Women, Guns And Crime

By Laurence Almand
 POA Friend and Supporter

Gun-control do-gooders constantly blame gun owners and dealers for crimes, especially crimes against women. Putting aside their emotional squawking, take a look at the blunt facts:

Fact: States and cities with the MOST restrictive gun control laws also have the HIGHEST rates of rape, robbery and murder, especially the rape, robbery and murder of women.

Fact: Strict gun-control laws do NOT protect women. The result is just the opposite; such laws leave women totally unprotected and vulnerable to any criminal who wants to break into their homes and rob, rape or kill them.

States/Areas With The Most Restrictive Gun Control Laws:

State/Area	Rapes	Robberies	Murders
New York	3,530	40,539	952
Illinois	4,090	25,758	891
New Jersey	1,357	13,553	289
Washington DC	251	3,554	239

States With The Least Restrictive Gun Control Laws:

State/Area	Rapes	Robberies	Murders
Vermont	140	117	9
Idaho	384	223	16
Montana	301	249	16
Wyoming	160	70	12

(The above data is based upon the Disaster Center Reports for 2000 - website: www.disastercenter.com).

Note: Both Vermont and Washington DC have almost the same population, yet gun-banning WDC has almost twice as many rapes, more than 30 times as many robberies, and more than 20 times as many murders as gun-friendly Vermont. If banning guns was effective against crime, then WDC should be virtually crime-free, but that's not what has happened!

Australia - An Example: When Australia "registered" and then confiscated the guns from law abiding people in 1996, the government left thousands of women and elderly people unprotected. Since this public theft from the citizens, there has been a 40% increase in violent crime against women and the elderly, because criminals are fully aware of the vulnerability of these people.

Australian gun-control do-gooders will no doubt make excuses for this situation by saying they are "not responsible" for criminal conduct, but they ARE responsible for the disarming of decent law abiding people and the subsequent increase in crime.

Word Search

By Officer Michelangelo Apodaca
 Taraval Station

Enjoy this relaxing and fun-to-solve puzzle! If you've never solved a puzzle like these before, it's a good idea to read this before you begin.

Each puzzle has a grid of letters that conceals words reading in different

directions - forward, backward, up, down, or diagonally - but always in a straight line. The words, abbreviations, or phrases one must find and circle are listed below the grid in capital letters. That's all you need to know before you sharpen your pencil and begin your search!

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CHP Officers To Be Fired In Alligator Case

From The Associated Press, February 10

SACRAMENTO, CA – Two California Highway Patrol officers accused of killing an alligator while working in Louisiana after Hurricane Katrina will be fired, the patrol said Friday.

An internal investigation found the officers failed to report the firing of their weapons, which is a serious policy violation, said Fran Clader, patrol spokeswoman.

At least one alligator was killed, she said. The Louisiana Department of Wildlife and Fisheries is conducting a criminal investigation.

"This is an embarrassment to our department and especially to all our personnel who went to Louisiana and served honorably in helping the citizens of that state to recover from the clutches of disaster," she said.

The two officers were with Louisiana state troopers Sept. 13 when the alligator was shot in a New Orleans-area bayou, the California patrol said.

The two officers were placed on administrative time off until they officially leave their jobs, but Clader declined to say whether they were being paid. She would not say how many alligators the officers might have shot or whether they claimed to have acted in self-defense.

Houston Police Chief's Solution To Recruiting Problem: More Surveillance Cameras

From The Houston Chronicle, February 16

HOUSTON, TX – Facing a shortage of police officers, Police Chief Harold Hurtt called for a new type of patrol: surveillance cameras on downtown streets, apartment complexes and shopping malls — and in extreme situations, private homes.

"If you're not doing anything wrong, why should you worry about it?" Hurtt told reporters.

His remarks came as the City Council approved a financial-incentive program to help the Houston Police Department recruit officers.

The department is struggling with a manpower shortage as well as a spike in violent crime. To supplement officers on patrol, HPD is considering installing five video cameras downtown, Hurtt said. He also suggested that new apartment complexes and malls be required, as part of the building-permit process, to provide security cameras.

And when asked whether the need for cameras extends to private homes, he said, "If they're putting a burden on the criminal justice system and cheating the other residents of Houston, yes."

He did not elaborate on how police would accomplish such surveillance or when it would be appropriate.

The downtown-camera project already has a group to fund it: the Houston Downtown Management District. Once the cameras are installed, the

project would be carried out by HPD. Officers would monitor video feeds from a new storefront office planned for downtown.

"It's going to be a lot less expensive than having officers standing in those locations or responding to all those calls," said Hurtt, who wants to have the cameras up by the end of this year. "What we need is a combination of technology and human resources to deal with this issue."

The Downtown Management District, which works to improve the central business district using taxes paid by downtown property owners, has proposed five sites for cameras at intersections on and around Main. They are high-pedestrian-traffic, not high-crime, locations, said Bob Eury, executive director of the district.

"The goal is for people to feel safe," said Eury, who compared the cameras to those at shopping malls. "We're finding new ways to make it basically safer in reality and perception."

The emphasis on new police and surveillance is part of the city's response to a recent spike in violent crime.

It was up 2.3 percent through November 2005, compared with the same period in 2004, though the overall crime rate was down 2.2 percent.

Mayor Bill White, who must approve the camera program for it to go into effect, said he had not yet discussed it with Hurtt.

"There's a legitimate right to privacy," White said. "On the other hand ... if there are some crime hot spots, then we want something where we don't have to have uniformed officers staring at a particular spot 24 hours a day."

Some privacy advocates questioned whether apartment owners should be required to install cameras.

"It's radical and unheard-of," said Scott Henson, director of the American Civil Liberties Union's Texas Police Accountability Project.

But on city streets, it's a different story. Cities across the country, including Chicago, Los Angeles and Minneapolis, already use surveillance cameras in public places. In London, where cameras are commonplace, the technology helped police solve last year's transit bombings.

Technology isn't the only tool HPD is using to fight crime. The understaffed department hopes to entice experienced officers nationwide to work in Houston by offering a \$7,000 bonus and increased pay under a program approved by City Council. Under the incentive program, HPD officers who have less than five years' experience will also get a pay raise.

LA Stops Identifying Police Officers Involved In Shootings

From The San Jose Mercury News, February 8

LOS ANGELES, CA – The city could legally release the names of police officers involved in shootings but will keep them secret, partly to prevent officers from filing invasion of privacy lawsuits, the Police Commission decided.

The five-member panel voted unanimously Tuesday to withhold the officers' names, affirming a decision made during a closed-door meeting two months ago. The change overturned a 25-year-old policy.

Commissioner Andrea Ordin said the decision ensures that shooting reports would not be considered "personnel information" under state law and exempted from public disclosure.

"There were concerns that someone could argue persuasively that these (shooting reports) were personnel records," she said. "It was the city attorney's advice that the redaction of the officers' names would reduce that risk significantly."

Police union officials had long called for the change, arguing that releasing officers' names could expose them to danger. The union had indicated it was prepared to sue over the disclosures, said Hank Hernandez, the organization's general counsel.

Advocates of government openness, however, said the commission is improperly shielding officers from public accountability.

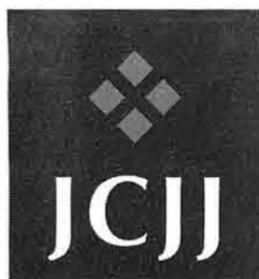
"Police officers who wear their names on their badges have no expectation of privacy in their names themselves," said Catherine Lhamon, a lawyer with the American Civil Liberties Union of Southern California.

"By contrast, shedding sunlight on police activity - including through public identification of officers involved in shootings - strongly bolsters public confidence in the workings of the department sworn to protect and serve the community."

The commission began releasing the names of officers involved in shootings following the 1979 shooting of Eulia Mae Love, a knife-wielding South Los Angeles woman who was killed by police after a dispute over an unpaid gas bill.

The commission changed the policy on Dec. 13 based on advice from a lawyer in the office of City Attorney Rocky Delgado.

A week after the change, the commission unveiled a plan to "provide greater transparency" by posting detailed summaries of police shootings on the Internet. Officers' names, however, are not included in those summaries.



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Guns And Hoses Raffle And Silent Auction Growing

By Robin Matthews
EEO Unit

We anticipate once again having a large selection of items to choose from for our raffle and silent auction during this year's Guns and Hoses Tennis Charity Tournament at the San Francisco Tennis Club on Saturday, April 29th, 2006.

A few of the items that have been donated already include a \$100 GAP gift card, two tickets to the Bay Area Discovery Museum, two club-level seats at a San Francisco Giants game, Burlingame Pilates, two tickets to Teatro ZinZanni, one night stay with 10 days parking at the Hyatt SFO, two tickets to Beach Blanket Babylon, and a weekend stay with brunch at the San Francisco Hilton/Cityscape.

Prizes donated are coming in regularly, but I will attempt to keep you posted through the *Journal*, as well as through our contacts at the different

Guns & Hoses Charity Tennis Tournament Dinner

By Robin Matthews
EEO Unit

Greetings! For those of you who have attended any of our previous Guns & Hoses Charity Tennis Tournaments, you already know how fantastic the food has been. This year will be no different. On the menu for the event this year will be a buffet dinner consisting of baked chicken breast, garlic mashed potatoes, sauteed mixed vegetables, pasta primavera in alfredo sauce, cesar salad, cole slaw, fresh baked french baquettes, and New York cheesecake. There will also be a cash

stations and units who have raffle tickets to sell, as more prices continue to come in, and will do so up to the night of the event. Last year, we also had a number of dinners at Bay Area restaurants donated, as well as a variety of sports memorabilia, golf twosomes and foursomes at some of the Bay Area's premier golf courses, gift baskets, tickets to other Bay Area sporting events – the list goes on.

The more items that are donated, and the more items that are bid on, the more we will be able to help support our two non-profit organizations the charity is supporting this year – BA-LEAF (the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund), and Toys for Tots. If anyone has any items they would like to donate for the silent auction or raffle, or know of any businesses we should contact that might be willing to donate items or services, please let me know so we can send them a packet of information on the event.

bar for liquor and soft drinks, as well as a booth for margaritas and slushies.

The cost for attending the event and NOT playing in the tennis tournament is only \$30, which includes dinner. If you WILL be participating in the tournament, the fee is \$100, which includes playing tennis, dinner, and a t-shirt. Applications to play in the tournament can be obtained from the people listed on the flyer advertising the event (found elsewhere in the *Journal*), or through the Tennis Club itself at 5th Street and Brannan.

It's a fun event! Hope to see a big turnout again this year!

Easily Forgotten

By Andrew Cohen
Support Services

Let's not pretend for a second that we are actually all a part of a police "family". As a matter of fact, if you are not a part of the "inner-circle", then you are nothing more than a forgotten outsider.

Gosh, where shall I begin?

Let's start with the more current forgotten souls. Has anyone gone to see Rich Artist recently? How about Art Hernandez? Has anyone checked in to the well being of Tracy Gallo? Do you even know who Tracy Gallo is? Or how about her significant other, Felix Gasanyan? These are SF Police Officers who are a part of this "family" and they are going through hell.

Member Commentary

When was the last time you called Renata? If you don't remember, she is the widow of our lost brother, Isaac Espinoza. Or, how about giving a jingle to Sandy Sugrue. The list goes on and on.

Perhaps this is what is meant by the "police culture". There is so much hypocrisy in our department that you could lose yourself in it. The illicit "trading" that goes on up on the 5th floor, along with the cronyism that is ever abundant within the POA is so blatant that it leans toward being

criminal. This is not a family, this is a friggin free-for-all.

Perhaps there are small groups of "families" seeking refuge in this vast cesspool of dysfunction and deception. I see this as a matter of survival rather than that of the larger "brotherhood".

This is not breaking news people. It seems that nobody has the balls anymore to actually say what they are feeling. I hear these complaints day after day by so many different people, from so many different factions, who are feeling so voiceless. WHY? The answer, as I see it, is FEAR.

Fear of being cast out of this "family". Fear of not being a part of the status quo. Fear of being turned against by those who turn against their "family" members. Fear of not being promoted. Fear of being transferred to another district station for no apparent reason. Fear of being sent to the Records Room for eternity. Does any of this sound familiar?

This commentary may very well be just the beginning of a series. There is so much more to this issue, that I can't even wrap my brain around it. I encourage the Rank & File to begin voicing your opinions if you feel that you are being "wronged" by this department or the POA. I am sure most of you have your own stories and feelings. For me, this was very cathartic and I only hope that it made you think, smile or both. Don't forget about those who may need remembering.

Police Activities League Participant Profile

By Rick Bruce,
SFPAL President (retired SFPD)

The San Francisco Police Activities League, which has provided quality programming for San Francisco's youth for close to fifty years, serves more than 5,000 children each and every year. As part of our efforts to keep the members of the SFPD apprised of the PAL's purpose, vision and accomplishments, we will begin submitting a player profile each month for inclusion in the *POA Journal*. This is the first in that series.

Andrea Appleton was only five years old when she began participating in the PAL Seahawks cheerleading program sponsored by the San Francisco Police Activities League. Andrea was raised and stills lives in the Western Addition with her mother. Her older brother played football for the Seahawks also. Andrea is now 13 years old, having been with the program for most of her young life.

Andrea has always struggled with school, and both her mother and her cheer coaches have encouraged her school work by requiring her to attend classes and earn good grades in order to continue participating with her cheerleading program.

In 2004, Andrea's world changed forever. Andrea's older brother, the same young man who had played football for the PAL Seahawks years earlier, was murdered on Fillmore Street. As a result of this tremendous tragedy, Andrea was unable to complete the 2004 season with her cheerleading team, but she continued to come to practices and games in an effort to stay connected with her friends and teammates.

Andrea returned to the program for the 2005 season, and on Novem-

ber 18, her Midget Team took first place at the Pacific Northwest Regional Competition. (It should be noted that the other three SFPAL teams also took first place, meaning that all four teams qualified for the Nationals in Florida.)

Andrea's mother was unable to afford the costs associated with sending Andrea to Florida, so her PAL coaches stepped in and did whatever was necessary to raise the funds to ensure that Andrea (and other girls in similar situ-



ations) could make the trip to Disney World for the National finals.

On December 8, 2005, Andrea's Midget cheerleading team won the National Championship at Disney World's Wide World of Sports Complex. All three of the other SFPAL teams also placed at the finals.

Andrea was asked recently what the PAL cheerleading program meant to her, and why she still wanted to participate in the cheer program. Andrea said that she knew that her brother would have wanted her to continue with the program, and she plans to stay with it as long as she can.

Andrea, and so many other young boys and girls living in some of San Francisco's toughest neighborhoods, need the SFPAL and the opportunities it provides for safe and healthy activities. Andrea needs the PAL, and the PAL needs your support.



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Sports



NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
Journal Sports Editor

Wooden Bats In The SF Police Softball League

CHECK IT OUT: I want to comment on last month's very conscientious "Letter to the Sports Editor" sent in by Alex Chin of Fleet concerning the department softball league going to wooden bats this season, which starts on March 21st. Mr. Chin raised some excellent points about sticking with aluminum bats but regulating them the way the ASA (American Softball Association) does for safety. Well, I as the Softball Commish am going with the wooden bats as I think it's too hard to "police" each team on which aluminum bats they have. The ball won't go near as far with wood (softball-only bats), and it'll be even more safe for pitchers and infielders since the restricted-flight softballs (Dudley Thunder Advance) will be used again this year.

With the ball not going as far, fundamentally sound defense will be the key to success for teams during the season; the Park Station Islanders are even talking about bringing the rover position (short outfielder) back into play. When it comes to the long ball, though, I'm sure the guys who are supposed to hit home runs will



still be hitting them. As far as interest in the league, people are excited as ever about playing because of the wooden bats. This combined with the change of game time to 10:00 AM for those commuting from out of the city should hopefully lead to fewer forfeits. I'm very excited about the new season as well and am hoping for comfortable spring weather come late March and April.

Department Basketball League

When it comes to the department basketball league, I want to congratulate Narcotics for winning the A-Division championship over a very strong Southern Station team by a score of 60-51 in a game that was closer than the score reflects. The most amazing thing about the victory for the Narcs is that they did it without Brett "Ogle" Thorpe (Northern) who personally took credit for their championship from last year. The likes of "Big Ed" Del Carlo, Brian Shafer, Jake Fegan, Matt Hanley, Ricky Guerrero, and Kevin "Lab" Labanowski did just find

without him. I also want to offer kudos to Southern for their fine job getting to the championship game. Their team consisted of guys such as Rodney Tong, Carl "Cocktails" Bryant, Tommy Walsh, Gerry Newbeck, the two Mikes (Gallegos and Burkley), and newcomer to the hoops league Mike Radanovich who lit up the score board all season long.

In the B-Division, TAC was the champion over the Bayview Pitbulls winning pretty handily by a score of 50-29. Bayview players such as Eric Solares, Rod "Poker Face" Fitzpatrick, and Jim Ahern had a good run this year but just couldn't get by the very strong TAC team with guys such as Mark "The Rock" Williams, Damon Keeve, and their two Mikes (Hara and Palada). For more details of the above games, check out Basketball Commissioner Al Honnibal's article on this same sports page. Al did a fine job in his first season running the league and wants to make a few more positive changes for the next season to fine-tune things a little.

Bay Area Law Enforcement Rifle Match

Take note of Alex Takaoka's (Northern Station) article about the Olympic Club competition that he helped set up over at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club recently. It featured shooters from the O-Club, the Specialist Team, FBI Snipers, and others from around the Bay Area. Alex is trying to revamp the SFPD Rifle Team as he wants to recruit some "fresh blood" and take the team to San Diego for the Police/Fire

Games taking place in June. Contact him at Northern as I believe he works swings.

Richmond Station's Jason Kristal As An Olympic Hopeful

I saw an article in the sports section of the *Marin IJ* back in December about Jason Kristal and his drive to compete in the 2008 Olympic Games taking place in Beijing. He has been throwing up big weight for a long time and was even an alternate for the 2000 Olympics. Jason took a five-year respite from serious lifting after the 2000 games, but he is now doing it again and wants to start competing this year. If all goes well, he can hopefully make the US World Team and keep his dream going. This is an impressive goal to try and accomplish and I wish him nothing but very good luck!

Lt. Harry Pearson's Son A Serious Ball Player

I wanted to mention that Steve Pearson is quite a college baseball player, having led Santa Rosa J.C. to the California State Championship last year, the first time a northern California school has won since 1998. Well, Pearson is now in a major program at the University of Arizona and is the starting first baseman batting third in the order for the Wildcats. It's obvious that he picked up his athletic skills from his dad and it will be interesting to see just how far he can go with them. Keep up the good work!

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

Hoops Report

SFPD Basketball League

By Alan Honnibal,
Academy

The playoffs started with an upset in the 'A' Division. Daly City, led by Mike Barton, played an outstanding game and held off Park/Central to win the game 56-50. Southern which finished the season undefeated and earning the top seed, continued their strong play by controlling the tempo of the game and beat upset minded Daly City 61-55. With a balanced offense and collapsing defense, they

were able to hold Barton in check by limiting him to only 21 points.

In the other bracket, CHP and Narcotics played a game that wasn't decided until the final second was over. It was almost an instant replay of the regular season game that Narcotics won by 3 points.

In the playoff game, Narcotics won 57-55, holding off a hard charging CHP team led by S. Morris' 28 points. Narcotics won the game despite a barrage of three pointers by Morris. Once again, Jake Fegan and Brian Schaffer provided the one, two punch for Narcotics, scoring 23 points apiece.

The Championship Game featured the top two teams, Southern and Narcotics. The game started off with Southern using their speed and the cold shooting of Narcotics to take the early lead. By half time, Narcotics led 29-21 taking advantage of Southern's twenty percent shooting from the charity stripe.

In the second half, Mike Radanovich and Rod Tong led a surge to put Southern within 4 points. They also benefited from some ill-timed missed 30' footers by

Kevin Labanowski to aid in their pursuit.

During the game you could hear the "Oh no's" and mild groaning from the Narcotics bench as 'Lab' was launching his bombs. By mid-second half, Narcotics took control of the game led by the inside game of Eddie Delcarlo and the shooting of Fegan. Southern stayed within 8 points but ultimately couldn't get any closer. Narcotics put the nail in the coffin with a three point play by Schaffer and finally winning it 60-51.

In the 'Black 'n' Blue' Division, Tactical and Bayview squared off in the Championship Game. Tactical led from the start and never relinquished the lead, winning 49-31. The lopsided score was due primarily from the very cold shooting from the Bayview squad. Tactical was able to hold Bayview's Erick Solaris and Rod Fitzpatrick in check the whole game with some tenacious

and tough defense by Damon Keeve and Ken Weems. Bayview's tandem was constantly harassed by Keeve who proved too much too handle.

Meanwhile on the offensive side, Tactical was led by the all around game of Mark Williams and the inside presence of Weems.

Overall, I'd like to congratulate all the teams for participating in this year's league, with special thanks to the coordinators of each team for collecting the monies and organizing the rosters for each week. Also thanks to Damon Keeve and our All Star game sponsor Peter Glikshern for helping me put the All-Star game together. See you all next year.



San Francisco Olympic Club 3rd Annual Bay Area Law Enforcement Rifle Match

By Alex Takoaka
Northern Station

On 02/09/06 the San Francisco Olympic Club hosted their 3rd annual law enforcement rifle match at the Richmond Rod and Gun Club. Shooting the match were 11 SFPD Specialists, FBI counter snipers, Santa Clara S/O Swat team, SF Sheriff's Dept rifle men and the O-Club rifle team. The teams exchanged greetings and prepared to shoot 22 rounds at a 2" bulls eye "X" ring inside of a 3.75" 10 ring at 200 yards away. Sounds easy? Well, out of 31 shooters everyone finished with respectable scores, but only seven shot a perfect score of 200 points. Prone shooting is a skill that puts the shooter, rifle, ammunition and equipment to the ultimate test - repeatable precision accuracy.

SFPD's Tony Damato and Pete Schlegle proved they had the "right stuff" and equipment. Tony showed up late to the match (due to court), rolled out his equipment and fired SFPD's high score of 200 w/12 x's, followed closely by Pete's 200 w/11 x's. Tony received a nice desk plaque from the O-Club (ask him to show it to you). The top shooters from each agency received a similar desk plaque.

The match winner and high shooter was Mike Damigo from SCSO with a score of 200-18x. Mike Dunia from the O-Club shot an impressive 200-13x with iron sights on his bolt rifle. Eric Wong from our SFSD also impressed



SFPD Specialist Snipers

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us with a 197-5x using an AR-15 semi-auto rifle with iron sights. With a little training and an investment in the proper equipment good scores can be obtained.

The San Francisco Olympic Club would like to see this event continue to grow. Maybe next year the Specialists

who carry semi auto rifles will join Eric Wong and put their skills and rifle to the test. The Olympic Club will have a special award for the high semi-auto rifle shooter if enough compete.

For questions about this event contact Alex Takaoka, #1260 Co E. He is SFPD's liaison with the O-Club

Rifle team, and is team's Deputy Rifle Commissioner. Alex is also the captain of the SFPD Rifle Team and is always looking for department members who are interested in rifle competition. He hopes to field a strong team for this summer's Police and Fire games in San Diego.

Match Results:

San Francisco Olympic Club 3rd Annual Bay Area Law Enforcement Rifle Match February 9, 2006

Match Winner	Mike Damigo SCSO	200-18
1st place O-Club	Robert Hall	200-15
1st place FBI	Victor Nava (Oakland)	200-14
1st place SFPD	Tony Damato	200-12
1st place SCSO	Mike Weland	199-12
1st place SFSD	Eric Wong	197-5 (iron sights !)
1st place Irons	Mike Dunia (O-Club)	200-13
1st place Pistol	Norton Lewis	256-4

SFPD		FBI	
Tony Damato	200-12	Victor Nava	200-14
Pete Schlegle	200-11	Mike Tapen	199-10
Douglas Farmer	199-9	Ed McConnell	199-9
Tim Yee	199-8	Vincent Lucero	198-10
George Perez	198-11	Brian Dugan	198-9
Tim Flaherty	198-7	John Gabriel	198-9
Philip Pera	197-11	Chris Crowe	197-9
N. DeLeon	197-11		
Jerry DeFilippo	197-7		
Nick Shihadeh	195-7		
Rich Jones	193-5		

The Olympic Club	
Robert Hall	200-15
Mike Dunia	200-13
Dennia Shea	200-11
Alex Takaoka	195.4
John Devine	188-4
Larry Kilcullen	185-2

Santa Clara S/O		San Francisco S/D	
Mike Damigo	200-18	Eric Wong	197-5
Mike Weland	199-12	Eric Suglutan	178-3
John Spagnola	199-8		
Norton Lewis	197-12		

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson
SFPOA

If you were the parent of a 22-year old adult you would think that they would have learned something about personal and professional challenges in their maturing process. You would also hope that they had reached that time in their lives where they could distinguish between right and wrong and would have developed a backbone that would carry them through the very difficult times of making decisions that are not always going to be the most popular, but, at least, would be ones based on integrity.

Well, the Office of Citizen Complaints (OCC), the civilian watchdog agency of the San Francisco Police Department, was adopted by our City Charter in 1983. The whole purpose was to take the politics away from the disciplinary process, to conduct fair and impartial investigations of alleged misconduct and to make appropriate recommendations to the Chief of Police so that changes could take place to make this an even better police department.

The Office of Citizen Complaints is now 22 years old and those in charge of this runaway agency have accomplished nothing except to pursue what disturbingly appears to be to their goal of alienating the San Francisco Police Department from the citizens of our great City.

The Administrators of the OCC have learned nothing in the past 22 years. They are supposed to be leading an independent agency but instead, they follow, with blind ambition, every special interest group with allegedly 'progressive' motives. Take, for instance, the time the Director of the OCC stood before the Police Commission and ignored the pleas of several outraged Commissioners who wanted to charge a group of officers "with something - anything" just to appease the 4-5 individuals who showed up demanding "justice". The Director refused to bend to such political grandstanding and, admirably, stood his ground . . . for all of 14 hours. The very next day he called me and said he would have to charge the officers. I asked him what had changed since the meeting where he actually stood for something - he couldn't say. That's sad.

The Office of Citizen Complaints is now 22-years old and, so far, a tremendous disappointment. There has been no annual report issued in years, the statistics they publish are confusing, to say the least, a Controller's Management Audit has been ordered to find out what's really going on, there have been allegations of charter amendment violations, lawsuits filed contending that the OCC has violated provisions of state law, and they were unable to answer simple questions of the Police Commission in regards to their budget.

Let's face it - with a track record like this, after 22 years, it's pretty obvious that we've done a horrible

job of parenting. We don't need any more charter amendments to fix this mess, we just need someone with common sense, an ability to make decisions based on fairness, and, most importantly, a backbone to run an agency that everyone hoped would work in the best interest of the City and not the special interests of just a few.

Meanwhile, the members of the San Francisco Police Department continue to do an outstanding job in spite of having an agency with serious credential problems overseeing their work . . .

Officer Val Kirwan reminds us that's there no such thing as a simple traffic stop when he backed up Officer Eddie Dare the other day (14 police officers were killed while conducting traffic stops in 2005.) Eddie had pulled over a van that committed a minor traffic violation. First the plates come back as reported stolen. Driver removed and cuffed. Then the van itself comes back with a DOJ hold - also stolen. The driver really couldn't be blamed for his anti-social behavior since the courts had allowed this individual to compile a tremendous track record of over 57 felony and 53 misdemeanor contacts and he was still moving around applying his 'trade' among real taxpayers. As the officers went to inventory the contents of the recovered van they located 150 different construction tools - all stolen from several sites located in the Northern District. The man was arrested - again.

It's 9:30 p.m in the Ingleside District and Officer Stephanie Otaguro, Officer Rommel Baldovino, Officer Maris Goldsborough, Officer Marilu Ramos, Officer Herb Najarro, and Officer Ocean Embody respond to a call where a woman is firing a gun at passing cars. The officers locate the suspect and manage to get her in custody and recover the gun without losing their lives.

It's 7:45 p.m. in the Taraval District and a woman calls to report that her husband has assaulted her. Officer Rolando Escobar, Officer Jack Nyce, and Officer Benny Lew respond to where the woman has taken refuge only to find out that her husband, who is still in the house is armed with several firearms. The officers call for additional help and since the Taraval District was already extremely short of uniforms, Officer Derrick Lee and Officer Joseph Filamore of Richmond Station respond to assist. The officers negotiated with the suspect for some time until he agreed to surrender. Good thing he did. The suspect was sitting in a home where he was armed with 8 rifles and 4 handguns, all loaded and ready to go.

Officer Glenn Juco and Officer Gareed Hansen pulled over the car that made an unsafe lane change. The driver was extremely nervous and couldn't explain why his vehicle was

packed with all sorts of stereo equipment and 2 bikes crammed into the trunk. There was enough information obtained to allow the officers to investigate further, and they did. Turned out the vehicle had been stolen earlier from a home in Novato, the owner was on vacation - the home was also ransacked and all the items taken were now in the car that the suspect was driving.

When Officer John Fergus and Officer Troy Carrasco tried to stop a car at 15th & Geary during an investigation they were conducting the driver complied - but not before he threw a small nylon pack out the passenger side window - hoping the officers wouldn't notice . . . ?? Anyway - they did. Officer Carrasco detained the subject while Officer Fergus retrieved the package which contained a fully-loaded, .45 semi-automatic weapon. Traffic stops . . . never routine.

The home invasion that took place in the Park District was investigated by Officer Steve Stearns. Steve did an outstanding job interviewing the terrified residents obtaining a clear and detailed description of each of the four suspects who had entered as well as the items taken. A few hours later the same night and Officer Stearns backed up other units who had stopped a robbery vehicle. As the occupants were removed from the car Steve noticed how each one perfectly matched the description of his suspects from the home invasion. A subsequent inventory of the felony vehicle resulted in items that were taken in the burglary. A fingerprint match, a freshly signed search warrant, and the proactive work of Officer Steve Stearns closed that case. Good thing too, since there are very few inspectors left in our Burglary Unit to conduct follow-up investigations . . . and Burglary isn't the only place depleted due to retirements . . . at last count, we have only 2 Hit/Run Inspectors covering their office. And they are charged with every fatal car accident that occurs in San Francisco . . .

And Officer Steve Coleman and Officer Kevin Rightmire pulled a driver over since he owed the state several years' worth of registration fees. The driver immediately got out of the car and started walking back towards the officers. Steve and Kevin weren't going to lose control of this stop and they immediately took charge - good thing, too. The driver walking back towards them had a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic tucked in his waistband that was ready to go. He also had a quantity of narcotics on board and simply explained that he kept the gun for 'protection'. Since 'protection' is still not an exception to the penal code, the suspect went to jail. Traffic stops . . .

Officer Romina Izaguirre, Officer Jim Aherne, Officer Noah Mallinger, and Officer Erick Solares were assigned to patrol one of the more dangerous neighborhoods in the City (of course, at this point, how can you tell which part of the City isn't dangerous . . . !!) when they made a stop on a driver who committed a moving vehicle violation. The driver quickly got out of his car and tried to distract the officers as his 2 passengers were busy doing something while looking extremely suspicious. Romina ordered

the driver back to where he should be and a further investigation revealed that both passengers were armed with guns - both had a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic weapon - neither suspect had gotten the memo on the 'protection' alibi yet . . .

The diners left their restaurant at Gough and McAlister Streets only to be cornered a block away by a group of armed suspects. The suspects put a gun to the head of each victim, demanding their valuables. The robbers then ran off with evidence of their crime, leaving their victims extremely shaken. Exactly 15 minutes later, Sergeant Ed Callejas located and detained the group of armed, and extremely dangerous, suspects and kept them at gun-point until back-up could arrive. Those detained were positively identified by the victims as the ones who had terrorized them and they were placed into custody.

The car was just another in a multitude that had been held for processing as being recovered. The driver, charged with auto theft was still in custody on other warrants. Inspector Pauline Hnatow responded to take prints when she noticed a number of blank credit cards with other equipment that was extremely suspicious. Her investigation involved checking out each lead, contacting numerous agencies but finally led to further charges being filed against the suspect for his involvement in a major mail fraud and identity theft ring that never would have been uncovered if it wasn't for Pauline's proactive and professional investigative skills.

Speaking of investigations - A suspect made off with a great deal of very pricey merchandise at a downtown store, jumping into a waiting vehicle double-parked outside. The suspect also dropped, what turned out to be, a very incriminating piece of paper that was retrieved by Officer Paula Overend. The paper turned out to be a rental agreement for an apartment at a nearby hotel in the Tenderloin. Paula met up with Officer Anthony Pedroza to further her investigation and they not only located the suspect at the apartment, they managed to recover all of the stolen goods and grabbed the driver of the getaway car at the same time.

Officer Overend is pretty much making her successful follow-up investigations a regular thing . . . she was called out to another company in the Southern District when they discovered a theft by one of their employees. Paula and Officer Brian Perry conducted a further investigation and found that the suspect was working in conjunction with a number of other workers also employed by the same company and the initial theft, which didn't seem to be that great, soon grew to a loss of over \$50,000. Paula and Brian worked with the Burglary Detail (what's left of it) and helped serve search warrants in another county recovering hundreds of stolen laptop computers.

The young driver found himself intoxicated and detained for numerous vehicle violations by Officer Angela Rouede and Officer Marc Higa. He explained that the additional narcotics the officers found on him were birthday gifts from his friends - he had just turned 19 . . .