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## President's Message

# Last Gasps of Chronicle Fog Truth and Logic

By Gary Delagnes,  
SFPOA President

Any cop who has served with the SFPD for any length of time is quite aware of the San Francisco Chronicle's bias and negative reporting about our department and its members. It is a trend that has been on-going over the past several years. This is obviously a newspaper whose business model is *Sensationalism and Negativity Sells Newspapers*.

The reality, of course, is that the Chronicle has a diminishing readership, a hack reputation, and is probably losing a ton of money. Once known proudly as the *Monarch* (as in butterfly?) of the *Dailies*, the fated Chron is now little more than splattered bug goo on the windshield of the speeding Internet, a free and freeform information vehicle driven hard and fast by Bloggers, Gen-Xers, and 24/7 news junkies of the New Cyber World. Open any Chronicle paper rack these days and you are likely to find in it more cockroaches than news. Skid row bugs do, after all, prefer dark, dilapidated spaces.

In its struggle to survive, the gasp-



President Gary Delagnes

and wasted little time in letting them know it.

Next, after a comprehensive two-year investigation by several of the Chron's "ace" reporters, the paper broke the next "Big One." The story was that the SFPD is riddled with rogue cops who prey on the weak, indiscriminately beat African Americans, and pretty much use excessive force whenever they get the least provocation.

formation with regards to monetary figures in civil suits, misidentifying officers involved in those suits, claiming officers had never made "Use of Force" entries when in fact they had, and my – personal favorite – claiming that attorney John Burris turned down a chance to sue a police officer even though the case had significant merit. One can only surmise that if the attorney with the longest arms in the Bay Area passed on an opportunity to thrust them into the deep pockets of the City and County of SF, then it was because he never saw a viable plaintiff case to begin with.

In addition, complaint data was compared with other police agencies that have a completely different method of reporting excessive force, and few of the other jurisdictions mentioned have a similar OCC or like agency that actually *solicits* complaints against officers.

The good news is that the overwhelming response from people all over the city has been positive on behalf of our officers. It appears that once again the Chronicle overplayed its hand and people are growing weary of their negative and irresponsible reporting.

Here are the facts that we as police

officers already know.

Except on very rare occasions, when a police officer shows a propensity for "excessive force" it is more a reflection of what's going on in his or her personal life (illness or death in a the family, divorce etc.) and is not a systemic pattern throughout the officer's career. It can also be attributable to length of time spent in an assignment or individual unit. An effective early warning system benefits the department, the officer, and the POA to get that person help and intervene before the problem becomes worse.

The POA will not, however agree to a system that penalizes officers for "unfounded" complaints, nor will we agree to a system that includes 243, 245, and 148 PC arrests as *triggers* for mandatory counseling. Further, we will refute any method used to draw unfair assumptions on the number of complaints lodged against an officer.

As police officers, we know that the number of complaints and/or civil suits settled by the City Attorney is rarely an indication of an "out of control", violent officer. Often, the hardest working officers are subject to the most complaints because they are

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ing Chron has made several recent attempts to lure readers with exposes, scandals, and sensational stories about our police department. All have failed.

Every attempt was made to turn the "Fajita Gate" fiasco into the second coming of Rodney King. It became one journalist's quest for a "Pulitzer Prize" when in reality the ultimate outcome resulted in the vindication or acquittal of every single person involved.

The common ploy of the Chron is to invoke their editorial prerogative to selectively report the facts of a story or mislead the reader by reporting incidents and conversations out of context. If they are called on it, they quickly cloak themselves in the guarantees of the First Amendment.

When the so-called "Videogate" story broke, the Chronicleers – the Chron's merry band of editors – must have surely thought they finally had "THE BIG ONE." But, alas, most readers did not share their indignation

As spun by the reporters, these cops are able to abuse their authority willy-nilly despite the fact that 45% of our officers are minority or female, and on a daily basis they are able to fool not one, but *four* civilian agencies that monitor our every move. To read the Chron reports, one would believe that those great protectors of the public confidence – the OCC, ACLU, National Lawyers Guild, and Bay Area Cop Watch, in addition to our own Management Control unit – have merely stood by as our officers have overtly beaten scores of hapless people.

If there were a problem as serious as the Chronicle made it out to be, surely the OCC would have brought the situation to the attention of the Police Commission. No, not a word!

Susan Sward, that nationally renowned journalist, really put us in our place by misidentifying John Haggett on the very first day of this would-be award-winning series. She followed that faux pas with a litany of misin-

## Centennial of the Great Quake of '06

# POA Salutes Fallen San Francisco Police Officer

By Ray Shine  
Editor

This month marks the 100th anniversary of the Great San Francisco earthquake of April 18, 1906. While all of our civic leaders and other memorial groups gather to remember all of those who perished in the quake and subsequent fires, the men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association pay tribute to one of their own.

San Francisco police officer Max Fenner, Star number 256, was killed when a wall collapsed on him at 138 Mason Street just moments after the Great Earthquake of April 18, 1906. He was the only known on-duty SFPD member to die as a direct result of the Great Quake of '06. He was the 7th SFPD member killed in



Officer Max Fenner

the line of duty.

Officer Fenner was walking his beat on lower Mason Street and was across from the Essex Lodging House, a seven-story brick building, when the earthquake hit. Fearing that the building was on the verge of collapse, he attempted to warn a woman in front of the building to clear away

from the buckling brick facade. As he ran toward her, the whole front of the building fell out, and while the woman ran inside the doorway and was unharmed, Patrolman Fenner was instantly killed by tons of falling brick and debris.

Let us never forget the gallant heroism that Officer Fenner displayed amid the chaos of the Great Quake. He was truly one of San Francisco's Finest.



# POA Board of Directors Meeting March 15, 2006

Meeting called to order by Sergeant At Arms Breen at 1305 hours, followed by the pledge of allegiance and roll call of the Board of Directors.

Vice President Martin called for a moment of silence for the recent passing of a board member's father. The POA would like to extend its condolences to Officer John Scully (Co. I) and his family during their time of sorrow.

## New Board Member

Parliamentarian Mike Hebel swore in Sergeant Peter Dacre (Co. F) to the Board of Directors. Sergeant Dacre replaces Inspector Mike Siebert who was recently promoted. Sergeant Dacre has previously served on the Board

of Directors and we look forward to working with him again.

## Operation Dream

Officer Charles McCulloch who is the Director of Operation Dream gave a presentation to the full Board of Directors. Later in the meeting Officer Derrick Jackson (Co. C) made a motion that the POA donate \$2000.00 to Operation Dream. The motion was seconded by Sergeant Dennis Callaghan (HQ) and Officer John Scully (Co. I). The motion went to voice vote and passed unanimously.

## Police Activities League

Retired Captain Rick Bruce who is the President of PAL gave a presenta-

tion to the full Board of Directors. During his presentation, President Bruce stated that PAL was founded by several San Francisco Police Officers in 1958. PAL serves approximately over 5000 kids annually. PAL's programs include baseball, cheerleading/dance, judo, soccer, basketball, and football and law enforcement cadet. An article on the PAL program appeared in the February edition of the SFPOA Journal. Later in the meeting, Officer Jennifer Marino (Co. H) made a motion that POA donate \$10,000.00 to the PAL program. The motion was seconded by Sergeant Bill Roulades (Co. B). The motion went to a roll call vote with 29 (yes) and 0 (no). Motion carried.



Secretary Tony Montoya

## Consolidation of Ranks

President Delagnes said that the DHR should be releasing an informational video on the next promotional exam. The video should be made available to the members by the end of the week. The POA has not received a response from the administration regarding questions that were submitted regarding the consolidation of the ranks. As soon as the POA receives a response, the members will be provided with the questions and answers.

It is anticipated that the next Sergeants exam may occur in September or October 2006.

## DROP Program

President Delagnes continues to work with the administration and the City Attorney on the final product. Current polls show the DROP Program as a winnable ballot measure. It is anticipated that the DROP Program could get on the ballot for a November 2006 election. President Delagnes and his committee will keep us updated on their progress.

## Formula

The formula committee will be meeting in the next few weeks to determine what the pay increases will be

for the next two raises (January and July 2007).

## POA Website

The POA is in the process of re-vamping its website. The new website should be up and running in the next 60-90 days.

## Financial Report

Treasurer Halloran provided each board member with a printed copy of the POA's YTD budget report.

Treasurer Halloran reported that the POA donated \$500.00 to the campaign of Doug Chan who is running for the Board of Supervisors.

Officer John Scully (Co. I) made a motion that the POA donate \$5000.00 to the campaign of State Treasurer Phil Angelides who is running for Governor. The motion was seconded by Officer Bob Chapman (Airport). The motion went to a voice vote and passed unanimously.

Meeting was adjourned by President Delagnes at 1455 hours.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Tony Montoya  
POA Secretary

## Board of Directors Meeting Roll Call Wednesday, March 15, 2006

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	Peter Dacre	P		Bob Chapman	P
			Retired	Ray Allen	P

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Ray Shine,  
Editor and Circulation Manager

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# Annual "Parade of Stars" Family Benefit Show Fundraiser

By President Gary Delagnes

The San Francisco Police Officers' Association is proud to announce a Family Benefit Variety Show entitled "Parade Of Stars" to be held at the San Francisco Palace of Fine Arts on Sunday, August 27, 2006 at 1:00 p.m. Proceeds from the fundraiser will support Police Officer Association membership benefits and activities. The Association has contracted with T.B.S. Productions to promote and produce the show. All ticket sales will be conducted via a telephone solicitation program beginning Tuesday, January 3, 2006. The hours of sales will be from 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m. Monday through Friday, and 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. on Saturday.

The Association has not been involved with a fundraiser for approximately one year; therefore, it is only reasonable to assume that there will be an occasional telephone inquiry from the public. The Association would greatly appreciate the cooperation of all law enforcement professionals and employees throughout the Bay Area in verifying the legitimacy of solicitation campaign. We would appreciate any questions or concerns about the "Parade of Stars" Show to be forwarded to Gary Delagnes or Yvonne Huey at the POA office at (415) 861-5060. To obtain tickets to this charming and entertaining family event, contact the contract solicitor, Mr. Steve Hagg of TBS Productions, at 415.587.0912.

March 13, 2006

# SFPOA Board Of Directors Election Park Station

Sgt. Peter Dacre has been appointed to the San Francisco Police Officers Association as representative for Park Station. Sgt. Dacre will join Officer Patrick Burke in their respective duties. Sgt. Dacre was appointed by virtue of submitting in writing to the P.O.A. Indicating interest in the position recently vacated by William Siebert who was promoted to Asst. Inspector. No other member from Park Station contacted the P.O.A. in the approved manner with an interest in the position. Since only one member was involved in this process no election for this position was required. Congratulations to Sgt. Peter Dacre upon his appointment to the P.O.A. Board of Directors. Peter brings a wealth of knowledge and experience to the board. Peter will be a strong advocate for both his members at Co. F and our association as a whole. Many thanks to Wm. Siebert for the years of service to the P.O.A. "Bert" is a man of many talents and resources as evidenced by the huge success of "Buzz The Fuzz". We will certainly miss Bert on the board and wish all the success in the future. Respectfully Submitted, Kevin M. Martin Vice-President, SFPOA.

## 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](mailto: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

Retirement Dinner Honoring Richard (Dick) Sheehan, Kris Kvale, Mike Norman, Rich (Rip) Van Winkle	Italian Athletic Club	Wed. April 12, 2006 5:30 PM 1630 Stockton St., SF	John Schmolke 415.315.2400
Foothill Fuzz Retiree Luncheon	Monkey Cat Restaurant 805 Lincoln Way, Auburn, CA	Wed April 19, 2006 11:00 AM	Rene LaPrevotte <a href="mailto:rlaprevotte@comcast.net">rlaprevotte@comcast.net</a>
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
Retirement Dinner Honoring Joe McKenna	Lake Merced Golf Club 2300 Junipero Serra, Daly City	Sat. April 29, 2006 6:00 PM	John Mino 415.239.4747
2006 California Police Officers' Memorial	Sacramento	May 4 and 5, 2006	Val Kirwan 415-310-8353
Retirement Dinner Honoring Lt. Judie Pursell	Basque Cultural Center 599 Railroad Ave., So. SF	Thurs. May 18, 2006 6:00 PM	Lea Militello 553-1624
North Bay Retiree Luncheon	Michele's Restaurant 7th and Adams Streets, Santa Rosa,	Tues. May 23, 2006 11 AM	Al Richterman <a href="mailto:alandot@sbcglobal.net">alandot@sbcglobal.net</a>
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th Street	Wed. July 26, 2006 11:00 AM-8:00 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506
Family Benefit Fundraiser POA "Parade of Stars"	SF Palace of Fine Arts	Sun. August 27, 2006 1:00 PM	Steve Hagg 415.587.0912
IAWP Training Conference	Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada	September 17 -21, 2006	Robin Matthews 553-1093
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th Street	Wed. October 4, 2006 11 AM - 8 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506
POA/SFPD Blood Drive	"Old" POA Building, 510 7th Street	Wed. December 13, 2006 11 AM - 8 PM	Mark Hawthorne 553-1506



# WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' Aid Association

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March 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 3 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station.

**PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE:** Led by President Mike Kemmitt.

**ROLL CALL OF OFFICERS:** President Mike Kemmitt, Vice President Rene LaPrevotte excused. Treasurer Jim Sturken and Secretary Mark Hurley. Trustees Dave Fontana, Fred Pardella and John Centurioni. Excused Joe Garity and Matt Gardner. Also present was past-President Ray Crosat.

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

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

**COMMUNICATIONS:** Thank you from Diane Baxter for all the help that was given her when "K" Baxter passed away.

Donation of \$50 from past President Ray Crosat and his Wife Mary in memory of Bob McKee.

## WE HAD FIVE DEATHS THIS PAST MONTH:

**FERDINAND H. SINACEK**, 96 years. Fred was born in Saratoga, California. He attended High School in Watsonville, California. He worked for United Fruit Company and did the Steam Ship route all over South America, bringing fruit to ports on the West Coast. In 1936, he decided to settle down and picked San Francisco as his new home. He worked the old "Produce Market" as a clerk before he entered the Police Department in 1936. Due to his son's illness he had to leave the San Francisco Police Department and move to a warmer climate. He resigned in 1943 and moved to Glendale, California. He joined the Fire Department and retired as a Captain. His family was big in radio, and with his Grandfather Les Malloy he opened a radio station in Fremont, California. He never lost contact with his friends in the San Francisco Police Department, and paid his membership dues all those years. He was the oldest

member of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association.

**JACK G. LIPOVAC**, 78 years. Jack was born in Gallup, New Mexico. At a young age, his family moved to San Francisco and settled on Potrero Hill. He attended Mission High School and served his country in the Army. Upon his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and worked as a Teamster before entering the Police Academy in 1952. His first assignment was the Traffic Bureau, followed by Richmond. He then was drafted back into the Army to serve during the Korean Conflict. Upon returning from Military Leave, he was assigned to Potrero, then Richmond Stations. He went out on a D.P. pension in 1969.

**EUGENE E. "Gene" GIBBONS**, 86 years. Gene was born in San Francisco and raised in The Sunset. He attended Commerce High school. As a "Bulldog" he made All City baseball and went on to play professional baseball for several years. He enlisted in the Navy during WW II and served in the Pacific. After the war, he was employed as a boilermaker before entering the Police Academy in 1947. His first assignment was Traffic for a few years before going to the Juvenile Bureau (It was common practice to assign baseball players to the Juvenile Bureau so they could play for the Department's team.) He was appointed Asst. Inspector in 1957, and full Inspector in 1959. He was awarded the Department's highest award, a Gold Medal of Valor, for removing and saving a man from a burning building. Gene was also awarded several Captain's Comp's for various investigations, arrests, and recovery of stolen musical instruments. Gene retired in 1976 and enjoyed traveling the world with his wife Helen and his family.

**JOHN V. COSTELLO**, 78 years. Jack was born in San Francisco and grew up in the Mission. He attended Mission High School and served his country in the Army. He was employed as a sheet metal worker before entering the Police Academy in 1954. His first assignment was Taraval. In 1960, he went to Traffic, 3-wheelers. In 1967, he made the Bureau. In 1971, he was appointed Asst. Inspector. In 1979, he held the dual rank as Inspector/Sergeant. Jack retired in 1985 and still stayed very active with the Credit Union and Veterans Police Association.

**RICHARD J. COYLE**, 77 years. Dick was born in San Francisco and grew up in Eureka Valley. He attended Mission High School and served in the Army. He entered the Police Academy in 1949 and was assigned to the Traffic Bureau. A year later, the Korean Conflict broke out and he was called back into the Army for two years. Upon returning from military leave, he was assigned to the Traffic Bureau, APB. After a couple of years in Traffic, he worked Richmond, then Central Stations. In 1958, he was assigned to the Bureau, made Asst. Inspector in 1962, and full Inspector in 1965. Dick was awarded our Department's highest award, a Gold Medal of Valor, for the rescue of a mentally ill man who climbed to the top of the KGO radio tower. He was also awarded several Captain's Comp's for his rescue of another person who was attempting suicide, and his arrest of a burglary suspect that resulted in the clearing of many burglaries. Dick retired in 1978.

**SUSPENSIONS:** None this Month.

**REINSTATED:** Pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution, Richard Moses who paid all his back dues and penalties, and was reinstated as a member.

**REPORT OF TRUSTEES:** Our representatives from Wells Fargo Bank gave a presentation on the status of our account. Shane Hiller opened the meeting with his side of our account and introduced Pam Royer who stated that we would have to stay under the guidelines of ERISCA. For several months we were led to believe that we

did not have to, however she could not get any of her sources to verify that. Mr. Jerome Paolini, our senior investment counselor, passed out printed material and gave a rather good report on the status of our total account. The Market started out great in February, but seemed to fissile towards the end of the month. Our Large Cap investments did rather well. The Bond Market seems to be a question mark with inflation and rising rates. The outlook in our investments in Foreign Markets looks good for the rest of the year. Oil prices should stay between \$50 and \$70 a barrel. We still have to look at the low return on Bonds. Some changes will be made over the next Month to better suite our account. Since we have been with Wells Fargo Bank (five months) our account has grown by \$300,000.00 even though we have paid out a larger than normal amount in death benefits. Janet Jerolds, our investment manager, gave a report on oil and how it's affecting the economy.

**ADJOURNMENT:** President Mike Kemmitt had a moment of silence for our departed members and for members of the military serving their country. He set the next meeting for Tuesday April 11, 2006 at 2 PM in the conference room of Ingleside Station. Meeting was adjourned at 3 PM.

*Fraternally,*  
Mark Hurley, Secretary

## It is an Honor to Call Ourselves American Vets

By Rene LaPrevotte

At a time when preservation of veterans' rights is more important than ever, it's a shame that the one organization seeing that those rights are maintained is losing the strength of numbers through apathy. It's bad enough that we are having such a tough time getting the Desert Storm, Iraqi Freedom military veterans to join the Police-Fire Post of the American Legion, but when existing members let their memberships lapse, it's especially troubling. The reason our Government grants benefits to our Nation's returning warriors is because of the strength of membership in the finest veteran's organization in the country, The American Legion.

Many of you SFPD and SFFD mili-

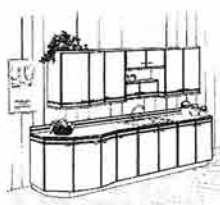


tary veterans had the foresight and good citizenship to join the Police-Fire Post, but have, unfortunately, let your membership lapse this year. The Commander of the eighth district, Greg Corrales, has been very active recruiting new members, but those recruitment efforts are in vain if we lose our existing members!

Those of you who have not attended a meeting this year, or who have allowed your membership to lapse, are encouraged to please send a check to San Francisco Police-Fire Post 456, 401 Van Ness Avenue, San Francisco and reinvigorate your patriotism at a time when this country most needs your experience and undaunted spirit.

Looking forward to seeing you at the next meeting!

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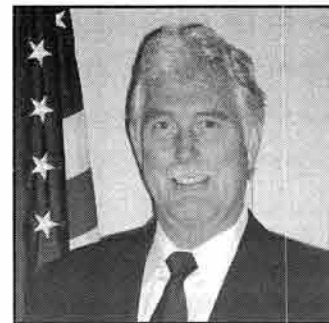
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# AROUND THE DEPARTMENT



By Al Casciato

## ...Health Service Election:

**D**on't forget to vote to reelect **Karen Breslin** to the Health Service Board during the month of April. I know first hand how Karen works tirelessly upon our behalf and why she deserves our full support. Get those ballots in. Every vote counts...

## ...Open Enrollment:

Your open enrollment package should have arrived in the mail sometime during the last week of March. Be sure to review it immediately and if necessary consult with your physician as to which plan is the best for your needs. Also those who have elderly retiree or survivors in the family be sure to assist them in selecting the best coverage. Be mindful of the deadline...

## ...Quote:

*Great minds discuss ideas.  
Average minds discuss events.  
Small minds discuss people.*

— Eleanor Roosevelt

A plaque with the quote is available from [www.skymall.com](http://www.skymall.com) ...

## ...Desperate or Con wise:

On a cold March evening a "homeless" type showed up at the front counter of the Sheriff's intake facility at 455-7th Street. He asked the Deputy on duty to put him in jail so he'd have a warm safe place to sleep and get a meal. When informed that he could not be accommodated because he had not committed a crime the man walked out to the curb and smashed the window of a parked SFPD radio car and then returned to confess to the deputy. The now suspect was arrested, received secure shelter, food, clothing and credit for time served...

## ...DUI Checkpoints:

Information from a teletype received from CHP Commissioner, **Michael Brown**, on February 22, 2006. "Effective immediately all sobriety checkpoints shall be conducted a combination driver license/sobriety

checkpoints". The new grants from the Office of Traffic Safety (OTS) will reflect this policy and we can expect our Holiday Checkpoints to be larger and more labor intensive...Shortly after the arrival of the teletype the need for drivers license checks was validated when Solo Ed O'Toole responded to and intersection 519 (injury accident) in which both drivers were unlicensed. Tragically the injured party was a small child who was not properly strapped into a safety seat...

## ...1906 Earthquake Anniversary:

The San Francisco Fire Department's Historical Society will be sponsoring a remembrance of the 1906 earthquake and fire at Pier 48 on April 15, 16 & 17, 9 pm - 6 pm. 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 Inspector **Liane Corrales** at 415-558-5529. On April 18 memorial services will start at 4 am at Lotta's Fountain 3rd and Market, and will followed by a variety of breakfast and memorial events concluding with a parade from Civic Center to The Ferry Building at 100 hours...Paul is also looking for volunteers to help build the sets in the pier. So if you are handy with a hammer, saw and brush, feel free to volunteer. Volunteers are also needed to staff the booths. So if you can participate please do so. You will not have an opportunity to do so for another hundred years...

## ...Seven Brides for Seven Brothers:

When Broadway on the Bay opens its 2006 Season with **Seven Brides for Seven Brothers** on April 7 at the San Mateo Performing Arts Center we will find SFPD represented in the cast. In a family affair Southern Stations **Lee Dahlberg** along with his wife **Debbie** and daughter **Annie** will perform in 12 shows April 7-23. This will be Lee's stage debut while Deb is a veteran of "Singing in the Rain" and "My Fair Lady" and Annie notches "Oliver", "Peter Pan", "King and I" and "Joseph & the Technicolor Dream Coat". If you get a chance drop by and catch a show. Tickets are available by calling 650-579-5568 or on line at [www.broadwaybythebay.org](http://www.broadwaybythebay.org)...

## ...Birth:

**Brian and Karen Perry**, Southern Station, proudly announce the birth of their first grandchild, **Avery Vanessa Allen**, 8lbs., 1oz, 20 inches, born February 17, 2006 at Kaiser San Francisco. Their daughter **Charlotte**, husband **Jimmie** and baby are doing great. Congratulations to all we wish you the very best...

## ...Sick Call:

Retired Solo **John Fullwood** calls to report that retired Robbery Inspector **Ken Wheeler** is in for a long stay at Kaiser South San Francisco. Visitors are encouraged...

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

# TRAFFIC TIPS

## Another Tool for Locating Suspects and Witnesses

By Sergeant John Nestor, OIC  
STOP Program, Traffic Company,



**S**ince the inception of the STOP (San Francisco Traffic Offender Program) program in 1994, officers have impounded close to 82,000 vehicles and written a similar number of reports. Close to 16,000 of these reports involve a driver who has been arrested two or more times. In almost all cases, the registered owner is responsible for paying storage, towing and administrative fees. When the registered owner fails to pay the fees, the vehicle may be sold by the tow company at a lien sale. Even after the lien sale, the towing company may use a collection agency to recoup any fees not recovered by the sale of the vehicle. Obviously, if you are the registered owner you are not going to very happy with the driver that caused the incident.

What does this have to do with suspects or witnesses? Well, the reason I bring this up is because the STOP unit maintains a database on these incidents. When you issue a citation for a violation of 14601 or 12500 CVC and fax the report, DL record and vehicle registration to us at 553-1043, we enter it into the database and maintain the record in our files. In most investigations, you can locate the registered owner by running QIS and QIR queries in CABLE. However there are times that our records may contain information about the registered owner that was not recorded or maintained in the record room. Also since each offending driver is given a unique STOP file number, we can easily printout the name of each registered owner that has victimized by this driver. This will provide an officer or an investigator a list of persons that may be very willing to provide you with information about the driver.

If you need our help please stop come by Room 154, Traffic Company, in the Hall of Justice. There is normally someone there between 6 AM and 4 PM. Our telephone number is 553-1398 and 553-1321.

P.S. If you are trying to find out who the registered owner was on a specific date, use the QRAO query.

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## 2006 Retirement Seminar Dates

May 22, 23, & 24 and October 23, 24, & 25

**T**he May seminar is full. For those who have already signed up, you will be informed in April whether or not you are in the May Retirement Seminar. For those who did not make the cut, you will automatically be put in the next seminar. This process continues until you have the appropriate amount of years of service (25 yrs) and are of age (over 50 yrs. old). If you have any questions, feel free to call Megan (415.861.5060).



## ON THE SAFE SIDE

### SAFE Hosts 30th Anniversary Event & Awards Dinner Celebrating 30 Years of Crime Prevention & Public Safety Services!



Happy Birthday to SAFE! San Francisco SAFE, Inc. (Safety Awareness for Everyone) has long played an important role in public safety and crime prevention in San Francisco. Now, SAFE is celebrating and invites you to participate in our *30th Anniversary Fundraiser and Awards Dinner* on April 27, 2006, to be held at the new California Culinary Academy, 350 Rhode Island Street, in San Francisco. We are honored to have Supervisor Bevan Dufty as our Keynote Speaker and San Francisco Police Chief Heather Fong as our Honorary Chairperson for this event.

Our organization, formed in 1976 as the San Francisco Police Department's "Project SAFE", greatly appreciates the partnerships we have formed with law enforcement and the community, and plans to take this opportunity during our 30th birthday to commemorate our collaborative achievements and acknowledge those who compliment SAFE's mission.

Approximately 150 people, including representatives from San Francisco law enforcement, city government, community organizations, residents, and merchants, will join us as we present SAFE Awards to those whose significant contributions to crime prevention and public safety make this a safer place to live, work, and play. From the nominations that we received, our Board of Directors selected one award recipient per police district, plus one citywide honoree. The honorees are: Law Enforcement: Sgt. Michael Moran; Officer Steve Matthias; Officer Kirk

Yin, Officer Walter Ware, Officer John Ruggeiro and Parole Agent Ken Wong; Community Members: Ethel Newlin, Vallie Brown, Josephine Sabolboro, Andrea Jorgensen and Karen Nolan.

SAFE is the leader in forming and continuing more than 100 Neighborhood Watch and Business Watch groups in San Francisco each year, providing safety presentations, and hosting community policing activities and events. We perform more than 150 residential and business security surveys annually, and train employers on crime prevention for their company. SAFE empowers people to help make their neighborhoods safer by educating residents, merchants, and visitors on crime prevention techniques. SAFE also serves as liaison to the San Francisco Police Department and other City agencies.

Please join us in our celebration... we could not have gotten this far without you! Our *30th Anniversary Fundraiser & Awards Dinner* will be held on Thursday, April 27th at 6:00 p.m. at the new California Culinary Academy, 350 Rhode Island Street (entrance to Bistro 350 is on 16th Street). Tickets to the event are \$75 per person for a delicious 3-course dinner – there will also be an awards ceremony, music, raffle and silent auction. To RSVP by April 14th, email [30thAnniversary@sfsafe.org](mailto:30thAnniversary@sfsafe.org) or call (415) 553-1984. You can also visit our website, [www.sfsafe.org](http://www.sfsafe.org) for more information.

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## In Memoriam

By Kevin Martin,  
SFPOA Vice President

The San Francisco Police Officers Association mourns the loss of two very fine members who recently passed away. Officer Dennis Patrick Tomason and Officer George "Skeeter" Swartz were men who in part dedicated their lives to public service as police officers in the City and County of San Francisco. Although their lives were different, they both shared a common bond of service to their fellow man and to their community.

Dennis Tomason was a dedicated officer who joined the police department on June 14, 1982 as a member of the 151st Police Academy class. Dennis served in a variety of assignments, most notably at Ingleside and Mission Stations. Dennis served at Mission Station for over ten years where he patrolled the "five" car and later walked a foot beat in the Castro District where he was a permanent fixture for quite some time. Dennis ended his career at Narcotics where he was the re-booking officer.

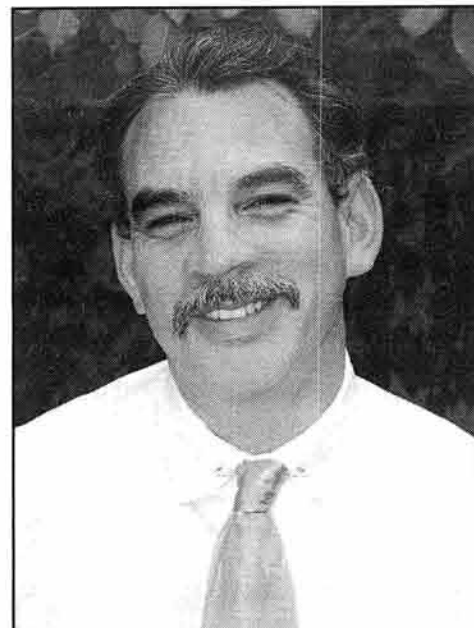
Dennis was a very efficient and knowledgeable officer who took great pride in his ability to size up a difficult situation and then find a practical solution to the problem. Dennis was also an avid member of the POA serving on several committees. He was a regular contributor to the POA newspaper and was one of the finest ambassadors this department and association ever had.

Prior to joining the SFPD, Dennis was a schoolteacher in Florida. He was highly educated, and was tremendously fond of the arts. He was an avid antique collector with an extensive collection of 18th century artwork. Dennis also spent considerable time rebuilding and remodeling his 1800's Victorian building. Another of his true passions was bodybuilding and weightlifting. Dennis was a tremendous competitor, and he medaled in the Police/Fire Games several years ago in the heavyweight bodybuilding category. Dennis was also a competitor in the 1990 and 1994 Gay Games, taking a gold medal in heavyweight power lifting and a bronze medal in the 40-49 age group physique categories.

Dennis will be truly missed by family and friends, many of whom gathered together at the San Francisco Columbarium on Tuesday, March 7, 2006 where Father Cameron Ayers presided over a memorial service. There is no question that Dennis was taken from his family, friends and loved ones all too soon. Dennis will be missed, and we pass along our sincerest condolences to the family and friends of our dearly departed brother.

Officer George Swartz joined the San Francisco Police Department on January 4, 1982 and was a member of the 154th academy class. George honorably served the department in a variety of assignments, including stints at Northern and Richmond Stations, as well as in the Record Room and Operations Center where George was a fixture and a constant companion to his fellow officers on the midnight watch.

George was born July 11, 1952 in



Vice President Kevin Martin

St. Louis Park, Minnesota. He was the older brother of two very loving sisters, Tess and Heide. Upon high school graduation in Golden Valley, Minnesota, George went to college and studied drafting until he entered the military and proudly served in the U.S. Army for four years. While in the service, George developed an interest in law enforcement. After his term of service, he visited several cities in the United States in search of a police department that George could call his own. George came to San Francisco and fell in love with both the city and the department. George would later tell his family "San Francisco and the SFPD 'hit the mark on every level'".

While at Richmond Station, George received a Silver Medal of Valor for taking down an armed robbery suspect who shot at George during the arrest. George was very popular with his peers as evidenced by the large turnout for his "celebration of life" held at the P.O.A. building on Tuesday, March 7, 2006. Over 70 family members, fellow officers, and well-wishers gathered in tribute to George and his dedication to our department and community. SFPD Chaplain Father Cameron Ayers presided over the services. His friends fondly remembered George as they shared their experiences with him to his family and well wishers.

I would like to thank the following people for their contributions to the services and celebrations of both Dennis and George: To Father Cameron Ayers who did a wonderful job presiding at both the Columbarium and at the P.O.A. Building for the services of our dearly departed. Thank you seems like such a small word for all you do for us, father; To the families of both Dennis and George for allowing us to be part of your families; To Steve Johnson and Phil Fleck for their contributions to this article; To the friends and co-workers of both Dennis and George, please know that we share your loss; And finally, a very special thanks to Sgt. Joe Buono who single-handedly organized all the necessary logistics for the George Swartz family. Joe took it upon himself to make all the arrangements for the sisters of George who came from Minnesota and Florida to attend to their brother's affairs. They could not say enough about how Joe took them under his wing and guided them through this difficult experience. There is no doubt that Sgt. Joe Buono is a man who gives so much of himself and is a great example of what makes our department and association so great. Thanks, Joe.

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## President's Message

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doing the job and criminals will sue the city or go to OCC in an attempt to have the officer removed from his or her assignment.

There have been times our officers have begged the City Attorney to take a case to trial only to be told that it is cheaper to settle.

Another fact glaringly missing from the Chronicle hit piece was any mention of what charges were filed against the so-called targets of the investigation. Damon Keeve, for example, was never found to be guilty in any of the cases sighted by Sward. She also went on to target Greg Corrales and Mike Puccinelli, two of our most respected members, as problem officers. A grave disservice to two fine men that have dedicated over 66 years of their lives protecting the citizens of San Francisco.

The most offensive aspect of the articles were the allegations that the San Francisco Police Department has some sort of unique "culture" that cannot be found in other police departments. San Francisco has the most tolerant, understanding, compassionate police department in the country. If people don't believe that then let Susan Sward investigate Los Angeles, New York, Chicago, Baltimore, or Detroit and see how we stack up. We have problems like any other police department, or for that matter any other business or corporation. We makes mistakes like anybody else, but to be constantly criticized, badgered, and maligned day in and day out makes one understand how a "thin blue line" might develop considering that sometimes all we have is one another.

This is a time when we have people

resigning and retiring from the department in record numbers because they no longer wish to subject themselves, or their families to the political whims of this often times very contrary city. San Franciscans would be well advised pay more attention to retaining the great cops we have.

In order to stave off its own demise, the Chronicle has decided that now is the time to thrust the final pen (which, it is said, is mightier than the sword) into the heart of this department. In the end, the people of San Francisco will be the losers as more and more police officers flee this department to find another that truly appreciates what they do and which does not wring them through the scrutiny mill every time they write a ticket or facilitate a robust free-speech event.

In 2004, the SFPD handled 1.2 million calls for service, and arrested more than 36,000 people. We handled more demonstrations, street fairs, carnivals, and athletic events per capita than any other city in America. And through it all, our cops had fewer than 40 complaints for excessive force sustained by an OCC that believes its virtual survival depends on the number of complaints they can sustain. That computes to a rate of 1 sustained complaint for every 27,500 calls for service. Or, more to the point, our "sustained complaint" to "calls for service" ratio is an underwhelming .000036%.

I'd give that little nugget to the Chronicleers, but I'm afraid they'd just spin it into a typical Chron headline:

SFPD SUSTAINED COMPLAINT RATE SOARS TO .000036%

## Elect Karen Breslin Health Service System Board

By Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

Health Service System commissioner Karen Breslin is seeking re-election. She deserves it. Commissioner Breslin, now retired, worked for the departments of social services and adult probation. She ran for her first term 5 years ago with the POA's endorsement.

She has earned high marks for work as chairperson of the Board's rates and benefits committee which establishes the health benefits in each of the plans offered to active and retired city employees. She has protected the

Trust Fund on behalf of the members of the Health Service System. She led the charge to return the Health Services System to again becoming an independent department. And the results are showing with the hiring of Bart Duncan as the System's director. It is now possible to have a phone conversation with a benefits analyst and to do business with the System on a drop in basis.

Ballots will be sent to all city employees, active and retired, in May. Karen Breslin deserves re-election. Cast your vote for Commissioner Breslin.

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## Patrol Officer of the Month



By Ray Shine,  
Editor

COLLAGE BY MOONEY AND HICKS

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 Officers Eric Tapang and Albert Encinas of Richmond Station for being chosen as the April 2006 Officers of the Month. As with all such honorees, the selection of Eric and Albert 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.

## Why I Am Against The Drop Program

By Joe Carroll  
Juvenile Division

After reading Gary's "President's Message" in the February POA Journal, I felt compelled to voice my opposition to the DROP program. After reviewing the article, the DROP program looks to be monumentally unfair, and will only serve a select few to the detriment of the vast majority of our membership.

As explained in the article, the DROP program would be open to sergeants, inspectors, lieutenants and captains. This makes no sense to me. Although we are short bodies everywhere, the critical need is in patrol. I know this because I have friends with four years in the department that are stuck with Tues- Wed-Thursday off on a permanent basis because of the lack of personnel. I think they care very little if some inspector, sergeant, lieutenant or captain (some of who are Tier-1 and already at 90% retirement) gets to stick around for three more years and further feather their nest. It simply does not help the bulk of our membership. So, I think the program would only be fair if it was available only to patrol officers.

pacted by somebody who decides to stick around for three years while the candidates for the rank that he or she holds watch their opportunity wither away. Again, it is unfair. That person with rank got their opportunity, and has an excellent retirement. For them to stick around is simply self-centered and wrong. As an example, I offer the Lieutenants list that was adopted in August of last year; I am told it is a three-year list. To date, 02-20-06, the Department has not made one appointment; so, seven months already down the drain. If the DROP was in effect, any lieutenant who was eligible to retire and was going to, but stuck around for a three year DROP, would be excluding someone on this list, plain and simple. If one person were denied it would be too many, but I fear there would be many people impacted. That brings me to how the DROP would be implemented.

Does anyone trust the Department or the City to administer this program the right way? I don't.

I envision a selection process for the DROP not unlike our promotional process, where merit and fairness take a back seat to cronyism and/or ethnic, gender, or sexual preference politicking. Again, this will be to the detriment of the vast majority of our membership who simply do their job well and don't have the "juice" to get themselves a coveted spot. Take a look at some of the bosses who have benefited from our department's murky and bizarre method of promotion. I fear these same people, or those with similar sycophantic talents, will snatch up these DROP positions leaving little, if any, to those who deserve them most. I can only see this causing further dissension, and a lowering of morale.

I think our membership would be much better served if we simply advocated for the city to do the hiring and promoting that are needed to maintain a department of our size.

One last thought. I heard mentioned that our membership would be paying over \$200,000 to have this program put on the ballot and then campaigned for. (There was no mention of the cost in Gary's article.) If this is true, do we really want to spend that kind of money for a program that benefits so few of our members?

### Member Commentary

Having said that, I seriously doubt it would work well using aging patrol officers. Again, I wonder how effective a fifty-five year old person would be working a midnight shift. (My apologies to the men and women out there who defy age. I know you are out there, and I also know you are in the minority.) There are only so many [Station] Keeper's jobs out there, and again you would have the younger people picking up the slack. To me, it simply makes more sense to have the city hire the people it needs to fill the ranks.

Secondly, Gary acknowledged that there would be a "one cycle" limit on promotional opportunities as people with rank opt to stick around to the detriment of those on promotional lists. I agree, but think it would be even worse.

Every promotional test given after a DROP is implemented will be im-



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**Hombound** (-bound') adj. going home

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# 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 Roll 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  
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## News from the District Attorney's Office

Contact: Bilen Mesfin, DA Harris' Office, 553-1226; Debbie Mesloh, DA Harris' Office, 553-1596

### Woman Convicted of 15 Felony Counts for Assault and Battery of Police Officers

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Victoria Green, CTN # 2189492, was convicted of 15 felony counts for throwing bleach on several police officers who were attempting to arrest her son.

The jury, after deliberating eight hours, found the defendant guilty of seven felony counts of assault with a caustic substance or 244PC, five counts of felony battery on a police officer or 243(c)(2)PC, two felony counts of

assault with force likely to cause great bodily injury or 245(a)(1), and one felony count of using force or violence to obstruct a police officer in the performance of his duties or 69PC. The defendant was also found guilty of two misdemeanor assault and battery charges. The guilty verdict followed a two-week jury trial before Superior Court Judge Anne Bouliane.

The defendant, from the Bayview, was arrested on November 3, 2004. She was charged with a total of 27 counts

for assaulting and battering 10 police officers who were attempting to arrest her son for his alleged participation in an assault that had just occurred. The defendant threw bleach on several officers. This bleach got into the eyes of three officers who had to undergo a saline solution rinse in order to prevent permanent damage to their eyes.

The maximum statutory penalty for each count in violation of 244 is four years. The defendant also faces a maximum statutory penalty

of three years for each count in violation of 243(c)(2), 245(a)(1) and 69. The sentencing of the defendant was scheduled for March 27, 2006, before Superior Court Judge Bouliane in Department 624.

The conviction is the result of an ongoing investigation by Deputy District Attorney Investigator Deborah Waterfield. Eric R. Fleming is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case with the assistance of volunteer attorney Karen Lamb.

### Man Convicted of Selling Crack to Undercover Police Officer in Tenderloin

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced today that Ahlam Waheed, age 50, CTN #2232503, was convicted of selling crack cocaine to an undercover police officer in the Tenderloin.

The jury found the defendant guilty on February 28 of two counts of possession of narcotics for sale. The jury deliberated for approximately half an hour, and the verdict followed a nearly two-week long trial in front of Superior Court Judge Charles Haines in Department 19.

The defendant was arrested on

August 30, 2005, after attempting to sell six rocks of crack cocaine to a San Francisco Police Department officer who was conducting an undercover operation at O'Farrell and Larkin streets.

The defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of six years and four months in state prison. A sentencing date has not yet been scheduled. The conviction is the result of an investigation by the San Francisco Police Department's Narcotics Unit. Rebecca Wagner is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

### Richmond District Burglary Conviction

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Gary Ray, age 30, CTN #196979, was convicted of residential burglary and possession of stolen property.

The jury, after deliberating for less than an hour, found the defendant guilty of participating in the burglary of a home in the Richmond District. The guilty verdict followed a week-long jury trial before Superior Court Judge Teri Jackson.

The defendant, of San Francisco, was arrested on July 5, 2005, after the victims interrupted the burglary in process. A neighbor who saw two

men running through his backyard called 911. The neighbor later saw the defendant walking in the neighborhood and getting into a car, and relayed the license plate to police. Some of the property from the burglary was found in the defendant's car, and the defendant's jacket and cell phone were found in shrubbery approximately 250 yards from the residence.

The conviction is the result of a lengthy investigation by the Burglary Unit of the San Francisco Police Department and Inspector Eric Olsen. William Butler is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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### Man Convicted Of 15 Counts In Connection With Burglary Spree

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Vince Williams, 47, CTN #2185612, was convicted of 15 counts in connection with a burglary spree in the Forest Hill area.

The jury found the defendant guilty on February 21 of three felony counts of 2nd degree burglary, eight felony counts of receiving stolen property, one felony count of stealing a vehicle and three misdemeanor counts of providing false information to a pawn broker. The jury hung on three counts of 1st degree burglary.

The defendant was arrested on May 20, 2004, for allegedly burglarizing three homes in the Forest Hill area, two on Taraval and one on Merced. He was arrested after crashing a car stolen from one of the victim's homes into

a UPS truck. Police found stolen men and women's jewelry on the car floor, in the defendant's pants and in a coat that was also stolen. Further investigation revealed that the defendant had pawned additional stolen jewelry. The stolen property was valued at approximately \$10,000.

The defendant faces a maximum statutory penalty of nearly 23 years in state prison. A sentencing date has been scheduled for March 16, 2006, in front of Superior Court Judge Charlotte Woolard in Department 25.

The conviction is the result of a lengthy and ceaseless investigative effort by Inspector Daniel Yawczak of the San Francisco Police Department's Burglary Unit. Jerry Coleman is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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# Robert Sheehan Prevails

By Mike Hebel,  
SFPOA Welfare Officer

At its meeting of March 14, 2006, the City's Retirement Board voted to adjust Retired Police Officer Robert Sheehan's disability retirement allowance from 50% to 79%, effective October 20, 2003.

By that act, the Retirement Board finally brought to conclusion a torturous journey for Robert Sheehan which included a battle royale at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, obtaining the upgrade in his retirement benefits, struggles with the City's compensation division to obtain medical care and obtaining recognition for the industrial nature of his bilateral foot condition, and an unsuccessful appeal by the City Attorney's Office to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board for review of a trial judge's decision.

## The Employment and Injury

Robert Sheehan began his employment as a police officer with the City and County of San Francisco in 1981 when he joined the San Francisco International Airport Police Department. He worked there continuously and through the integration of the airport police into the San Francisco Police Department, which occurred in December of 1997. At the airport, he performed multiple assignments including patrol, investigations, and plain clothes work. He was an aggressive police officer, well respected by his peers for his tenacity, perseverance, and good judgment.

During his police career, he sustained multiple orthopedic injuries to his back, left shoulder, neck, rib cage, and to both of his feet. The foot injuries were the serious ones. A left foot injury in November of 1996 resulted in a workers' compensation award and a provision for future medical care. He was also off work on disability pay, on an intermittent basis, for about one year. A second injury in July of 2002 to his right foot proved a career-ending injury. He was off work on disability leave for one year and did seek an industrial disability retirement since his treating doctors indicated that he was not capable of returning to work. He sought an effective date of retirement of October 20, 2003.

His foot injuries required multiple surgeries and left him in a condition where he required special shoes and orthopedic supports in order to properly maintain balance when walking. He lost his ability for running, quick movement as well as any physical heavy work. He experienced nearly constant pain in his lower extremities for which he received some relief with the use of prescribed medications.

At the Retirement Board, the independent hearing officer concluded, based on an extensive medical record, that Robert Sheehan "must be considered a disabled person." The hearing officer found him disabled for the performance of police duties as a result of his significant physical impairments.

## The WCAB

Since Bob was not eligible for service retirement, he received an automatic 50% of salary pension, subject to a proceeding at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, to determine if a higher pension was warranted. The case was referred to the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board to determine his level of permanent disability. The com-

pensation physician's initial position was that his combined injuries had caused 12.5% for his right foot injury and 16.5% for his left foot injury. This would not get him anywhere near the 50% that he was receiving and certainly would not improve his retirement. As his case came close to hearing, the City improved its offer to a combined permanent disability rating of 62½% for both feet. This was looking better since it would improve his retirement pension by 12½%, but was not adequate, given the level of disability and the reports that had been submitted by his treating doctor.

On December 10, 2005, a trial was held before Judge Alvin Barrett, a workers' compensation judge. At the hearing before Judge Barrett, the testimony showed that the occupational foot injuries resulted in the loss of a police career for Robert Sheehan. He is required to wear a brace on his left foot, use a cane and walk with a limp. His feet swell almost all of the time for which he requires daily foot soaks to obtain relief. His bilateral foot pain causes shooting pains and muscle spasms in his shins and calves. He is required to wear special shoes due to the swelling. His physical limitations are significant.

Judge Barrett found that Bob Sheehan's bilateral foot injuries resulted in a PD of 79%, a true measure of his level of significant disability and work impairment. The Deputy City Attorney appealed Judge Barrett's decision to a panel at the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, stating that Judge Barrett had incorrectly calculated the manner in which the prior award of 16½% was subtracted with the newly found disability of 79%. On March 10, 2006, the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board denied the City Attorney's Petition for Reconsideration, holding that: "We have considered the allegations of the Petition for Reconsideration and the contents of the report of the Workers' Compensation Administrative Law Judge with respect thereto. Based on our review of the record, and the reasons stated in said report which we adopt and incorporate, we will deny reconsideration."

With this decision of the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board, along with the approval of the 79% by the City's Retirement Board, Bob Sheehan now receives the industrial disability retirement which the facts of this case and the disabilities incurred truly justify.

## Best Wishes, Bob Sheehan

Bob Sheehan's job injuries ended his police career and caused a premature retirement as of October 20, 2003. Nevertheless, he remains optimistic and hopeful about this future, now secured with an adequate disability retirement and health benefits guaranteed through both the Workers' Compensation Appeals Board (for his job injuries) and the with the Health Service System for all other medical care requirements.

While disappointed that he no longer has a police career which he thoroughly enjoyed, most especially the multitude of friends that he made inside the Department.

The Police Officers Association honors the career of Robert Sheehan with his many years of dedicated police service. We wish him best wishes for a prosperous and satisfying retirement.



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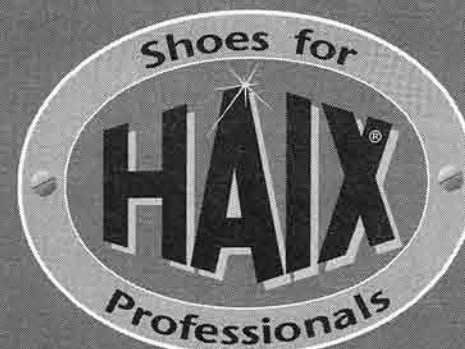


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# Law Enforcement on the Web: Blogs & News

surfing by Mike Nevin

March 02, 2006, 8:13 a.m

## Can Tragedy Be Legislated Away? A bad bill ends up in the trash

### Jack Dunphy's Blog

Every so often you hear of an idea so monumentally stupid you just know it had to have been dreamed up by someone with an Ivy League education. So when I heard of a bill put forth by New York State Senator David Paterson that would have restricted — to an absurd degree — the use of deadly force by police officers, I looked into the legislator's background for the source of his confusion. Yes, there it was in his online biography: Paterson is a graduate of Columbia University, cradle of who knows how many other similarly harebrained notions.

Paterson's bill, which he proposed following the February 2000 acquittal of four New York Police Department officers in the mistaken shooting of Amadou Diallo, would require police officers to use as little force as necessary to stop a suspect's hostile actions or prevent him from escaping. The *New York Sun* reported on the legislation last week, saying that if the bill were enacted, "police officers would be permitted to use the minimal amount of force to [sic] 'needed to stop' a suspect. For instance, according to the bill memo, an officer who is under attack would be required to shoot a suspect in the leg or arm if such actions would stop the suspect from harming the officer or escaping."

This is stunning in its ignorance, but it gets worse. "Further," says the bill memo, "the number of times an officer shoots a person should not exceed the minimal number necessary to stop the person. If one shot accomplishes the purpose, it is neither necessary or appropriate for an officer to empty his barrel."

Now, Paterson is legally blind and presumably unfamiliar with firearms, but is there no one on his staff, no one with whom he consulted before proposing this folly, who knows that a weapon's ammunition is carried in the magazine and not the barrel? But the technical defects of the bill are the least of its problems. Most objectionable is the threat it poses to police officers who would be forced to make the split-second choice between protecting themselves from a violent attack and protecting themselves from a turn in the defendant's chair at a criminal trial. For under Paterson's bill, if an officer were to kill a suspect by shooting him more times than, say, some politically motivated district attorney deemed necessary, the officer could face a second-degree

manslaughter charge and a potential 15-year sentence.

Such a nonsensical piece of legislation might have been ignored and found its rightful place in some wastebasket in Albany had not New York Attorney General Eliot Spitzer chosen Paterson to be his gubernatorial running mate. Paterson's place on the ticket brought with it the kind

that such a tragedy would never happen again. While that is still my goal, I realize on reflection that this bill was not the best way to pursue it."

Thus is revealed the politician's impulse — usually the Democratic politician's impulse — to try to avert any type of tragedy or misfortune with a simple stroke of the legislative pen. Examples of this quixotic impulse

*For instance, according to the bill memo, an officer who is under attack would be required to shoot a suspect in the leg or arm if such actions would stop the suspect from harming the officer or escaping.*

of scrutiny all but unknown outside the Empire State, and when reporters started asking Spitzer about the proposed law, the leading Democratic contender ended up with egg on his face. "Eliot is not in favor of this revision to the penal code," said Ryan Toohey, Spitzer's campaign manager. "When David agreed to be Eliot's running mate, we knew they wouldn't be in lockstep agreement with each other. That's part of how good relationships work."

We're all grateful for this lesson on harmonious relationships, but I'm guessing Spitzer's reaction to the controversy was somewhat less sanguine than Toohey's statement would suggest. The attorney general revels in media attention like few others, but even one as keen for the spotlight as Spitzer is bound to be discomfited by the very public revelation that his running mate just might be a kook.

Eager to portray himself as rational, on Tuesday Paterson agreed to pull the bill after what he called a "productive and positive meeting" with John Grebert, executive director of the New York State Association of Chiefs of Police. We might suspect that in addition to this productive and positive meeting, Paterson was spurred to action after a visit to Spitzer's woodshed, and after being skewered to a fare-thee-well in a *New York Post* editorial.

Though Paterson's bill is now history, the mindset that engendered it lives on. He drafted the bill because he was angered by the jury's verdict in the Diallo case and sought a legislative remedy. "I think most people felt the police officers [in the Diallo case] had acted inappropriately," he said Tuesday, "and I wanted try to ensure

abound, but their consequences are most often merely ineffective and wasteful rather than deadly. Perhaps New York hasn't yet gone so far off the rails as to embrace Paterson's vision of the proper use of force by police officers, but one can easily envision such a law such as his being passed in San Francisco or some other city whose political structure is similarly dominated by liberals.

Which raises an important question about crime and crime-fighting. On Tuesday here on NRO, LAPD Chief William Bratton and criminologist George Kelling presented a defense of the "broken windows" theory of law enforcement, which posits that when the police take action against relatively minor offenses like graffiti, panhandling, and prostitution, a community's sense of order is enhanced and the incidence of more serious crime is reduced. As Bratton and Kelling point out, this theory has come under attack, most recently in a February 19 story in the *Boston Globe*.

From the perspective of a cop who has spent more than 20 years on the streets of Los Angeles, it seems beyond question that the broken-windows theory holds water, and that those who question its validity do so, as Bratton and Kelling argue, for political and ideological reasons. But Bratton and Kelling ignore what is to the average street cop an important aspect of the broken-windows approach, which is the political climate in which police officers must operate.

Bratton and Kelling cite the 25-percent reduction in murders seen in Los Angeles since Bratton took over as chief of the LAPD in 2002. They attribute this reduction to the imple-

mentation of a number of strategies, all of which emphasized "order-restoration." This is true up to a point, but it is important to remember that Bratton took over a police department that had been demoralized to a point of near-ineffectiveness by its previous chief, Bernard Parks. Under Parks, officers were quitting more quickly than they could be replaced, and those who remained increasingly adopted a "drive-and-wave" attitude rather than risk the personnel complaint that often accompanied a confrontation with a criminal suspect.

The rise in crime seen during Parks's tenure as chief was reversed practically the very day Bratton was sworn in. He made his officers the welcome promise of a more rational approach to citizen complaints, but he has kept that promise only sporadically in his three and half years as chief. Witness the case of former officer John Hatfield, who was fired from the LAPD after being shown on television hitting a fleeing car thief with a flashlight. Hatfield's termination was nakedly political, coming as it did despite the fact that the suspect only slightly injured in the so-called beating, and it left many L.A. cops wondering if theirs might be the next hide tacked to the front door at city hall.

Now comes the case of Steve Garcia, the LAPD officer who last February shot and killed 13-year-old car thief Devin Brown at the end of another high-speed chase. To his credit, Bratton ruled that Garcia acted within policy in the shooting, but the civilian police commission, whose president is a long-time, outspoken critic of the LAPD, overruled him. Garcia now faces a departmental trial board that may, if it yields to the political pressure sure to come, vote to fire him.

All of this leaves cops in Los Angeles wondering if fighting crime is worth the trouble. A cop gets paid just as much for taking reports on crimes that have already occurred as he does for arresting the people responsible for them. Yes, "broken windows" is a valid theory, but it is only a theory in any city whose political climate is hostile to its police officers.

— Jack Dunphy is an officer in the Los Angeles Police Department. "Jack Dunphy" is the author's nom de cyber. The opinions expressed are his own and almost certainly do not reflect those of the LAPD management.

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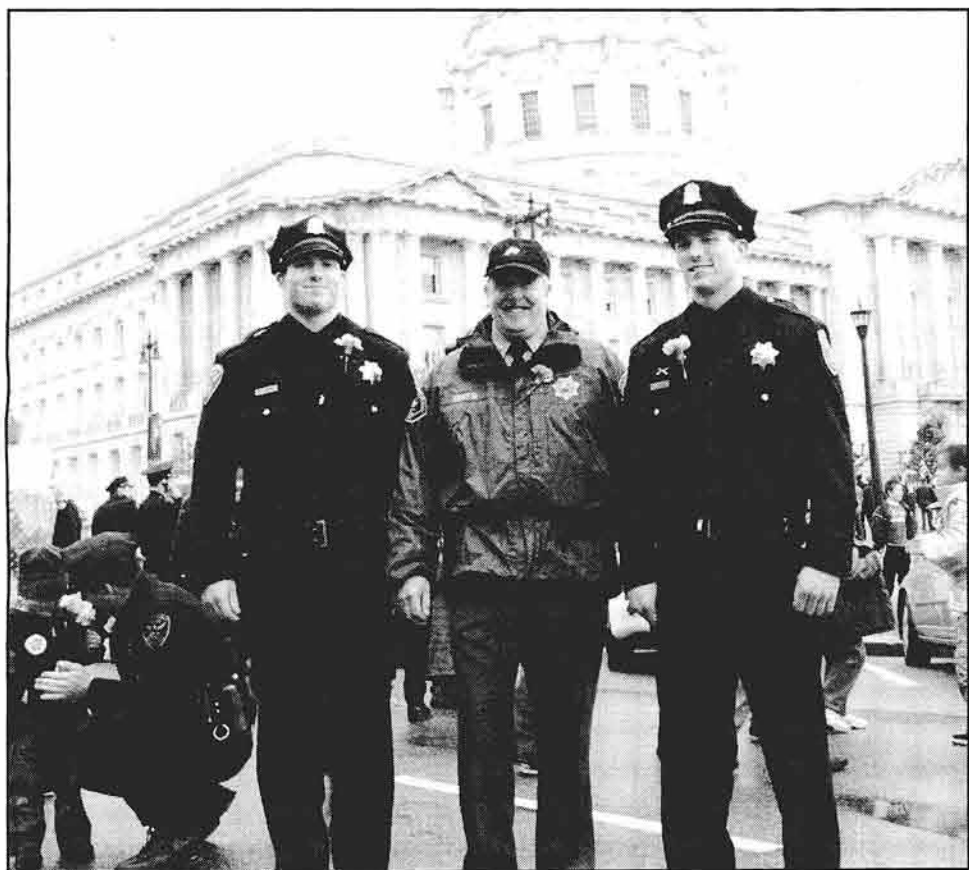
# St. Patrick's Day Parade

## March 12, 2006

**I**nclement weather did not diminish the fortitude of the SFPD and Bay Area Emerald Society members. A large group marched proudly in the 154th St. Patrick's Day Parade.

The Bay Area Law Enforcement Emerald Society hosted a post-parade celebration at the nearby Polk Hall which was well attended and a welcome retreat from the stormy weather as they enjoyed delicious corned beef and cabbage cooked by Steve Canaglia with music by William Murphy.

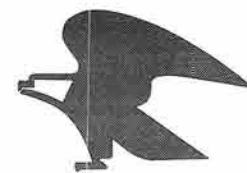
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## POA MAIL



### Support for the SFPD/POA

Dear SFPOA –

As a San Francisco resident and former FBI agent, I want to commend you for your recent efforts to defend the SFPD against efforts by the San Francisco Chronicle and the mayor to criticize and emasculate the department.

These are difficult times for those in law enforcement and particularly police officers in San Francisco where it seems the prevailing environment is anti-cop.

This type of blanket criticism, obviously to sell papers, severely damages morale at every level of the department.

You have stood up and defended those colleagues who risk their lives every day.

*Keep up the good work.*

*Sincerely,*

**Richard W. Smith, President**  
Cannon Street

### Commission Hearings

Editor –

I know that I don't have to tell you that the Office of Citizen Complaints is totally out of control. As a direct result of the bad-faith demonstrated by OCC every day, morale is lower than at any time in my 36-1/2 year career. Morale today is even lower than it was during the Charles Gain regime!

Many years ago the POA did its membership a huge disservice. The POA signed-off on the current procedure of one police commissioner hearing a case, and the remaining commissioners reading the transcript. Then the entire Commission decides the case.

At every jury trial the jurors are instructed regarding the importance of watching the demeanor of witnesses in determining their credibility. Just last week, President of the Police Commission, Louise Renne, commented on the importance of watching the demeanor of witnesses to determine their credibility. Yet members' careers are being decided by commissioners who read a transcript and never saw the witnesses testify, and thus, never got the chance to gauge their credibility.

I am suggesting that long before the current POA leadership was in place, the membership lost a basic right in our disciplinary process. The only benefit of this current denial of our rights is a reduction of work for the Police Commissioners.

It is of paramount importance that the POA do everything within

its power to rescind the forfeiture of its members' rights to have all Police Commissioners present at any disciplinary hearing in which the commissioners are going to judge the members.

The return of this basic right to the membership will have a very important residual effect. Once the disciplinary process is rectified and all commissioners are required to hear every case, the OCC will be forced to stop mindlessly sending dozens of officers to the Police Commission on charges that would not even warrant an admonishment. The OCC will be forced to prioritize the cases that they send to the Police Commission. If they don't, the Police Commission hearing process will become hopelessly bogged down as the Commission hears one frivolous case after another.

Moaning and groaning won't help the current crisis. The return of this basic right to the membership is a very viable tactic that will have a number of long-term benefits to the membership and severely alter how OCC and how the Police Commission do business.

*Sincerely,*

**Greg Corrales**  
Traffic Company

### Ridiculous OCC Complaints

*Editor – I sent this letter to the Director of OCC three weeks ago. I got no response.*

7 February 2006

**Kevin Allen, Director,**  
Office of Citizen Complaints

Dear Director Allen:

When you were appointed to your position, like many others, I was hopeful that you would transform an agency composed of "cop-haters" into a professional, objective, and fair organization, immune to politics. Those naïve hopes were shattered by your organization's findings regarding their "investigation" of the notorious "Union Street incident."

Recently I received a complaint from a complainant from whom I purchased drugs while working undercover in 1971. He was arrested by one of the 100+ officers that were working for me at Mission Station at the time. He complained that I had directed the officer to him out of a grudge I held against him. I had not talked or even seen the complainant in over thirty (30) years, yet the complaint was ruled NOT SUSTAINED.

I never believed that I would

ever encounter that level of the absurd again, but I was wrong. I just received a copy of a complaint against me from a complainant I have not seen or spoken to in over twenty years (See attached). As you can see there are no specific allegations against me, other than "INAPPROPRIATE BEHAVIOR." It is my understanding that this form should have informed me of the facts of the complaint. I do not know why your employee did not provide the information in question. I don't know if it was due to incompetence, ignorance or laziness, but I am left in a position of having to guess what behavior is alleged to be inappropriate.

Again, since I have not seen or spoken to Mr. Stypmann in over twenty years, I can only surmise that, as commanding officer of the Traffic Company, I am being accused of being responsible for the "police surveillance" of Mr. Stypmann. Am I actually being asked to answer allegations that the SFPD Traffic Company personnel have Richard Stypmann under surveillance? If next week someone alleges that I am directing x-rays at them, will I have to address those charges?

Every reasonable person supports the concept of civilian oversight of police. Every reasonable person supports a strong, unbiased, professional and independent OCC.

After over thirty-six years as a San Francisco Police Officer I was disappointed, but not surprised, when your office knuckled under to the politics involved in the "Union Street incident." Accepting ludicrous complaints, and even worse, not clearing officers of ludicrous complaints, has damaged, and continues to damage the credibility of your office almost beyond repair. It is not too late, however.

As one of the most scrutinized officers in history, I would suggest that our goals are the same. We both want professional, appropriate conduct by every member of the SFPD. In that spirit I would like to urge you to inject the important missing element to your organization. That element is fairness. I don't really need it, having rarely experienced it. I will prevail on the Union Street charges, as I did nothing wrong. The "Not Sustained" disposition on the "every-thirty-years vendetta" charge is now a part of OCC Absurdities lore. I am confident that I will get another "Not sustained" regarding Traffic Company having Mr. Stypmann under surveillance. I am inured to these conditions. I am making a plea on behalf of the many newer officers that still believe in fairness and still think that they won't get into trouble as long as they don't do anything wrong.

*Sincerely,*

**Greg Corrales**

### Thank You from the Batchelder Family

To the members of the San Francisco Police Dept. and the San Francisco Police Officers Association, from the Batchelder Family.

My name is Richard Batchelder. My wife Connie, my son David, my daughter and son-in-law, Maria and Kevin Kruienga, wish to express

our very sincere and warmest appreciation to the San Francisco Police Association and the San Francisco Police Dept., to the Mayor and the Board of Supervisors, for the unconditional support you gave our family after Eric's accident and his 55 days of hospitalization at San Francisco General Hospital. Everything from the offers of rooms and food, to the personal assistance from individual officers, made this ordeal much easier to endure.

If we listed names of those who personally helped us it would take a page of your journal, from the fine Patrol Officers, Sergeants, Lieutenants, Captains, Assistant Chiefs, and the Chief of Police for the City of San Francisco to the Fire Department personnel that assisted Eric immediately after the accident. Also, the Emergency Room doctors and nurses at San Francisco General Hospital, particularly the team of doctors who treated Eric and watched over him the entire two months that he was hospitalized. Also, we must mention the nurses and all the techs involved in treating him. As you can see there are literally so many names that it is impossible to list them.

This is what our family learned from the hallways of San Francisco General Hospital while observing and talking to the officers who kept a steady stream of visits and support for Eric and us.

We learned about the caring attitude that shines through the officers of the SFPD.

We have never observed such an outstanding group of dedicated men and women working for the common good than the officers of the San Francisco Police Dept.

Your education, intellect, training, diverse philosophies, and performance, combined with your level-headedness was an absolute wonder to behold. We listened to the radio calls, met the officers involved in various incidents, and found them all to be amazing individuals. The City of San Francisco is indeed fortunate to have such a group of dedicated professionals such as yourselves to protect them 24/7.

Because of your personal support, we never felt alone. For this, we will always be grateful. We also know that the individual citizens of San Francisco, which you protect, also feel the same way and have the same affection for you.

*Affectionately yours,*

**The Batchelder family**

### Thanks for your Support

Dear Gary and Members –

I can't thank you enough for supporting my candidacy for the 12th Assembly District....Please know that your ongoing friendship and support mean so much to me. If I can be of any help, please call my campaign office at (415) 922-9522.

*Sincerely,*

**Fiona Ma**

### Condolences Appreciated

Dear Association Members–

I'm writing this letter in response to your recent expression of sympathy for the loss of Lieutenant Mike

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Narcotics Division, SFPD



Walker, #9919, of this command. The loss of Mike, due to a tragic accident, was heartbreaking and deeply felt throughout the California Highway Patrol, especially the Santa Cruz Area Office, and the community. Mike was truly a special person and an outstanding representative of what law enforcement and public service signifies.

I have shared your heartfelt condolences and generous offering with Michelle Walker, daughters Amanda and Jennifer, and Mike's immediate family members. The entire Walker family and members of the California Highway Patrol are extremely grateful for the comfort you have provided during this difficult time. On behalf of the Santa Cruz California Highway Patrol office, we wish you all the very best.

Sincerely,  
**C. Manriquez, Captain**  
Commander  
Santa Cruz Area  
California Highway Patrol

### Thank you

Dear POA –

Thank you for the beautiful floral arrangement sent in remembrance of my late husband, Don Martin. It was appreciated by myself and by my family.

Sincerely,  
**Aneta Martin**

To the Editor:

On behalf of the Martin Family, I would like to thank the members of the San Francisco Police Department's Traffic Company and officers who graciously provided motorcade escort following funeral services for our dad, Donald Martin.

The officers acted with great precision and professionalism and brought enormous pride to the Martin Family. We are thankful for your invaluable assistance. We would also like to thank members of the POA for the beautiful flower arrangement for Dad's funeral. Most of all, we appreciate all of the members' prayers and thoughts. They have given us great comfort during this difficult time.

Once again, thank you for all your support and messages of condolences.

Andrew J. Martin

Dear POA –

On behalf of the George Washington Baseball Program, I would like to thank you for 'your generous contribution of \$250.00. Your contribution will help us enter the 2006 season with the financial support that is needed for travel and essential equipment.

Sincerely,  
**Rob Fung, Class of '86**  
Head Baseball Coach  
George Washington High School

Dear SFPOA –

I really appreciate how generous you have been with all my charity functions. I ran the half-marathon and raised a total of \$3,000! Thanks! And as for the other charity (Little Children's Aid) we are so grateful for your donation. It really helps.

Thank you,  
**Megan Fahey**  
POA Staff

Dear POA –

The members of Little Children's Aid Junior Auxiliary gratefully acknowledge your generous dona-

tion of \$150. Your contribution to our Showboat 2006 Casino Night will benefit our continuing efforts to help homeless children and families in San Francisco.

Thank you.  
**Sandra Puccinelli**

Dear POA –

We wanted to thank you for your generous donation to our swim team, the Terrapins. It meant a lot to us that you would donate money to support our team.

We will continue to work hard everyday towards our athletic goals and this money will help our team be able to continue to flourish.

Greatest respect,  
**Alex & Devin Madsen**

Dear POA –

On behalf of the entire San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center community, I want to thank you for your generous support of Heroes & Hearts. Your \$5,000.00 sponsorship for 10 tickets will benefit the life-saving work that goes on at San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center.

The Heroes & Hearts luncheon, held February 14, 2006 in Union Square, honored several community heroes and continued the 2004 Hearts in San Francisco project by unveiling 15 new Hearts in the series. This event is a unique hybrid of fund-raising, compassionate community involvement, and a positive nurturing of artistic expression.

The San Francisco General Hospital Medical Center (SFGHMC) is at the heart of our city's public health care system. From the Gold Rush to the 1906 earthquake to the AIDS epidemic, the hospital has provided exemplary care to the people of San Francisco. SFGHMC opens its doors to anyone in need, regardless of ability to pay, and your support ensures that SFGHMC is able to continue to provide quality health care to all.

Thank you for your generosity and for making Heroes & Hearts such a tremendous success.

Sincerely,  
**Katherine Ripley-Williams**  
Executive Director  
The San Francisco General Hospital  
Foundation

### We Need Your Support

Dear SFPOA –

On behalf of Community Boards I am again asking the San Francisco Police Officers' Association for one thousand dollars to support our outreach efforts to promote the use of mediation in resolving conflicts.

We are especially in need of printing more referral cards for police officers to give to feuding neighbors. This card was the idea of the late Chief Tom Murphy when he was on our Board of Directors, and we have been distributing them since then to the police districts around the city.

We are very proud of our relationship with the SFPD, our number one source of referrals, but we are particularly grateful to the POA for its support of our work.

Thank you for considering our request.

**Charles Regal,**  
Director of Alternative Dispute  
Resolution Services  
Community Boards of San Francisco

*The following correspondence is specific to the recent Special Election for the POA Board of Representative position from the Inspector Bureau – Ed.*

February 28, 2006

Dear Candidate,

I met with POA Parliamentarian Mike Hebel on Friday, February 24, 2006 and advised him of the problems with the Bureau of Inspectors election. Mike took the issues and researched them in order to determine the correct way to proceed.

Mike Hebel's research concluded that in fact a new election should be held for its selection of a representative to the P.O.A. Board of Directors.

Parliamentarian Hebel recommended that only the Inspectors eligible to vote in the first Special Election be allowed to vote in the second or any subsequent Special Election. He also recommended that in order for the Bureau of Inspectors to have the two (2) representatives it's entitled to, Pat Mullins, upon the appointment of President Delagnes, be allowed to remain on the P.O.A. Board on an interim basis pending the result of the election.

President Delagnes has acted on Parliamentarian Hebel's recommendation and has appointed Inspector Pat Mullins to represent the Bureau of Inspectors on an interim basis. I have contacted Inspector Mullins and advised of such.

Ballots for the new election will be mailed out to members of the Investigations Bureau on Wednesday March 1, 2006. Instructions to have the ballot returned via U.S. mail postmarked by Friday March 17, 2006 will be included. We will also advise members who for one reason or another did not receive their ballot to contact the P.O.A. by Wednesday March 8, 2006 in order to have a ballot sent to him/her.

I will send a letter to the units and details falling under the purview of the Investigations Bureau and advise the members of said units and details of the special election.

Respectfully Submitted,  
**Kevin M. Martin**  
Vice-President, POA

March 1, 2006

**Gary Delagnes, President**  
San Francisco Police Officers  
Association  
800 Bryant Street, 2nd Floor  
San Francisco, CA 94103

Dear Gary:

Thank you for your letter of February 28, 2006 advising us of the decision to hold an entirely new election for the position of director. We believe that this decision is in the best interests of the entire Inspectors Bureau and the P.O.A. The integrity of the election process must be beyond reproach.

While the necessity to hold a new election was caused by the discovery that members of S.I.D. did not receive their ballots, we have encountered several voting P.O.A. members in other details that also failed to receive a ballot.

In holding a new election, it is our hope that the parameters of the election timelines are visibly posted and distributed to all candidates and details.

To close, we strongly discourage the P.O.A. Election Committee from allowing any candidate to hold an interim voting position on the P.O.A. Board of Directors. To do so shows bias on the part of the P.O.A. and casts a cloud of doubt over what should be an open and transparent election process.

Sincerely,  
**Mikail Ali**  
**Joseph Engler**  
**John Evans**  
**Glenn Sylvester**

## Native San Franciscans to Gather for Reunion

Are you a San Francisco Native? If so, you might want to head over to Jillian's at the Metreon on Friday, April 7th from 5:30pm - 8:30pm for a fun evening of socializing, billiards, and connecting with your fellow SF Natives. The event was planned close to the 1906 Earthquake Centennial so people can also share stories and family memories of this time in the city's history.

Jillian's is located at 101 4th Street in San Francisco. Parking is located across the street at the Sib and Mission Street Garage; Tickets are \$25.00, and \$35.00 after April 5th or at the door, and payment includes 3 hours of billiard play, complimentary appetizers, and a no host bar. Payment is by check only, made payable to San Francisco Generations, Inc., and mailed to Linda Molinari Mansouria, 2269 Chestnut Street, #498, San Francisco, CA 94123-2600.

This event is a warm-up for the San Francisco Generations 3rd Annual San Francisco Native Jamboree,

to be held September 15th, 2006. The Jamboree is a fabulous party bringing together native San Franciscans who share a common bond of being born or raised in the most beautiful city in the world!

Giving back to our community, the San Francisco Native Jamboree supports The San Francisco Conservation Corps, and its mission to help San Francisco's young people by providing education, training, and marketable job skills while addressing community needs through service work.

For more information on both events, visit [www.sfnativejamboree.com](http://www.sfnativejamboree.com) or call 415-775-4421.

The event is produced by San Francisco Generations, Inc. and sponsored by Cal Mart; Pete Branigan, Real Estate Associate; B.J. Droubi and Company; Make It Happen LLC; Mission Motorcycles; Monroe Personnel Service LLC, and Temptime; Office Depot; Sunset Scavengers; and The Guardian.



# International Association Of Women Police

## 44th Annual Training Conference

By Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

Greetings! It's time to start making plans to attend this year's International Association of Women Police (IAWP) Training Conference that will be held September 17-21, 2006 in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada. The Saskatoon Police Service, and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) are hosting this year's conference.

This year's theme is "Policing Tomorrow's World" which will look into the future to see what's ahead for us. There will also be a look into the past in order to improve policing in the future. A 3-track lecture format will provide personnel from all levels of service a varied menu of informative and educational lectures from which to choose, addressing topics related to operations, forensics, management and leadership strategies, technological advances, human behavior, diversity, education, police administration, and more.

Some of the courses already confirmed are: Media Wise Relations; Wonder What You Are; Police Education - Its Significance and Access; The Fugitive Case; Both Sides of the Court Room; Criminal Investigative Failures; Geographic Profiling; Police Governance in Canada; Leadership; Police Associations in Canada; Speaking for the Dead; ValuJet 10 Years Later; 1-D to 3-D; Law Enforcement/Aboriginal Relations; Prison Gangs; Death Notification (MADD); Honour Killings; A Victim's Perspective on Child Prosti-

tution; From Food Addict to Health in Policing; Alternatives to Dealing with the Sex Trade; Graffiti Search Warrants; Canada's Pardon Programs; Child Pornography Investigations;

*"Policing Tomorrow's World" will look into the future to see what's ahead for us. There will also be a look into the past in order to improve policing in the future.*

Communication Evidence - Are You Getting What You Need; and Technological Advances in Gadgets and Crimes.

To obtain more detailed information on each of the above classes, as well as to learn about who the instructors will be that will be teaching them, please go to the IAWP 2006 conference web site at [www.iawp2006.com](http://www.iawp2006.com). The site is being updated regularly, so check it frequently as additional classes and instructors are being added on a regular basis.

There will also be three keynote speakers during the conference: Mr. Dave Pelzer - The Real Heroes and Help Yourself; Ms. Shannon Miller - The Power of Vision for Winning Learning and Life; and Ms. Carol Boothroyd - Gender Speak and Media Wise Relations.

Dave Pelzer, as a child, endured the horrors of child abuse, which included physical torture, mental cruelty, and near starvation. Upon Dave's rescue at

the age of 12, he was identified as one of the most severely abused children in California's history. Upon Dave's removal from his mother's home, he was made a ward of the court and placed in

foster care until he enlisted in the U.S. Air Force at age 18. As a young adult, Dave was determined to better himself - no matter what the odds.

Dave is the author of several books including "A Child Called It." Dave's presentation in Saskatoon will combine two of his programs - Help Yourself, and The Real Heroes - a tribute to the people that saved him - teachers, social workers, and police officers. Due to health concerns, Dave rarely travels outside of the United States, so this will be a rare opportunity to hear him speak.

Shannon Miller's inspirational presentation will discuss vision being creative imagination. It's what pulls you along; gives you something to compete for and to sacrifice for. Shannon Miller lives and breathes vision and will show us that each of us has the power to transform the ordinary into the extraordinary, the every day into something special.

As a former police officer, 2003 Coach of the Year, first female head coach of a women's Olympic hockey team, and the holder of many championship titles (including three consecutive NCAA championships with the University of Minnesota, Duluth women's hockey team, a Silver Medal at the 1998 Winter Olympics, and three consecutive Gold Medals at the Women's World Ice Hockey Championships), Shannon Miller knows of what she speaks!

Men and women do not always speak the same language! Communication is more than meets the ear! Carol Boothroyd will present a light-hearted approach to complex communication issues. If you work or play with the other gender, this session will be an eye opener. Learn the important role that gender plays, and laugh while you learn practical tools to use immediately and become a more flexible communicator, both at work and home.

In her second session, Carol will also show you how to make the media work for you. This humorous, interactive session is a must for officers who want to respond to the media in a credible, confident, and powerful manner.

The conference will be held at the Sheraton Cavalier Hotel along the beautiful South Saskatchewan River and just a few minutes walk to the Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre conference venue. Cost per standard room is \$150.00 Canadian (\$129.62). To make reservations, call the Sheraton at 306-652-6770 or 800-352-3535 and tell them that you will be attending the IAWP 2006 conference to obtain the reduced rate. Conference registration rates are

as follows:  
Now to July 31st, 2006 - \$600.00 Canadian (\$525.97 US) for IAWP members; \$650.00 Canadian (\$569.80 US) for non-members.

August 1st, 2006 to the conference - \$650.00 Canadian (\$569.80 US) for IAWP members; \$700.00 Canadian (\$613.63 US) for non-members.

Companions - \$250.00 Canadian (\$219.13 US) anytime.

As of March 6th, 2006, the conversion rate was \$1.00 U.S. = \$1.13 Canadian, so the advantage will be ours as we travel to visit our northern neighbors. Be advised that rates will automatically be converted when using your credit card.

Air Canada is the conference's official airline. They have direct flight service to Saskatchewan from Toronto, Hamilton, Ottawa, Winnipeg, Calgary, Edmonton, and Vancouver, as well as two non-stop flights daily from Minneapolis. Phone Air Canada at 800-361-7585 to take advantage of discounted fares. Be sure to give them the convention number of CV064056 when making your reservations using Air Canada.

Shuttle transportation will be provided from the airport to the hotel, as well as from the hotel to the conference center. Once your travel arrangements have been made, contact the conference registration coordinator, Joanne Clauson, at [joanne.clauson@police.saskatoon.sk.ca](mailto:joanne.clauson@police.saskatoon.sk.ca) so that she can make arrangements for your pick-up and transportation to the hotel.

If you've never attended an IAWP conference before, I highly recommend giving it a try. Ask anyone who has ever attended - if you go just once, you'll never want to miss another one again. The training is always fantastic, and the networking, both during the day, and during the evening festivities, will provide you with new life-long friends and important law enforcement contacts.

For more information on the IAWP, check out the organization's web site at [www.iawp.org](http://www.iawp.org). A membership application, along with some additional information on the IAWP, has been printed elsewhere in this issue of the Journal. Membership is just \$40 a year for active law enforcement officers, and \$25 for retired officers. Don't forget that all membership fees, as well as all expenses involving the conference (i.e. transportation, hotel, food, and registration) are all tax deductible! To sign up for the Saskatoon conference, either go to their web site at [www.iawp2006.com](http://www.iawp2006.com), or contact me at the EEO Unit and I'll be happy to send you a brochure and application form.

I'll continue to keep you updated on the conference preparations each month in the Journal from now until the conference. Detailing to the conference can occur as long as staffing is acceptable at your stations and units. Refer to Department Bulletin 05-178 (9/21/05) on how to go about registering (this is considered outside, non-POST training). Be advised that members being detailed to any outside training will be required to develop a related "Roll Call" training per the Department Bulletin.

Until next month, stay safe.  
553-1093 / wk; 794-1229 / cell  
[RLM2214A@aol.com](mailto:RLM2214A@aol.com)

### Membership Application/Renewal Form

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# IAWP 2006 Award Applications Now Being Accepted

It's time again for applications to be submitted for the International Association of Women Police (IAWP) annual awards. These prestigious awards are awarded to female officers from around the world in the areas of Medal of Valor, Leadership, Community Service, Mentoring, Excellence in Performance, and Officer of the Year. There is also a Civilian Achievement Award. Last year at the conference in Leeds, England, our very own Inspector Sylvia Morrow from SID won an award for Medal of Valor, and was the ONLY American officer to win an award! The awards are presented during the annual fall conference, which this year is being held in Saskatoon, Saskatchewan, Canada from September 17th through September 21st, 2006.

The criteria for the awards are as follows:

## OFFICER OF THE YEAR:

To be awarded to any officer who distinguishes herself in all four areas of leadership, community service, mentoring, and excellence in performance.

## LEADERSHIP:

To be awarded to any officer who distinguishes herself by superior accomplishments or continuing long-

term involvement using leadership skills that encompass, but are not limited to, problem solving, planning, organizational, communication, positive role/model, and/or administrative which make a significant contribution within the agency or the law enforcement mission.

## COMMUNITY SERVICE:

To be awarded to any officer who distinguishes herself by superior accomplishment through developing, designing, implementing, and participating in programs involving communities that include neighborhoods, schools, community meetings, or businesses.

## MENTORING:

To be awarded to any officer who distinguishes herself with her support and assistance to women in law enforcement; development of programs or policies favorable to women; serving on committees/organizations that review women's issues.

## EXCELLENCE IN PERFORMANCE:

To be awarded to an officer who distinguishes herself through superior attention to duty or outstanding investigative effort, which leads to the identification, location, or arrest of a major criminal or criminal activity.

## MEDAL OF VALOR:

To be awarded to any officer who distinguishes herself through acts of bravery above and beyond the call of duty. This would also include exemplary performance during extremely dangerous situations. This award is not limited to one recipient.

## CIVILIAN ACHIEVEMENT AWARD:

To be awarded for outstanding achievement by a civilian woman that has gone above and beyond to support, promote, and enhance the criminal justice profession.

**The deadline for receiving admissions MUST be received no later than May 17th, 2006.**

Applications should be sent to either myself at the EEO Unit, or to Lieutenant Lynette Hogue at Mission Station, who is our Region 10 Coordinator for the organization, who will be forwarding all submissions to the awards chair in Minnesota.

In submitting an application, include your nominee's observed behavior as compared to the criteria for the category selected. It is important to be detailed, clear, and concise in addressing the criteria. Provide any supporting documentation illustrating the observed behavior, such as awards, letters of appreciation or commendation, etc. This should not be more than

six total pages. Please include a short biography of the nominee, as well. (Feel free to have your nominee help you in this regard, unless you want to surprise her on your nomination of her).

ANYONE can nominate a female officer or a female civilian in the Department (this includes women of ALL ranks in the Department – "officer" is just being used in a generic term here), but it would be wonderful if either an OIC or a Unit's Commanding Officer submit their names. It's nice to be acknowledged by our peers, but sometimes it's even more important to be acknowledged by our supervisors.

SO, take a good look at those fine women cops that work with you and work for you, and start submitting some names. Receiving an international award is extremely prestigious not only for the person receiving the award, but also for their Department. Those who have attended an IAWP conference before and have witnessed one of these award ceremonies know exactly what I mean.

Looking forward to having a nice showing from the SFPD! Information on this year's conference, in particular, to come!

Stay safe!  
Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

## Letters to BALEAF (Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund)

Dear Sgt. Dunnigan,

Thank you for your help in this time of need. We appreciate all you and the Police Department do for our family. As in our conversation, enclosed you will find info and pictures of Adrianna. We hope these items will give some information to you and the group.

Again, if you have any questions, please feel free to give me a call.

Sincerely,

Cathy Choy (Wife of

Sgt. Darren Choy, Taraval Station)



Adrianna Choy

fractures. Adriana has had 11 fractures in her 6-1/2 years of life.

- Severe Scoliosis (curvature of the spine) now at 90 degrees and progressing.

This has now lead to:

- Chronic Restrictive Lung Disease – as her spine progressively curves, her chest distorts, decreasing the capacity of her lungs. Essentially her lungs are being crushed. She is unable to take a normal breath; thus her breathing is very labored. Her endurance is limited.

- Short in stature.
- Limited movement of upper and lower extremities.

- No bone in the left back 3rd quadrant of her head, causing her brain to protrude ever so slightly. This is called the back soft spot.

- The bones in her cranium are beginning to thin causing soft spots throughout her head.

- Everytime she has a cold, it turns into pneumonia and/or a collapsed lung.

Past Medical History:

- Tethered Cord Release (spine surgery) June 26, 2002 Adriana suffered post-operative complications causing a blood clot of the left side of her brain. This resulted in a grand-mal seizure. After 3 months of seizure medication, they stopped and the blood clot resolved on its own.

Prognosis:

Surgery for Adriana's spine and chest is not an option at this time. Her doctors have indicated that her recovery would be questionable. If she were to survive the surgery, chances of walking again are 1 in 1000; she would most likely be paralyzed. She may be on a ventilator for the rest of her life. Her family has opted to not pursue this option for obvious reasons – the odds are not in Adriana's favor.

Adriana's family were just recently told that their daughter has malnutrition and is dying. She needs certain supplements to sustain life. Health insurance has denied her supplements. Her entire team of doctors she sees at UCSF cannot say how long she has. It is a day-to-day life for her and the family.

It is now in God's Hands. So in that, we enjoy and love her each day that passes by.

Thank you to the St. John's Community

**NOTE: If anyone would like to help the Choy Family as they go through this horrible tragedy, please write a check to BALEAF (the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund), flagging on the check that the funds are to go for Adriana Choy. We will then write one check to the family of the total amount**

collected. Please note that all funds donated to BALEAF are 100% tax deductible.

Donations can be sent to me directly at the EEO Unit at the Hall of Justice, Room 577-4, or can be mailed directly to BALEAF at P.O. Box 22325, San Francisco, CA 94122. Anything that you can give will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Robin Matthews  
BALEAF Treasurer

Dear Robin Matthews and Board,

It is very hard to express my deep gratitude and appreciation. Thanks you does not really convey how much your help meant to me. The check you sent was a true blessing. Many thanks for the lovely, touching note. Please extend my thanks to the Board, as well.

Bless you all.  
Most Sincerely,  
Kathryn Trimble

Robin,

Thank you so much and thank all of your Board of Directors for your generous help. It came at a time that I really needed help.

I have recovered and thank GOD the cysts and polyps were benign. When I get financially stable, I will contribute to your organization. I didn't know about your assistance program and now that I do, please add me to your mailing list and I will contribute yearly.

Tell all my sisters and brothers of law enforcement I am truly grateful.

Sincerely,  
Jackie Riche

The Journal printed a letter from Cathy Choy and a picture of Adriana in the November 2005 issue of the Journal. In addition to a copy of that article, Cathy shared with us this additional information thanking the St. John's Community.

## Adriana Choy

Adriana is a beautiful 6-1/2 year old girl weighing in at only 18 pounds, but full of love, spunk, and confidence! When you look into her big brown almond shaped eyes with lashes that go on forever and she flashes back her gorgeous smile, it is hard to believe all that she has endured in her lifetime.

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## New York City Adding 800 Police Officers, Mayor Announces

From The New York Times, March 21

NEW YORK, NY – Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg announced this morning that New York City would add 800 police officers and 400 civilians to the 36,450-officer Police Department in the largest city-financed expansion of the nation's largest police force since the Safe Streets/Safe City program began in 1993 under the Dinkins administration.

In announcing the 3 percent expansion of the Police Department, Mr. Bloomberg said the officers were needed because the city had grown by 125,000 residents since 2001, when he was elected, and was expected to add an additional 200,000 over the next five years. "An increase that size would be like adding the entire city of Pittsburgh to the five boroughs," he said.

Today, the city has 4,000 fewer police officers than it had before the terrorist attacks of Sept. 11, 2001, in part because 1,000 officers are now assigned to intelligence and counterterrorism tasks. "We must face the reality that as our population grows and as terrorism remains a threat, making the safest big city in America even safer requires additional resources," Mr. Bloomberg said.

Keeping crime rates low, the mayor said, is essential for future growth. "Public safety is the foundation of economic progress and of our city's success," he said. "To keep creating new jobs and opportunities, we need to keep attracting new entrepreneurs, private investors, immigrants, tourists and students."

The civilian employees will take over duties now performed by uniformed officers, freeing them for reassignment on patrols, so the expansion will result in a net increase of 1,200 officers available for patrol duties.

The announcement came as a surprise even to leaders of the City Council. "Bar none, the call for more officers is the thing that I and my fellow colleagues hear most from the constituents in our districts," said the Council speaker, Christine C. Quinn, who joined the mayor for this announcement.

At the end of January, when the mayor released his preliminary budget for the fiscal year that begins July 1, expanding the Police Department was not part of the budget plan, even though the city expects a surplus of at least \$3.3 billion for the current fiscal year. The expansion plan will be included in the mayor's executive budget, which will be released next month and requires Council approval.

The addition of 1,200 employees will cost the city \$33.8 million in the next fiscal year, rising to \$66 million in 2008 and \$80 million in 2010. The

first wave of new recruits will begin training at the Police Academy in July and a second class will begin training in January.

The 800 recruits, over the course of their six months in training and their first six months on the force, will receive average cash compensation of \$35,000, plus a \$1,000 allowance for uniforms. By their sixth year, their average salary will rise to \$72,000, plus an additional \$1,000 allowance.

Although several large American cities have seen increases in street crime over the last year, New York City has so far been exempt. Last year, major crimes were at their lowest level since the department began keeping records in 1963, during the mayoralty of Robert F. Wagner.

Mr. Bloomberg said that crime had fallen nearly 25 percent since 2001, and that there have been four consecutive years in which the number of murders was less than 600, which "no one ever imagined possible." He said the expansion was a prudent investment, not a response to any alarming trends.

"Our administration is trying to run this city intelligently and not react, but to prospectively look and see what the needs of this city are going forward, and to put the resources in place," he said. "We have the luxury of doing it now, so we can recruit and train and deploy our resources before there are problems."

Twice this morning, Mr. Bloomberg said the trend in government is often to starve well-performing agencies while pouring resources into dysfunctional ones. "In business, you would devote more resources to the successful parts of your business and cut back those that aren't successful," he said. "In government, people tend to do the reverse. I don't think that's a good way to manage your resources."

The announcement underscored the confidence Mayor Bloomberg has shown in the police commissioner, Raymond W. Kelly, who first held the job from 1992 to 1994, almost entirely under Mayor David N. Dinkins, and in 2002 became the first person to be police commissioner a second time.

Mr. Kelly has made counterterrorism a major focus of his tenure, deploying detectives to gather intelligence overseas and implementing random searches of bags and packages brought into the subways.

"We're bigger than the next four departments, but that's what you need to police a city of 8.1 million people and growing," Mr. Kelly said this morning. "That's the kind of heft that allows the N.Y.P.D. to mass force when needed, and to respond to any emergency imaginable. We don't need to wait for the cavalry, because we are the cavalry."

## New Head Of DC Police Union Sees Crisis In Department

From The Washington Post, March 12

WASHINGTON, DC – The new head of the D.C. police union does not hesitate to give his assessment of the force: "We are a department in crisis," Kristopher Baumann declared during a recent D.C. Council hearing, "a thousand disturbing stories, careers ruined, officers that deserve better, citizens that deserve better."

A former tax lawyer with a little less than four years' experience on the D.C. police force, Baumann was delivering on his promise to aggressively stand up for the rank and file -- and he demonstrated his slashing style at a council hearing attended by many of the force's top commanders.

Baumann, 38, was elected in January to head the D.C. police labor committee for the Fraternal Order of Police Lodge 1, the bargaining group that represents the department's 3,400 sergeants and officers. He defeated the incumbent, a longtime sergeant who last year successfully negotiated one of the largest raises in union history.

Baumann won after pledging to lead battles on fronts ranging from disciplinary issues to crime-fighting strategies. The tough talk struck a chord with union members who remain frustrated despite their raises, officers said. Although Baumann doesn't officially take office until next month, he's already assailing the top brass wherever he can.

"A lot of the younger guys wanted a lot more aggressive chairman," said Detective Vince Tucci, a top union official who was reelected in the same contest. "I think a lot of people feel Kris will go at the chief as hard as they would like to see, because morale is so low. The rank-and-file officers are not happy with the way things are going."

Baumann has a boyish face that belies his age and experience. Born and raised in Kansas, he attended UCLA, where he received a degree in history. He went into law enforcement as an officer with a small police department in Oregon. That was where he began pursuing a career as a lawyer, graduating in 1997 from Lewis & Clark Law School in Portland. He followed up with a master's degree in tax law from New York University, a clerkship with a federal judge in Washington and a job at the Treasury Department.

Still, he found himself missing police work. He joined the D.C. police force in 2002 and was told that he would have an opportunity to work undercover and tackle some investigative assignments, he said.

But he was sent out on patrol and quickly grew disillusioned, because there didn't seem to be many officers on the street and there were few good crime-fighting plans.

Because of his legal background, officers began asking Baumann for help in disciplinary matters. By 2003, he was the union representative for the 7th District and a close adviser to Sgt. Gregory I. Greene, chairman of the labor committee.

Last year, Greene successfully negotiated a contract that gave officers a 21 percent raise over 3 1/2 years. But Baumann said he felt he could do

a better job and entered the race for chairman last fall.

During his campaign, Baumann toured the city's seven police districts and said he often heard the same refrain: Officers felt beaten down by what they viewed as an unfair discipline system and a lack of leadership at the top. Police officials were not coming up with strategies to curb crime. Beat officers felt overworked and underappreciated. They felt that Police Chief Charles H. Ramsey, who has headed the department since 1998, offered nice sound bites for TV but didn't follow through, Baumann said.

Baumann was not shy about attacking Ramsey or other commanders during the campaign -- and he hasn't let up since.

"Chief Ramsey is a public relations machine," Baumann said. "He does a really good job of it. He has sold this image of how the department is out there taking care of crime and making a difference and everything has changed."

"People are dying all over the place. ... It's a kill zone over here," Baumann said, referring to the 7th District, which is east of the Anacostia River in Southeast Washington. Baumann points to statistics that show there were 62 killings in the 7th District last year vs. 67 in 1997, the year before Ramsey arrived.

Ramsey declined to be interviewed. But in several e-mails, he mentioned crime statistics that show that homicides in the District have dropped during his time as chief, from 301 in 1997 to 195 last year. Overall crime has also dropped substantially in that period, he said.

"I have a very good crime-fighting strategy, and we use it daily," Ramsey wrote, adding that he did not understand why Baumann appeared to be so hostile toward him.

Ramsey said that he has never even met Baumann and that the new union leader has yet to request a meeting. The chief dismissed the rest of Baumann's allegations as "not worth responding to."

Others seemed a bit put off by Baumann's rhetoric. During the council hearing Feb. 23, Baumann made sweeping allegations about subjects such as staffing in the 7th District. Baumann told council members that only five officers were on patrol that morning and afternoon in the district. Police commanders testified that there were at least six other officers working in high-crime areas that afternoon.

Council member Phil Mendelson (D-At Large), who chairs the Judiciary Committee, said he thought the department's top commanders easily refuted Baumann's claims.

"There clearly were a number of statements to which there was another side of the story, and clearly there were statements framed in such a way to grab attention." But they turned out, Mendelson said, to have "far less substance."

Still, Mendelson said that he could see why officers like Baumann's style. "His passion is new and refreshing," Mendelson said.

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## LAPD Suing Former Officers For \$1.6 Million In Training Costs

From The Los Angeles Times,  
March 22

The city of Los Angeles is suing 53 former LAPD officers for \$1.6 million, alleging that they broke their employment contracts by leaving within five years of graduating from the Police Academy.

Thirty of the officers have hired an attorney to argue that federal and state labor laws prohibit the recovery of training costs.

The LAPD has required recruits to sign five-year contracts since a 1996 investigation found that some were quitting as early as the day after graduation to work for other departments that did not pay for training. Police Academy training takes seven months and costs \$60,000 per officer, although the lawsuits seek amounts that have been prorated based on how long each officer served.

The city's position is being criticized as unjust by the leaders of other Southern California police departments who have hired the former LAPD officers.

"It's indentured servitude," said Frank Wills, the police chief in West Covina. "I don't think it's fair."

Los Angeles Police Chief William J. Bratton and other city leaders say they are just trying to protect the investment made by taxpayers. Officials also say they have offered to negotiate a settlement that would allow departed officers to repay the city over a number of years.

"We think it's important that the city gets paid," said Contessa Mankiewicz, a spokeswoman for City Atty. Rocky Delgadillo. "But we don't want

to create a financial burden for officers. We are very aware that people don't always have that kind of money sitting around."

The City Council adopted the contract requirement after it was disclosed that academy graduate Ceasar Escobedo took a job with the San Marino Police Department the day he graduated. The No. 1-ranked recruit in 1995, Sean Frank, departed for the Glendale Police Department after eight months in the LAPD's Pacific Division.

But West Covina Chief Wills said the LAPD "conveniently ignored the fact that they took more than one officer from San Marino. They stole officers from all over Southern California. Now there is a role reversal, which is of their own doing."

Wills said the city attorney in West Covina has expressed interest in going to court to challenge the LAPD contracts. "The legality of this is questionable," he said.

As of this week, the city had 34 lawsuits pending against officers and 19 others in the process of being filed.

In one suit, the city is going after an officer who quit the LAPD 10 months after graduating to work for the city of Santa Maria in Santa Barbara County. City officials say that officer owes them \$51,000 in training costs.

Three of the officers being sued had been with the LAPD less than one year, and eight quit in less than two years, according to Mankiewicz.

Bratton said he supported recovering the costs from the officers, even though he understood why some of them did not stay with the LAPD.

"They join us and get married and

have a few kids, and after a few years they get tired of doing the 70-mile each-way commute and end up taking a job in a local police department," Bratton said.

Under the 10-year-old requirement, applicants must sign a contract agreeing to repay part or all of the cost of training if they leave before completing five years on the force. Exemptions are made for officers who leave because of extenuating circumstances.

Officer Andrew Bjelland, 33, was presented with a bill for \$35,000 when he left the LAPD after 2 1/2 years for the Chino Police Department.

Bjelland said he did not like what the commute from Fontana was doing to his family: "I couldn't succeed as a father and husband with the long commute to Los Angeles."

Bjelland said police recruit training can be had for \$5,000 elsewhere.

Officers say less expensive training is available at local schools, including Rio Hondo College.

"I don't think the LAPD bill is reflective of the true cost," he said. "It's more of a punitive measure to keep us employed by the city."

Anthony Alvo, the first former LAPD officer to be sued, agrees.

Alvo had just left the Marine Corps when he arranged to enter the Police Academy.

He said the contract was put in front of him along with a lot of other papers, and he was told to sign it.

"You really didn't have an option," he said.

Alvo, 29, said he quit in 2000 after less than two years on the job to join the Chino Police Department, where

working conditions were better.

In deciding to transfer, he cited frustration over what he saw as an overly harsh disciplinary system imposed by then-LAPD Chief Bernard C. Parks, now a Los Angeles councilman, and concern over the department and its officers being tainted by the Rampart corruption scandal.

Despite serving a two-year stint in Iraq since leaving the LAPD and suffering a knee injury, Alvo is being sued for \$34,000.

"If the LAPD was as good a place to work as it claims, they should have no problem retaining officers," Alvo said.

Alvo and 29 other former LAPD officers have hired Northern California attorney Jon Webster, a former policeman, who is going to court Thursday to ask that the large number of officers be certified in a class action countersuit against Los Angeles.

Webster said he believed a precedent had been set by at least five other cases in which city work contracts were struck down.

"In every instance it was considered to be an unlawful kickback to the employer," Webster said. "It is unlawful under the U.S. Fair Labor Standards Act for any employer to ask for money back from an employee."

Webster said the Police Department's cases would be hurt by the city's insistence that recruits go through the Police Academy because other cities allow officers to attend less expensive training programs.

"The bottom line is employees are free to come and go as they please," Webster said.

## Problems With SFPD

By S. G. Yasinitzky  
Inspector, SFPD, retired;  
Retired Director of Public Safety, USF

Everyone walking the streets and living in homes within the City and County of San Francisco is taking his safety for granted; but the police officers who make this secure existence possible accomplish it at a cost to themselves that cannot be measured. Imagine yourself walking into a store or a bank, or engaging a stranger on the street, where everybody recognizes you as a police officer. Then see it from the eyes of the policeman who doesn't know who in the crowd is the holdup man, the troublemaker, an escaped convict, or a madman with a concealed gun. This is but one of the causes that bring on the unending stress that, according to the recent series in The Chronicle, has not been handled too well by a few. Those few were singled out from the more than two thousand police men and women who daily and nightly irreproachably care for San Franciscans without notice, least of all gratitude from the public or the Press.

There was a time only decades ago when people freely walked into a police station, chatted with officers on duty, or sat down and read the newspapers. That was a time when the papers in San Francisco published every promotion, transfer, and award of police officers. Reporters like Sandy

Zane, Mel Glover, or Baron Muller daily contacted various police units to learn what was happening, then wrote about it.

### Member Commentary

The police department was a vital part of the community. Individual police officers' names were familiar to our citizens, no less than the names of celebrities. But when was the last time The Chronicle published a story about an award of the coveted Medal of Valor or a meritorious act by a police officer? When has the Press covered the off-duty officers' visits to hospitals to cheer up the children suffering from cancer, or food deliveries to old people who somehow were left alone by society, or an officer who saved someone's life at a risk to his own? But a silly, self-deprecating video or an officer who lost his cool in face of unexpected adversity are given pages of ink.

A headline several years ago read, "An African-American, a Gay Woman, and an Ex Cop Run for Mayor." Nobody even noticed how this made mockery of political correctness. Years ago, in Polytechnic High School, I recall a boy being placed on detention for saying "cop." The pejorative "cop," for "police," that originally was spoken only by hoodlums and criminals, fell

into common use only after the whole sociology of police - community relations was turned upside down during the so-called Social Revolution of the 1960s and 1970s. The Beatniks, Hippies, and then the Yuppies descended onto San Francisco with their own prejudices and biases. Drug use made youngsters - who before had no notion of marijuana, LSD, or narcotics - hostile to people of law enforcement often only because of casual possession. The police became the enemy, the "army of occupation," they called it. "They could bust you at any time for a joint." It became the in-thing to call police "cops" or "pigs," who had to be fought and resisted. Negative attitude toward peace officers escalated until policemen were shot at, killed, and even blown up by explosives. Police stations became armor-plated fortresses. Nobody went there to read the papers or chat anymore. Almost every officer during those years experienced an attack by ordinary citizens. Almost

every arrest or encounter by the police on the street began to be questioned or resisted. The newspapers started to distance themselves from reporting anything good about the guardians of the people. The Press did not come to the defense of the police; it was not popular.

Those times are gone, decades have passed, but the Press has not resumed the job of creating a bridge between Law Enforcement and the Community. There are very few stories about the daily lives and deeds of police women and men; there are few articles how police officers save and protect lives and property. But there is enough critique and criticism - a very one-sided view that readers nowadays get from newspapers, a view that distances them from the police who protect and serve them. I wonder what would happen if the newspapers resumed writing more about police officers and less about cops.

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## Book Review

### The Year Of Magical Thinking

By Joan Didion

Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

Our family recently suffered the tragic loss of my oldest son's young wife. The process of grief and mourning has been, obviously, on my mind ever since. I have watched how different family members have coped with this death and realized that we all deal with tragedy differently. This book, *The Year of Magical Thinking*, has provided yet another glimpse into how we must gather ourselves and press on.

Joan Didion is one of America's most honored authors, with more than forty years of best-selling books, written in beautiful prose and piercing thought. The event which prompted this particular book was the death of her husband, author John Gregory Dunne. Their only daughter had been hospitalized with pneumonia and septic shock. She was in a coma at a nearby hospital, when they came home and began preparing their supper. Dunne suffered a massive heart attack and died almost instantly. The book opens with Didion writing: "Life changes fast. Life changes in an instant. You sit down to dinner and life as you know it ends." This book is a memoir of how Ms. Didion persevered.

Joan Didion and John Dunne had been a successfully married couple and often partners in prose. As such, they had developed a very close reliance upon one another. Didion, being the trained writer that she is, she looked for answers in "the literature." In so doing she discovered she was suffering from "pathological bereavement which frequently occurs when the survivor and the deceased had been unusually dependent on one another." Thinking about this definition Didion writes, "Unusually dependent: 'is that a way of saying 'marriage'? 'husband and wife'? 'mother and child'? 'nuclear family'?" She found herself keeping her husband's personal items, such as shoes, believing that he will need

them when he returns. Intellectually she knows that he won't be, but still she persists. Again, Didion says it better than I could: "Grief turns out to be a place none of us know until we reach it. We anticipate (we know) that someone close to us could die, but we do not look beyond the few days or weeks that immediately follow such an imagined death. We misconstrue the nature of even those few days or weeks. We might expect if the death is sudden to feel shock. We do not expect this shock to be oblitative, dislocating to both body and mind. We might expect that we will be prostrate, inconsolable, crazy with loss. We do not expect to be literally crazy, cool customers who believe that their husband is about to return and need his shoes. . . . Nor can we know ahead of the fact (and here lies the heart of the difference between grief as we imagine it and grief as it is) the unending absence that follows, the void, the very opposite of meaning, the relentless succession of moments during which we will confront the experience of meaninglessness itself."

But she does successfully confront her aching void. Because her daughter was in need of such intense care, she again dives into research and medical literature and begins to micro-manage the young woman's care. And, because she is a writer, she uses this book as a catharsis, as well. What the book doesn't tell you, however, is that after she finished writing the book and it was sent off to the publisher, her daughter died as well. The publisher asked if she wanted to re-write any part of it, but Didion declined, saying, "The book is finished. Leave it as it is."

This is not a "pop-psych" or a work of what one must do to heal. That is left for psychologists or doctors. Rather, it is a forthright, strong memoir of a very difficult time, not unlike an experience that many of us may have to face, or at least something like it, and I found the book to be worthy of keeping around, to read again and to discuss with others.

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# Guns And Hoses Charity Tennis Tournament Fast Approaching!

By Robin Matthews  
EEO Unit

The Fifth Annual Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Tournament will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the San Francisco Tennis Club, 5th at Brannan Streets. Tennis will be from 1600-1900 hours followed by dinner and a silent auction and raffle from 1900 - 2200 hours This fun event will pair a San Francisco police officer or firefighter with a member of the San Francisco Tennis Club in a friendly, but competitive evening of tennis. People will compete at their own level, so don't think that you can't participate if you don't feel like you're a good player. This is a fun tournament and a fantastic event to bring the whole family to.

Funds raised by entry fees, donors, sponsors, and the sale of raffle tickets, will be divided between the Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF), who provide assistance to the law enforcement family who have had members killed in the line of duty, have been seriously injured, or have experienced a catastrophic event, and the San Francisco Firefighters Toy Program, who provide toys to needy children. The more people who play in the tournament and the more raffle tickets bought, the more money that can go to support these two worthwhile organizations.

For those who play in the tournament, your \$100.00 donation includes the entrance fee, dinner, drinks, and a commemorative t-shirt. For those who would just like to come for dinner

and to cheer on your hfavorite players or teams, your donation of \$30.00 includes your dinner and drinks. If you're unable to attend the festivities that evening but would still like to support the event, consider buying some raffle tickets for our raffle, or consider making a cash donation or donating prizes for the silent auction or raffle. Any support received will be very much appreciated.

An application for player and non-player participation is included in the Journal. For additional information, feel free to contact myself or Lieutenant Anna Brown at the EEO Office at 415-553-9261, Lieutenant Robert Lopez, Station 9, from the San Francisco Fire Department on his cell phone at 650-344-8268, or anyone at the San Francisco Tennis Club at 415-777-9000.

## Guns And Hoses Raffle Prizes

Below find an updated list of prizes for the Guns and Hoses Charity Tennis Tournament raffle and silent auction that will be held on Saturday, April 29, 2006 at the San Francisco Tennis Club. Please note that this is only a partial list, as we're getting new items and commitments from restaurants and businesses almost on a daily basis. As of mid-March, we've received the following: Prime Time Athletic Club – one-month free membership  
Bodega Bay Lodge & Spa – one-night deluxe accommodations  
Hilton San Francisco - weekend stay for two and brunch @ Cityscape  
Beach Blanket Babylon - two tickets  
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Burlingame Pilates  
Teatro Zinzanni - dinner and show for two  
Hyatt SFO – one-night stay with 10 days free parking  
Korbel VIP tour for four

Stanford Court - weekend overnight stay for two  
Mark Hopkins - weekend overnight stay for two  
Tennis Clinic for 4 at the S.F. Tennis Club with Vic Seixas / former Wimbledon Champion and former singles champion at the U.S. Open  
Firehouse Dinner, Station 15 - dinner for 6  
Firehouse Dinner, Station 9 - dinner for 6  
Tennis Clinic at S.F. Tennis Club - 2 pros, 2 courts, 2 hours, for 8 people (pros to be announced)  
North Beach Restaurant, Dinner certificate for \$100.00  
Pampatino Submarine Tours (2 tickets for cruise - \$130.00 value each)  
Mumm Napa (VIP tasting tour for 4; 2 bottles of sparkling wine given when tour is taken)  
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## Guns And Hoses Raffle Ticket Contacts

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# Sports



## NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,  
Journal Sports Editor

### Softball League Still Trying To Get Under Way

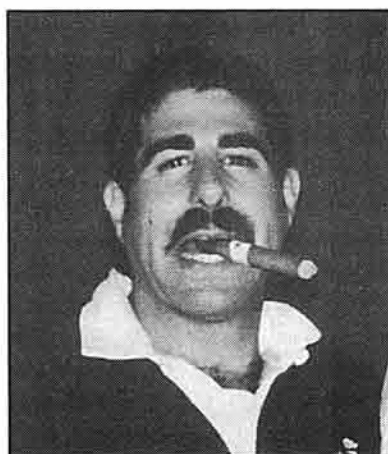
**C**HECK IT OUT: At the writing of this column, this was the week that department softball was supposed to get started as everyone is anxiously waiting to see how the new wooden bats work out. Unfortunately, the rain just won't stop coming and games were postponed. Hopefully by the time this reaches you, "big hit".

### Sports Teams Being Assembled For The Police/Fire Games

Speaking of softball, Raffy Labuton of Richmond Station is running two teams for this year's Western Police/Fire Games being held in San Diego the week of June 18th. He's once again running the department's men's over 35 team as well as a co-ed team. Contact him at the station on day watch if interested. Also, contact Ryan Seto at the Academy if interesting in playing "flag football" down in San Diego this summer. One more team Raffy's looking to assemble is for the new event of Dodgeball. Yes folks this will actually be an event that got popular from the movie of the same name. The tournament takes place on Tues. (6/20) at 3:00 pm at the San Diego POA Building, and International Dodge Ball Federation (IDBF) rules will be in effect - I didn't know such a federation existed. Anyway, Raffy is looking for people with great hands so call him if interested. Otherwise, just remember what Rip Torn (aka Patches O'Hullihan) says: "dodge a wrench, dodge a ball!....dodge traffic, dodge a ball!"

### Police Winter Games

The International Police Winter Games took place in March up in South Lake Tahoe, and the North American Police Ski Championships also took place in Aspen, Colorado. Some skiers from the department competed and won medals. They included Bob "Hammer Head" Malliaras (TAC), Brian Pettiti (Bayview), Chaigne Stokes (Southern), Mike Wolf (Mission), and of course Chris da Roza (Airport Bureau) who won medals at both venues. An article by



da Roza including pics will be included in next month's *Journal* with all of the details. The department also had an ice hockey team that competed in Tahoe, but unfortunately they didn't fare too well. Note the article in this same sports section by John Geraty (Juvenile) about the team and call John if interested in playing. They play in leagues all year round and could use a little help.

### Other Department Athletes Being Honored

I received a call from George "Moose" Koniaris (Traffic) to tell me about his son Mike (Tenderloin Station) who will be inducted into the St. Vincent's High School Sports Hall of Fame this month (April 8th). St. Vincent's is located in Petaluma, and Mike Koniaris was an exceptional football and baseball player while there (Class of '88). Back in the day he was made All Northern California and All State teams for football, and in baseball he made the All Redwood Empire team. I look forward to an article with pics commemorating this dinner honoring Mike for his outstanding athleticism.

Another exceptional athlete being honored is Richmond Station's Eddy Chow. Eddy has always been known as quite a basketball player in department play; well, he was also a standout for Washington High School thirty-five years ago (Class of '71) while leading them to a City Championship. For his tremendous contribution to that program, he will be inducted into the SF AAA High School Sports Hall of Fame in May (see flyer with details of the dinner in this same sports section). I'm hoping to get an article about that event as well. Congrats to both Mike and Eddy for these honors...

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

## Eddy Chow to be Inducted into San Francisco Prep Hall Of Fame

### George Washington High School (1968-1971) Basketball

Eight former All-City athletes will be inducted into the San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame at its 24 Annual banquet/induction ceremonies, Saturday, May 20, 2006. Among those athletes is SFPD officer Eddy Chow, Richmond Station.

The athletes, whose accomplishments cover six decades of San Francisco prep athletics-1940s to 1990s-will be honored at the Spanish Cultural Center-Patio Espanol Restaurant, 2850 Alemany Blvd., San Francisco, CA. The reception begins at 6 p.m. and the banquet-awards start at 7 p.m.

Chow ranks as one of the finest offense/defense players in Washington High's basketball history and the school one of the dominant teams in the Academic Athletic Association (AAA) and in Northern California.

The Eagles won the AAA title in 1970-71. Chow was named 1st team All City, 1st team All Northern California, and All-State. That season Washington took the championships at the Titan Classic and San Ramon Tournament. Chow won Most Valuable Player honors at both tourneys. He climaxed his prep cage career representing the Northern California All Stars at the All State Basketball Classic.

In 1968-69, his first season at Washington, Chow was Honorable Mention All-City as the Eagles made the play-



Eddy Chow

offs for the first time since 1964. He made the All-Tournament team at the JFK Classic in Fremont. His junior year, 1969-70, Washington captured the JFK and Titan Christmas classics. Chow was the MVP in both classics. The Eagles were runner-up in the AAA and Chow was playoffs MVP.

He received a scholarship to the University of San Francisco (USF)

and played for two seasons (1971-72, 1972-73). He has BA and MA degrees from USF.

Chow also played professional basketball in Taipei, Taiwan (1976-77, 1977-78).

In 1997 he was awarded the Police Officer-of-the-Year award. Chow is in the Washington High School Hall-of-Fame.

The San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame, including this year's honorees, has inducted 266 individuals. The SF-PHF is the only program that annually honors former outstanding San Francisco high school students/athletes, coaches, officials, media personnel and other individuals who have contributed to SF prep athletics.

Tickets to the banquet are \$40 per person. Checks should be made out to San Francisco Prep Hall of Fame and sent to Al Vidal, 440 Gold Mine Drive, San Francisco, CA (94131) or phone; 415-826-3572.

## International Police Winter Games Heavenly Valley, South Lake Tahoe

By Insp. John Geraty,  
Juvenile

The International Winter Games were held during the first week of March in South Lake Tahoe. This year, as in past winter games, many SFPD members competed in the downhill alpine events. But this year there was a new event: Ice hockey.

The team was comprised of members of the SFPD as well as Novato and Vallejo police departments. The roster looked strong up until the last week before the tournament. Unfortunately, off ice injuries took four major players out of the line-up. The remaining eight players took on the IPWG. Chris Knight, Tim Dalton and John Geraty combined with Gordon Moore of Vallejo PD, Austin Wilson, Dean Welter, Chris Jacob of Novato PD and Pete Aguilar, to wear the SFPD sweater for the city.

Team SFPD battled clubs from across the country including goal metal winners Nassau County Police (Long Is-

land, New York....who were born with hockey sticks in their cribs and pucks as pacifiers). Most of the competing teams were staffed with full 18 player benches. None the less, SF played with intensity and heart.

It must have been an unbalanced site during the match ups, to see the opponent's bench full with substitutes as SF fought with only two subs. In one match, SF held Fresno PD to a one, one tie with only seven players. Although the team did not make it into the medal round, the team was competitive and never gave up. It was a great tournament all the way around. (It's always good knowing the bartender AKA: Hammerhead Bob Malliaras-CPC, at the IPWG hospitality room)

There is talk of next year's games to be held in Lake Placid NY, home of the Miracle U.S. hockey team (which is what we needed). That should be plenty of time to form a full bench for the next games in '07. If interested in playing on this year-round team, contact John Geraty, Juvenile.

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# THE LOONS NEST REPORT

By Ed Garcia, Co. A

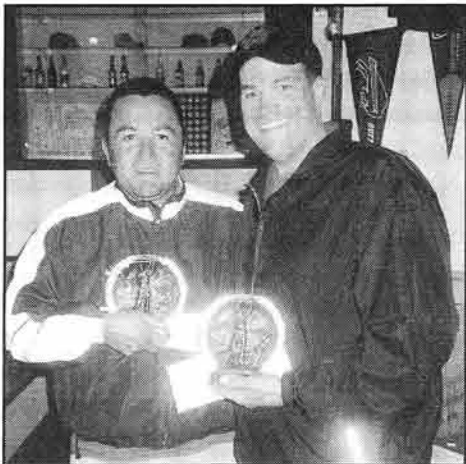
## 2006 Season Opens at Rooster Run

On February 9th, two different golf tournament team events got underway under beautiful California Skies. At Rooster Run Golf Club in Petaluma, eighty-four members of the Loons Nest Golf Club comprised forty-two teams for our Two-Man team event. Down on the Monterey Peninsula, the ATT Pro-Am was also getting underway. As one might guess, the national press, CBS, ESPN and the Golf Channel chose to cover the PGA event, but what do they know? The Loons Nest event did get coverage, as the Bolinas Community Access channel did show highlights of the Loons event at 0230 hours the next morning. Did you miss it?

As the Loons started the event, there were clear skies with moderate wind. The course was still soft, but there was no standing water on the course, a credit to the drainage system at Rooster Run G.C. As the day went on, the wind actually died down, leaving a very nice afternoon for the second nine.

The Loons started on the back nine and at the turn, the leaders were Mark Yesitis from Northern and his partner, Mike Lum of Adult Probation, as they posted a net score of twenty-seven. Two strokes behind was the Honda team of Joe Allegro and Mike Huddleston with a score of twenty-nine strokes. Two teams sat with an even thirty strokes, Harry Pearson and Bob McMillan of Narcotics, along with Jim Durham and Joel Timpano. Dean Ries and Joe Fischer of TTF posted a thirty-one, as did Northern's Zamagni and Byrne team.

As the players headed out to the second nine, the Zamagni/Byrne team made their move, as the lit up the course with a stunning side of twenty-seven, leaving them with a team



Yesitis & Lum; 2006 Two-Man Champions

score of fifty-eight. A great charge, but not enough, as the early leaders Yesitis and Lum fired a team score of twenty-eight for a team total score of fifty-five! This not only gave them the 2006 L.N.G.C. Two-Man, Better Ball Championship, but set the club record for the tournament, breaking the old record by two strokes. The previous record of fifty-seven was held by Mark McDonough and Bob McMillan from their 1989 victory at the old Galbraith course in Oakland (now Metropolitan G.C.). Two teams tied with scores of fifty-nine and the tie-breaker went to the Fulton/Timpano team and fourth place went to the Pearson/McMillan team. The team of Allegro and Huddleston finished at sixty, taking fifth place.

In the Closest-to-the-Hole contests, the finest shots of the day came from Walt Kovaleff, Joel Timpano and Dave Pomicpic. On the one hundred and sixty-six yard seventeen hole, Pomicpic left his shot three feet and eleven inches from the cup. On the one hundred and thirty yard sixth hole, Joel Timpano came within three feet and ten inches of the cup. Walt Kovaleff fired a shot that measured one foot and five inches from the cup on the sixth hole, the shot of the day. The Long Drive winner for the men was Mike Cullinan, and for the women it was Elaine Shiroma.

Our next event will be the Spring Championship at Monterey on March 22 and 23. We will be playing at Black Horse in Seaside, and Del Monte Golf Club in Monterey.

Loons Nest Scoreboard			
Team Net Scores			
Yesitis-Lum, M.	55	Newlin-Johnson	70
Zamagni-Byrne	58	Boyd-Thompson	71
Fulton-Timpano	59	Roche-Miranda, J.	71
Pearson-McMillan	59	Ballard-Vernengo	71
Allegro-Huddleston	60	Enright-Pinotti	72
Petrie-Kovaleff	61	Sullivan-Carlson	72
Pomicpic-Ochoa	61	Bonnel-Hanley	73
Garcia-Hanacek	62	Balma-Karmonphet	73
Biggs-Ospital	63	Fong-Mino	78
Warnke-Anzore	63	Sorgie-Tapang	79
Kranci-Boyett	63	Stockwell-Godfrey	79
Dyer-Hopkins	64	<b>Long Drive Winners</b>	
Lee-Chang	64	<b>Men</b>	
Landi-Kiesel	64	Mike Cullinan	301 yards
Morimoto-Brophy	64	<b>Women</b>	
Minner-Siebert	64	Elaine Shirmoa	247 yards
Parry-Dalton	65	<b>Close to Hole Winners</b>	
Wong-Lum, K.	65	<b>Hole #2</b>	
Kozel-Miranda, A.	65	Jim Enright	7'3"
Trierweiler-Cullinan	65	Erick Tapang	7'3½"
Mahoney-Mahoney	66	<b>Hole #6</b>	
Fischer-Ries	66	Walt Kovaleff	1'5"
Crenshaw-Peagler	66	Joel Timpano	3'10"
Wyman-Buscovich	66	<b>Hole #15</b>	
Shiroma-Muselman	66	Steve Balma	8'9"
Ford-Minasian	67	Steve Morimoto	9'7"
Schmolke-Pursley	68	<b>Hole #17</b>	
Minner-Minner	68	Dave Pomicpic	3'11"
Dudley-Finigan	68	Jim Dudley	10'11"
Roth-Hodge	68		
Dougherty-Gulbengay	69		

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# 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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# Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson  
SFPOA

It can happen anytime. It's something that can be personally devastating, and psychologically debilitating. It can cause an unpredictable, long-range emotional impact and, while it is certainly not unique to San Francisco police officers it is, unfortunately, becoming much more prevalent within the ranks.

Needlesticks.

We've had 2 within the last 2 weeks. And they weren't the fault of the officers who were exposed. There is absolutely no way to fully protect our members from the part of police work that requires interaction with certain people who have chosen a life-style of drug use and other reckless behavior.

Fortunately, we have a team of Police Inspectors and medical staff who are well-trained in dealing with these incidents and have the full support of our Behavioral Science Unit (BSU). **Inspector Mike Hamilton** and **Inspector Brian Ogawa** are the "first-responders" who triage each case, handing the officer over to the medical staff at San Francisco General Hospital and, eventually, to **Sergeant Mary Dunnigan** and **Officer Ernie McNett** of our BSU. These are some of the most dedicated people you will ever meet but they are also becoming increasingly frustrated over the impact these incidents have on our members' lives.

Public officials wonder why it is so hard to recruit people for the San Francisco Police Department – these high-impact exposures, among other issues (many political), have to be a prime consideration for candidates. Let's face it – no one wants to go to work anticipating a life-altering event but that's what police work involves. If you're not worrying about having to confront the gun-touting gang-members you've got the 'exposure' issue to deal with.

Imagine, after sustaining such an injury, having to take protective medications where the long-range effects are still not known. Add to that, depending upon the extent of the exposure, the suggestion that you might want to put off starting that family for a year or so until the blood-line test is completed. Oh, really? How do you explain that admonishment to the husband or wife of the officer? Is that something anyone anticipated when they joined this Department – I don't think so . . .

We've asked the Department to expedite the preparation of a video putting faces to the names of the people who will be there to help you if you ever have to deal with such a treacherous incident – the video needs to walk you through the process but it should also be mandatory viewing for certain members of the Board of Supervisors – especially the ones who think this job is all about the money . . .

It's tough enough working in the Bayview District but especially on February 28, 2006, when a heavy

storm blew through the City causing intersections to flood, power lines to drop, a couple of very involved traffic accidents and, finally, a '913' (complaint unknown) call. The Dispatcher who took it could hear a young woman crying for help in the background but there was a slight language barrier and the Dispatcher couldn't get the woman back on the line. Enter **Officer Patricia Brown**, **Officer Nick Tomasito-Birco**, and **Officer Rich Wise** to the rescue. The officers assumed there was the potential for a possible domestic violence incident involved in the call but when they arrived they were caught short. The woman was in need of medical help but not for an assault, she was giving birth . . . and, before an ambulance could even get to the scene, the officers assisted in the delivery of a healthy, baby boy.

Between 2/19/06 and 2/24/06, there were several guns taken of the streets in the Bayview (along with their 'owners') by members of an elite group known as "Charlie 38". This is a plainclothes crew that tries to cover the community they serve on a 24/7 basis. They don't have to do this . . . they could easily put on a uniform and return to their normal patrol duties – instead, they volunteer because they feel that they can offer a greater degree of police coverage and, at the same time, better protect the citizens of the neighborhood as well as their fellow officers by their proactive investigations. Their lineup: **Sgt. Eddie Hagan**, **Officer Martin Bandvik**, **Officer Romina Izaguirre**, **Officer Reginald Scott**, **Officer Kevin Knoble**, **Officer Malcolm Anderson**, **Officer Martin Ferreira**, **Officer Mike Ellis**, **Officer Jason Kirchner**, **Officer Gerald Lyons**, **Officer Rodney Fitzpatrick**, **Officer Luis DeJesus**, **Officer Jim Aherne**, **Officer Steve Benzinger**, **Officer Eric Solares**, **Officer Carlos Mustafich**, and **Officer Noah Mallinger**.

They recovered: a stolen .45 caliber, semi-automatic on 2/19/06, a .22 caliber rifle on 2/19/06, a .380 semi-automatic on 2/20/06, a 9mm semi-automatic on 2/23/06, a .38 revolver on 2/24/06, and a MAC-10 on 2/25/06 . . . and, according to **Officer Solares**, "it was a pretty slow week."

One thing the team wanted me to share with all of our politicians who, again, think the job is all about the money, is a personal invitation to join 'Charlie 38' any day they want. Just throw on a pair of jeans and a flannel shirt and the officers will fit you with a vest . . . you'll definitely want one.

**Officer Matt Pashby** and **Officer Eddieberto Martinez** also joined in on the gun recovery program when they heard a full volley of gunshots

going off while driving through the San Bruno and Paul neighborhood. A citizen called in a description of the armed suspect who was randomly firing his weapon and, as **Officer Pashby** and **Officer Martinez** turned a corner, there he was. They got control of the situation immediately and recovered the weapon along with extra magazines the suspect was ready to use.

As if the Bayview isn't dangerous enough we have to always watch out for the officers in the Ingleside District. On 2/26/06, **Officer Katherine Schwarz-Choy** and **Officer Kevin Chin** were driving through the intersection of Brazil and Paris at 1:40 a.m. when they were broadsided by a drunk, and unlicensed, driver who drove right through a stop sign. Fortunately, the officers will recover from their injuries.

And, on the same day, **Officer Dan Silver** and **Officer Chad Campos** had to respond to a call of a person out of control on the 5000 block of Mission. They found the manager of an apartment building being held hostage by a person who was no stranger to lifting weights and who was armed with a combat knife. Very delicate negotiations followed until Dan and Chad could get control of the situation and relieved Mr. Atlas of his weapon and found him a jail cell.

Precita Park is supposed to be a safe place to go and not an area where people are allowed to deal drugs and drink alcohol, especially around midnight on a Tuesday. And that's exactly why **Officer Oscar Padilla** and **Officer Mike Brown** made a quick stop to check out the individuals who were doing everything they weren't supposed to be doing. One of those individuals with whom they made contact just happened to be carrying a fully-loaded, .45 semi-automatic. There is no target practice allowed at Precita Park so the subject was escorted back to Ingleside Station for processing. Once there, while they were processing the suspect, the officers also found that he had in his possession a silver necklace with the locking device broken. **Officer Padilla** and **Officer Brown** also knew that another police unit had been dispatched to a report of a robbery where the suspect was armed with a gun and had forcibly removed the victim's silver necklace. Yep, our armed suspect was also responsible for the robbery earlier in the evening and, thanks to the heads up by Oscar and Mike, the case was closed.

And a simple, quality of life violation such as marking a wall with a 'tag' lead to the arrest of a suspect armed with a fully-loaded, 9mm semi-automatic by **Officer Willion Wong** and **Officer Charles Wong**. The suspect also got his accomplices who were on standby in a nearby waiting car in a whole lot of trouble as well when, during a further investigation of the crime it was found that they were all in possession of additional dangerous weapons and a large quantity of narcotics, all packaged for distribution for sale.

Numerous Taraval Units responded to the Sunset District home where

neighbors thought someone was being killed because of the violence they could hear going on inside. When the arrived, the officers found a severely injured woman who told them that she had been beaten and strangled by her husband to the point where she lost consciousness and thought she would die. The victim was rushed to the hospital and **Officer Michelle Alvis** and **Officer John Keesor** set up on the house just in case the suspect returned. Sure enough, the suspect did come back, was placed in custody and is now charged with attempted murder.

**Officer Alexander Popov** and **Officer Erik Leung** made sure that a criminal novice's simple attempt at trying to boost several items from a locked car led to his arrest . . . not just for the attempted auto burglary but also for the fully-loaded, .357 magnum; he was carrying as well as all the methamphetamine 'samplers' he just happened to have on board. Drugs, guns, and crime just don't mix well . . .

There is definitely something to be said about experience. When **Officer Michael Lujan**, a solo motorcycle officer with many years on the force, stopped a car for a traffic violation he could just sense that something was wrong. Mike called for a 'roll-by' and **Officer William Conley** and **Officer Leo Lamela** obliged – good thing too since the car was stolen and being driven by a subject who was on parole and had no intention of going back. Even with 3 officers now on the scene he still tried to escape.

**Officer Joe Mayers**, another solo motorcycle officer, had the same problem. Joe found a car he wanted to pull over for a traffic infraction when the driver just took off. Joe followed the car for a short block but when he realized the driver was taking chances that might put others in jeopardy, he backed off. The driver eventually outdrove himself into a parked vehicle where, with the assistance of **Officer Angelo Spagnoli**, **Officer Shawn Mendez**, **Officer Robert Toy**, and **Officer Bassey Obot**, the suspect was taken into custody. When **Officer Mayers** went back to the car to inventory the contents he found a fully-loaded, cutdown shotgun on the front seat. So there's absolutely nothing wrong with standing by any solo you might come across on a '585' – unfortunately, it's never good to be alone on any call in uniform in this city.

Experience and good planning – works every time. **Officer Antonette Valenzuela**, a school resource officer, observed a former student who was wanted for robbery loitering nearby the campus of the school she was assigned. A quick call had **Officer Kelvin Sanders**, **Officer Raphael Rockwell**, and **Officer Eric Peterson** in place on the perimeter before Antonette approached the suspect. Sure enough, soon as the former student saw her coming he ran, first into where Kelvin and Raphael were set up and when that didn't work he double-backed right into the waiting handcuffs of **Officer Peterson**.