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Bayview Station Members Pack Police Commission

Show of Unity over the "Marshall Memo"

POA Staff Report

Dozens of men and women of the San Francisco Police Officers Association, most of whom are assigned to the beleaguered Bayview Station, packed the October 17, 2007 meeting of the SF Police Commission to demonstrate their collective outrage over the so-called "Marshall Memo" that was published in the October issue of the *POA Journal*.

Read the statements of POA Representatives Ferraez and Frost on page 7



Bayview officers listen to Representative Liam Frost addressing the Police Commission.

That document, authored by Commissioner Joe Marshall, outlined a series of allegations and deficiencies received about the officers of Bayview Station. The outrage centered on the fact that the complaints were lodged by just 25 people at a community forum, yet Commissioner Marshall made no apparent effort to qualify or substantiate any of the allegations before memorializing them in a document addressed to his fellow commissioners.

Among the allegations memorialized by Commissioner Marshall were that Bayview officers make inappropriate and unnecessary arrests of juvenile offenders, generally disrespect the citizens of the Bayview District, and are "scared" of contact with some segments of the district population.

The publishing of the memo, as well as an open letter to Commission President Theresa Sparks by President Delagnes expressing his members' outrage, set off a controversy that entailed a round of meetings in the Mayor's Office, and culminated with the show of solidarity hereby being reported.

The attending officers resolved that three of the persons they had elected to represent them should speak on

their behalf — POA President Gary Delagnes, and Bayview Station Representatives Liam Frost and George Ferraez. After a very brief statement of introduction, Gary Delagnes yielded the podium first to Representative Ferraez, followed by Representative Frost. (Read the statements of each in sidebars on Page 7.) Those commissioners in attendance (Commissioner Veronese was absent) appeared to listen closely and some took a few notes.

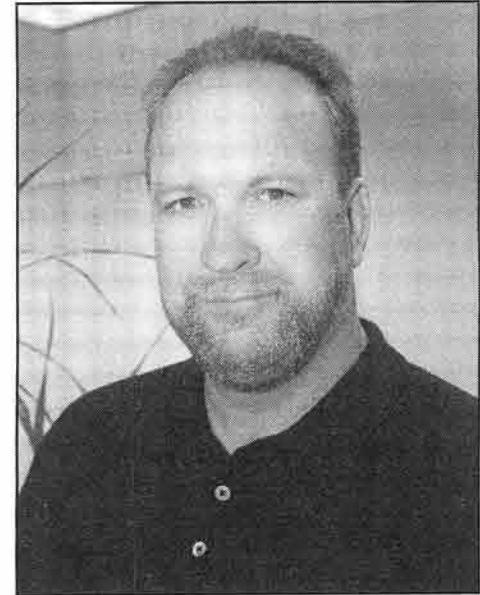
By Gary Delagnes,
SFPOA President

On May 5th, 2004, Cammeryn Boyd attempted to kidnap a woman and her child at Page and Webster. A description of the vehicle Boyd was driving was relayed to officers via dispatch, and Officer William Elieff located the vehicle and initiated a pursuit.

Officer Elieff was ultimately joined in the pursuit by officers Jim O'Malley and Timothy Paine from Northern station and officers Greg Kane and Steve Stearns from Park station.

Mr. Boyd, with a criminal record that would have made Al Capone proud, initiated gun fire at the officers from his vehicle. After Boyd was cornered in Larch Alley, he refused to comply with the orders of the officers and reached into the side compartment of his vehicle, at which point he was shot and killed by officers.

The weapon was recovered from the location Mr. Boyd was reaching, and forensic evidence clearly proved that Mr. Boyd had shot at the officers and his fingerprints were found all over the suspected firearm.



SFPOA President Gary Delagnes

Every week she marched her army of "stooges" into the Police Commission meeting declaring that these officers had murdered her son without provocation.

I watched Mrs. Boyd being greeted and hugged by Commissioner Peter Keane in the lobby of the Police Commission meetings. I listened to commissioners give tacit approval to her claims and in the process humili-

No longer willing to wait for the SFPD to acknowledge the valor of these heroic officers, in July of 2007 the POA honored all of them at a special awards dinner. At that dinner, the POA presented each officer with a POA Medal of Valor.

What was to follow over the next 3-years clearly illustrates why police officers in the city of San Francisco do not trust the disciplinary process. It also is a positive story about our civil court process, and again proves that the facts will prevail in the end.

For three years Marilyn Boyd, the mother of Cammeryn Boyd, attempted to portray her son as a victim of a police murder. "He didn't have a gun," she insisted. "He never tried to kidnap anybody," she screamed every Wednesday night at the police commission.

ate the officers involved in this tragic incident.

It minimized their heroic efforts and more disgracefully kept them from being acknowledged by this department. All of these officers are worthy of Gold Medals of Valor but have waited three years while politically charged, trumped up disciplinary charges were filed against some of them.

Now three years later, these officers still await vindication from this police

see JUSTICE DELAYED, page 6

November 11 is Veteran's Day —

a national holiday that recognizes the honor and sacrifice of all the men and women who have served — and who serve now — in America's Armed Forces.

The San Francisco Police Officers Association stands with all Americans who pay tribute to America's veterans.



Minutes of the October 17, 2007 General Membership Meeting*

POA Board Room, 1200 hours

Note: Secretary Montoya was excused. President Delagnes designated Editor Ray Shine to record the minutes.

- 1) Call to order by Sergeant-at-Arms Breen at 1202 hours.
- 2) Sergeant-at-Arms Breen led the attendees in the Pledge of Allegiance.
- 3) Sergeant-at-Arms Breen conducted the roll call.
- 4) President Delagnes asked for corrections or additions to the September minutes. Hearing none, a motion was made by Frost, second by Burke to approve the September minutes and enter them into the record. By voice vote, the motion passed with no opposition.
- 5) President Delagnes discussed the recent vacancies for unit rep's at Tac, Mission, Southern, and Traffic. Written requests to fill respective vacancies have been received by Delagnes from Damon Keeve (Tac) and Larry Bertraud (Co. B). The following persons were then nominated from the floor: Daniel Laval (Tac), made by Madsen; Nate Steger (Co. D), made by Delagnes on behalf of Carri Lucas (Co. D) who could not be present; Jose Jimenez (Co. D), made by Covarrubias; Matt Gardner (Co. K), made by Petruzzella. Delagnes reiterated that the bylaws do not require a special election to fill the vacancies. However, in keeping with past practice, a special election for unit rep will be held in the near future for the two contested vacancies, one at Tac, the other at Co. D. As per the bylaws, Delagnes will appoint Bertraud to the Co. B vacancy, and Gardner to the Co. K vacancy, provided that each will
- 6) President Delagnes announced that the third annual POA Sports Hall of Fame induction ceremony and dinner would occur November 16, 2007 at the Italian-American Athletic Club.
- 7) President Delagnes opened a lengthy discussion regarding the recent controversy that sprung from the publication of the Commissioner Marshall memo in the October issue of the *Journal*.
- 8) President Delagnes advised the board that the POA has contracted with EnviroSurveys to sample dust in the area of Building 606 at Hunters Point to test for toxic substances.
- 9) President Delagnes discussed the status of the ballot proposition that will upgrade retirement benefits for qualifying members of the Airport Bureau.
- 10) President Delagnes discussed the status of the DROP proposal. Representative Engler requested clarification from General Counsel Tenant regarding the bylaw rules that govern spending money in excess of that which had been budgeted for a particular campaign. Treasurer Halloran emphasized that the expenditures for the DROP proposal will be less than the amount that was budgeted in 2007.
- 11) President Delagnes advised the board that he would soon convene the Bylaws Committee and begin the overhaul of the rules and procedures. All proposed bylaw changes would eventually be voted on by the entire membership.
- 12) President Delagnes advised that printed copies of the new MOU are available at the POA office. Some

agree to serve.

- copies were distributed to the reps in attendance.
- 13) President Delagnes announced that the second POA Medal of Valor ceremony is scheduled for November 28, 2007 at the POA. A bulletin will be issued announcing the details and listing the honorees.
- 14) Representative Petruzzella requested clarification of MOU language regarding a member's final two-years of service prior to retirement.
- 15) President Delagnes recognized retiring Co. K rep Don Moorehouse for his service to the POA and led the Board in standing ovation for that service.
- 16) Representative Gardner opened a discussion regarding the exceptions and changes to P-1 transfer policy being proposed by the department. Some of the discussion focused on the "civilianization" of certain jobs currently being performed by sworn members. President Delagnes will keep the board closely apprised of the meet-and-confer that must take place prior to any changes in the current procedure.
- 17) President Delagnes and Treasurer Halloran clarified details about the upcoming fundraiser for two members of the department. The executive board is supporting the fundraiser, but the POA is not the lead entity in the organization of that effort.
- 18) President Delagnes announced that the general election of POA executive board officers would take place in January and February of 2008. Nominations for all five offices (President, Vice President, Treasurer, Secretary, and Sergeant-at-Arms) will be made at the
- 19) Representative Browne requested clarification regarding the POA publishing a candidate slate of endorsement for the upcoming November election.
- 20) Representative Madsen opened a discussion regarding the proper way for members to complete and transmit an OCC Member Response form. Vice President Martin suggested that members fax the forms to the OCC and keep a receipt of that transmission to show that the form was sent in a timely manner.
- 21) Representative Donati opened a discussion of the role that the POA Uniform and Safety Committee might play in the department's proposed issuance of new weapons. Some discussion focused on the need to train members in the safe use of the new weapons.
- 22) Treasurer Halloran discussed recent financial requests. The advisement and discussion was followed by a motion from Flaherty, second by Burke to authorize a donation of \$15,000 from the Community Services Fund to the UCSF Pediatric Hospital. On voice vote, the motion passed without opposition.
- 23) Hearing no further business, President Delagnes adjourned the meeting at 1351 hours.

**These minutes will not be adopted by the Board of Directors until the next General Membership meeting. Corrections and amendments might be made prior to a vote to enter the minutes into the permanent record. All corrections and/or amendments will be published in the succeeding issue of the Journal.*

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Wednesday, October 17, 2007

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	Liam Frost	P		Larry Mack	P
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	Peter Dacre	P	Youth Services/SRO	Bob Chapman	P
Co. G	Sean O'Leary	P		Joe Finigan	P
	Dominic Yin	A	Retired	John Scully	P
				Ray Allen	P

IMPORTANT NOTICE

General Membership Meetings Rescheduled

Due to the holidays and the need to extend layout time for the POA Election campaign material, the November and December General Membership Meetings will be moved ahead one week.

The new dates are:

Wednesday, November 14, 2007 at 12:00 Noon

Wednesday, December 12, 2007 at 12:00 Noon

POA Welcomes New Office Staffer

Courtney Dickson (sitting) is our most recent addition to the POA office staff. Courtney is replacing Megan Fahey (standing) and will share office duties with senior staff person, Yvonne Huey.

Megan, who worked for us for more than three years, has resigned in order to pursue her career as a licensed Esthetician. She will be practicing her make up art at the Derma Lounge, located at 25th Street and Church. She will also be doing bridal make up and other special requests out of her home.

We welcome Courtney into the POA family, and wish Megan all the best in her new endeavor.



POA ELECTION NOTICE

At the December 12, 2007 POA General Membership Meeting, nominations will be accepted for the following offices:

Executive Officers

- President
- Vice-President
- Secretary
- Treasurer
- Sergeant-at-Arms

Note: Executive Board offices are three-year terms.

Nominations

As per Section 3, Article VI of the POA Bylaws, nominations for officers and representatives to serve on the Board of Directors shall occur at the December membership meeting. That meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, December 12, 2007**. The meeting will be convened at the POA building in the Layne Amiot Meeting Room, 2nd Floor, 800 Bryant Street, at **12:00 Noon**.

As per Section 4, Article VI of the bylaws, nominations may be made from the floor at the December membership meeting. Although not specified in the bylaws, past nominations have been received in writing prior to the December meeting. Written nominations should be forwarded to the POA, attention General Election Committee. The bylaws do not require that a member be present at the December membership meeting in order to be nominated.

Election

As per Section 4, Article VI of the bylaws, the election shall commence at 0800 hours on the fourth Monday of January — which will be Monday, January 28, 2008 — and continue until 2400 hours on the second Friday in February — which will be Friday, February 8, 2008. Members shall cast his or her votes on ballots mailed to each member. Completed ballots must be received by the General Election Committee via US Mail.

Candidate Statements, Letters of Endorsement, and Photographs

Candidates may submit written statements, letters of endorsement, photographs, or other graphics for publication in the *POA Journal*. Any two or more candidates may submit material that identifies them as a slate of candidates, and request a layout of submitted materials that depicts them as a unified slate. Deadlines for submission of material directly related to the election are as follows:

- For publication in the January 2008 *Journal*, the deadline is **December 19, 2007**
- For publication in the February 2008 *Journal*, the deadline is **January 21, 2008**

Submit all material and layout requests to Editor Ray Shine at the POA. Editor Shine can also be contacted by email at journal@sfpoa.org. Editor Shine can be contacted by cell phone after obtaining the number from POA office staff.

Calendar of Events

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

Regularly Scheduled Meetings or Events

Event	Location	Date & Time	Coordinator
Meeting, Veteran Police Officers Association	3255 Folsom, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 11:00 AM	Larry Barsetti (415) 566-5985 larry175@ix.netcom.com
Meeting, Widows & Orphans Aid Association	Ingleside Police Station, Community Rm	Second Tues. of Every Month, 2:00 PM	Mark Hurley (415) 681-3660
Meeting, American Legion SF Police-Fire Post	Old POA Building 510-7th Street, SF	Second Tues. of Every Month, 6:00 PM	Rene Laprevotte rlaprevotte@comcast.net
POA General Membership Meeting	POA Building	Third Wed. of Every Month at Noon	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, 0730ñ1130	Range Staff (415) 587-2274

Specially Scheduled Events

Co. K Reunion/Christmas Dinner	Italian-American Athletic Club 1630 Stockton St., SF	Fri. December 7, 2007	Steve Landi 553-1245
Co. J Christmas Dinner Party	SF Elks Club, 456 Post Street	Sat. December 8, 2007 5:30 PM	Pat Tobin 415-345-7300
Co. B Christmas Dinner Party	Regis Hotel, SF	Sun. December 16, 2007 6:30 PM	Craig Dong, Southern Station

WIDOWS' AND ORPHANS' AID ASSOCIATION

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October 9, 2007

The regular meeting of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association of the San Francisco Police Department was called to order by President Rene LaPrevotte at 2:10 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: Led by President Rene LaPrevotte.

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

MINUTES OF THE SEPTEMBER MEETING. Motion by Centurioni, seconded by Fontana that the minutes be approved as published. Motion carried.

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

COMMUNICATIONS: A donation of \$20 in memory of Officer Jim Gustafson Jr.; Another donation of \$300 from the Public Works Department, City of Los Altos, Calif. In memory of Officer Jim Gustafson, Jr.; A \$100 donation from National Accounting services of Pleasanton, Calif., in memory of Michael Casey.

We Had Four Deaths This Past Month:

WILLIAM J. "Bill" COOKE, 54 years. Bill was born in San Francisco

and raised in the Excelsior. He attended Riordan High School and was employed at Bank Of America and also as a pipe-fitter installing sprinkler systems before he entered the Police Academy in 1975. His first assignment was Richmond Station for four years before being transferred to Central. Bill remained at Central for the rest of his career before he retired in 2006. Bill had a great group he worked with at Central and besides working and partying together, they went on bike rides around Lake Tahoe, climbed Mt. Whitney, and did Ironman Triathlon's. Bill was in great shape and at the time of his death was coaching the ICA girls' cross-country team with a long run in the hills of San Mateo County. Bill collapsed and died halfway through the run. He told his cross-country team at ICA. "Run from the heart. Do it for the team but also do it for yourself." Bill loved his life as a cop, all the friends he made, and changed many lives for the better.

JAMES J. HEGARTY, 89 years. Jim was born in San Francisco and grew up at the base of Potrero Hill. He attended Commerce High School. He served our country in the Navy during WW II. After his discharge, he returned to San Francisco and did a few odd jobs before he entered the Police Academy in 1946. His first assignment was Northern. He made Sergeant in 1960 and was sent to Richmond for a year and then to Ingleside for another year before going back to Northern. After a brief transfer to Park Station he returned back to Northern where he remained until his retirement in 1972. Jim was a Past President of the Widows' and Orphans' Association in 1971. He remained active for many years and was always a guy who would

give you his opinion on how we were doing. Jim was also a big backer of the early days of the SFPOA. He put many hours into the PAL programs. Jim was awarded several Captain's Comps and a Bronze Medal of Valor for his arrest of two armed holdup men. Jim can be remembered as a Section Sergeant who walked all the beats making his visits to his beatmen and smoking his cigar

ANDREW RUTHERFORD, 94 years. Andy was born in Scotland. He was employed as a fireman before he entered the Police Academy in 1948. His first assignment was Taraval Station. Followed by Northern. In 1950 he was assigned to the Mounted Horse Unit. In 1966, he was transferred to the Property Clerk. In 1970 he retired was a D.P. pension,

WILLIAM S. HARDEMAN, 75 years. Bill was born in Stockton, Calif. He moved to San Francisco and to the Richmond District. He attended Lowell High School. He served our country during the Korean Conflict in the US Army. After his discharge, he was employed with Southern Pacific as a Tab Machine Operator before he entered the Police Academy in 1958. His first assignment was Potrero, then Park. Next, he was then transferred to Communications. One year later, he went to Traffic and assigned to the AIB unit. In 1980 he made Sergeant and was sent to Taraval. Two months later he went to Internal Affairs, then was assigned to Management Control. Bill retired in 1989. He was awarded several Captain's Comps. A Bronze Medal of Valor for his assistance in a Fire in the Tenderloin where he led 75 people to safety. Bill served two terms as President of the Widows' and Orphans' Aid Association 1983 and 1999. Upon his retirement, Bill worked at the Federal Building for 14 years as a Court Security Officer.

SUSPENSIONS: Pursuant to Article III, section 3 of the by-laws (did not complete probationary) Lynne Atkinson, Michael Li, Matija Malivojevic, William Tam and Frank Villanueva. President LaPrevotte ordered them removed from the roles.

Pursuant to Section 3 of article III of the Constitution. (Non-payment of dues for six months) Jeremy Huerta-Miller.

REINSTATED: With all payment of dues and penalties, pursuant to Section 5 of Article III of the Constitution. Lewis Bronfeld.

NEW MEMBERS: 218th Lateral Recruit class. Eric Balmy, Christopher Canning, Alejandro Cortes, Hector Garcia Morales, Sean Manning, Boaz Mariles, Bany Mlaker, William Pon, Dennis Rodelas, Benjamin Smith and Dennis Toomer.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES: Mr. Shane Hiller and Mr. Jerome Paolini of Wells Fargo Bank gave us a better report than the previous month. Our account is up 2.5% for the past month. Our international sector is doing very well for us. We are also doing well in the emerging markets. We are in commodities and brought in \$3000 the first month. They warn of a possible slow down in the months to come.

ADJOURNMENT: President Rene LaPrevotte had a moment of silence for our departed members, especially our two past presidents, and also for the men and women serving their country in the armed forces. The meeting was adjourned at 2:50 PM. Our next meeting was set for Tuesday, November 13, 2007 at 2:00 PM in the Conference Room of Ingleside Station.

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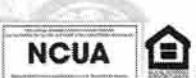
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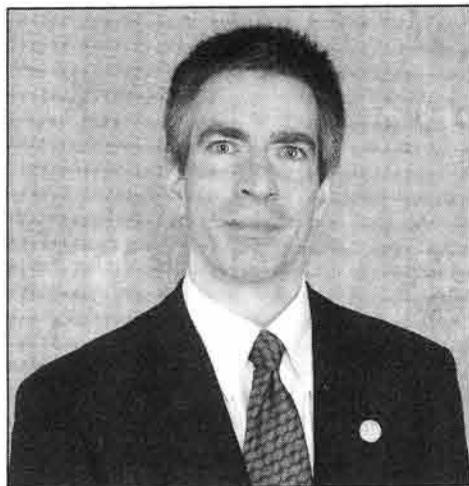
Counsel's Corner**Of Humanity and Heroism**

*By John Tennant,
SFPOA Counsel*

Just back from vacation, and as I steel my resolve for the looming battles we face over a host of challenges, e.g., GASB's impact on retiree medical costs, proposed legislation in the assembly that would reduce police officer privacy, a statewide initiative to roll back pension benefits for future officers, *etcetera ad nauseam*, I find myself in need of a reminder of what I like to call the common humanity—a common humanity that attends any struggle for what is ultimately right and good.

Allow me to deviate from my usual monthly analysis of the law to share an example that I hope provides you with something approaching the inspiration it has afforded me in facing challenges with boldness and spirit:

During my vacation in Greece, I had the extreme good fortune to meet a man whom I have revered for some time, a man who withstood one of the bloodiest conflicts of all time and has yet remained undaunted and steadfast in his courage, optimism, and, above all, his celebration of — here's that phrase again — our common humanity.



SFPOA Counsel John Tennant

mountainous terrain of Crete, evading thousands of Nazi troops who were on their trail. This harrowing adventure is described in the 1950 book, *Ill Met By Moonlight*, which later became a movie starring Dirk Bogarde as Leigh Fermor.

But what is most moving about Leigh Fermor's heroism is what occurred on the fourth day of the perilous trek across Crete. At dawn, the exhausted and frightened General Kreipe saw the sunrise over Mount Ida and was moved to speak a piece of Latin verse from the Roman poet Horace (obviously memorized back during

As police officers, I know that you daily face challenges and dangers that would prove the undoing of lesser men and women.

His name is Patrick Leigh Fermor, of Anglo-Irish descent, who epitomizes my ideal of the warrior-scholar, the man of both thought and action. Known primarily for his contributions to literature, Leigh Fermor served with the British Special Services in WWII on the Greek Island of Crete, fighting as part of the Cretan resistance. Having walked from Rotterdam to Constantinople in 1934 when he was just nineteen (and later recounting his marvelous journeys in his masterpieces *A Time of Gifts and Between the Woods and the Water*), he became fluent in a number of languages. Later, traveling throughout Greece, Leigh Fermor learned Greek so well that he could pass as a native Cretan, hence, the Special Forces' deployment of young "Paddy" to that theatre of operation.

After parachuting into Crete, Leigh Fermor organized the resistance with Greek guerillas who faced unimaginably harsh reprisals from the Nazi occupiers if caught. Not only would the Nazis have tortured and killed any guerillas found hiding Leigh Fermor, they would also have annihilated the fighters' families and entire village, so as to send a clear message to would-be recruits to the resistance effort. During these fearful times, Leigh Fermor lived largely in caves, disguised as a shepherd.

Then, on April 26, 1944, Leigh Fermor and another British commando orchestrated a daring abduction of the German General Heinrich Kreipe, commander of the island's garrison. It is the only known kidnapping of a German general during the entire war. Over a period of three weeks, the kidnappers made their way across the

an age when Latin and Greek were a routine feature of education): *Vides ut alta stet nive candidum/ Soracte* ("See how resplendent in deep snow/ Soracte stands . . ."). Leigh Fermor responded, speaking the remaining several verses of the poem, also in Latin. Startled, the general looked into the eyes of his captor and said after a long silence, "Ach so, Herr Major." Leigh Fermor replied in turn, "Ach so, Herr General."

The beauty of this story is that through the common bond of a shared culture, the shared humanity implicit in the language of Horace, memorized by both a German and a Briton in the original Latin, transcended the unspeakable differences between the two men and their respective sides in a war to end all wars. When I had the honor to tell the now ninety-two Sir Leigh Fermor (he was knighted in 2004) several weeks ago that this was the lesson I had gleaned from his actions, he paid me the ultimate compliment that I had understood the most important point of the whole episode. No matter how brutal the conflict, a common humanity is what must ultimately triumph in the end.

As police officers, I know that you daily face challenges and dangers that would prove the undoing of lesser men and women. And I know that as a police union, we face many ordeals ahead to safeguard the security and the standard of living that you rightly enjoy. And while it may be almost a bit unseemly to compare some of those travails to what Leigh Fermor faced on Crete in 1944, his words and actions prove, once again, that humanity and heroism are deeply intertwined.

AROUND THE DEPARTMENT

By Al Casciato

**...The Holiday Season:**

Hard to believe but we are already in the Holiday Season. The Combined Charities Campaign is in full swing so please give at least a dollar a pay period. You can also give via the combine charities drive to the church or school you or your children attend. Take the forms to the school/church and they'll help you fill them out...

...Basketball:

The SFPD basketball league is right around the corner. Those who can play need to signup now. All others remember to support your team and help the players whenever you can...

...Seasons Gift:

In this season of gift giving think about our brothers and sisters who are enrolled in the catastrophic illness program. They need our help. One week of comp or vacation to the general BSU account will allow Ernie McNett, Maggie Ortelle and Mary Dunnigan to help those in need. Let's be thankful we are not on that list...

...2000 Pound Hamburger:

Several years ago I reported that then Solo Sergeant Rene LaPrevotte was traveling through Northern Nevada on a motorcycle when he encountered several free ranging steers on the highway. Rene was quoted as saying "I almost ate a 1500 pound hamburger". Well this past summer Operations Center's Barbara Pinelli was traveling

down a Petaluma side road when she encountered a 2000 lb. Holstein Dairy cow. Barbara was very lucky as the cow only gave her a glancing blow and her injuries were moderate. The damage to her car was substantial. The driver coming up the road was not as lucky as he encountered a very angry cow who took his pickup head on. Needless to say it was an ugly mess and a huge reminder that those cute cows can be very dangerous on the wrong side of the fence...

...Like To Travel?

If you are a traveler then the International Police Association is a definite resource. Having local police, IPA members, available to assist when traveling abroad is definitely a valuable travel aide that can be great assistance. For more information check out the IPA website at www.ipa-usa.org for more information...

...Retirement Charter Amendment:

The miscellaneous unions have formed a coalition to explore placing a charter amendment on the Nov '08 ballot which would enhance the retirement benefits of non-safety employees. The coalition is being headed by Tim Paulson Secretary/Treasurer of the San Francisco Labor Council. The POA and Firefighters Local 798 have vowed to actively support the miscellaneous employees as they have supported our charter amendments...

...Social Security:

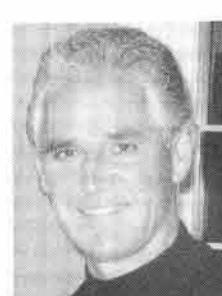
Lots of discussion at Retirement Industry Conferences after the AARP Bulletin featured an article titled "*Social Security Meltdown: Will Anyone Be Left to Help You?*" The issue was not the funding but whether or not there would be sufficient employees to service the beneficiaries...

...Searching For Good Stories:

The Public Affairs Office is looking for interesting (positive) stories about police work that they can forward to the media. If you come across a good report or interesting story please forward it to Dewayne Tully in Public Affairs or via fax @ 553-9229...

...American Legion:

The American Legion dinner will be held on November 5, at the Italian American Club at 25 Russia Street. Each year the legion honors our officers and this is your opportunity to support the Department and the Legion. Tickets are available from Captain Greg Corrales, Traffic Company, 415-553-9601...

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Inept Commissioner thinks cops are building inspectors

SF Planning Commissioner not up to Code

By Kevin Martin

On Thursday, September 27, 2007, POA President Gary Delagnes appeared before the San Francisco Planning Commission to speak on behalf of the Academy of Art University of San Francisco. Item #14 on the commission agenda pertained to "Academy of Art University of San Francisco Enforcement Update" that included an informational presentation of the status of pending enforcement cases on properties operated by the Academy of Art, including descriptions of the various enforcement issues and a discussion on the university's efforts to achieve compliance".

After a presentation by a member of the Planning Commission that included update efforts by the university, POA President Delagnes addressed the commission during public comment. President Delagnes spoke eloquently of the great relationship developed between the POA and the AAU and reminded the commission the AAU of San Francisco provides thousands of educational opportunities and that the AAU of San Francisco has an enrollment of close to twelve thousand

students. President Delagnes described Dr. Elisa Stephens and the Stephens family as "true San Franciscans" and responsible for many, many philanthropic offerings to our city.

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In closing, President Delagnes gently urged the commission to work with the AAU of San Francisco and to please remember the educational, tax base and economic perspectives the AAU of San Francisco brings to the betterment of our city.

President Delagnes returned to his

seat and even before getting a chance to sit down, became the object of ire to one particular commissioner. Commissioner Hisashi "Bill" Sagaya announced rather loudly to his fellow commissioners and people in attendance that he was "really offended" by the comments delivered by Delagnes. Commissioner Sagaya then scolded President Delagnes for having the audacity to speak on behalf of an organization that had committed City and County planning and code violations especially when he was representing the police department. Gary quickly reminded the commissioner that in fact he was not representing the police department but the POA. Commissioner Sagaya brushed right past that fact and decried Gary for making such comments while he represented police officers who are charged with enforcing the law and that again, he was "really offended". President Delagnes quickly responded, "Well I'm not".

I was stunned at what I was watching, as were many others who viewed this same event. Commissioner Sagaya must have thought that he was a police commissioner taking his regular turn at bat on a Wednesday Night POA beat

down. I guess Commissioner Sagaya forgot for a liberal moment that even though you might not like what one says, an American enjoys the freedom of speech as guaranteed under the "Bill of Rights" in our Constitution.

I found it terribly disconcerting that when the leader of another public safety organization that has a lot more jurisdiction in the area of "planning and code violations" spoke, he got a free pass. How does that work? Does one have to be a police officer exercising his or her "freedom of speech" to raise your ire, or just one who happens to have a different point of view than you do?

Commissioner Sagaya, I invite you to apologize not only to POA President Gary Delagnes but to every member of our association for your efforts to demean our president and censure his freedom of speech. This after all may be San Francisco where intolerance rules the day if you don't agree with a liberal or just have a differing point of view, but we are still Americans living in the United States of America and unfortunately for you, trumps your feeble efforts.

Justice Delayed

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department — and still await their Gold Medals. That is a disgrace to the process we are expected to abide by. It is unfair to the officers, their families, and the community they serve. (No longer willing to wait for the SFPD to acknowledge the valor of these heroic officers, in July of 2007 the POA honored all of them at a special awards dinner. At that dinner, the POA presented each officer with a POA Medal of Valor.)

Fortunately, we still live in a society where you must actually prove your allegations in a court of law. Fortunately, once we leave the confines of politically charged commissions and police departments, you still have to produce evidence to support your false charges.

I am sure it is no surprise to anyone that Mrs. Boyd filed a civil action against these officers.

The civil case was heard, and in August of this year it was determined

by a jury of twelve that Mrs. Boyd's claims had no merit, and that the officers had acted responsibly and professionally. All of the evidence supported the officers' testimony of the facts, and exonerated them from any wrongdoing.

How long did it take the jury to decide? Less than 2 hours!

Hopefully this will be the start of true vindication for these officers. The ridiculous charges filed at the police commission will be dismissed, and they will finally receive their due recognition for extraordinary police work from the San Francisco Police Department – an SFPD Gold Medal of Valor.

William Elieff, Timothy Paine, James O'Malley, Greg Kane, and Steve Stearns you are heroes. Nobody can ever take that away from you. I apologize that we should be the first to tell you so.

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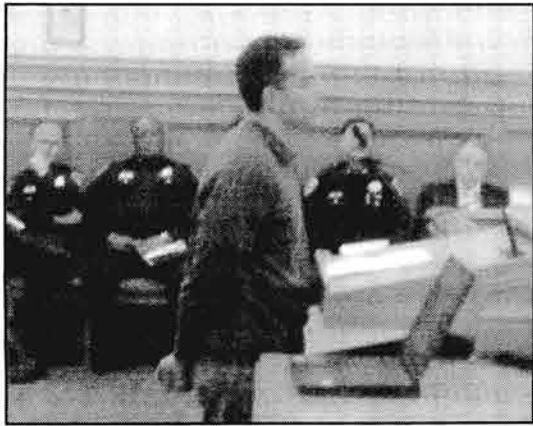


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Text of the address of George Ferraez before the SF Police Commission, October 17, 2007



"Madam President and Police Commissioners, good evening. My name is George Ferraez. I am assigned to Bayview Police Station. I am the San Francisco Police Officers Association representative for Bayview Police Station.

We the members of Bayview Police Station were offended by the contents of this memorandum. It is completely unfair to give

any inference of negativity as to the capability of the 120 Police Officers of Bayview Station in an official public document without validating any of the information stated therein.

The Commission should know that most of the members of Bayview Police Station are there by choice, and are totally committed to the protection of the community we serve. On a regular basis we have all attempted to guide and educate those who victimize back onto a path of righteousness and good. If these facts had been known, I believe the Commissioners responsible for the Memorandum would have thought more responsibly about authoring an official document.

Furthermore, there are over 70,000 residents who reside in the Bayview Community, all from very diverse backgrounds. Have any of them been polled about police service from the officers assigned to Bayview Police Station?

Finally, we the members of Bayview Station would like to know if based on what 25 people's unsubstantiated perceptions are what the members of the Police Commission truly think of the members of Bayview Police Station.

Thank you."

Address of Liam Frost:

Good Evening Police Commissioners, Chief Fong, The Command Staff, and Ladies and Gentleman.

My name is Liam Frost I am the POA Representative at Bayview Station. The officers took their own time to come here to express their concern regarding the actions of this Commission. They have asked me to speak on their behalf. When the working men and women of the station read the memorandum from two of the commissioners to President Sparks they were disappointed and hurt. The meeting to which the Commissioners referred to was attended by 25 people in the District in which we serve. The Commissioners took the word of these 25 people as fact. They legitimized the words of these 25 people without anything to substantiate it.

The officers are there to do a good job for the people who reside there and the over 20,000 others who commute in. This is the same station that in the last few years has had 2 officers die in the line of duty, other officers who were injured in the line of duty and have not yet been able to return to work because of those injuries, a media attack by the mayor regarding a spoof video and the loss of a civilian employee who died of complications regarding diabetes.

The officers of this station, as well as all San Francisco Police Officers go out day in and day out to serve our communities. When the Commission listens to the few and not the masses and takes the words of those few as fact without conferring with anybody in the department they have done a disservice to the office in which they hold. They do more than just a disservice to the men and women of our department they throw another knife in our backs. It is unacceptable for us to sit and do nothing when we are labeled as cowards and that we criminalize people by arresting them. The officers of Bayview Station are not cowards and we do arrest criminals. I am proud to be a member of this Department and especially of working at Bayview Station.

We are here to tell you how we felt when we read the memorandum, and we are also here to tell you that we have elected President Delagnes to represent us. And he does represent all of the Members of the San Francisco Police Department.

Citizen Hero Honored by Police Commission

POA Staff Report

At the October 17, 2007 Police Commission Meeting, hero citizen Aryn Michael Bergman was presented with a citation for valor and bravery for his actions to rescue another citizen from a severe attack and robbery. The terrible details of that attack, and the exceptional heroic response of Mr. Bergman were recounted to the commission by Southern Station Lieutenant James Spillane, printed here.

The men and women of the San Francisco Police Association applaud the valor and concern displayed by Mr. Bergman for his fellow citizen.

Text of Heroism Citation Addressed to the San Francisco Police Commission by Lt. James Spillane, Southern Station:

On August 26th 2007, Ms. Diana L. Cloos, a fifty-two year old woman,

was walking on Howard St. near 2nd. She was suddenly and viciously attacked by a man who grabbed her head with both hands and flung her to the ground. Ms. Cloos was somehow able to regain her feet only to again be set upon by her assailant who grabbed her purse and after a mighty struggle, wrenched it from her grasp. Not satisfied that he had accomplished his purpose, and determined to inflict more injury on his victim, the robber threw the purse away and continued his assault on Ms. Cloos. He grabbed her by the arm and once again threw her to the ground. Although she was now clearly helpless and unable to mount further defense, this cowardly thug nonetheless began spraying pepper spray into her eyes, mouth and ear. Ms. Cloos was miraculously able to give a cry for help. Help was not far away in the form of Mr. Aryn Michael Bergman.

Seeing the attack, Mr. Bergman an



unarmed civilian immediately sprang into action. Abandoning a bag he was carrying, he ran to the suspect and pulled him off of and away from Ms. Cloos.

felon. The officers took custody of the would be robber.

Alone and unarmed, Mr. Bergman recognized the extreme danger faced by this lone and helpless woman. Without hesitation or regard for his own safety, he heroically joined the fray and separated this remorseless predator from his prostrate and incapacitated prey. Having accomplished that mission and then having been struck by the suspect, Mr. Bergman nonetheless persisted and gained custody of his assailant, utilizing means of control that were clearly more humane than this wretched human being deserved. His actions were entirely selfless and performed under circumstances that any reasonable person would expect posed a significant fear of death or serious bodily injury to themselves. Mr. Bergman set these fears aside and successfully neutralized the threat posed to him, Ms. Cloos, and any other citizens of San Francisco who may have subsequently had the misfortune to run afoul of this dangerous felon. The suspect in this case was booked on multiple violent felony charges, all of which were reaffirmed at rebooking. Mr. Bergman's actions with respect to this incident clearly deserve recognition of the highest order.

Seeing the attack, Mr. Bergman an unarmed civilian immediately sprang into action.

The enraged and vindictive suspect then punched Mr. Bergman in the face with a closed fist. Undeterred and unafraid, Mr. Bergman grabbed this vicious criminal's jacket, pulled it over his head and forced him into a nearby metal roll-up door. He then gained control of the suspect's head and forced him to the ground. Mr. Bergman was able to pin the suspect and then called out to passersby asking them to call 911. When no other persons present deigned to assist Mr. Bergman by acceding to his simple request, he shifted his position so as to be able to maintain a chokehold on the suspect while calling 911 himself.

Officers arrived on scene to find Mr. Bergman still astride the struggling



Aryn Michael Bergman and Diana Cloos

This & That

By Kevin Martin,
SFPOA Vice President

Okey folks, here we go so hold on... it's been a busy month...

A Giant thank you...

First, I'd like to thank three people who really came through for the POA Golf Tournament that was held on Monday, September 24th at the Stone Tree Golf Club in Novato. Thanks to Lt. Greg McEachern of Southern Station and Mr. Jorge Costa, Vice-President of Stadium Operations for the San Francisco Giants for their efforts in providing some outstanding baseball memorabilia for prizes and auction. Special thanks to Steve Kline, left handed relief pitcher for the Giants, for his continued generosity to the POA and its members. Steve has become a real favorite of the cops as he spends a generous amount of time with them. He likes to go on ride-a-longs as he has two brothers "in the business" back home in Pennsylvania. Steve has developed a great relationship with the Tenderloin cops where they often find see him at a popular downtown club with teammates Jack Taschner and Pat Misch. Thanks to Kevin Lyons, Nick Donati and the Tenderloin coppers for keeping Kline out of the funny papers.

Danke schoen ...

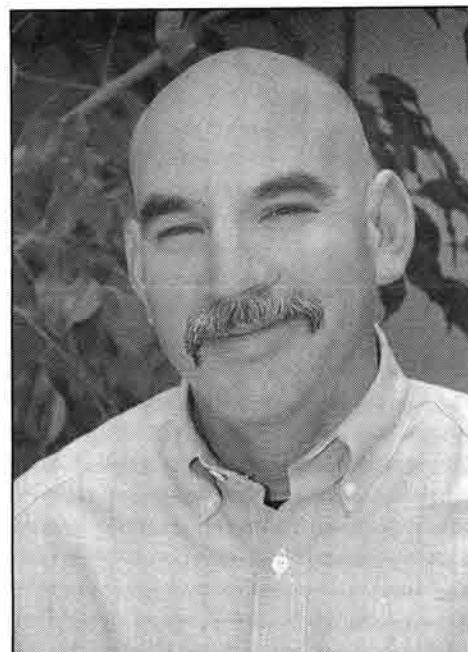
My sincere thanks to all who participated in the "Octoberfest" get together, which was in truth a fundraiser for two of our members. Special thanks to Frank Lee of Northern Station and Mark Madsen for spearheading the event.

Thanks as always to Steve Caniglia of Northern Station for his wonderful culinary talents as he prepared an "Octoberfest" feast that was second to none. Sausages, sweet and sour cabbage along with German potato salad and lots of beer was the bill of fare... thanks as well go to Kevin Abbey and Joe Boyle of Northern Station for handling the plentiful distribution of the Nectar of the Gods... cold beer! It was great to see retired member and Italian Athletic Club madman Gerry Calgaro serving drinks behind the bar. Retired life appears to agree with you Gerry, you look great!

Additional thanks to Dan Laval and Sgt. Glen Mar of Crime Prevention Co., as well as to John Van Koll of Northern and Sgt. Phil Pera of the Burglary Detail for all their outstanding efforts and contributions to this most worthy of causes. Frank Lee also wanted to extend his particular thanks to Steve Landi of Co. K, Solos and current President of the Italian Athletic Club in North Beach.

I also thank all those who bought tickets to the event but could not attend, and to all those who were able to attend and show support for two of "our own." As much as it was nice to see a host of retired members who attended the event, such as retired members Bob Puts and grand prize winner Brett Higdon. It was equally gratifying to see a lot of younger members of our department and association on scene, Jason Robinson of Co. B, enjoying the event and showing support for fellow cops.

In his remarks to the gathered cops and friends at the event, Frank Lee reminded us of how important it is to stay together as a family during the tough and difficult times, as it is in



SFPOA Vice President Kevin Martin

those moments when we rely on each other the most.

Great job, guys!

UCSF visit ...

Five members of Bayview Station led the charge up to UCSF this month as we visited with some very special kids and their families and to play a little "Deal or No Deal." The officers who graciously volunteered their time included Tim Dalton, Reggie Scott, Raymond Pascua, Cullen Cahill, and Richard Wise. Thanks to each of you for your great effort and for bringing smiles to the faces of some youngsters who could really use some laughs during their difficult times.

I wonder if any of the 25 "community members" who met with two Police Commissioners and condemned the officers of Bayview Station are aware that their officers do care about the community and show their concern and commitment in many ways on a daily basis and this is just one more example. Hell, I wonder if those two commissioners are even aware of these efforts, or are they too busy drinking the Kool-Aid?

High road to the Commission...

Speaking of which, thanks to all members who attended the Police Commission meeting on Wednesday, October 17, 2007 in support of our fellow officers, not only from Bayview Station, but from throughout the department. After a brief statement by POA President Gary Delagnes, Bayview Station POA rep's George Ferraez and Liam Frost addressed the Commission. Both were eloquent and straightforward with their remarks and left no doubt that their members were hurt and offended by the accusations of the so called 25 "community members" who, apparently in the eyes of two particular commissioners, speak for an entire district that inhabits approximately 70,000 residents. Liam Frost left no doubt to the commissioners that contrary to some commission beliefs, President Delagnes does in fact the voice of the POA membership. Thanks to all the members who took time out of their busy schedules to attend this important meeting and offer a strong show of solidarity.

Parking...parking... who's got parking ...

When I first became the station representative at Southern Station almost ten years ago, the first order of business directed to me was to locate some parking for our members. I worked with the various Captains and station officials, the various members of the

department's command staff, members of the community and officials from the city and state but no matter how hard I or others tried, we always came up empty. I worked with Steve Johnson on this issue and at times we were able to find temporary parking spaces for the members at Southern, but certainly nothing long term. Enter the Academy of Art University of San Francisco...one day while meeting with AAU of SF Security Director Michael Petricca; I mentioned the incredible difficulties and the frustrations of trying to find parking for our members. With no solution in sight, Mike considered the problem and in short order discussed the situation with AAU of San Francisco President Doctor Elisa Stephens, offered Southern Station members fifteen (15) underground, safe, well lit and enclosed parking spaces on Bluxome St. only a five minute walk to the company. Needless to say, the parking spaces were like gold to our members. On behalf of the members of Southern Police Station, thanks very, very much to Michael Petricca and Dr. Elisa Stephens for your overwhelming consideration and generosity in this matter. You two were able to do in about ten minutes what the department and the city were unable to do for ten years! We are extremely grateful...

Ciao, Bello...

The weather in San Francisco on Sunday, October 7, 2007 was picture perfect. The clear sunny skies made it an ideal day for The Annual Columbus Day Parade through the North Beach District of our fair city. Stockton Street and Columbus Avenue were filled with families and kids waiting for the



Stefania Allesandra Pierucci, left, and a friend from the Queen's Court.

graduated from Presentation High School. Art and Joann have a beautiful daughter, Nina, who is a recent proud graduate from Santa Clara University and is pursuing a career in law. The family gathered at the event to see Mario's other granddaughter Gianna Pucinelli who was in the parade as she was chosen to be the 2nd Duchess in Queen Isabella's Court in the Columbus Day Parade. She is a junior at Saint Ignatius College Prep. Her parents are Nina and Mario Pucinelli and she has one sister, Francesca. Some of you may remember Gianna's mother, Nina Pucinelli who is a retired civilian employee of the San Francisco Police Department. Nina retired out of Public Affairs. Congratulations to the entire Busalacchi Family for the continued years of service to the S.F.P.D.

Congratulations are also in order for Stefania Allesandra Pierucci, daughter of D.V.R.U.'s Gianrico Claudio Pierucci and Cindy Marie Pierucci and brother Lorenzo Federico Pierucci for her role as "First Queen in Waiting" under "Queen Isabella's Court". Like Nina Busalacchi, Stefania Pierucci is a beautiful and talented young lady. Stefania is currently a senior at Sacred Heart Cathedral Preparatory High School in San Francisco. (San Francisco's finest educational experience), and upon graduation this spring looks forward to a career in Theatre Arts as well as in Forensic Sciences. Stefania has also expressed an interest in studying Arabic languages and culture so as to possibly pursue a career with the United States Department of Homeland Security.

Congratulations to both outstanding young ladies and their families for their wonderful accomplishments and promising futures.

Congratulations are in order as well to retiree Larry Barsetti who served as one of the Grand Marshalls along with legendary 50's and 60's singing star and subject of the smash hit Broadway Musical, "Jersey Boys", Frankie Valli. To be in such company, Larry...way to go!



Gianna Pucinelli

Frank Lee wishes to acknowledge the following members for their support and contributions to this effort. Alvin Yee and Jimmy Calonico of Central Station; Mark Solomon from Mission Station; Mark Madsen, Glenn Mar, John Greenwood and Dino Zografos of Tac/CPC; Liam Frost of Bayview and Steve Landi of Traffic.

Community hero...

The Police Officers Association extends its warmest and sincerest congratulations to Mr. Aryn Michael Bergman for his actions of bravery and willingness to get involved by helping a female citizen who was getting beaten and robbed in the downtown area of San Francisco on August 26th of this year at 2nd and Howard streets. While other citizens stood idly by and

watched because they feared getting involved, Mr. Bergman did not hesitate for a moment as he sprung into action coming to the aid of another while risking great injury to himself.

After pulling the suspect off and away from the female victim, the suspect turned on Mr. Bergman and began attacking him. Mr. Bergman was able to thwart the thug's efforts and at one point was able to gain physical control of the attacker and asked those standing around to please call 911 for help—but no one could or would even manage that simple task. So, Mr. Bergman shifted his position phoned on his own. Shortly thereafter, the police arrived and took the career criminal woman beater and robber into custody without further incident.

Mr. Bergman proved through his actions that he is certainly worthy of our praise and recognition. With this in mind, Mr. Bergman through the efforts of Lt. Jim Spillane and Captain Dan McDonagh of Southern Police Station was presented with a Letter of Commendation from Mayor Gavin Newsom at the October 17th Police Commission Meeting. We salute you Mr. Bergman and only wish there were more concerned citizens like you to help those in need. Thank you.

Into the sunset...

The heartiest of congratulations are in order for Officer Donald N. Moorehouse of Co. K Solos on his recent retirement. Don served at the Traffic Company for years as a Solo and as the POA Representative. Don was a truly dedicated cop who was extremely conscientious about his work and his service to his fellow citizens. Donald joined the department in July of 1975 and throughout his tenor served with distinction and pride. The association owes a debt of gratitude to him for his years of outstanding service to our

members and for his service to the citizen's of San Francisco.

I want to personally thank Donald for all his help when I was a new member on the Board of Directors representing Southern Station and many times since then. Don was always patient with me and took the time to explain things about the department that often seemed confusing and twisted. I will always be grateful for your kindness Don. Thank you and may God Bless and protect you as you have protected so many others over the past 32 years.

Condolences...

I close this column with some rather sad news. On Wednesday, October 17, 2007 Mr. Patrick Moriarty of Roberts Corned Meats suffered a fatal heart attack and passed away just before leaving work. Pat was a fixture at Roberts Corned Meats for many years and was a great friend to many a policeman and fireman. Pat was definitely "old school" who liked things done right. Pat was a very generous man with a wonderful heart and a great sense of humor. Pat loved Irish Football and often made videotapes of games for my father-in-law, Mr. Humphrey O'Leary, father of Denis O'Leary of Ingleside Station and Brendan O'Leary of the S.F.F.D. Pat was the POA contact at Robert's Corned Meats who have provided turkeys for St. Anthony's Dining Room for years around the holidays. Patrick Moriarty was truly one of the all time greats and will be missed by many. Pat was very dedicated to his family and often spoke quite lovingly of his children and grandchildren. I miss Pat already. Anyone who knew Pat would find it fitting that upon leaving this earth, Patrick was wearing a S.F.P.D. baseball cap and wearing a fire department T-shirt. God bless you Patrick Moriarty, you are home now...

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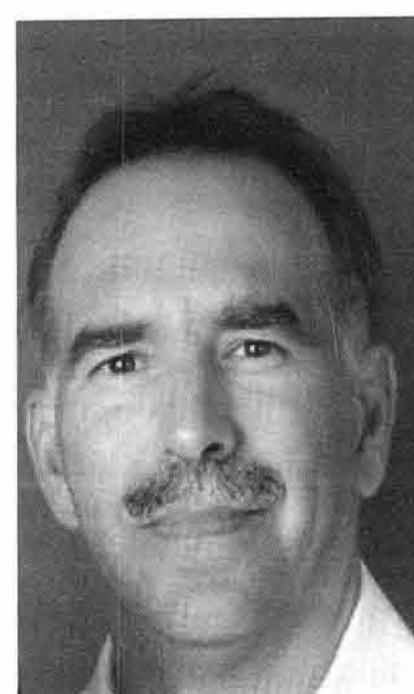
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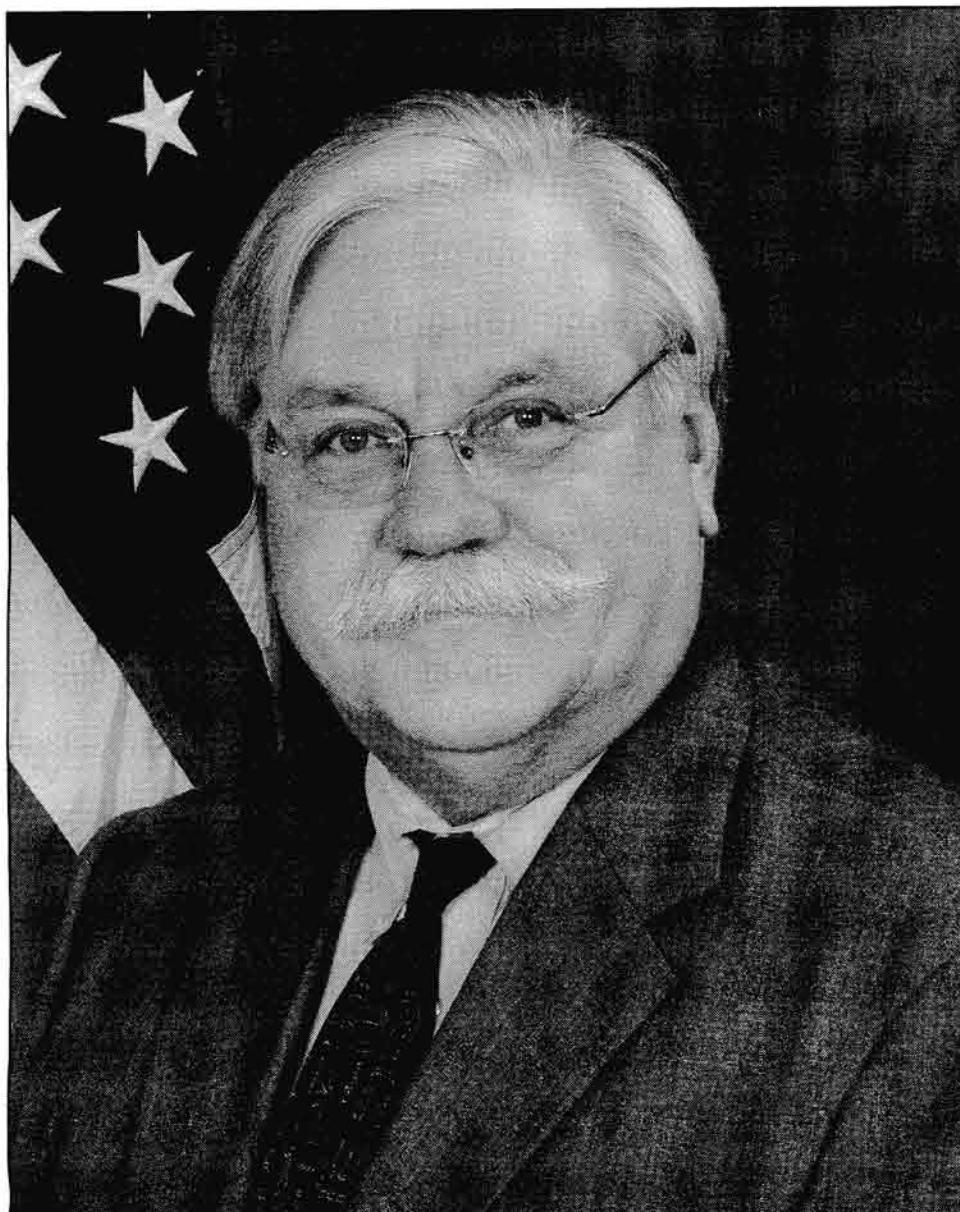
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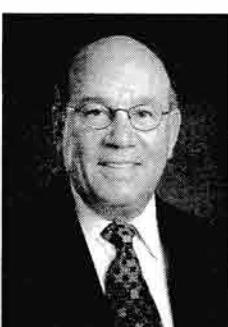


Inspector Jim Ramsey is a twenty-five year veteran who has worked in the Investigations Bureau since 1999 and was transferred to SID in 2005. During that time, he has been assigned several complicated and complex cases which were ultimately charged by either the District Attorney or U.S. Attorney. Jim is a member of the United States Secret Service's Electronic Crimes Task Force and has been involved as the lead investigator in breaking up a SOMA counterfeit ring, a million dollar identity theft case, and an electronic crimes case that crossed international boundaries.

Pamela Hofsass
August 2007



Inspector Pamela Hofsass has been assigned to the sexual Assault Detail since 2006. Prior to that, she was assigned to the Crime Lab and Crime Scenes Investigation. She is an expert in DNA and evidence collection. Inspector Hofsass investigated a serious kidnap and rape case with two known defendants and one outstanding suspect. DNA evidence suggested that the third suspect may be a relative of a known defendant. Inspector Hofsass located a younger brother of one defendant in Camp Lejeune, North Carolina. She coordinated an extensive multi-agency investigation. The case was sealed when DNA taken from the third suspect matched DNA taken from the victims. Matthew Flatt was arrested and extradited to San Francisco in early September. This is the first "sibling" DNA case known in San Francisco.



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Distribution Of Excess Earnings Proposal Heads To The Ballot

By Mike Hebel, Welfare Officer

For the last several months, members of the Protect Our Benefits (POB) committee have met to discuss a Charter amendment for the distribution of excess earnings held by the City's Retirement System. POB is the political action coalition committee of the Retired Employees of the City and County of San Francisco (RECCSF) organization.

Due to the investment acumen of the Retirement Board and its staff, the System has earned, on its investment portfolio, more than the amount required to pay retirement benefits to retired city employees and to meet future retirement commitments to active city employees. This proposed Charter amendment would set aside a portion of the excess earnings to pay supplemental benefits to retired city employees and their qualified survivors. Specifically this portion would be placed into a reserve account solely to pay a 3% compounded annual cost of living adjustment and an additional monthly check paid in December of each year ("the so called 13th retirement check"). These supplemental benefits would only be paid if there were sufficient monies in the reserve account to do so.

The June 30, 2007 market value of the CCSF retirement fund was just over \$17 billion. For the same period, actuarial liabilities of the retirement fund were \$12 billion. This leaves a \$5 billion surplus. A small portion of that surplus would be used to fund the supplemental benefits reserve fund.

At a recent meeting of the POB committee, I presented 19 questions regarding this proposal. Here is the response from the Committee.

1. What is the "Distribution of Excess Earnings' proposal?

'Excess Earnings' are the Pension Fund's actual returns that are above the 'actuarial assumption'. The Retirement Board sets the actuarial assumption every year, which is currently 8%. The actuarial assumption is the long term return on the Pension Fund's assets that are necessary to pay the promised benefits.

The 'Distribution of Excess Earnings' proposal ('The Proposal') sets aside a portion of these excess earnings to pay supplemental benefits to retired members and qualified survivors.

The Proposal would put these Excess Earnings in a Reserve Account to pay supplemental benefits for at most three years. The supplemental benefits are the 3% Compound COLA (Supplemental COLA) and an additional monthly check paid on or about December 24th of each year which is identical to the regular pension check paid on December 1st. These supplemental benefits would be paid only if there are Excess Earnings to pay for them. For example, if there aren't enough excess earnings (that is, the Fund earned less than 8%), then these



Mike Hebel discusses "Distribution of Excess Earnings" proposal with Protect Our Benefits committee members Nancy Gin, John Lehane, and Herb Meiberger

benefits would not be paid.

Currently, the 3% Compound COLA is structured in a similar manner. If there are Excess Earnings in a given year to pay the Supplemental COLA, then the Simple 2% COLA is enhanced to a 3% Compound COLA.

2. What is the origin of this proposal?

Protect Our Benefits (POB) has originated The Proposal. POB is a Political Action Committee (PAC), registered with the SF Ethics Commission, with an active list of 4000 retirees and a nucleus of about 25 dedicated retirees, many of whom live in San Francisco.

3. How would this work?

The Pension Fund earned 18% for FY2007. The Excess Earnings for FY2007 are approximately \$1 billion. The Reserve Account would be initially funded with a portion of the \$1 billion to pay the supplemental benefits for at most three years (about \$150 million).

4. Does this require a Charter Amendment?

Yes. All changes in benefits must be approved by the voters.

5. How will it proceed to the electorate? Board of Supervisors? Initiative?

POB's first choice is to have The Proposal sponsored by the Board of Supervisors. This would require six Board members (a majority of 11) to vote to put it on the ballot. Alternatively, the Initiative approach could be used. This is more tedious, as 40,000+ signatures would be required. POB plans to solicit signatures, which does not rule out sponsorship by the Board of Supervisors.

6. When might it be put on the ballot?

POB is considering June 2008 or November 2008.

7. Is there opposition to this proposal? By whom and why?

Yes. Several individuals have voiced opposition, citing tax consequences,

difficulty of implementation, etc. No one has provided any factual basis for their opinions. During the campaign, we expect opposition from the usual suspects, most of whom believe that the Pension Fund is The City's money not the beneficiary's.

8. Will this proposal weaken the financial condition of the Retirement System?

No. It was carefully structured so that it would not. The supplemental benefits would be paid only if there are funds to do so. Members should not rely on these benefits, as they are not guaranteed.

9. Who are the main proponents of this proposal? What is the role of POB? Has POB been successful in passing Charter amendments it put forth and supported?

POB has drafted the ballot language, and is currently working with legal experts and actuaries. POB has won each of the three measures it has sponsored: 1) Prop E (2000), requiring The City to pick up one-half of medical premiums for members and dependents, 2) Prop B (2002), enhancing the 3% Compound COLA, and 3) Prop C (2004), establishing the Health Services Commission as a separate body with four elected members.

10. Has the Retirement System taken a position on this proposal?

The Retirement Board, the policy-making body, has not taken a position.

11. Is there a fund raising effort to support this proposal? How can members/retirees contribute? How much will a Charter amendment campaign cost?

Yes. POB is soliciting funds to pay for legal and actuarial services, and to gather signatures. Members and retirees can send checks to: Protect Our Benefits (POB), P.O. Box 320057, San Francisco, CA 94132.

POB estimates that The Proposal

would cost between \$200,000 and \$300,000.

12. On an annual basis, how much would this cost?

The Proposal would cost approximately \$50 million annually.

13. Are there sufficient excess earnings in the Retirement Fund to safely pay this annual benefit?

Yes. The Reserve Account would be initially funded with about \$150 million (3 years' benefits), which is a small fraction of the \$1 billion in Excess Earnings for FY2007. Because the Pension Fund has a large surplus, The City's cost would be negligible.

14. How would retirees qualify for this benefit? Will it also apply to survivors (spouses, domestic partners) of City employees who are receiving a monthly continuation benefit?

A member who has retired for 12 months would qualify for the benefit. It would also apply to qualified survivors.

15. How can employees/retirees support this proposal?

- Contact members of the Board of Supervisors seeking their support.
- Contribute to POB to provide resources to proceed.
- Help POB gather signatures!

16. Will this proposal compete or conflict with other Charter amendments pertaining to improvements in retirement benefits for general (miscellaneous) members?

No. The supplemental benefits are paid from Excess Earnings only. Benefit increases for general members are not contingent on Excess Earnings.

17. Who owns the monies (excess earnings) that will be used to pay this benefit?

Public trust funds are established for the 'exclusive benefit of members and their beneficiaries', based on centuries of common law.

18. Do any other public retirement systems pay this benefit?

Yes. Certain public funds in Texas and California (ie. Alameda County) have this provision, as well as many Taft-Hartley plans. The Retirement Board also has the authority to distribute Excess Earnings.

19. How will this distribution support City businesses?

When retirees receive this unplanned benefit, they will spend it. Approximately one-third of City retirees live in San Francisco, so they will likely spend their money in San Francisco.

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Retirement Planning Seminar, Class #46

By Mike Hebel
Welfare Officer, Attorney, CFP

The Clubhouse at Sigmund Stern Grove hosted the latest SFPD-POA pre-retirement seminar (June 26, 27 & 28, 2007) - class #45. The Stern Grove with its club house and concert pavilion is a beloved community treasure and part of San Francisco's romantic history. The seminar has been expanded to include discussion of social security and medicare benefits, health service system plans, long-term care, post retirement employment, retired employee organizations, health and nutrition, taxation, essentials of estate planning, and critical psychological issues presented by and in retirement.

This seminar, titled "The Gino Marionetti and Michael Sugrue Memorial Seminar", honors its two founders. May they rest in peace. This seminar is now in its 23rd year having started in March 1985. More than 2,005 participants have completed this seminar since its inception.

Special thanks to Chief Heather Fong and Captain Rich Corriea for providing the necessary funding to expand the seminar subjects and to allow members a three day detail to make plans for a prosperous and rewarding retirement.

35 Participants

Thirty-five participants attended this lively and informative seminar which is coordinated by Megan Fahey, POA staff member.

The seat of honor, which is reserved for the most senior members in attendance, was given to Dan O'Leary of the 102nd recruit class (February 1966), and Bill Simms of the 125th recruit class (July 1975). A special moment of appreciation was given to senior department members Marty Bastiani (50 years' department service joining on 9-1-56) and Jim Wertz (50 years' of department service joining on 12-16-56).

All of the attendees were in the Tier II retirement plan (now with the acquired moniker "Tears Too"), except Dan and Bill, having joined the department after November 1976. Tier I members are nearly an extinct species. Class attendees were mostly from the 125th to the 140th recruit classes. The 216th recruit class is currently completing its basic course at the Academy. Some members attended with their spouses/partners (which is much encouraged).

Hot Topics

As expected, much discussion focused on the 3% at 55, 90% cap charter amendment which was approved by the voters at the November 2002 election. It passed with an unprecedented 65% majority. Also the source of lively discussion was the proposed DROP (deferred retirement option

program) on the February 2008 ballot now that the POA's initiative petition drive was successful in obtaining the required number of voter signatures (if passed, will be effective July 1, 2008), the 3% at 55 Charter amendment (November 2007 ballot) for those who served at the Airport prior to the merger in 1977, and the additional 4% pensionable, longevity pay with 30+ years of service. The DROP would allow police officers to retire, direct their monthly retirement check into a 401(k) like-account, and then return to work in the field operations bureau (be eligible for street work). Police officers could remain in DROP for up to 3 years, sergeants for up to 2 years, and lieutenants/captains for up to one year. The monies placed in the 401(k) like-account would have a 4% interest guaranty.

Chief Heather Fong welcomed the participants and asked them to put to practical use the information that is contained in this 3 day seminar. She reminded the attendees that police work is a stressful occupation; she exhorted them to take good care of themselves, their families, and their future. She said the focus of this 3 day seminar was to provide adequate time for attendees to attend to their life after the SFPD. Deputy Chief Charles Keohane and Captain Rich Corriea also welcomed the attendees.

POA president Gary Delagnes stated that a large exodus of police officers was expected over the next 7 years with as many as 720 police officers reaching a full/maximum pension status (a full one-third of the Department). Between 2007 and 2012, over 800 police officers will join the KMA club; this is most disturbing since the failure rate amongst the recent recruit classes has exceeded 30%. The Department is now understaffed by about 300 officers; he noted that police officer recruitment is an urgent problem for all large city police departments. He stated that the first raise under the new MOU will occur on July 1, 2007 at 4%; over the next 4 years the wage increase will equal 25.5% compounded. *Gary was commended for his primary role in advancing, in twelve years, the total compensation of SF police officers from #92 in the state of California to #3 in the nation (cities with populations of 200,000 and over).* (Sunnyvale is numero uno.) Gary appears close to accomplishing his personal goal of financial freedom for the rank and file: a Q4 police officer, by July 1, 2007, receiving an annual wage of \$98,000 and thereafter retiring with an annual pension of \$88,200. Gary set forth the pay raises that have been received over the last decade: 1992 - 5%; 1993 - 5%; 1994 - 5%; 1995 - 0%; 1996 - 3.5%; 1997 - 3.5%; 1998 - 3.5%; 1999 - 5.5%; 2000 - 5.5%; 2001 - 8%; 2002 - 8%; 2003 - 0%; 2004 - 9% (with uniform

allowance); 2005 - 6.5%; 2006 - 4.9%; 2007 - 4% (with more to come). What a glorious record of accomplishment! This will be known as the *Delagnes-Cunnie legacy*. Gary outlined the 30 year police career path: years 1-10, job oriented; years 11-20, promotion oriented; and years 21-30, retirement oriented.

Mike Hebel urged all to consider participation in the 30 - 30 program: 30 years of service and then at least 30 years' collecting a retirement benefit with no death before age 80. This is the Hebel corollary to the Delagnes police career path description.

Class Comments

Comments from the attendees during the course evaluation included: *"very helpful and useful information. What an eye opener. A wonderful seminar - the Department did something good for us all. I am glad I came; everyone close to retirement should come to these. Much needed information; should be open to officers with 20 or more years of service. Super and marvelous; I enjoyed this seminar immensely. I am now more confident in the City's retirement system. I would hate to think what would happen if we retired without the knowledge that we now have. Great class, everyone should attend, keep them up. Very good, can I come again. Most practical course I have ever attended. Great facility, coordinators, and presenters."*

From an anonymous class member comes the following admonition: *Cops must think out of the box when it comes to retirement. We are so used to 30 years of taking directions and receiving a check every 2 weeks. At retirement, the gate opens up. You have to think about what to do every day. No can no longer look at a calendar for your days off for every day is a day off. Your retirement requires at least 3 years' advance planning. Take your pension and go do what you really want to do. Now it is solely your choice. Another member stated that when neighbors ask about his retirement, he says: "I am on a fixed income." But I do not say what it's fixed at. Many others marveled at how truly wonderful their retirement and health plan benefits truly are.*

Instructor Comments

George Brown, ING deferred compensation account executive, noted that "retirement is a whole bunch of weekends strung together." George said that the police department's average deferred compensation balances are the highest amongst all city departments. He set forth the 5 most common retirement investing mistakes: miscalculating everyday living expenses, underestimating health care costs, underestimating life expectancy, investing too conservatively, and failing to recognize the impact of inflation. He said that the newly added life style portfolios (near term, mid term and long term), with their automatic daily rebalancing, were particularly attractive offerings for broad diversification. Each strategy suits a specific investor profile - based on the number of years you have until your planned start of distribution. Gary told the class that the stock market loses money, on average, 3 out of every 10 years; but those 7 up years far out distance the losers. For the long term trend in the stock market is definitely and demonstrably up.

When to start social security pay-

ments? The class agreed, the sooner the better. If you began to collect at age 62 (the earliest age allowable) rather than at age 66 (normal retirement age for baby boomers), it would take 14 years for the older recipients to catch up.

Wow! said many: a CCSF retirement pension (at 90%), deferred compensation distributions, and social security.

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

Maria Newport (Administrator, Retirement Services Division) and Candice Fan set forth all the basics of the CCSF Retirement plans. They most adequately described the benefits of and qualifications for service and industrial disability pensions. Also explained were death benefits, beneficiary designation, and cost of living adjustments. Maria and Candice answered all questions insuring that the basics of the CCSF Retirement System were understood by the attendees. To increase your pension: work longer, get older, and hope for many more pay raises. Also, buy-back miscellaneous time (accrued during police academy) to obtain a separate monthly pension check, albeit small; such buy-back must be completed before retirement. With regard to service pension calculations, the age factor goes up every 3 months while the service factor increases each day. To schedule a retirement interview call 415-487-7070 up to 6 months before your expected date of retirement. They urged members to bring their spouse/domestic partner to this interview. Also, said Candice, keep your beneficiary designation current. They all noted that the date of retirement chosen will effect cost of living adjustments as well as the SP/OU/VA payout. Cola's are effective on July 1 of each year; to get the cola for any given year you must retire on or before June 30 of that year; but remember that payouts (SP/OU/VA) are based on your rate of compensation for the month in which you retire (higher payout if you retire on or after July 1). There were options for retiring members to reduce their monthly pension so that a spouse/partner/beneficiary could get a larger monthly pension as a survivor. Maria explained that the pension benefit calculation for new plan members (Tier II). It is based on the highest

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average monthly compensation paid to a member. The Retirement System compares each member's earnings for the 12 months immediately preceding their retirement date with the member's highest fiscal year earnings. Whichever is higher is used for the pension calculation.

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

Tier I vs. Tier II

The participants reviewed the retirement/survivor benefits contained in the two police retirement plans. Tier I (old plan, pre-November 1976) remains superior for 3 main reasons: 1. spousal/domestic partner continuances are 25% larger; 2. cost of living adjustments are about 2 times better; and 3. the marriage/domestic partner rights are superior (a Tier I member can marry or form a domestic partnership after retirement, live one year, and then the spouse/domestic partner is entitled to a continuation; for Tier II, the marriage/domestic partnership must have occurred at least one year before retirement for there to be a spousal/partner continuation entitlement).

To understand the cost of living adjustment (cola) differences, the class undertook a comparison exercise. One of the presenters, who retired holding the rank of sergeant in May 1976 in the Tier I system with 31 years' service at age 51, received his first monthly check in the amount of \$1,130 - having contributed less than \$15,000 in retirement system contributions over his long career. In July 2007 that monthly check had grown to over \$4,700 thanks to the power of the cost of living adjustments. Wow! For a \$15,000 investment - a pension that started at \$13,200 a year has now grown to a pension of \$56,400 a year and it will keep growing. The class was asked to compute the July 2007 monthly check that would be received if this retiree had been governed by the Tier II basic cost of living adjustment. For purposes

of this exercise, the class considered only the basic non-compounded 2% and not the supplemental 1% cola which is dependent upon Retirement System excess earnings. To their amazement, a Tier II retirement, over this same 30 year period, would have grown to only \$1,852.20. **The difference between a Tier I and Tier II monthly pension, in this example, was \$2,847.80 per month.** Why? Tier I grew at a 4.7% compounded rate; Tier II grew at a 2% non-compounded rate. Fortunately, the supplemental 1% cola has been paid in every year since its adoption in 1996, except 2003-04, thereby lessening, but not eliminating, the cola differences in the two systems. Tier II attendees quickly realized that a Charter amendment was needed to improve their annual cost of living adjustments. The retired sergeant also reminded the class that police wages were set by Charter amendment prior to 1953; by annual salary survey from 1954 onward; and now by collective bargaining since 1992.

Other Observations

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

Attendees were stunned by the costs of health coverage upon retirement. Few had realized just how good the POA Memorandum of Understanding is in keeping these costs down for members and their families. After retirement, there is no subsidized dental plan, but thanks to Proposition E (Nov. 2001 ballot) there now is a medical care monetary subsidy for the principal dependent. The member's health care cost on retirement, depending upon the plan selected and the number of dependents included, is zero or highly subsidized. Susan Rodriguez-Cairns, HSS benefits analyst, urged participants to take care of their dental needs before retiring. She emphasized that the HSS plans, excepting the City's

plan, were geographically limited. She said that the HSS walk-in hours are 8 am to 4:45pm; phone calls are taken for four hours every day. On an average day, there are up to 200 walk-ins and over 1,000 phone calls. Susan also stated that, effective July 1, PacifiCare was replacing Health-Net which was being dropped due to escalating premiums and service problems.

Dr. Forrest Fulton, Ph.D. (formerly of the behavioral science unit, retired July 2003, and thereafter became a certified gerontologist) reminded the attendees that men are the suicide gender with men's rates now increasing and women's decreasing. Reason: women are better at expressing their feelings. He urged the use of stress reducers including restriction of caffeine and alcohol and the elimination of tobacco. Relying on the work of George Valliant entitled *Aging Well*, Dr. Fulton said that longitudinal research has shown what life styles led to a successful life. He mentioned: good attitude, positive self identity, intimacy in relationships, love-work-play in balance, career transitions, generous & giving back, keepers of meaning, mentoring other people, integrity and a personal value system, need for a retirement plan with fun and creativity, wisdom in old age, and a spiritual dimension to help give meaning to life.

Joining this seminar for the third time was retiree **Mike Gannon** (SFPD 1972-1998) speaking, robustly and vigorously, on the issue of long term care insurance. Mike is a licensed insurance salesperson (since 1984). He said that long term care is not covered by the CCSF health plans or by Medicare. As he told the attendees: "You deserve a long walk in the sunshine. You deserve the glory and honor that you earned as a public safety hero." With the average stay in a nursing home now 2.5 years, he urged all to consider long term care insurance. Since almost 25% of original applicants for long term care are denied (medical issues), he urged picking this up in your early 50's. He thought that excellent long term plans were available from Genworth (GE), Met Life, & John Hancock; he

also urged comparison with the plan offered by CALPERS.

Retirement Board commissioners **Herb Meiberger** and **Al Casciato** helped bring this seminar to a most successful conclusion. Al and Herb proudly told the attendees that San Francisco has one of the few public retirement plans that are funded at over 108%. They urged the members to stay active in the retiree organizations to protect their retirement and health service benefits. Al and Herb noted that the CCSF Retirement System is amongst the top public pension plans in terms of performance for FY 2005-06.

Next Seminar

There will be three seminars in 2008 (February 12-14, June 10-12, & October 21-23). The seminars will be available to the first 50 persons, members and their spouses/partners, who contact the POA after the announcement is sent to all members with or near retirement eligibility. Preference is given to those members who are near retirement or who have already contacted the Retirement System for their retirement dates. The seminars fill up quickly so don't delay. Contact Courtney at the POA (861-5060) if you desire advance notification for these seminars.



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Welcome to the Wilderness Program

By Michael Rivera

The Wilderness Program's 2006/2007 backpacking season was a great success. Students and teachers from Aptos, Everett, Visitation Valley, Derman, Marina, and Roosevelt Middle Schools participated on backpacking trips along with officers from the San Francisco Police Department.

The backpacking trips were a unique and well-appreciated opportunity for these students, who would not otherwise be able to experience the wilderness. The trips challenged the students mentally and physically, as they had to carry heavy backpacks over long distances and rugged terrain. They had to do without television, cell phones, computers, game-boys and many other conveniences regularly taken for granted. They learned to appreciate the simple things like a hot shower, a cold soda or a working restroom. They also had the opportunity to interact with police officers on a personal and positive basis. The officers were also able to learn about the students who come from varied cultural backgrounds. This learning experience was enjoyed by all.

Participating on the 6 backpacking trips were 96 students, 19 officers, and 8 teachers.

Due to changes with the San Francisco Unified School District policy, adjustments were made to the Wilderness Program. The backpacking trips normally made to Point Reyes National Seashore with SFUSD, are now made

to Angel Island State Park. Although Angel Island is not as remote as Point Reyes it still provides our at-risk and low-income youth with a positive and challenging adventure that assists them in developing important leadership skills.

Angel Island has a rich and varied history as it was an Ohlone hunting grounds when the Spanish vessel, the San Carlos, arrived in 1775. It later became cattle ranches for the Spanish followed by the arrival of the United States Army in 1863. In 1886 construction began on one of three lighthouses to be built on the island. 1891 brought a Quarantine Station and a Detention and Discharge camp in 1898. The next century saw the construction of the immigration station in 1910 and a Nike Missile site in 1954. 1962 saw the removal of the Nike Missile site and the departure of the US Army. Today it is a State Park

We also made sailing trips on the bay with the Blue Water Foundation; provided day hikes to Angel Island for a number of elementary and middle school children, as well as, overnight trips to various locations with elementary school children. We also provided a week at Camp Mather, and finished the summer with kayaking and river rafting trips

Included on these trips were 529 students and 65 officers.

To demonstrate the effect of the Wilderness Program, I would like to share with you this essay by Ricardo Hernandez, who participated in the

My experience with the wilderness program started back in my sophomore year of high school. This was a vulnerable time in my life, in which I had to make a positive or negative choice with my life as well as my friends. So I and a couple of my friends chose the wilderness program.

This positive environment helped me become a stronger son, husband, father and a role model in my community. The events such as water rafting, sailing, backpacking, kayaking and team and group focus meeting taught me team work and trust in my day-to-day living. It taught me about the environment and the importance of taking care of it. "LAND and SEA."

I used to look forward to meeting and hanging out with different groups and diverse culture of friends, I would meet on our adventures and it was always a fun adventure. One of the tools that I have been able to use most of all is social and life skills. The program prepared me for working with people of all ages from kids to seniors of all ethnic backgrounds. Through the wilderness program I have been able to bring what I have learned back to my community. That is a high risk area for everyone to live. But we are working to make it better!

Thanks to the wilderness program.

Ricardo Hernandez

Wilderness Program as a youth and now works with at-risk and low-income children from Visitation Valley and Sunnydale Neighborhoods.

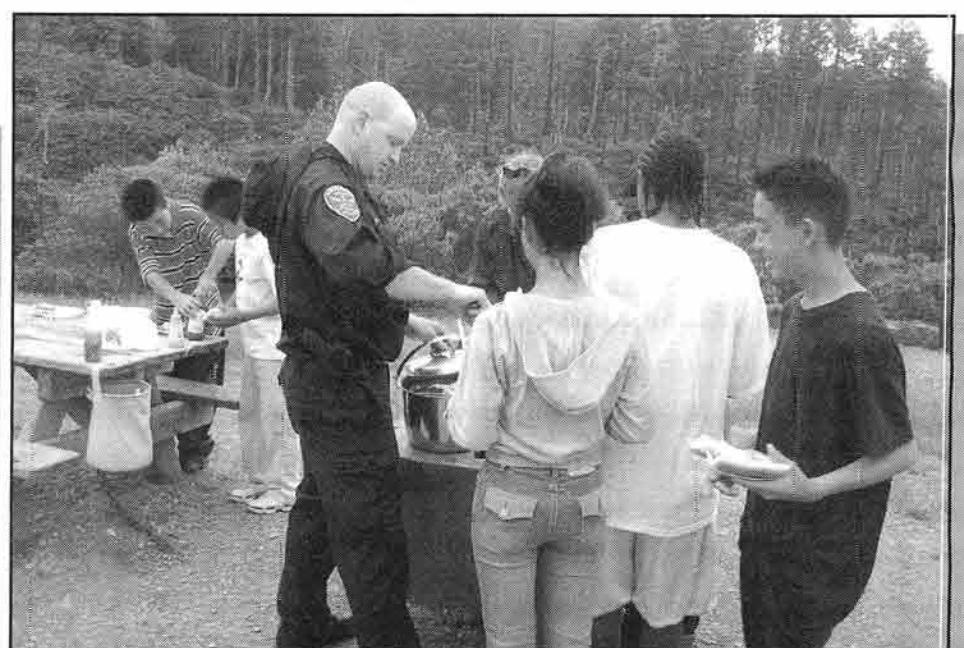
I would like to thank Chief Heather Fong, Deputy Chief David Shinn, Commander Tacchini and the remainder of the Command Staff for allowing the Wilderness Program to provide our children with these rich educational opportunities.

The Wilderness Program is administered by the San Francisco Police Department's youth service unit and is funded by grants and donations. All donations should go to:

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The Wilderness Program is now listed as a Combined Charities organization under "Local Independent Charities." The code is L2306, Supporters of the San Francisco Police Department's Wilderness Program.

All donations are tax deductible and greatly appreciated.



SFPD Volunteers Needed for 42nd International Childrens Games

The 42nd International Children's Games are coming to San Francisco July 10-15, 2008.

These games are endorsed by the International Olympic Committee. This event will bring together 1650 coaches and athletes, 12-15 years of age, from 100 cities, representing 50 countries. They will compete in track and field, tennis, swimming, table tennis, volleyball, soccer, basketball and golf.

This is only the second time these games have ever been held in the United States. In 2007 the event was held in Reykjavik, Iceland and 2009 the games will be in Athens, Greece.

The event venues will be Kezar Stadium, Golden Gate Park, University of San Francisco and San Francisco State University.

Volunteers are an important part of any event, especially with an event of this size and stature. We are looking

for volunteers from the SFPD to help out off-duty, with security. The Security Chairman is Sgt. Bob Del Torre (Retired SFPD). He will be coordinating the on duty SFPD personnel with the security volunteers.

If you are interested in volunteering please go to our website www.sficg2008.com and go to volunteers section on the left side. There will be a form for you to fill out and submit online. Please make sure you put on the form in the comments section that you are a SFPD Volunteer. If you request any further information please contact the ICG office @ (415)-989-0070 or volunteers@sficg2008.com.

Thank you for your consideration,

Scott McRoberts
Chief Operating Officer
San Francisco ICG 2008

From the DA's Office

Defendant Pleads Guilty to Nearly Three Years State Prison in ID Theft Case

SAN FRANCISCO, CA—District Attorney Kamala D. Harris announced that Melissa McDermott, CTN 2322937, age 30, has pled guilty to two years and eight months in state prison for stealing the identity of more than 10 individuals with intent to defraud.

The defendant pled guilty to one felony count of identity theft and one felony count of possessing more than 10 people's personal information with the intent to defraud. Under the terms of the plea agreement, the defendant will be sentenced to two years and eight months in state prison and be required to pay restitution to victims. Sentencing for the defendant is scheduled for October 31 in front of Superior Court Judge Charlene Mitchel in Department 24.

According to court documents, on July 1, 2007, San Francisco Police Department officers from Mission police station responded to a citizen call regarding people camping in a van on the 400 block of Hampshire Street. The police contacted the defendant who identified herself using the name of a

victim and presented a forged driver's license bearing her photo but the victim's information.

A search of the van revealed several documents containing other victims' personal information. These included folders containing complete profiles of victim's personal information such as their current address, social security number, and credit history. Also located were several counterfeit drivers licenses with victims' information but with the defendant's photo attached. Many of the documents appeared to have been the result of Internet searches from database websites. According to court documents, the defendant may have used victims' personal information in traveling out of state and to rent a vehicle.

These charges were the result of a joint investigation by the San Francisco Police Department's Sgt. Carrie Lucas, Officer Lori Dutra and United States Postal Inspector Erika Anglada.

Conrad Del Rosario is the Assistant District Attorney who prosecuted the case.

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2007 Combined Charities Campaign

By Captain Greg Corrales

The City and County of San Francisco's 2007 Combined Charities Campaign, "Heart of the City," will be conducted October 1 through November 16. Every year the campaign raises hundreds of thousands of dollars for Bay Area non-profit organizations. Last year 519 members successfully raised \$114,482. Those 519 comprised 19.67% of the total members of the Department. The goal this year is to have over 50% participation. This success could not have been realized without your generous support of the campaign.

This year's campaign theme, "Get on board...every dollar matters," underlines the importance of everyone giving what they can. During the

month of October, campaign captains will be contacting you to fill out forms, encourage your participation, and answer any questions you may have regarding the participating charities. Please give generously.

As an extra incentive participating contributors will receive raffle tickets for exciting prizes. Raffle donations may include dinners, lunches, hotel stays, merchandise certificates, and much more. The final drawing will be November 16th.

Please help make a difference in the lives of our neighbors and our communities by participating in the 2007 Combined Charities Campaign. Captain Mario Gonzalez, my Department Co-Coordinator, and I look forward to a successful campaign.

Thank you.

Combined Charities: Specific Solicitations by Members

The *POA Journal* has received from individual members requests for donations to the following specified organizations:

Wish Upon a Star

By Rene LaPrevotte
Retired SFPD

Editor –

I receive many phone calls and email from members requesting the code for annual contributions to Wish Upon A Star Foundation. I would like to remind everyone that Wish Upon a Star is a "write-in charity" and the info for the donation request is:

Wish Upon A Star Foundation
PO Box 4000
Visalia CA 93278-4000
800-821-6805

SF Police Activities League

By Rick Bruce
SF PAL
Retired SFPD

As you decide which charities you'd like to support in this year's Combined Charities drive, please consider the

San Francisco Police Activities League (L2214). The SFPAL provides quality programming for more than 5,700 San Francisco kids each year. Our goal, which hasn't changed much since 1959, is to keep kids off the streets and on the ball fields. Please help us to achieve this goal by supporting your SFPAL.

Contributions can be made during the San Francisco City & County employer charity campaign through the Local Independent Charities (LIC) Federation.

Bay Area Law Enforcement Assistance Fund (BALEAF)

By Mary Dunnigan
BSU

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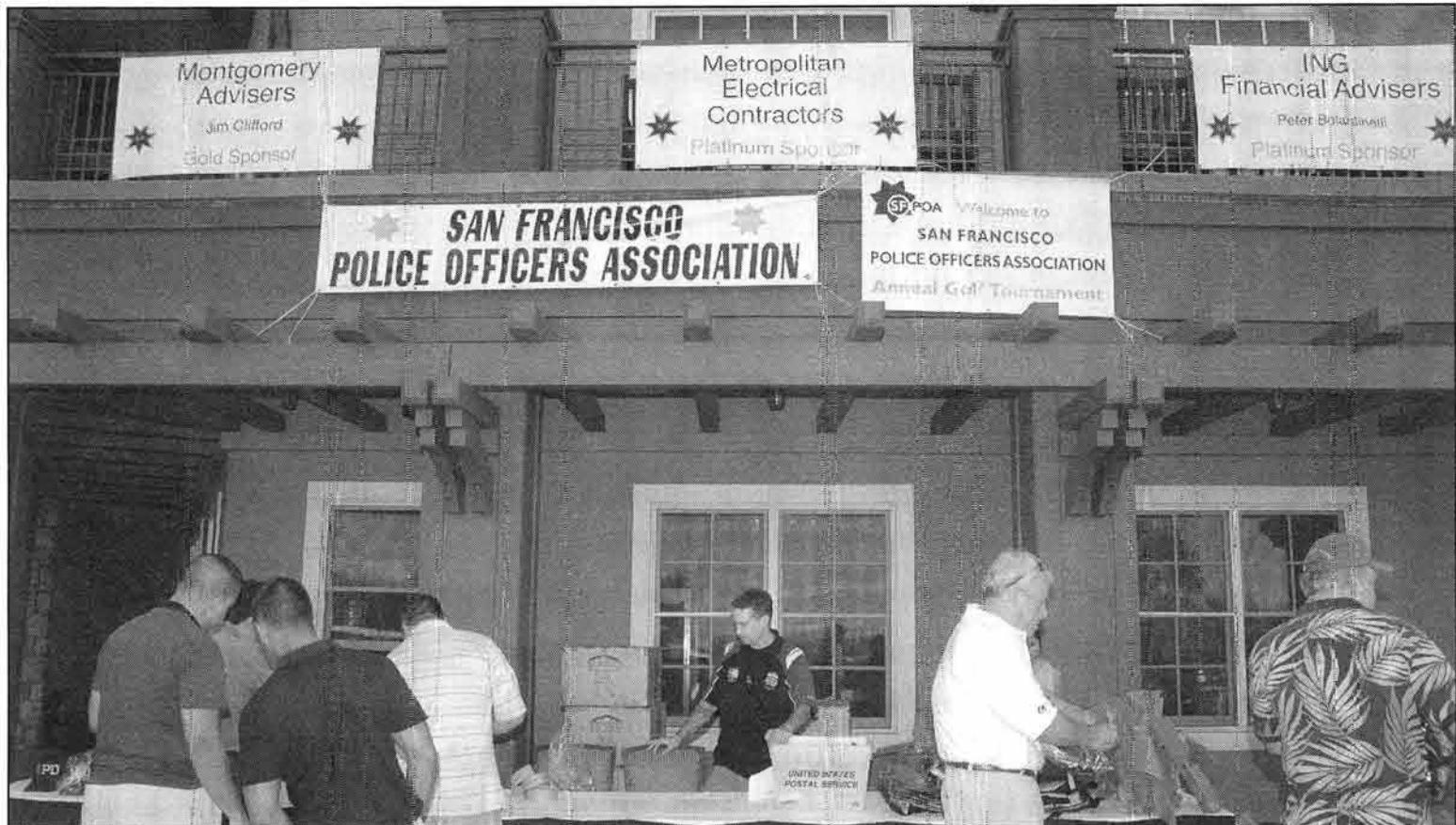
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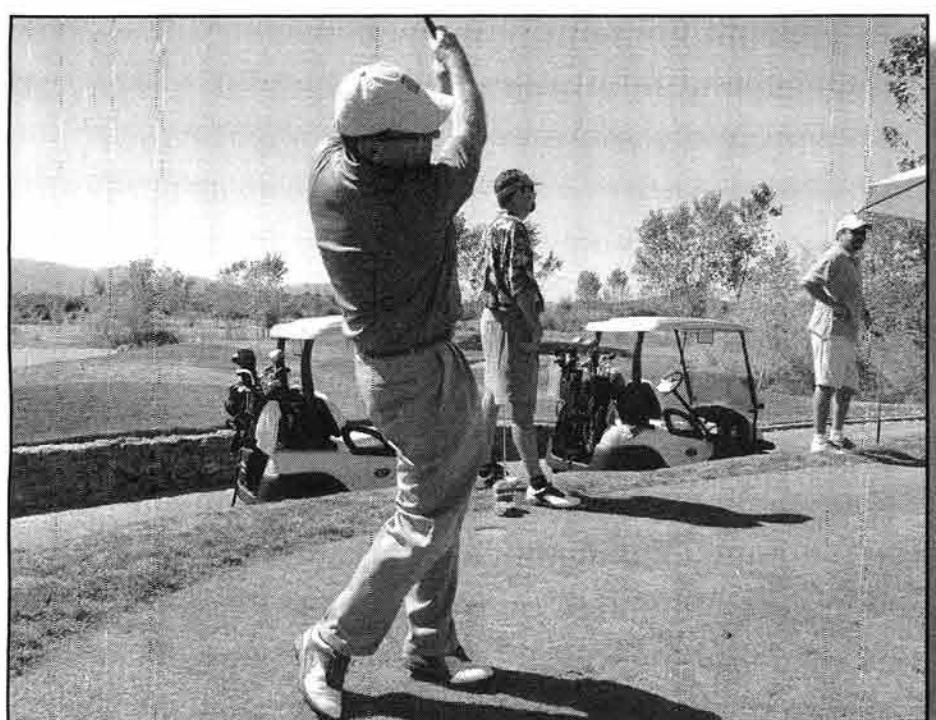
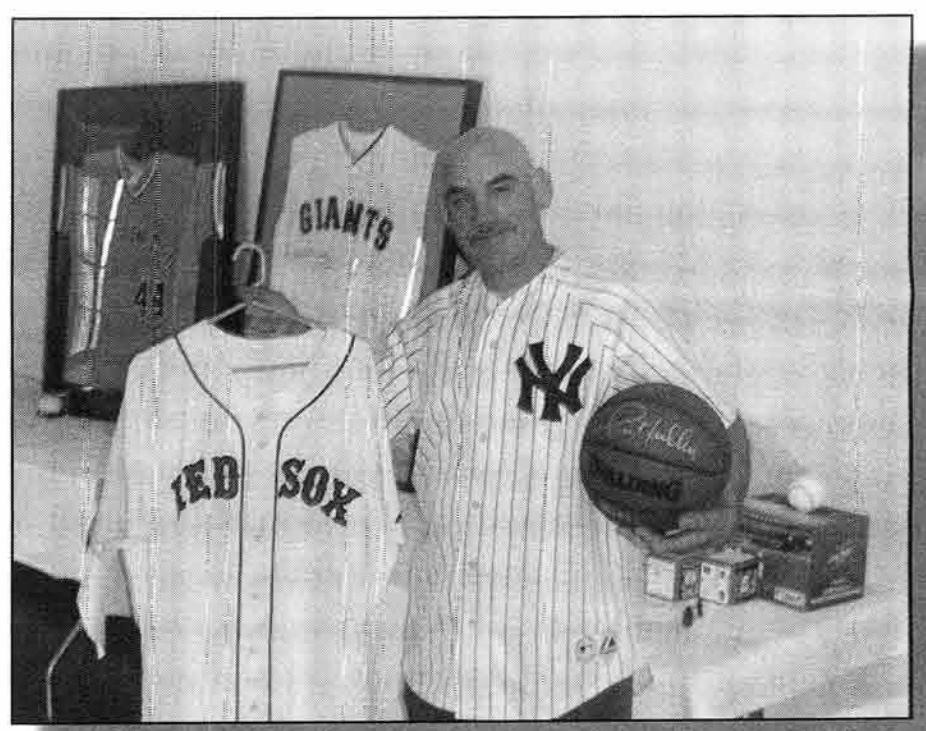
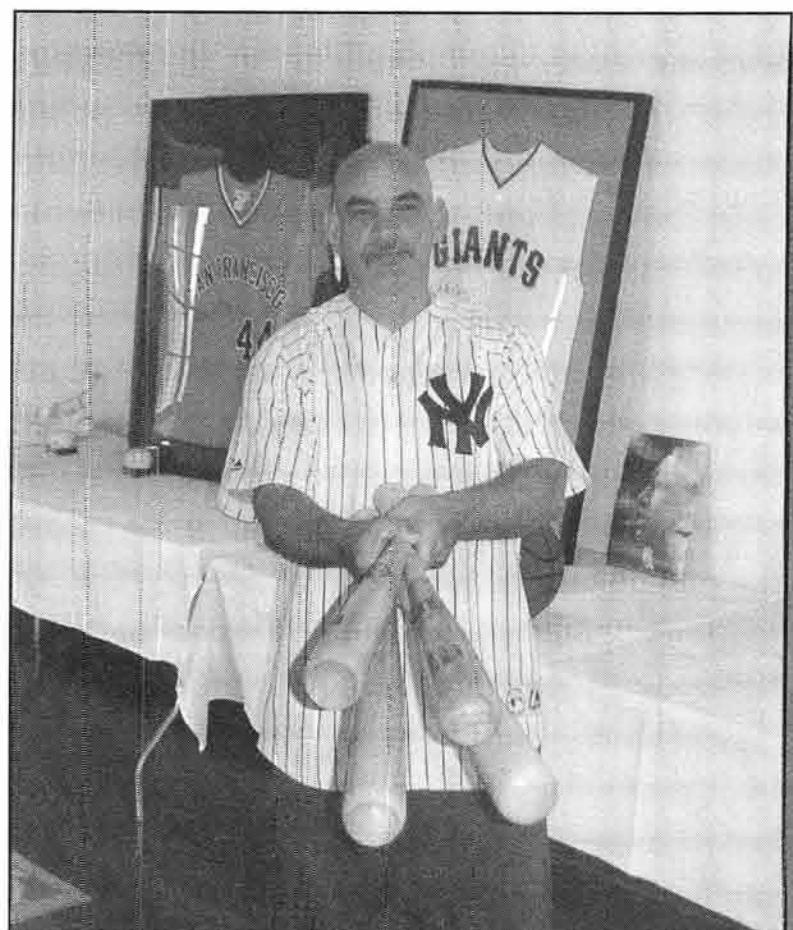
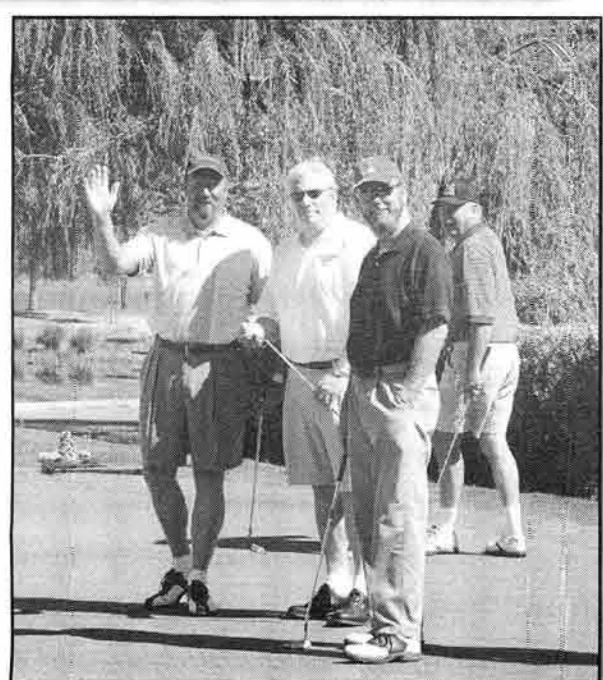
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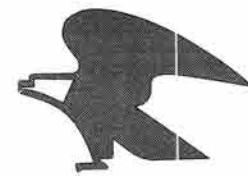


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POA MAIL



Dear Commissioners...

San Francisco Police Commission

Commission President Theresa Sparks

Commissioner Joe Marshall

Commissioner Petra Dejesus

Commissioner Yvonne Lee

Commissioner Thomas Mazzucco

Commissioner Joe Alioto Veronese

Commissioner David Campos

Dear Commissioners:

I am writing to address the comments made by Commissioner Dejesus at the meeting of October 3, 2007. My name is Tessa Donati and I am a wife, a mother, and a patrol officer in San Francisco.

First of all, let me start by saying that Gary Delagnes is the elected representative for the rank and file of the San Francisco Police Department. With all due respect for the Chief, Command Staff, and Commanding Officers of the district stations, they are not our elected voice. There is no more representative voice for the rank and file than that of Gary Delagnes. He is our president. When you attack our elected leader, I perceive it as an attack on me and my fellow officers. When you don't 'stop and listen' to Gary Delagnes, you belittle my concerns.

Commissioner Dejesus, you stated that, "Journalists are expected to respect the 'basic tenets of natural justice and ...journalism,'" and you accused me (POA) of violating these tenets in, "unabashed muck raking," in what we, the POA, call "journalism." You said we "morph the community's concerns into a commission attack on the rank and file," and this tactic is, "improper, shortsighted, and dishonest..." and that perpetuates my "distorted perception of the Police Commission to the rank and file."

I'd like to clarify for you that I am not a journalist and our *Journal* is our voice, not a news media outlet. We are not decision makers, a government, or a legal system to which your Tenets of Natural Justice and Journalism apply, as you so pointedly asserted.

Further, the article to which you referred is titled, "President's Message." That means that the content is his opinion, or perception, like an op-ed piece. I perceive your statements as an attempt to

silence our freedom of speech. I refer you to the tenets of the First Amendment of the Constitution of the United States of America.

Your mudslinging accusations are unsubstantiated.

You also stated that I (POA) consistently pit the Police Commission against the rank and file in an, "arrogant, insolent, and disrespectful manner;" that I, "belittle the community's concern's when I don't stop and listen;" that I run the association on a, "platform of intimidation, misrepresentation, and arrogance."

I am writing to tell you that it is you, the Commission, who is guilty of these offenses. It is you who runs this commission on a platform of intimidation, misrepresentation, arrogance, and hypocrisy.

You consistently pit the commu-

nity against the rank and file when you entertain such inappropriate exercises as holding moments of silence for those killed by police officers. Have you ever held a moment of silence for a murdered police officer? When was the last Commission Commendation you gave? I don't believe you have given one to date. And when you, Commissioner Dejesus, called me a "killer," I found it disrespectful and a misrepresentation of your role as a Police Commissioner. I refer you to the letter I sent you in November 2006.

Commissioner Dejesus, you would have us and the public believe that the issues you referred to in your memo represent the whole of the Bayview Community; however, they are the "perceptions" of 25 people. That is hardly a representative number of the community and that is a distorted perception that you are perpetuating. It was irresponsible for you to hold a meeting with the community in order for them to "vent" without giving the Police the opportunity to respond to their concerns immediately, not some time later in a one-on-one with you and Captain Pardini. The manner in which your committee held this meeting furthers the divide between the police and the community, not to mention the divide between the rank and file and you.

Commissioner Dejesus, you stated the issues contained in the memo are the issues the community members have with the department, not the views of your committee and that we, "fail to grasp that the memo is not about what you know about department training, but how the Bayview community views the officers in their neighborhood."

However, you make recommendations such as inviting OCC to these meetings to "reach out" to the community (read "solicit complaints against officers"). This further creates a wall of mistrust and intimidation between the Commission and the rank and file.

On March 27, 2007, Commissioner Campos made disparaging remarks about Sgt. Halloran to the public: "We are looking into that issue of how it is he got promoted, he is one of the people we get the most complaints about. How does someone who gets so many complaints get promoted?"

Commissioner Campos, you made these statements solely for your own personal agenda of seeking election to the Board of Supervisors. You accused Sgt. Halloran of a conflict of interest, but I accuse you of the conflict of interest. You sit there on the Commission, a position of power and policy making, while actively running a political campaign. Further, you stated that you have, "no reason or intention of stepping down from the commission," in order to run your campaign. This is the epitome of arrogance and hypocrisy. As a member of a policy making body, that means you, sir, are violating the tenets of Natural Justice.

This is a further example of the Police Commission pitting the community against the police instead of bridging the gap, not to mention the gap between rank and file and the Commission.

And for your information, Commissioners, it is the working cop who gets a lot of complaints because it's hard to get complaints if you don't put yourself out there, in "The Arena."

Commissioners, you have taken it upon yourselves to be a liaison between the police and the community. I declare that you are wholly unqualified for this task because you are not trained or experienced in the job of police officer. You have no idea what it is to be a police officer, and you do not even possess the knowledge to correct misconceptions the community has about our procedures, training, or mandates.

At the September 5th Commission Meeting, Chief Fong quite rightly stated that the information from your committee meeting from the Bayview should be looked at for accuracy, but I was further insulted by Commissioner Dejesus when you said in essence that it doesn't matter if the information is correct, it's the perception of the community that is important.

Well, if, and that is a big if, everything I have just written is inaccurate, then it doesn't matter, because it is my perception and that is what is important. I have no doubt of the accuracy of my statements, nor that they are shared by the community of the rank and file.

And so, I call on you, the Police Commission, to task to address my perceptions with as much fervor as you address the community's.

Sincerely,
Officer Donati
Taraval Police Station
Oro en Paz, Fierro en Guerra

Dear Commissioners Marshall and DeJesus,

I read a reprint of your memo in the POA Journal and, needless to say, I am appalled at the level of ignorance it displays. As commissioners, shouldn't you be conversant with the inner workings of the department, its personnel, and its mission? After all, when present at a community forum you are the department's official representatives.

I must take issue with the following: In point 2) of the memo, you express community concern regarding a perceived lack of recruit training in the area of community relations. If you were familiar with your department's academy you would be aware of the fact that representatives and activists from every ethnic and sexual orientation group in the City have been participating in recruit training since 1975!!!!

I am incredulous as to the meaning of point 5). You characterize as "a legitimate concern" the increase of police presence criminalizing community members thus excluding them from possible employment. You can't be serious!

First of all, your statement infers that crime is the fault of the police. Police do not "criminalize" anyone; the criminality begins with the individual offender and the police merely react to that. Secondly, only felony convictions on one's record will seriously preclude them from employment nowadays. Certainly

you aren't suggesting that the police overlook felony offenses in an area of the City that has the highest rate of homicide? Should law abiding residents of the Bayview have to tolerate crime, deleterious to their quality of life, so that criminals may become gainfully employed? What exactly do you want the police to do?

In item 11) you state that the Chief of Police and her staff should be committed to policy changes like foot patrols, community meetings, respect in the community, etc. I have to wonder what planet you commissioners just came from. This is your department's policy! The only issue that is shortchanged is that of expanded foot patrols which suffers from the current shortage of personnel.

Dr. Marshall, forgive me but I am not aware of the origin of your title. Are you a physician or a doctor of philosophy? Ms. DeJesus, I am aware that you are an experienced attorney of no small repute. Given this, your memo is all the more surprising because its simplistic statements and conclusions reveal a significant lack of critical thinking and intellectual rigor. If you truly wish to be professional in the discharge of your civic duties, I strongly suggest that you immerse yourself in the department you represent by sitting in on academy classes, going on patrol as ride-alongs, and personally getting to know some of the dedicated men and women who risk their lives daily serving the residents of the Bayview District. I guarantee that you will be pleasantly surprised by such an experience which will go far in dispelling any false preconceptions or prejudices you may harbor towards officers of the San Francisco Police Department.

Respectfully yours,
Phil Downs
Ret. Sgt. SFPD

Nice job, Bayview...

Dear Editor,

POA Representatives Liam Frost and George Ferraez of Bayview Station did an outstanding job at the Police Commission meeting of October 17th. Their voices representing the anger, frustration and discontent with Police Commissioners Marshall and De Jesus regarding the "Bayview" memo were heard loud and clear throughout this department. The many members of Bayview Station who attended the meeting I think realized that there is a real disconnect between certain members of the Police Commission and the world of policing.

I would like to thank citizen speakers David Cruz and Mary Harris for their candor and pointed comments to the commission in defense of the rank and file. Most importantly, a very special thank you must be addressed to Commissioner Mazzucco for his heartfelt and impassioned accolades to the members of Bayview Station and the rest of the SFPD. In closing, the police commission heard the concerns of our members. Let's hope it didn't fall on deaf ears.

Ed Browne
Central Station

Support for John Lewis...

Police Sgt. John Lewis is to be commended not 'investigated' for speaking out about how inept the 'leadership' is in handling San Francisco's homeless.

Would that the US military officers 'spoke' out about how inept were the Iraq occupation plans. They waited till after retirement to 'speak out' ... and thousands of dead and wounded are the result. We have had enough of the 'right' wing pols in Wash. DC and the 'left' wing pols in San Francisco limiting free expression...

*Sincerely,
Ed Gleason
San Francisco*

With Gratitude ...

Dear POA —

Sergeant Carl Fabbri and family wish to express our gratitude for the lovely flowers and loving and supportive words you have offered all of us on the passing of our wonderful Dad and husband.

*Sincerely,
Mary Lou Fabbri*

POA —

Thank you so much for being so thoughtful. It's amazing how the POA is still thinking of us and taking care of us after four long years. I love the bond that police have with families. Thanks again. Be safe.

Daya, Frank, Kristin, and Melissa Olcomendy

Thank you for the Scholarship ...

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to participate in your essay scholarship program. I am honored to accept the third place award of \$1,000 for my college education.

I look forward to using the scholarship to further my education and accomplish a degree at Sonoma State University. Thanks again for supporting me and all the other candidates with these generous donations for our college educations. Your continuous support will be greatly appreciated by all!

*Sincerely,
Jennifer M. Nevin*

Dear SFPOA —

I want to thank you for the opportunity you have given myself and other college students. The scholarship money that was awarded to me has helped me pay for my books and classes. I greatly appreciate what you have done for the community. Thanks again and the San Francisco Police Department is the best!

*Sincerely,
James Puccinelli*

Dear POA —

Thank you for the generous scholarship award. I know that there were many applicants and I am grateful that I was selected as one of the recipients. The cost of tuition and books provide a financial challenge and the scholarship helps to make college more affordable.

*With appreciation,
Ryan Ching*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for granting me the scholarship money. I am considering studying to be a nurse. Thank you again, hope all is well.

*Sincerely,
Jennifer Cuddy*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you so much for awarding me with a \$500 scholarship for me to attend the University of California Santa Barbara. This scholarship will most definitely help me out with some of my college expenses. Thanks again for considering and choosing me to receive this scholarship.

*Sincerely,
Kellee A. Lai*

Dear POA —

Thank you very much for awarding me \$500 towards my college education. This sum of money is greatly appreciated, as it will help alleviate the burden of my tuition costs for Sonoma State. Every bit helps and I cannot thank you enough for this award. I am studying Criminal Justice, and I hope to join San Francisco's finest after I graduate. Thank you again.

*Sincerely,
Matthew Meyer*

Dear SFPOA,

I would like to thank you for the generous scholarship award. This will certainly be of great use for my college expenses.

I am proud of my family's long association with the POA and the SFPD. My grandfather, Martin Roddy who retired from the SFPD in 1976, would have been very pleased to know that I received this scholarship, as is my father Bob Barnes, retired SFPD, 2006.

Thank you for the opportunity for the scholarship and for the award.

*Sincerely,
Martin Barnes*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for considering my SFPOA scholarship application and granting me the \$500 award. It will aid me in furthering my education and achieving my goals.

*Sincerely,
Dexter Tsang*

Dear SFPOA —

I want to take this time to thank you so much for your generous scholarship of \$500. This scholarship will get me one step closer to my goal of getting my Masters in Criminology and then joining either a police department or the FBI (which is my dream). Thank you again.

*Sincerely,
Felicia Keith*

Thank you...

Dear Marty —

Thank you to the San Francisco POA Community Service Committee for the generous donation to our annual Gala Dinner Dance and Auction Fund Raiser on Saturday, November 3rd, 2007. The proceeds from the evening will be used for the retrofit roof loan payment.

We are truly grateful for your donation.

God bless you for the work you do.

*Sincerely
Rev. Mario P. Farana
Saint Paul's Parish*

Dear SFPOA —

Thank you for your generosity and help during our Labor Day fundraiser Sept 1st-3rd. A Total amount raised for charity was \$15,602.00 The cost for the three day event was a small amount because of persons like you that have donated monetary donations.

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The Maguire Family would like to extend its thanks and gratitude to the POA and the SFPD for all the support when our Mother (Christy Ann Maguire) passed away on Sept. 6, 2007. Thank you for the flowers sent from the POA, Mission Station, Northern Station and Taraval Station. Thanks to the Traffic Company for leading our Mother's procession from Holy Name Church to Holy Cross. Thanks to Captain Keith Sanford for helping with the arrangements and Lt. John Carlin for playing the bag pipes. Our Mom was a proud San Francisco native. Thanks to everyone in the SFPD who helped out and attended, which made our Mom's services very special.

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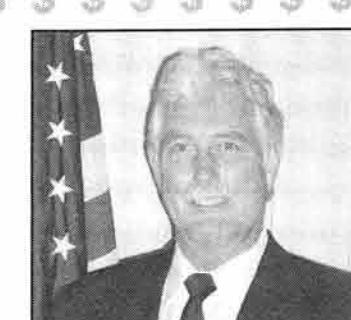
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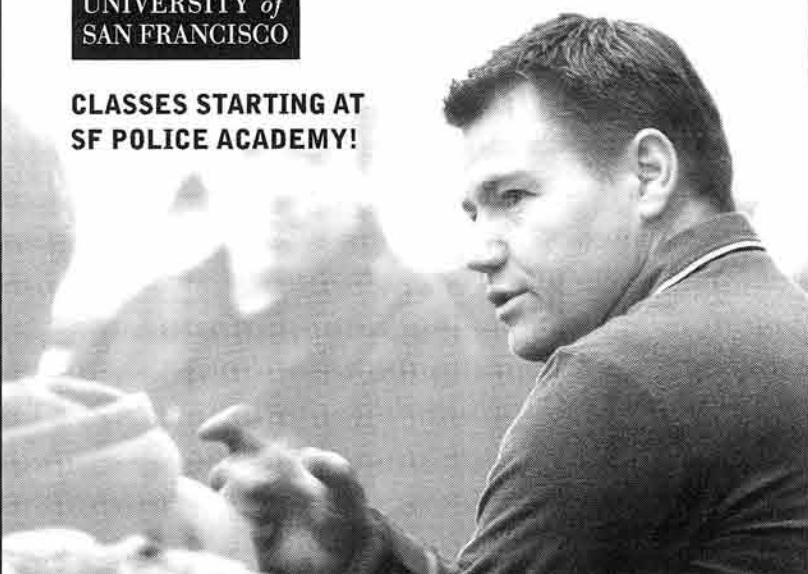
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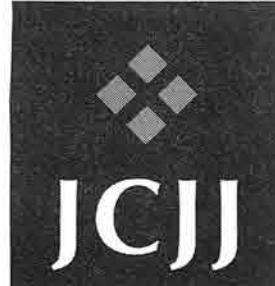
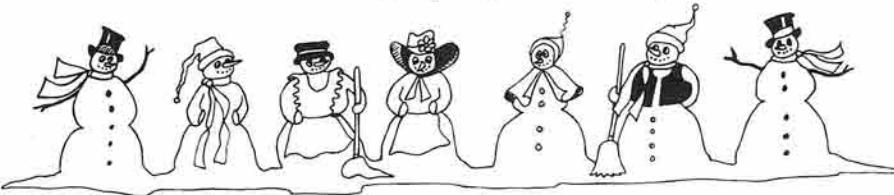
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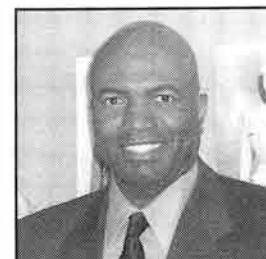
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Book Review

Bearing The Body

By Ehud Havazelet
Reviewed by Dennis Bianchi

I was drawn to this book on the basis of a review in a national publication. The premise concerns the author's contention that there are horrors visited upon people they must bear with them the rest of their lives. In this case a holocaust survivor, Sol Mirsky, must come to grips with the death of one of his sons, Daniel.

The story begins in 1994 at a Boston hospital, where Sol's other son, Nathan, is a promising medical student/intern. He receives a letter from his brother on the same day he is notified that his brother was murdered in San Francisco. Leaving his job behind, he picks up his father and drives to S.F., to find out what happened. His intention is to find out how his brother, whom he had always idolized as a brilliant and fearless anti-establishment rebel, could deteriorate to the level of a heroin addict.

There are many different characters sprinkled throughout the book that provide color, occasionally some humor and background. One such character was a psychiatrist who seemed to epitomize the type of shrink who is in need of help. I found myself laughing out loud as the doctor fiddles with his pipe or hurts his hand and has no idea of how to deal with his own insecurities.

ties, let alone heal Nathan. Another important character is a San Francisco Police Inspector, the homicide inspector assigned to handle Daniel's murder. The character seemed real, his method of dealing with not just the investigation but the handling of family members who are curious, intelligent and dogged. I checked the credits to see if the author had consulted anyone in the San Francisco Police Department and found that he had given credit to Inspector Tom Walsh of the Homicide Detail and Investigator Charles L. Cecil of the Medical Examiner's office in San Francisco. They must have guided him correctly as those sections of the story read very real and right.

The City is described in all its warts and beauty but I found I couldn't always get the geography he was describing clear in my mind. But perhaps that was because of the emotional trauma that the Minsky's themselves were going through. The story seems to be; powerful and hurtful incidents, such as a death in the family, can bring to the forefront all the pain people have tried to suppress. The past is never gone. Its influence may not be obvious to us until some powerful trauma comes our way and then we realize that we have been bearing it all along.

ASK THE CSI GUY... THE FINAL WORD

By Mark Hawthorne,
Retired SFPD

It's been a while since the last column of the CSI Guy was written. Not because there hasn't been inquiries or enough information to write about, but rather the CSI Guy has been on a mini sabbatical doing training and research. The CSI Guy is in the process of beginning a different career as an educator in Forensic Science and becoming a consultant in Forensic Science investigations. He will also be heavily involved in a Forensic Science program at one of the local colleges.

As you may have surmised by the introduction, yes, the CSI Guy is retiring from the San Francisco Police department. As with many opportunities within the Police department and service in the various units, leaving is bitter sweet. He will miss the camaraderie and duty, but not the misguided directives and policies. The CSI Guy has had a wonderful career filled with many fond memories of people and events that have been both positive and negative. All of the experiences have been quite educational and rewarding. As an example, he entered the department at a time when San Francisco was undergoing some serious issues. In the FTO program, he was one of the officers who responded to City Hall immediately following the assassination of Mayor Mascone and Supervisor Harvey Milk. Later in his career, the CSI Guy was one of the first officers to operate the new AFIS computer acquired by S.F.P.D. and in concluding his career, he has been the lead instructor at the Police Academy in Crime Scenes and Physical Evidence, training almost 90% of the



patrol bureau personnel and serving with distinction in the CSI unit for twenty-three, plus, years. To the many people I have had the honor to work with, train, and to mentor, Thank You so much for allowing me to be part of your life. As I move forward with my new stage in life, I will do so as one who can hold his head high as a trained professional and one who has been proud of his service to the City in which I was born, raised, and currently reside. I will continue my pursuits and practice of professionalism. I would like to personally name and thank each person who has had an impact on my career that has spanned 29 1/2 years with the Police department and five years with the San Francisco Sheriff's department. But there is not enough space in this column and I'm sure I would miss mentioning someone. Let me just say, again, thank you to everyone who I have worked with, trained, or been part of in my career. I think you know who you are. I hope I am not sounding too morbid or morose but change is difficult for anyone, especially after a third of a century. I hope to remain active in my association with the S.F.P.O.A. and from time to time, department events. As a final word, this will be the last of the CSI Guy columns.....or will it?

P.S. You can contact the CSI Guy, as always, at CSIProfessor@aol.com

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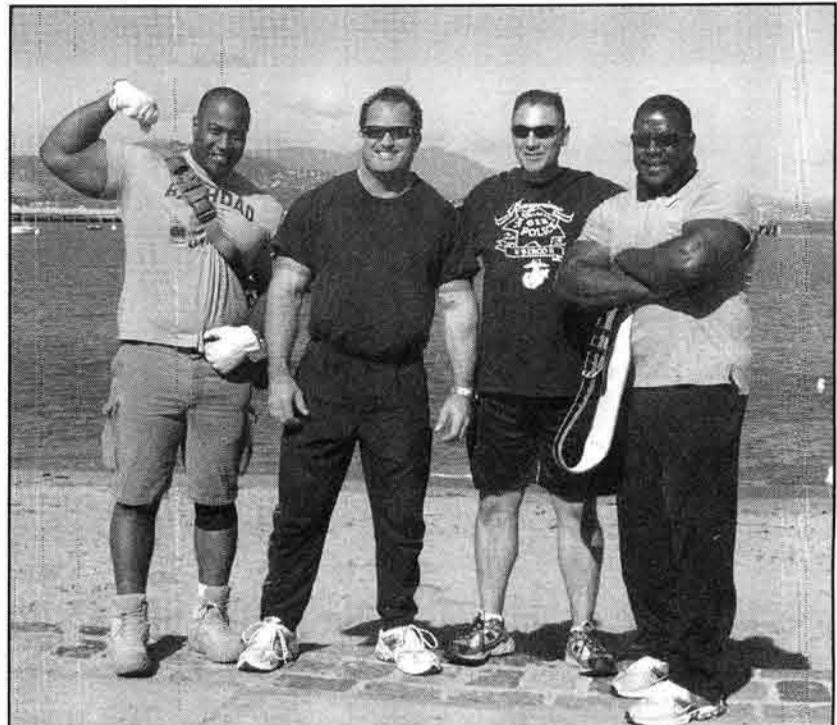
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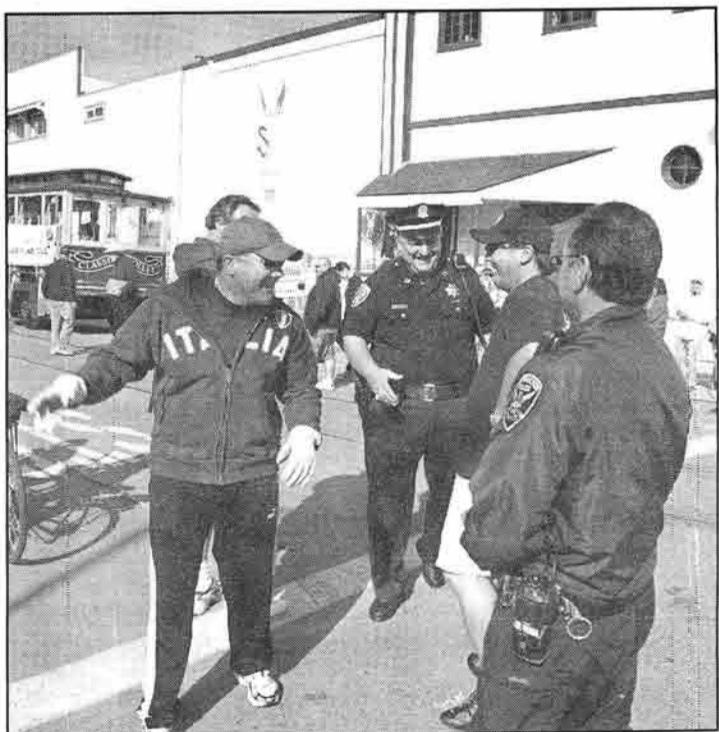
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By Rick Bruce
PAL President

In the September issue of the *Journal*, a historic PAL photo was displayed (top photo below) which included several young men who would go on to join the San Francisco Police Department. Many readers were able to correctly identify one or two of these future cops, and two readers were able to identify them all. Mrs. Raymond Crosat was the first to contact me, signing her e-mail as "Bob's Mom." She wrote that Bob Crosat (first row, number 15) followed his father into the SFPD, and identified the other future officers as Joe Dutto (number 29 top row), Hans "Ben" Vigil (number 24 top row), and Tom Boyd (number 27 top row).



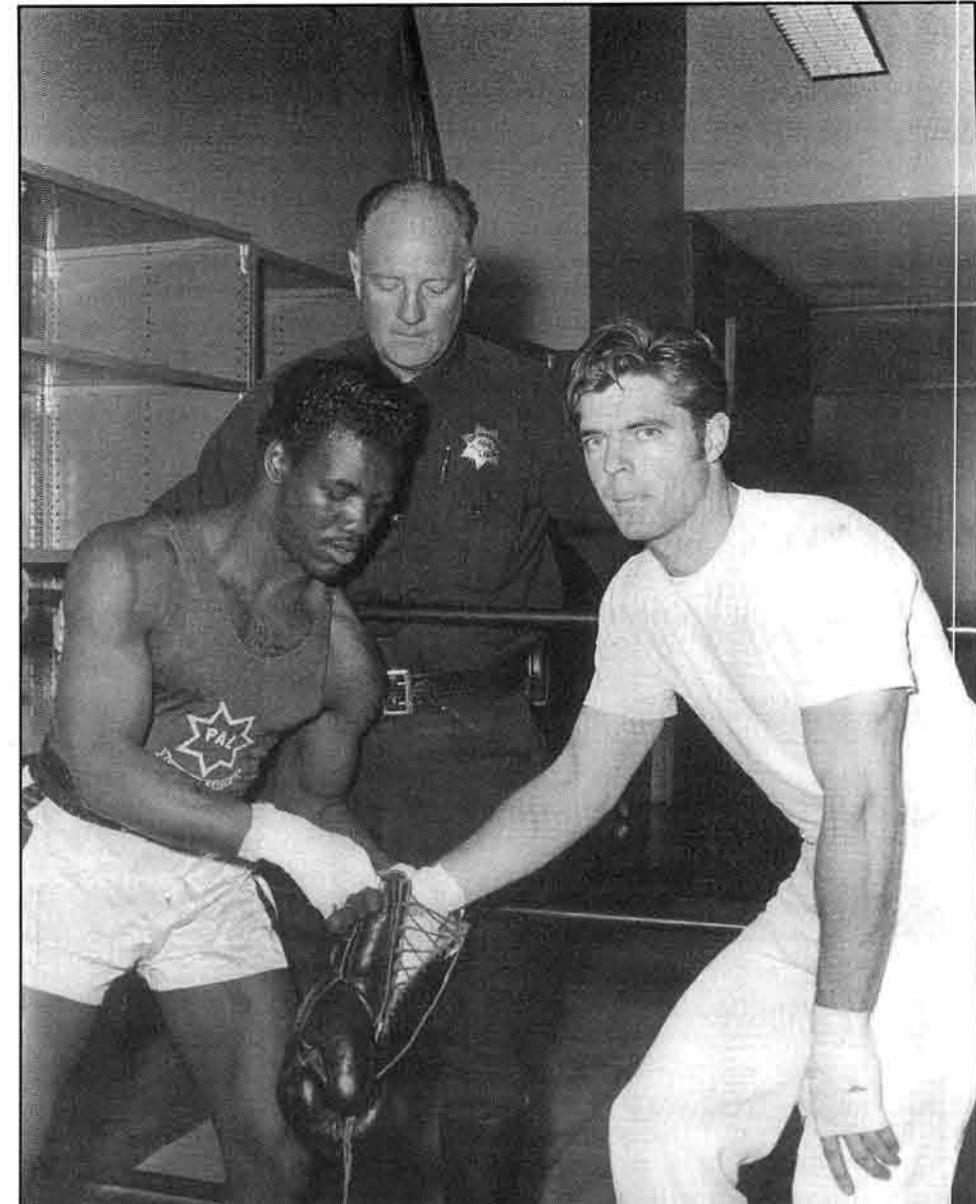
Tom Boyd, who currently works as the Chief of Investigations for the City Attorney's office, also wrote to me and identified all of the officers, along with Coach Frank Martinez. Tom became an SFPD cadet in 1968, was a member of the 121st academy class, and spent five years at Northern and Park Stations prior to leaving to join the San Rafael Police Department (where he retired as a captain after 28 years). Tom noted that the team played out of Silver Terrace Playground. Although a couple of other players from across the city were added to fill out the roster, what is phenomenal about this group of PAL players is that they were mostly a neighborhood team, while most of the other teams in the tournament were generally considered city all-star teams, drawing from entire cities or regional areas. This SFPAL team battled its way to the championship game, and was edged by the metropolitan All-Stars from Los Angeles.

Many thanks to both Mrs. Crosat and Tom Boyd for their insights. What wasn't mentioned in the September article is the fact that a second SFPAL team also played in the tournament (lower photo below). This team's ro-



ter also contained future members of the San Francisco Police Department. If you can identify these members, please e-mail me at: rickbruceconstruction@yahoo.com.

In preparation for the fiftieth anniversary of the San Francisco Police Activities League, we continue to pore through the old archives of photos, articles, and other memorabilia. It is a bittersweet journey, as many of the PAL's earliest members and supporters are no longer with us. The photo at right depicts two PAL boxers in the 1960's. The boxer on the right is of course Dan Hance, another PAL athlete who would later join the San Francisco Police Department, spending more than 30 years in a distinguished career as both an officer and inspector. I saw



Jimmy would later say that his dad had told him, "Son, every round is the first round," and Jimmy offered that, "Fighting came natural to me. It was just as natural as could be." In 1963, Jimmy turned pro at the tender age of 17, knocking out Marcel Scott in three rounds. Jimmy won 10 of his first 11 fights, and his dad Vern was always in his corner. Jimmy's first loss was to former middleweight champion Danny Moyer, whom Jimmy had beaten earlier in 1965. Jimmy's dad Vern passed away during the period between the two Moyer fights, and Jimmy was 17-1 when he fought ranked contender Florentino Fernandez at Kezar Pavilion on October 20, 1965.

Fernandez was a feared left-hopper, who had given Gene Fullmer a strong 15 rounds before being defeated in a 1961 title fight, so the local San Francisco boxing press had fretted that Jimmy was being rushed too fast. But

could more than handle himself if the need arose.

Later that evening the man who had challenged Dan showed up at the station and turned himself in for some outstanding warrants. Jimmy Lester was with him, and told Dan that he had "convinced" the man to not only turn himself in to the police, but to do it by driving his own car to the police station! Jimmy was a life-long supporter of the SFPD, and cherished the many officers he counted as friends.

In Jimmy's later years, his health deteriorated and he suffered a series of strokes. He spent the final years of his life living in the Tenderloin, far removed from his youth as a PAL boxer, and his glory days as a ranked contender. Jimmy passed away in September of 2006, but his memory lives on not only as a member of San Francisco's glorious boxing past, but in the annals of the SFPAL.

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the fight lasted only two rounds, and Fernandez left the ring with a broken jaw.

Jimmy was ranked as high as number two in the 160 pound division, but losses to some of the top fighters of the 1960's set him back. Jimmy retired from boxing with a lifetime record of 41-20-3. He worked for a while as a security guard, and Dan Hance recalls a time when he responded on a gun call to a San Francisco housing project and was confronted by a violent crowd as the officers tried to escort their arrestee back to their car. One of the men in the crowd began to taunt Dan, calling him a "sissy" and challenging him to fight. Jimmy Lester suddenly appeared "out of nowhere," and told the young man he would be wise to avoid tangling with Dan Hance, who

(Much of the material for this article comes from a September 7, 2006, *The Sweet Science* article authored by Mr. Pete Ehrmann.) In next month's PAL corner, we'll revisit another outstanding San Francisco boxer from the early days of the SFPAL, Henry Clark.

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Sports

NICK'S NOTES

By Nick Shihadeh,
SFPOA Sports Editor

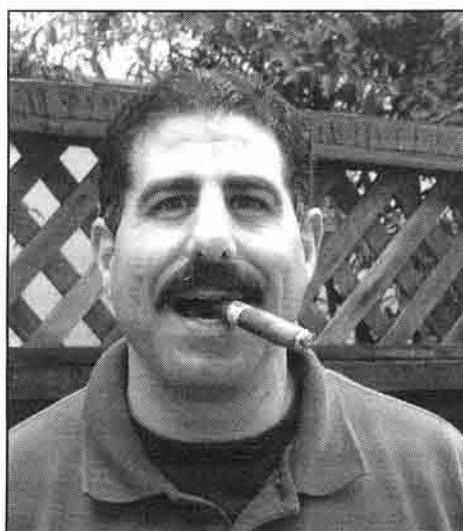
Police/Fire Games Roundup

CHECK IT OUT: The Western States Police/Fire Games took place in Mesa, Az as scheduled the second week of October and the department had lots of representation in various sports. I received this picture from Oscar Barcena (GTF) of the paintball team he was part of. The team was led by Eric Perez (GTF) and also included Ben Pagtanac (GTF), Dan Rosen (SFSO), and Tim Conway (SFSO). They didn't medal during the tournament but sure had a good time when competing; in fact, I heard they had a memorable match against LAPD.

According to a pretty reliable source, Perez pulled off a classic move to attack the always competitive LA opponents. He told his teammates that he was going to try something different and decided to low crawl approximately 500 yards to get to LAPD's side while the initial battle was going on. Once over to the other side, Perez was able to take out all of the opposing paintballers and capture their flag as well. The LA team cried foul when they saw that Perez had paint on his lower torso and wanted him eliminated, but Perez said that it came from his own paintballs that had broken during the very long low crawl. The LA team didn't believe him and still cried foul; it turned out to be the referee though who ended up supporting the SFPD paintballers. He said that he had witnessed almost the whole low crawl by the cunning Perez and ruled that LAPD didn't have a case. What I think was their lone victory of the tournament turned out to be the sweetest one. Good stuff!

SF Police Soccer Club

Check out the soccer pics that appear in this same sports section showing the two teams that the soccer club sent to the games. The A-Team that competed in the open division was



record. Hard luck.

The other soccer team was the OG's(Old Guys) that played in the over 35yr old category. This team was manned by Pat Mullins(Domestic Violence) and Steve Glickman((Traffic Co.) amongst others, and they also played fantastic soccer. The defense held up so very well with only three goals given up during five games. It was the lack of scoring that did the OG's in though. They were only able to score two goals the whole tournament and ended up with a 1-win, 2-loss, 2-tie record which was only good enough for fourth place and no medal. It was a great effort by the whole soccer club just the same. One note: I want to relay a speedy recovery to Steve Glickman who suffered a broken collar bone at work recently when he was hit by a car while on his police motorcycle.

SFPD Blues Baseball News

In this same sports page is an article about the SFPD Blues Team #1 which was submitted by Rob Fung(Northern) and written by Ron Ferrando(Ernie's brother as well as John and Nick's uncle) who is the non-playing manager of the club. They played good baseball most of the week in the very tough A-Division and settled for a 3rd place bronze; but, I know that they really wanted that gold. Turns out that it was the SFPD Blues #2 team that had a chance for the gold.

Blues #2 was run by player/manager



previously booked their plane flights out of Arizona that morning.

I heard that no one wanted to adjust their flights to play in that game and settled for second place while getting back to the Bay Area in a timely fashion. I tell you in my twenty years competing in these games in either soccer or softball, I've never won a gold medal. I would give anything these days to even be in a gold medal game, and here it was: a "golden" opportunity for the Blues #2 team to be in one(I'm not pardoning the pun). Unfortunately, these guys couldn't rally and agree to stay and battle for one more game; thus, the Blues #2 team brought home a silver medal in baseball. Enough said.

Track And Field

In track and field I found out that Ed Marchand(Taraval) and Mike Simmons(Southern) did exceptionally well in Mesa. Marchand won four gold medals in the Masters Division in the long jump, the triple jump, the javelin throw, and finally in the 400 meters individuals. Simmons was able to capture two silver medals and a gold in the Grandmasters Division. He won the silvers in the 100 meter and 200 meter individual races; and, he took a gold as part of a 4 x 100 meter relay race where Rafael "Raffy" Labutan(Richmond) was a teammate along with a guy from the CHP and one from an east bay police department. Fantastic job by Marchand, Simmons and Labutan!

Bowling

Sean Jackson(TTF) was the lone SFPD bowler that I heard about. He was part of a four man team that ended up winning a gold in the "open" division; the other teammates were from Manteca PD, San Jose PD, and CHP(retired). Jackson played competitively in the "open" singles but had to settle for fourth place when he missed a bronze medal by only one measly pin. Hard luck.

Miscellaneous

Other competitors that I heard about were a few retirees from the Airport Bureau. Ed Reinfeld(Range) is a very good shot gunner and ended

up winning three bronze medals in skeet shooting. He won one in a skeet team category along with members of the Sacto County Sheriffs and won one in a team "sporting clays" even with those same fellas. He also won his third bronze in a B-Division individual shoot.

Andy Fraccia is another retired airporter and is one of the best athletes that the Bureau has ever seen. He competed in tennis as usual in the grand masters category and came away with a gold medal. Congrats to him along with all the other athletes who represented the department in such a positive way.

Mixed Martial Arts

Another "mixed martial arts" event is taking place in December on Sat. the 8th at Kezar Pavilion. It's called Seasons Beatings and is a Full Contact Promotions/Gladiator Challenge set of ten bouts that promises to be pretty exciting. The main draw for department members is seeing Bryan Lujan(Bayview) fight again in the heavy weight category; but, also exciting is the debut of our own Damon Keeve(TAC) who is also on the fight card. The main event for the evening happens to be Raul Castillo vs Eric Lawson which from what I've heard is a big deal, but I want to attend to see my buds Bryan and Damon compete and hopefully win. The doors at Kezar open at 5:30pm and the fights start at 7:30pm with tickets in the range of \$50.00 for general admission up to \$200.00 for ringside seats. Contact Jeff or Riuch Cairns at 650-219-7573 or go on line to www.virtualboxoffice.com.

Sports Hall Of Fame Banquet

Finally, I want to remind everyone of the POA Sports Hall of Fame Dinner taking place on Thurs. Nov. 15th at the Italian Athletic Club in North Beach(See flyer in this same sports section). Ten exceptional retired or senior member athletes of the SFPD will be inducted and a special award will be given in memory of Bill Cook as well. It's only \$30.00 and it's a definite good time so I encourage all to attend. That's all for now.....So See Ya next month.....



Left to right: Ben Pagtanac (GTF), Oscar Barcena (GTF), Dan Rosen and Tim Conway (both SF Sheriffs)

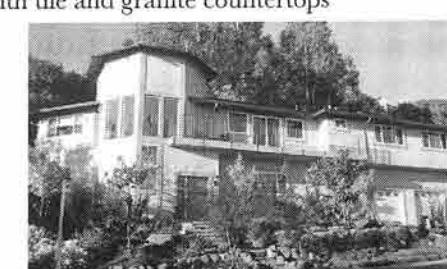
run by John "Dynamite" Sheehan and Tracy Boes, and they led a very competitive team into the tourney. The A-Team was the club to beat and they played like it all the way through; unfortunately, they suffered two heartbreaking losses at the end(one loss in double overtime and the other during the shootout) and ended up in fourth place with a 3-win, 2-loss

Dominic Celaya(Mission) and had the likes of Clayton Goodwin (Park), Adam Choy (Central), Mark O'Brockta (TTF) and Gerald Schmidt (CSI) on the club to name a few. They played very well during the week in the B-Division and unexpectedly found themselves in the gold medal game that was scheduled for Sat. Oct. 13th. The thing about it was that they never thought they'd get that far in the tournament and had

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2007 SFPOA Ironman Competition

By Ed Yu
Gang Task Force

This year's 2007 SFPOA Jeff Barker/Isaac Espinoza Ironman Competition took place on Wednesday, September 26th, at the HOJ police gym. This year's event marked the 25th anniversary of the first competition, which was originated by a bunch of old "Narcs" back in 1982. The original competitors included Dan Hance, Alex Fagan, Mike Puccinelli, Rich Cairns, Mike Kemmitt, Jack Santos, Art Gerrans and Bob Hernandez. As a tribute to this event, Rick Bruce is going to put together an "SFPD Iron-man" program, compiling all the stats dating back from 1982 to present of all Iron-man competitions.

In the men's open division, Johny Burke (GTF) dominated the field once again and regained his 5th straight men's open title with a combined score of 4005 pts. Burke compiled impressive max scores of 49 pull-ups (1000 pts) and 200 sit-ups (1000 pts). With stats like those he was just too tough for other open division competitors. For the 4th year, Ed Yu (GTF) came in 2nd place behind John Burke with a combined score of 3732 pts. The clos-

est race was between Malcom Anderson (TAC) and Dien Ha (TTF). Even though Ha had impressive numbers on the pull-ups (49), Anderson was steady and consistent on all events, and he wound up edging Ha by 62 pts earning him a 3rd place spot with a combined score of 3497 pts.

In the open team category, this year's event brought out 8 teams to compete for the coveted title. Testosterone was definitely flowing in the air with the likes of Damon Keeve (TAC), Pat Overstreet (GTF), Kevin Rightmire (Bayview), Jason Robinson (SPEC) and J. Newman (GW) waiting to push out their respective max reps on the 225 lb. bench portion of the competition. Pat Overstreet started the bench press event with 24 reps (NFL linebacker combine score). Kevin Rightmire followed with an eye-popping 26 reps, exceeding the max rep score of 25 for 1000 pts. Damon Keeve wrapped up the 225 lb. bench event with a new Ironman record of 31 reps. He broke his own record of 30 reps set back in 2005. In the pull-ups event, the most impressive competitor was Dan Silver (GTF). In my years of competition (TCA, Iron-man), I have never seen a competitor almost fall asleep in the

middle of doing 49 pull-ups. "Rumblefish" was smooth with that "kip." If it wasn't for the Isaac Espinoza rule of not exceeding 49 pull-ups, I truly believe Silver's numbers could have been in the 60's. Impressive numbers on the pull-ups were also compiled by Burke(49), Ha(49) and Vintero(42). In the sit-ups event, Burke once again finished his 200 reps with change to spare. Steve Thoma (Over 50 Team-Co.D) knocked out the 2nd highest score ever in an SFPD Ironman Competition with 188 reps.

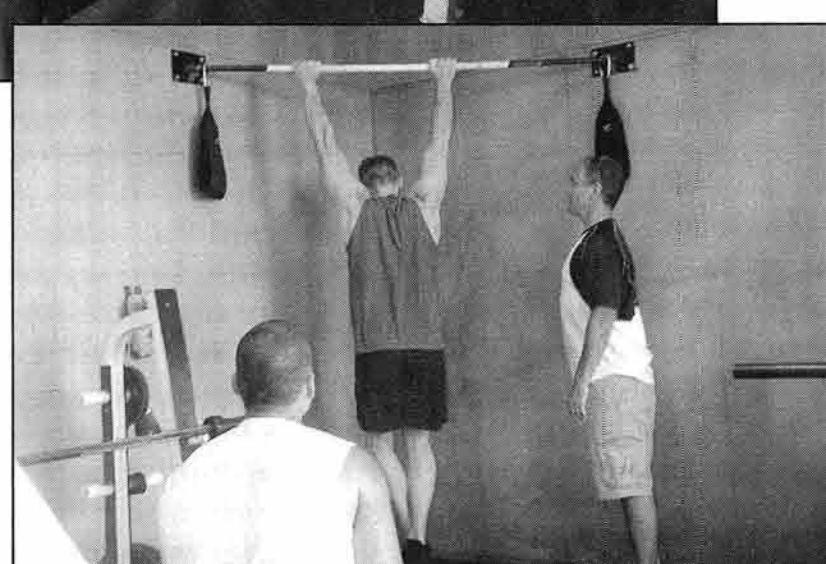
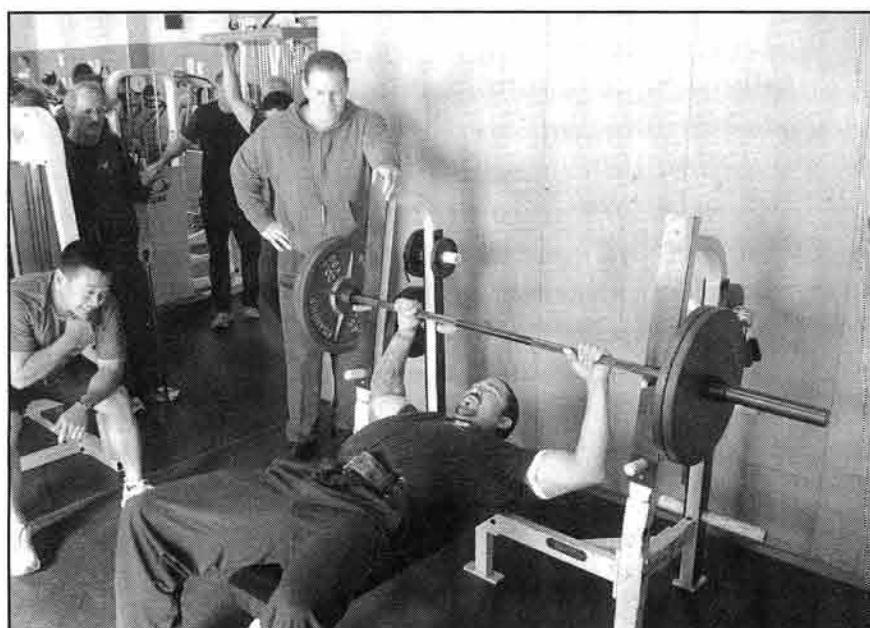
Our next two events were moved to Lake Merced. In the 50-yard shoot, Spagnoli (TAC) showed off his "World Class" shooting skills with an impressive score of 850 to lead all competitors. Newly appointed Sergeant, Phil Pera (Spec) was second with a score of 745 followed by Ray Salvador (Co.D) with a score of 740. The last and final event was the 4.7 mile run around the lake. The "Indian Summer" heat took its toll on most competitors, except for one person, Sean "The Kid" Griffin. He was definitely not affected by a little heat, as he once again anchored the GTF team to their 3rd straight Ironman team title with a time of 28:10 around the lake. GTF posted a first

place score of 4325 pts. Bayview station led by Sgt. Kevin Dempsey came in 2nd place with combined score of 3876 pts. The Specialist team led by Sgt. John Burke came in 3rd with a combined score of 3613 pts. The team led by Inspector J. Newman (GW), came in 1st place in the over 40 year old division. In the over 50 year old division, Sgt. Carrie Lucas anchored her team to their 2nd straight 1st place finish. Sgt. Lucas also teamed with Lt. Leydon and came in 1st place in the mix-double co-ed division. Lucas posted her personal best in the 50 yard shoot with a score of 545 pts. My buddy, Greg Suhr, would give up half of Hetch-Hetchy for that score.

In all, this year's event was a great success with over 55 competitors competing. This is one of the highest number of participants that I've experienced in the past 10 years. Many thanks to the SFPD P.O.A., Les Smith (TTF) for the t-shirt design, "T-Shirt Fever" for putting together the shirts and "Café Roma" for catering our luncheon. Special thanks also go to Rick Bruce for his active involvement in sponsoring this year's SFPD Ironman Competition and also for picking up the bill for the luncheon.

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	Name	Bench	Sit Ups	Pull Ups	5-Mi. Run	10-Mi. Bike	Total
1st	Gerrans	660(66x10)	465(93x5)	220(11x20)	749 (31:09)	708	2802
2nd	Fagan	290(29x10)	530(106x5)	260 (13x20)	689 (32:09)	889	2658
3rd	Puccinelli	770(77x10)	205(41x5)	320(15x20)	10 (43:30)	727	2032
4th	Kemmitt	480(48x10)	375(75x5)	200(10x20)	210 (41:20)	723	1988
5th	Cairns	720(72x10)	645(129x5)	200(10x20)	10 (43:30)	405	1980
6th	Hance	510(51x10)	270(54x5)	300(15x20)	168 (40:52)	591	1839
7th	Santos	380(38x10)	275(55x5)	200 (10x20)	318 (38:22)	545	1718
8th	Hernandez	280(28x10)	60(10x5)	40 (2x20)	0	0	380



2007 SFPOA Ironman Competition Results

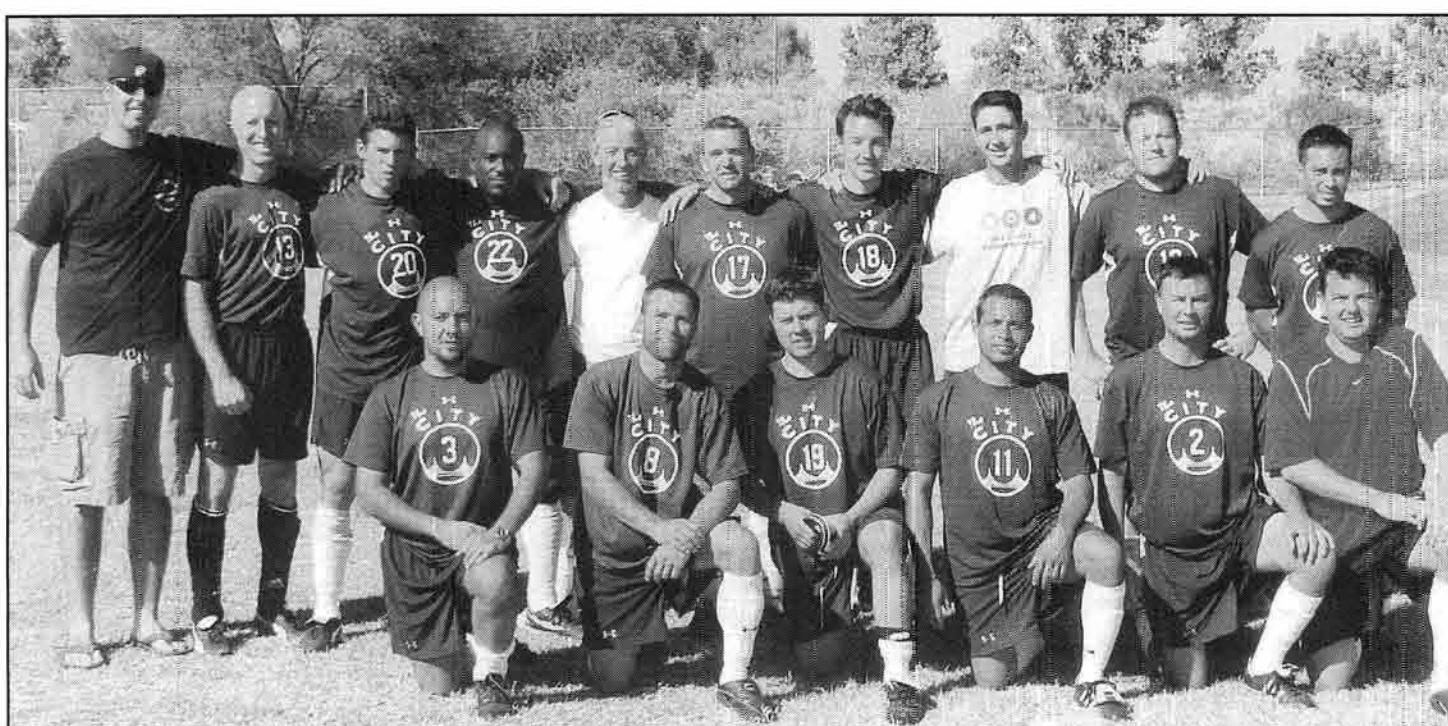
MEN'S OPEN	BENCH PRESS	PULL-UPS	SIT-UPS	SHOOT	RUN	TEAM OPEN	BENCH PRESS	PULL UP	SIT UP	SHOOT	RUN
1. John Burke GTF Total Score: 4005	66(660)	49(1000)	200(1000)	720	33:15(625)	1. Gang Task Force TOTAL SCORE: 4325	24(225lbs)(960) Overstreet	49(1000) Silver	152(760) Yu	675 Lau	28:10(930) Griffin
2. Ed Yu GTF Total Score: 3732	91(910)	47(940)	152(760)	660	35:58(462)	2. Bayview Station TOTAL SCORE: 3876	26(225lbs)(100) Rightmire	44(840) Dempsey	125(625) Thompson	735 Kirchner	32:24(676) Wise
3. Malcom Anderson CPC/TAC Total Score: 3497	74(740)	33(660)	142(710)	765	33:32(608)	3. Specialist TOTAL SCORE: 3613	17(225lbs)(680) Robinson	39(780) Knoble	200(1000) Burke	745 Pera	36:52(408) Steffani
4. Dien Ha TTF Total Score: 3435	75(750)	49(1000)	130(650)	530	35:15(505)	4. TTF Station TOTAL SCORE: 3518	75(100lbs)(750) Ha	42(840) Vintero	133(665) Kim	725 O'Leary	34:42(538) Cole
5. Dennis Hughes Sheriff Dept. Total Score: 3182	93(930)	39(780)	155(775)	95	33:38(602)	5. CPC/TAC TOTAL SCORE: 3418	31(225lbs)(1000) Keeve	33(660) Anderson	147(735) Mendez	850 Spagnoli	40:37(137) Obot
6. Eric Vintero TTF Total Score: 2796	57(570)	42(840)	138(675)	445	39:14(266)	6. Mission Station TOTAL SCORE: 2803	66(100lbs)(660) T. Neves	25(500) Porter	107(535) Martinez	740 Salvador	37:12(368) Jones
7. Anthony Calasanz Taraval Station Total Score: 2081	69(690)	27(540)	125(625)	55	40:46(172)	7. Taraval Station TOTAL SCORE: 2507	81(100lbs)(810) Lee	20(400) Chan	113(565) Peters	640 Chang	40:48(172) Calasanz
8. Festa, Guissepe Bayview Station Total score: 1974	49(490)	20(400)	102(510)	260	38:26(314)	8. SRO TOTAL SCORE: 2447	12(225lbs)(480) Johnson	1:57(471) Chacon	108(590) Conway	590 Golds	37:34(366) Rivera
9. Arnold Borgen Bayview Station Total Score: 1665	62(620)	22(440)	100(500)	105	43:45(0)						
10. Eric Chang Bayview Station Total Score: 1460	62(620)	13(260)	89(445)	135	49:00(0)						
11. Tim Neves Total Score: 1450	66(660)	10(200)	82(410)	180	45:00(0)						
MIX-DBL MEN TEAM	BENCH PRESS	PULL UP	SIT UP	SHOOT	RUN	OVER 40 TEAM	BENCH PRESS	PULL-UP	SIT-UP	SHOOT	RUN
1. Dien Ha Simon Kim TTF Total Score: 3450	75(750) Ha	49(1000) Ha	133(665) Kim	530 Ha	35:15(505) Kim	1. General Work TOTAL SCORE: 2012	19(225lbs)(760) Newman	25(500) Morely	75(370) Dedet	255 Miller	41:35(127) Velarde
MIX-DBL CO-ED	BENCH PRESS	PULL UP	SIT UP	SHOOT	RUN	OVER 50 TEAM	BENCH PRESS	PULL-UP	SIT-UP	SHOOT	RUN
1. Carrie Lucas Dan Leydon Total Score: 1884	43(430) Leydon	1:38(414) Lucas	75(375) Leydon	545 Lucas	41:40(120) Leydon	1. Mission Station TOTAL SCORE: 2095	30(100)(300) Desangeles	1:30(420) Lucas	188(945) Thoma	310 Nietz	41:40(120) Leydon



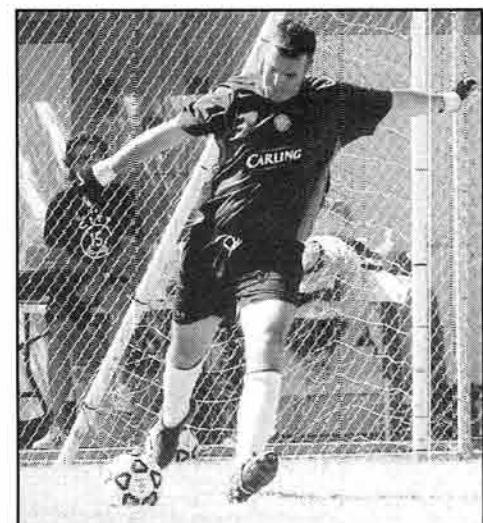
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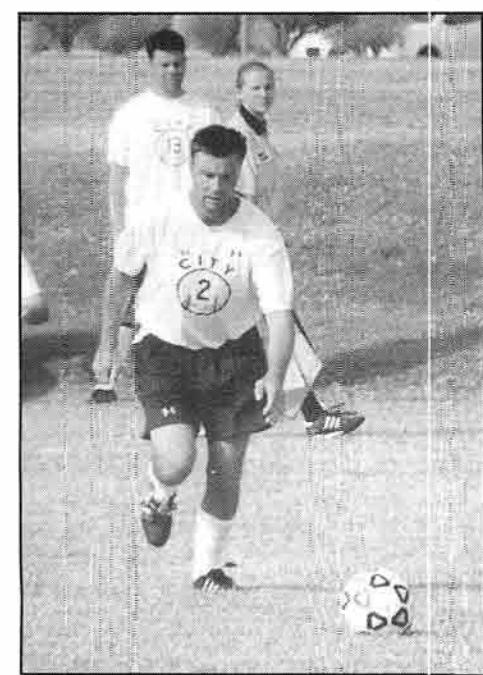
The A-Team



Back Row L to Rt: Brian Guiney, John Manning, James Moher, Mark Babbs, Kevin Healy, Bob Byrne, Sean Frost, Mike Costello, Kevin Murray, and Chris Anderson
Front Row L to Rt: Felix Gasanyan, Kirk Edison, Kevin Horan, Oscar Padilla, John Sheehan, and Tracy Boes

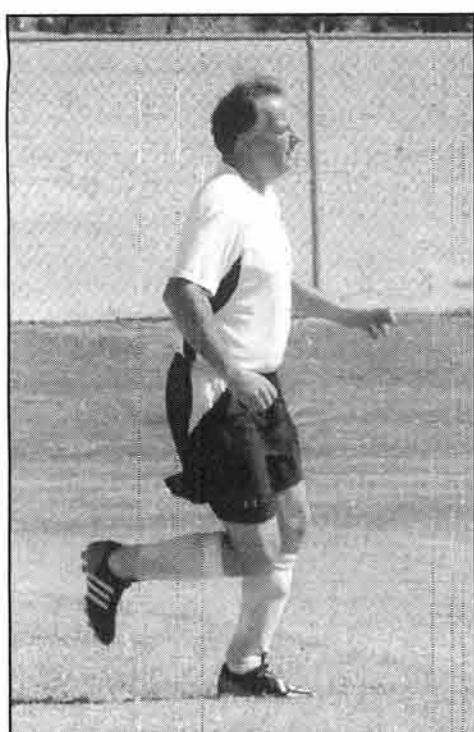


Brian "Taking over the world" Guiney



Johnny "Dynamite" Sheehan

Goalie Tracy Boes defends the net with John Manning, Sean "Spider" Frost and Mark Babbs assisting



Co-captain Pat Mullins on the attack



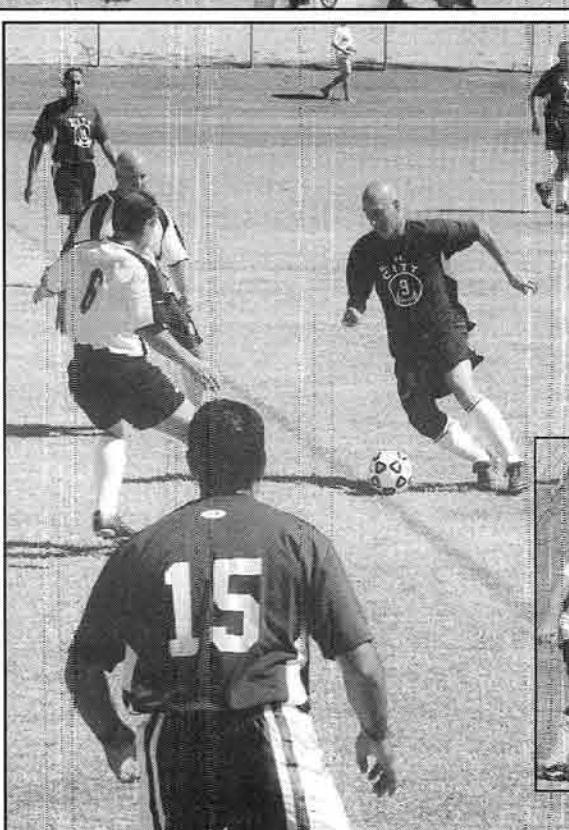
Back Row L to Rt: Mike Becker, Steve Glickman, Dan Cunningham, Fabian Fowler, John Zahar, Marty Lalor, Gary Watts, Pat Mullins, and Pete Richardson
Front Row L to Rt: Ernie Mendieta, Ramon Reynoso, Robert Vernengo, Percy Hernandez, Nick Shihadeh, Mike Cleary, and Justin Erb



Goalie Percy Hernandez about to make a great save in front of the net



Below:
"Old Soccer Guys" at the pool, left to right: John "JC" Conefrey, Brian "Moose" Canedo, Nick "Someguy" Shihadeh and Liam "Elrod" Frost



Pete "Liverpool" Richardson with the ball



Marty Lalor defends the net helping Goalie Percy Hernandez. Fabian Fowler is at right.

Bill Cooke and The Tour de Tahoe

By Dave O'Donnell,
retired Mounted Unit

Twenty-five years ago, in 1983, Bill Cooke organized a group of guys from the Police Department to ride their bicycles around Lake Tahoe. The first ride wasn't easy, they didn't have a sag wagon and they got hungry, dehydrated and very tired, but had such a good time, Bill decided to do the ride again the following year and called it the 2nd Annual Tour de Tahoe. The ride was always in September, following Labor Day. Lessons were learned from the first and all subsequent Tour de Tahoes with a sag wagon being used with lots of food, water and beer. By the time I did my first ride, it was the 9th Annual in 1991; Bill really had the ride planned well. On the Tuesday following Labor Day we would drive up to South Shore Lake Tahoe and stay at the Super 8 Motel. They had a large lawn area for the barbecue, which Bill put on.

The sag wagons and a few motorcycles would help the usually fifty or so riders onto the road. Bill developed five rest stops around the lake. The first one was after a tough climb up Emerald Bay. We would regroup, eat and drink, and draw five cards out of a box to get a poker hand. The best hand won \$100. The second stop was just before Tahoe City — we would eat, drink and draw another hand of poker. Lunch was at about forty-eight miles, and after lunch we hit the dreaded Spooner grade (a seven mile, one thousand foot climb up to Highway 50). Once through there we would be at the fourth stop with more food and drinks, and of course a hand of poker. Then it's a nice long downhill on Highway 50 turning into a long ride back to the motel.

At about 4:30pm or 5:00pm, it's time to kick back with a couple of beers in the hot tub, relax on the lawn, or watch Bill's video of the ride. The ride goes around the most beautiful lake and scenery you can imagine. There was talk that this year might be the last Tour de Tahoe because it was the 25th Annual and Bill wanted to end it on a good number. Bill retired from the Department last year and it was



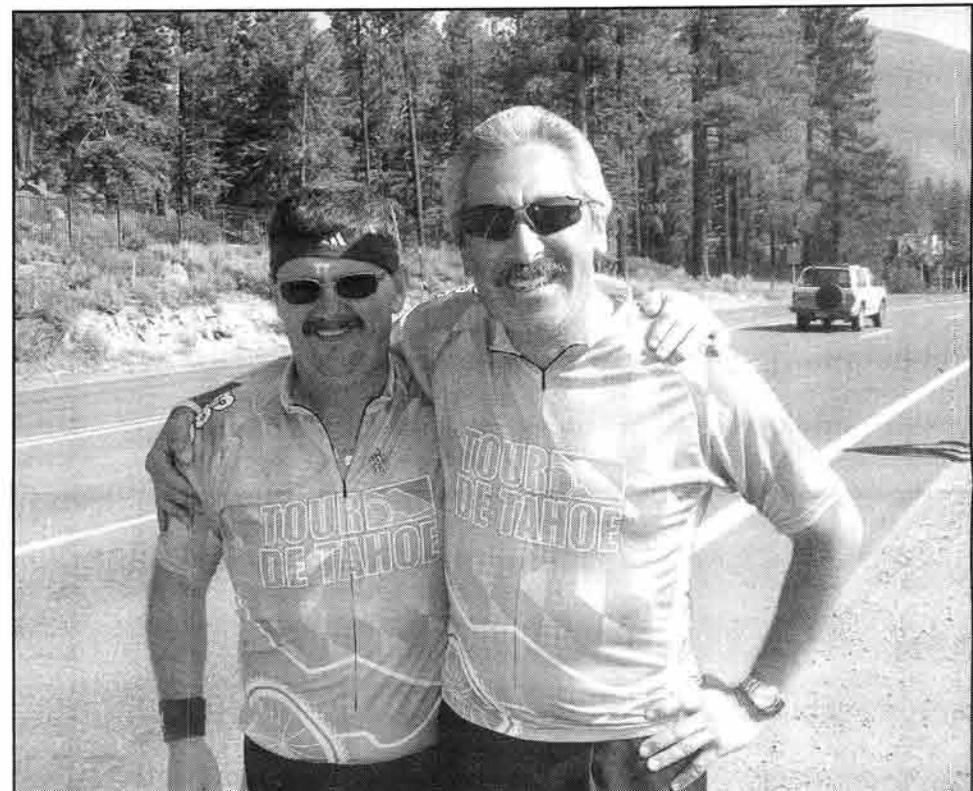
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going to be harder for him to keep in touch with everyone. This year on our last rest stop on top of Spooner Grade, Bill announced that he was going to keep the Tour going because if he didn't he probably would not see most of us again. Sadly Bill passed away unexpectedly six days later on September 11, 2007.

Some of us Tour de Tahoe regulars have been talking about Bill and the ride and have decided that there will be at least one more next year. It will be called the Bill Cooke Memorial Tour de Tahoe. It definitely won't be the same without Bill, but I think we should do the ride in his honor. Bill's attitude was: the more people on the ride the better. So, if you want to get in shape and join us next year, you won't be sorry.

Bill, thank you for planning and organizing this fantastic event for so long which has been so much fun for so many of us for so long. We're certainly going to miss you....



Val Kirwan and Bill Cooke at the 2007 Tour de Tahoe

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Blues Baseball Team Takes Bronze In Police/Fire Games

By Ron Ferrando
Submitted by Rob Fung

The SFPD Blues Team 1 baseball team, still reeling from the affects of a heart wrenching 3-2 loss to the Marin County Indians in the first round of the Bay Area Men's Senior Baseball League playoffs, took to the road to take on other law enforcement agencies in the Western States Police and Fire Games held in Mesa, Arizona last month. The Blues figured to have a difficult go around in round robin pool play as they drew two very tough opponents in perennial powerhouses LAPD and Orange County Sheriff, in addition to one newcomer to the circuit: the El Monte Police Department.

The Blues have a storied history against their archrivals LAPD and the Orange County Sheriff, as these two departments have won 3 out of the last 4 gold medals between them. The Blues knew they had their work cut out for them, especially after the heated discussions that took place at the manager's meeting the night before the first game!

In game one, the Blues faced an unknown entity in the El Monte Police Department. Once they finally figured out that El Monte was about 15 miles east of Los Angeles, the intensity level seemed to rise, as is always the case when facing teams from Southern California. Even though the scrappy El Monte Wolf pack team was undermanned and lacked experience, they hung tough before falling to the Blues 7-5. El Monte led by 2 runs going into the 5th inning, but the Blues rallied for 4 runs in the 5th and 6th innings to prevail. The Blues vaunted hitting attack was led by booming home runs from John "Greenie" Greenwood (TAC) and Greg "Rook" Buhagiar (Southern). Mark "Shocko" Schaukowitch (Redwood City CHP) pitched a solid 7 innings for the win, keeping the arms in the bullpen fresh for the grueling 3 days of baseball left ahead.

As is always the case with Shocko, he started off slowly but finished up strong while shutting the door on the El Monte Wolf pack in the final 2 innings. The manager/third base coach Ron Ferrando (brother of Ernie and uncle of John) was able to breath a sigh of relief, as his blunder in the first inning had cost the Blues a run when he directed Rueben Herrera (Contra Costa CHP) to tag from second on a deep fly ball to right field that was dropped. Herrera was sent home but was thrown out by 10 feet; however, all was forgiven after the victory and the one-way ticket to Siberia that was bought in the second inning by Ferrando was cancelled once the victory was recorded. It would have been much safer there than in Mesa after facing a potential 1 run loss!

In game 2 the Blues faced their longtime nemesis LAPD. Even though the LAPD team was missing five starters due to work schedules, they were not being taken lightly as they are a very deep and talented team. The Blues came out firing on all cylinders as they scored 2 runs in the top of the first inning on RBI doubles by Rob "All Wound Up" Fung (Northern) and Jon "Rock" Rochlin (SRO). LAPD came back with 1 run of their own on a majestic solo home run by Lewis (LAPD's centerfielder) in the bottom of the second, but the Blues answered back with 7 runs in the top of the third. The inning was highlighted by



Back row, left to right: John Ferrando, Ron Ferrando, John Greenwood, Steve Griffin, Adam Rakela, Kevin Walsh, Steve Pomato, Pablo Ossio. Front row, left to right: Quoc Do, Mark Schaukowitch, Rob Fung, Greg Buhagiar, Jim Trail, Rueben Herrera, Jon Rochlin

RBI singles from Herrera, Buhagiar, and Pablo "The Joker" Ossio (Juvenile). This was all followed by a 2 RBI single from newcomer Phil Gordon (Southern) and two more RBI singles by Rochlin and Greenwood.

LAPD never knew what hit them and the rout was on! The Blues scored three more runs in the fourth inning, with the highlight coming on a 2 RBI double by Fung to plate Gordon and Herrera. LAPD answered with 2 of their own in the bottom of the fourth, but the Blues answered right back with 3 more runs in the top of the 5th on an RBI single by Steve Pomato (Northern) and RBI walks by Jim "Badlands" Trail (Ingleside) and Gordon. In the bottom of the 5th LAPD scored one more run, but it was not enough to avoid the 10 run mercy rule, with the Blues prevailing 15-4.

Pitcher Steve Griffin (Southern) went the distance, baffling the powerful LAPD lineup with dazzling stuff. The Blues pitching staff had now hurled two complete games and was set up beautifully for the Orange County game. Also of note in this game was the two at bats by catcher Kevin Walsh (Redwood City CHP) that resulted in him being hit by a pitch. That may have seemed insignificant at that time, but it was anything but as his propensity to get hit by pitches came into play in the third and final game of pool play.

In the final round robin game, the Blues took on probably the best team in the tournament in the Orange County Sheriffs. Like the Blues, Orange County was 2-0 in pool play and was led by a feisty and very loud and competitive manager who is not a sworn officer. This would prove to make things very interesting! The Blues had rookie pitcher Adam Rakela (Sacto CHP) on the mound for this one; he hadn't thrown in over five years when he pitched in college, but was determined to do well in this intense affair.

After a scoreless first inning, the Blues struck for 5 runs in the top of the second. Orange County came unglued at this point after Walsh was hit by a pitch for the "second" time in as many at bats. The Orange County manager as well as a few of the players started crying foul to the plate umpire, claiming that Walsh was either intentionally leaning into the pitch or not attempting to get out of the way. Anyone who even remotely knows Walsh realizes that he is an excellent hitter, with a batting title and an MVP award from the BAMSBL summer league to prove it. Walsh would very much rather hit than be hit, but being the team player got on base anyway that he could.

Orange County also complained

about us running up the score by advancing on passed balls, and their manager let us know by constantly chirping towards the Blues' dugout while he coached third base. In any case, the bellyaching by the OC team proved fatal to them as it took them completely out of the ball game that was won by the Blues on another 10 run mercy rule 19-2.

Hitting highlights for the game were obviously plentiful: two hits each by Herrera and Buhagiar, and three hits each by Walsh, Fung and Pomato. Rochlin and Walsh also hit home runs in the game, adding insult to injury. This made a total of 4 HRs for the Blues in the three games played. Rakela gave up only 2 runs and threw darts all day, proving that one can come back from a long layoff and still be effective. Buhagiar also tuned up for the medal round by pitching a scoreless 5th inning.

With the Blues finishing 3-0 in pool play, they felt assured of a first seed in the medal round after giving up only 11 runs in 3 games. This should have surely given them the tiebreaker with any other team that was 3-0, but this was not so since Sacramento PD only gave up 2 runs in the tourney. As a result, the Blues would gain the second seed and would not have to face OC in the medal round, which gave them a sigh of relief. Unfortunately, they would eventually find out that they would instead have to face a fully stocked LAPD team that had revenge on their mind. Things were really getting interesting

In the medal round game against LAPD, the Blues jumped out to a 4 run lead after one inning and a 7-6 lead after three innings. Here is where things would come unglued. The Blues normally stellar defense let them down as they proceeded to give up 9 unearned runs en route to an 18-12 loss. It was one of the worse defensive games for the Blues in recent memory, and it would cost them the gold medal. In the other medal round game Sac PD trimmed the OC team 5-2, so the long anticipated showdown between the Blues and the Sheriffs (from Mickey Mouse land) was about to take place.

The bronze medal game was to take place at Hohokam Stadium, spring training home of the infamous Chicago Cubs. Tensions were high before the game as the Blues management discussed how to handle the feisty and outspoken Orange County Sheriff's team. Unexpectedly at the pre-game meeting at home plate, the hatchet was buried and the ensuing game that was played was one of the most competitive and enjoyable games of the whole tournament. With Shocko pitching on two days rest and the scored tied 0-0

going into the fourth inning, the OC team scrapped out a run on a single following a controversial play at second base in which the runner appeared to be out on a beautiful pick off play by Shocko to shortstop Buhagiar.

Blues manager Ron Ferrando pleaded his case to the umpire, but it was to no avail and the Blues found themselves down 1-0. The Blues quickly tied the game on a sacrifice fly by Ossio, and the score stood at 1-1 until the bottom of the seventh (all games for the tournament went 7 innings). This would set the stage for a dramatic victory by the Blues.

Pomato led off the inning with an out, but Ossio followed that with a seeing eye single up the middle. The hopes of a bronze medal for the Blues was clearly within reach. With Pomato running for Ossio, Steve Griffin hit what appeared to be at least a double to straight away center. He was denied though, as the ball had too much air under it and was caught by the center fielder. With two down and the not so swift Pomato on first, the game was destined for extra innings; but, up came the clutch hitting Herrera.

Determined to end the tournament on a good note, Herrera hit a screaming line drive double to left center. Would Pomato have enough steam to make it all the way from first? If Pomato were held at third, that one-way ticket to Siberia for Ferrando would have to be purchased; so, with every ounce of energy left in his body, Ferrando vehemently waved Pomato around third base. Pomato easily scored the winning run for the Blues and the bronze medal was secured. Of special note here is the toughness exhibited by Shocko, who took a wicked line drive off his calf during the game and appeared to be finished for the day. Not only was he not finished, but Shocko was willing to go out for the 8th inning if needed! He was in obvious pain, but was determined to get the win.

Even though the Blues clearly were disappointed that they did not get to compete for the gold medal (which was won by the LAPD in a slugfest with Sac PD), they did rejoice in the bronze medal ceremony that took place at home plate after the game and went home happy.

Manager/third base coach Ron Ferrando was very appreciative of his nephew and right hand man John Ferrando (Central). John's presence in the dugout and as the first base coach made life a whole lot easier by allowing Ron to focus more on the behind scenes drama that ultimately took place at this event. Kudos to John and the rest of the Blues for well deserved Bronze Medal!



Mike Dower, second from left, back row, in a 1974 South End Rowing Club photo.

South End Clubbers Make a Splash

Retiree swims his 50th escape

Mike Dower Escapes (again) from Alcatraz

By Dennis Bianchi

Mike Dower first swam from Alcatraz to the city in 1957. He was, at that time, a member of what was called the San Francisco Rowing Club. That club has since become but a memory, but Mike has been a member of the South End Rowing Club for many years and this past August 11 he swam his 50th consecutive Alcatraz swim.

117 people entered the water that day and Mike finished in 11th place, in spite of being the oldest entry. Coupled with his iron-man string of swims, Mike does it without the aid of a wet suit or goggles, unlike almost every other entrant. Those wet suits provide not just warmth but buoyancy as well, but Iron Mike does it all naturally.

Mike also owns a sports memorabilia business in Burlingame. He has assisted many non-profit organizations raise money with this business, including our own Police Officers' Association and Project SAFE.

POA Editor —

Thanks very much for the response. Those are all good contacts. I think I'll contact Bob Mammone for now. Probably easiest for all concerned. I never knew him until the following event:

Sometime last year, I was on a pretty good workout routine, which included trying to get a swim in at the South End Club in the afternoon. On this particular day, I had heard on the radio that a seal had bit someone in Aquatic Park that morning. I thought that was pretty unusual, but figured it was probably long gone.

I got in the car and went over in the afternoon as planned. (I'm used to being a little scared in the water after surfing at Bolinas where you're always hoping not to be on the menu of one of the men in gray suits.)

When I got there, I suited up and started to go down to the beach but a barricade was set up and a sign said something like, "No swimming, sea

Lion's bitten 10 people today. Some hospitalized."

That was all I needed, I walked back upstairs where there were lots of old duffers looking out across the cove whipping up in the late afternoon. There was talk about the bites, how sharp the teeth were, the newscasters etc.

In walked Bob Mammone in his Speedo getting ready to go down to the beach. He hadn't heard anything

about the seal. Bob Roper, one of the old sea dogs, said something like, "C'mon, you guys, your San Francisco Police Officers. You're not afraid."

I told him I was retired, and so was a little afraid. Some of the other old timers said for us not to go, the club could get sued etc. Roper told them again that SFPD could do anything we wanted.

Mammone looked at me and somewhat hesitantly said, "You want to go in and just swim out to the end of the dock?"

So here it was like high school all over, and I said, "Well sure, maybe just a short splash."

We headed down stairs. We went past the barricade and onto the beach, putting on our swim hats and goggles, scanning the water. As we started in, Mammone stopped and said, "Look, if it comes after one of us, the other will pound him and choke him out, right?"

I said, "Yeah, sure thing." (I'm OK in the water, but not too good at collaring seals.)

As we dove in, I had to smile at how stupid I could be sometimes, but I couldn't let Mammone down. (We just met and I wanted him to know I was a manly if somewhat stupid, guy.)

Well, we swam the cove. Each shadow and every shape sent a little scream of adrenaline through me. I've swum from Alcatraz, but that short time with Bob felt a lot longer.

Bob Rogers
Retired SFPD



South Ender Bob Mammone, coming out of the water following one of his regular swims at Aquatic Park. Undaunted, but not wearing his glasses, Bob chases off what he believes to be the rogue sea lion of the cove.

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Close Encounters

By Steve Johnson,
SFPOA

The same old story . . .

On Wednesday, 10/24/07, there was a Police Commission Meeting held in the Taraval District at the Sheridan School. Presiding was Commission Vice-President Joe Marshall and in attendance were Commissioner Yvonne Lee, Commissioner Tippy Mazzucco, and Commissioner Petra DeJesus. Captain Paul Chignell did an outstanding job representing the men and women who serve at the Taraval Station.

At one point, during the sparsely attended meeting, a number of young men, apparently representing the Inner-City Youth group, started filtering into the auditorium as Captain Chignell was introducing the members of his Taraval Neighborhood Team (TNT) crew. These are the officers who voluntarily patrol the hot-spots of the district.

Captain Chignell then wanted to dismiss the members of his TNT group so that they could go back on patrol but he was suddenly stopped by Commissioner Joe Marshall. Commissioner Marshall asked Captain Chignell to keep the officers around for a little while longer . . . and then Commissioner Marshall opened the meeting up to Public Comment.

One-by-one, the young men from the Inner-City Youth group approached the microphone. And one-by-one they trashed the police officers who have dedicated their lives to protecting others. And one-by-one they pointed to the officers and addressed them by name — accusing them of all sorts of allegations.

The officers had no recourse. They couldn't get up and defend themselves because even they knew that this was the wrong forum to do so and pursuing that course of action would only cause further problems.

I later confronted Commissioner Marshall about what appeared to be a 'set-up' of the officers from TNT and he stated that he "didn't know what they (Inner-City Youth) were going to say." (But you knew they were coming there and you still kept the police officers around because it was going to serve some kind of purpose . . .?)

I wanted to make sure I wasn't the only one who thought the timing of this one-sided confrontation was a little suspect but many of the officers from TNT came to the same conclusion. The officers I later spoke to were more upset with the way Commissioner Marshall handled the incident than with what the young men said. One officer told me, "We expected the comments from the Inner City Youth contingent, but what we didn't expect was to be ambushed by the Commission. I always thought they were the ones who were supposed to be building bridges between the Police Department and the community."

Commissioner Marshall was later quoted as saying, "That's what a community meeting is for . . . Oh, really. To antagonize everyone attending? To destroy any chance of bridge-building

we might have with community organizations? To embarrass members of this Police Department who have dedicated their lives to helping others? That's what a community meeting is for?

I thought, with the new leadership of this Police Commission, that we were past the "cop-bashing" days. Apparently not. The Police Commission Meeting of Wednesday, October 24, 2007, was extremely disappointing. If you want to have a dialogue between community organizations and the police department then it should be handled better — we've been doing this for some time now . . .



Officer Phil Papale and Officer Jennifer Dickson responded to a call of shots fired with a person down at Post and Hyde Streets recently and found a critically injured subject with plenty of witnesses nearby who saw the armed suspect run into a nearby apartment house. Phil, Jennifer, and the rest of the troops from Northern Station set up a perimeter immediately and then moved into the building to search for the man who was now described as being heavily armed. They started from the top floor and worked their way down. But there was one apartment that Phil and Jennifer checked that just didn't seem right. An elderly woman had answered the door and told the officers that she was all by herself and everything was fine. The officers initially left. But there was something about the way the woman was acting that just didn't sit right with Phil and Jennifer so they stuck around outside her apartment. A few moments later Jennifer heard voices — and it wasn't from a television commercial. Phil and Jennifer alerted the other officers nearby and they knocked once again — this time when the door opened they found the suspect who, seeing he was obviously outnumbered, did the right thing and dropped his weapon.

Turned out the suspect had a whole arsenal of guns and ammunition back at his own apartment all to further his goal as a self-appointed vigilante cleansing the streets of those he felt didn't belong . . .

Talk about a worthless individual . . . this particular suspect took advantage of a young runaway, barely 16 years old, who thought she'd find a better life in San Francisco — but she didn't. What she did find was a parolee who first raped her repeatedly and then put her out on the street to 'work' just for him. Everyone thinks it's so easy for a young person to just leave and go to the police — well, it's not. There's a whole psychological barrier they have to overcome and this young victim just couldn't get past it until she confided to a friend what was going on and the friend called 9-1-1. A full-blown investigation took place with Sgt. Bob Bohanan taking the lead. Bob was joined by Officer Fred Kwan, Officer Scott Biggs, Officer Chris Oshita, and Officer Latanya Briggs. Latanya did an outstanding job gaining the confidence of the young

victim. The rest of this story is way too long to continue here but it was not pretty. The only good part was when the man who gained the trust of the young girl now gets to think about what he did behind bars for a real long time.



Sergeant Jerry D'Arcy not only has the best voice in the SFPD, constantly being asked to sing at just about every event that takes place in the City, but he also has that ability you just can't teach . . . knowing where and what to look for during a criminal investigation. That uncanny trait has resulted in the recovery of thousands of dollars of stolen merchandise that would otherwise be sold to the lowest bidder on the streets of SF. His latest caper, along with Officer Greg Watts and Officer Chris Muselman, resulted in the recovery of some very expensive technology from a suspect who had absolutely no idea what he had stolen . . . everything was going well until Jerry started to place the ignorant salesman under arrest. The suspect apparently wasn't going to go jail without a struggle and there was a reason for his resistance. He was trying to get to the fully-loaded, semi-automatic weapon he had holstered to his belt. Fortunately, the officers were able to neutralize him and place him in custody until the next judge releases him for whatever reason. And, it was just a few days later that Jerry hooked up with the team of Officers Irene and Brian Michaud on patrol when they happened onto a bank robbery. The suspect was last seen on Market Street at the peak time where shoppers flood the area but that didn't matter, Jerry, Irene, and Brian spotted the guy within a few minutes after the robbery and he was shortly relieved of the cash he had 'borrowed'.

And, while he may not have the voice, he's definitely got the same 'feel' for police work that Sgt. D'Arcy has — I'm referring to Sergeant Gavin McEachern. Seems there was a rash of robberies that occurred recently in the City starting off in the Southern District and then branching out into the Park Sectors. The suspects were not fooling around. They would approach all their victims with shotguns and the victims, when later interviewed by officers, were terrified. The suspects let them know they meant business and were not afraid of pulling the trigger.

Gavin took a chance on a possible escape route from their latest hit and placed himself right at Fell and Market Streets. Sure enough, the vehicle and suspects described by Dispatch drove right by and Gavin began to follow. It wasn't long until the armed men figured out they were made but by that time Sgt. McEachern had enlisted the help of Officer Chris Muselman and Officer Greg Watts (he borrowed them from Jerry for a little while) and a traffic stop was made with all guns focused on the suspects and their weapons. After a brief stand-off, the felons realized they'd be better off in jail than the alternative . . .



Officer Ajay Singh, Officer Steve Coleman, and Officer Dave Correa were assigned to Operation Cease Fire in the Bayview District attempting to stem the rash of killings plaguing the neighborhood. They observed one individual they knew was wanted on a warrant and so they stopped to talk to him — but he didn't want to chat. Instead, he started to run away. Officer Coleman and Officer Correa were able to stop him in a short distance and, when they did, they noticed that he was carrying a fully-loaded revolver. Meanwhile, the man their original suspect was standing with was trying to walk away unnoticed. He probably would have succeeded except for the fact that Officer Singh noticed there was a barrel of a sawed-off shotgun sticking out from under his jacket sleeve . . . busted.

And there you have it, some pretty outstanding police work, all in all. Not to mention the fact that just a few weekends ago, on just one Sunday the officers from the San Francisco Police Department handled the Blue Angels during Fleet Week, the Double 10 Parade, the Hardly, Strictly A Bluegrass Festival in Golden Gate Park, the Castro Street Fair, the Italian Heritage Day, and a 49er Game at Monster Park. Hundreds of thousands of people who came to celebrate and enjoy themselves in San Francisco all on the same day, did so without having to worry about their safety because of the men and women in uniform. I think that should have been one of the topics of the last Police Commission Meeting — but it was something positive to talk about so I just don't know where that would have fit in . . .

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With the holidays fast approaching, the Investigations Bureau would like to invite the Field Operations, Airport, and Administration Bureaus to help us in providing funding for those who ship packages to the troops overseas. Our last effort raised \$1,500.00 from the Investigations Bureau alone. This time, we are seeking participation from the entire department.

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